

# IMPORTANT NOTES

The MLB Playing Rules Committee, at its December 2014 meeting, voted to reorganize and recodify the Official Baseball Rules into a more logical and organized manner. No wording or language was changed (other than the amendments); only the order and placement of the rules were modified.

## Summary of Rule Changes for Baseball Canada 2024

Note: Rule Changes are **bolded** in this edition of the Official Baseball Rules.

- Amended field dimensions in Rule 2.01 to ensure a uniform and consistent outer boundary for all infielders across all 30 Major League ballparks. **Not applicable to Baseball Canada.**
- Amended Rule 2.03 to reflect the new measurements of first, second and third bases. **Not applicable to Baseball Canada, Baseball Canada bases remain at 15 inches.**
- Amended Rule 4.03(c)(4) to specify that a position player may only pitch when their team is losing by equal to or more than eight (8) runs, when their team is winning by equal to or more than ten (10) runs in the ninth inning, or in extra innings. **Not applicable to Baseball Canada.**
- Amended Rule 5.02(c) to reflect the new parameters that govern defensive restrictions. **Not applicable to Baseball Canada.**
- Amended Rule 5.10(k) to reflect the updated policies regarding who is allowed to occupy the bench and when those individuals are allowed to enter the field of play. **Not applicable to Baseball Canada, refer to Rules & Regulations document. Rules & Regulations is the newly combined document from Canadian Content document and Championships Rules document.**
- Amended Rule 7.01(b) to incorporate the parameters of the Extra Innings Rule, which includes starting each half-inning following the ninth inning with a runner on second base. **Not applicable to Baseball Canada, refer to Rules & Regulations document. Rules & Regulations is the newly combined document from Canadian Content document and Championships Rules document.**
- Amended Rule 8.04 to reflect the Office of the Commissioner's current practices for handling game violations and issuing appropriate discipline. **Not applicable to Baseball Canada.**
- Amended Appendix 2 to reflect the new measurements of first, second and third bases. **Not applicable to Baseball Canada, Baseball Canada bases remain at 15 inches.**
- **Baseball Canada does permit PitchComm technology to be used.**
- **Baseball Canada will not be implementing Pitch Timers at National Championships. Pitchers are not limited to two disengagements per plate appearance. Runners do not advance one base after a third pickoff attempt. Mound visits are not limited to 5 per game.**

If discrepancies arise between the English and French versions of the 2024 MLB Official Rules of Baseball, the English version will prevail.

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