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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**

A Batter-Runner can be replaced by the Manager’s runner of choice without penalty at the first base he safely occupies. Courtesy Runners should be appointed by the Manager before the first legal pitch to the next Batter.

**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    NON-RUNNER 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.

### **33.2            OUT / SAFE**

Outfielder (fair or foul) or Infielder (infield or foul) catching a fly is an Out. A ball hitting the grass, 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. Any Runner being forced gets the next base without jeopardy.

### **33.3            LEAVING THE FIELD**

With any Runner on base, the Non-Runner Batter must exit the batters box without delay, to the right, through the first base bench, with or without their bat, without stepping in fair territory. Effect: dead ball, Batter and lead Runner are out.

## **RULE 34    HOME RUNS**

### **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.

On Field 5, ball is Dead and Batter-Runner and Runners are awarded two bases for a fair ball, passed the sideline fence, rolling beyond the Out Of Play line before passing the outfield fence.

One (1) home run over the fence per game, per team. Any subsequent home runs will be Doubles, dead ball.

**RULE 35 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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