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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, includes pitcher and catcher.

### **32.2 NON-RUNNER 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**

A Non-Runner Batter must declare to the Umpire at each at-bat, Plate Umpire indicates by extending both arms over his head and crossing his wrists. 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-RUNNER BATTERS**

Outfielder (fair or foul) or Infielder (infield or foul) catching a fly is an Out.

A ball hitting the green, 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.

Infielder catching a fly on fair grass, dead ball. Batter is awarded first base.

Runner being forced gets the next base without jeopardy.

## **RULE 35    INFIELD FLY RULE**

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 36 DESIGNATED HITTER**

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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