

Division III Supplement to the Huff-N-Puffers Official Guide and Playing Rules 2023

All Division III rules have had a “3” added before the former number.

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RULE 31 RUNNERS AND NON-RUNNERS

31.1

No runners from home plate. Non-runner batters will be called out if the ball does not leave the infield, unless a fielder blocks its travel with his foot or thrown glove (effect: batter is awarded first base). Umpire will call it a dead ball and any runners on base will not advance.

31.2

Courtesy runners should be appointed by the Manager before the first legal pitch has been thrown to the next batter. A runner can be replaced by the Manager’s runner of choice without penalty at the first base he safely occupies.

RULE 32 FIELDERS

32.1 RUNNING BATTERS

No more than eight (8) players on the infield dirt ~~for runners and non-runners.~~ includes pitcher and catcher.

32.2 NON-RUNNING BATTERS

Managers and Umpires will insure that outfielders will stay in place and not move in for non-runners. Short-fielders must move to outfield depth, leaving three basemen, shortstop, the extra infielder, pitcher, and catcher for a total of seven (7) on the dirt.

RULE 33 BATTERS

33.1

Batter must declare to the Umpire whether he is a runner or non-runner. A non-runner will remain a non-runner for the whole game.

RULE 34 HOME RUNS AND BALLS HITTING THE GREEN

34.1

Anyone hitting the ball over the fence in fair territory is awarded a home run and the Batter and Runners need NOT run the bases.

Three (3) home runs (over the fence) per game, per team. Any home runs over three (3) will be counted as singles.

34.2 NON-RUNNING BATTERS

On a ball hitting the green, unless a fly ball is caught or the hit is a home run, Batter is awarded first base. Any Runner being forced gets the next base without jeopardy, then may advance further with jeopardy of being thrown out.

RULE 35 PLAYOFFS

35.1

Division III will play a full season and will have the top four teams play a double elimination tournament. Team 1 plays 4 Team 4 and Team 2 plays Team 3. Two (2) losses to be out of the playoffs.

RULE 36 INFIELD FLY RULE

36.1

Dead Ball. Treat it like the non-runner infield ground out. Caught or not, the batter is the only player called out. All base runners return to their previous base. No double plays.

RULE 37 DESIGNATED HITTER

37.1

Each team has the option for two (2) Designated Hitters. This is instituted so DIII players can continue to play; some players can no longer play on defense but can still hit.

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