

## Division III Supplement to Huff-N-Puffers Official Guide and Playing Rules 2026

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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 reach the outfield grass, (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, leaving three basemen, shortstop, extra infielder, short fielder, pitcher, and catcher for a total of eight (8) on the dirt.

## **RULE 33    NON-RUNNER BATTERS**

### **33.1**

A Non-Runner Batter may decide and must declare to the Plate Umpire at each at-bat: if 'non-runner', Plate Umpire extends both arms over his head and crosses his wrists; if 'runner', PU spins his hands over his head.

### **33.2            OUT / SAFE**

A ball hitting the outfield grass, Batter is awarded first base. Any Runner being forced gets the next base without jeopardy, then may advance 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.

A fly caught by:

Outfielder (fair or foul) or Infielder (foul) is an Out/Live Ball.

Infielder (infield) is an Out/Dead Ball.

### **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.

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On Field 5, ball is Dead and Batter-Runner and Runners are awarded two bases for a fair ball, passed the sideline fence –

- passing beyond the Out Of Play line before passing the outfield fence
- passing foul beyond the home run fence.

Three (3) home runs 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.

### **RULE 36 STRIKES**

A pitch striking the home plate board/mat on the fly, even if concurrent with dirt, is a strike.

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