

Baseball Rule Changes effective 2013 Baseball Season.

Rule Changes/Re-Wording listed in red.

COMMON RULES:

2:01 Added bullet

- Coaches must wear a Dizzy Dean patch in all tournaments.

2:02 A NOCSAE approved protective helmet with full ear flaps will be worn by all batters, base runners and catchers (*coaches are not required to wear a helmet*).

- A player refusing to wear a helmet, after being warned to do so by the umpire, will not be allowed to continue as a player in the game and shall be replaced by a substitute. The substitute will assume the ball and strike count if the player was a batter, or will take his position on the base he occupied if he was a base runner.
- It is recommended that all players wear athletic supporters.
- A catcher must wear a chest protector, shin-guards, protective cup (MALE CATCHERS ONLY), NOCSAE approved helmet, mask and a throat protector.
- Shin guards MUST have knee and metatarsal protection (soccer style shin guards are NOT acceptable).

2:08 Any player found to be using an illegal bat will be ejected from the game (along with the Head Coach) and must sit out the remainder of the current game and the next scheduled game.

- If there is a second instance of using an illegal bat by the same player or under the supervision of the same Head Coach in the same baseball season, in addition to ejection, the matter is to be immediately referred to the National State Executive Board and the National Commissioner. Any further action must be approved by the National Commissioner.
- Any player, coach, parent, individual, group, or company who creates, possesses or uses an altered bat in any Dizzy Dean practice, game or tournament shall be banned from Dizzy Dean Baseball for life.

3:01 Dizzy Dean Baseball is played under re-entry substitution in local league and tournament play.

a) Any starting player (**except a player pitcher**) may be removed from the game by being replaced legally with a substitute, and then returned to the lineup one time; however, he must be inserted in the same position in the batting order that he possessed at the start of the game. The starting player may return to the lineup at any time, on offense or on defense. This includes all games.

b) Once the substitute has been removed from the game he cannot return. He can make only one appearance in the game.

- *EXCEPTION: See Common Rules 3:03, and 7:06.*

c) **Once a player pitcher has been removed from the mound, he may not return to the mound in the same game.**

6:05 **Once a pitcher has been removed from the mound, he may not return to the mound in the same game.**

11:09 A player cannot participate in another tournament after the Dizzy Dean District, State, or World Series Tournament starts, until his team has completed their eligibility in that tournament (*tournament starts the first pitch of game 1 in District, State, or World Series tournaments*).

- **A player must be available to play on each day of the tournament unless approved by the tournament director (if a National Tournament) or the National State Executive Board (if a District or State Tournament) and may not participate under any circumstance in another organization's tournament.**

15:01 The National State Executive Board will determine league boundaries from which to select players.

- Each year (for ages 12 & under), all players selected to a team (with the exception of manager's child and one (1) assistant) must be drafted, meaning all managers in an organization shall have equal rights and opportunity to select any player in that organization.
- If the organization has multiple leagues (i.e. American, National, Continental, etc.),

all managers must draft from the same player pool at the same time and divide into leagues after the selection process.

- The system used shall be under the direction of a "player agent" who shall see that all teams have equal opportunity in the selection of the players. Much care should be taken in the selection of the player agent. It is suggested that a player agent be appointed by the league president.

15:03 The National State executive board of each state will determine the guidelines/ eligibility for all player transfers within their state.

- All transfers must be approved by the National State Executive Board of the state which they reside. *Refer to Common Rule 7:04*

FARM LEAGUE:

3:06 Dizzy Dean Baseball is played under re-entry substitution in local league and tournament play.

- a) In Farm League, any starting player may be removed from the game by being replaced legally with a substitute, and then returned to the lineup one time; however, he must be inserted in the same position in the batting order that he possessed at the start of the game. The starting player may return to the lineup at any time, on offense or on defense. This includes all games.
 - In Farm League, a player who plays in the pitchers circle will be considered an infielder.

3:07 Batting your entire lineup is allowed in COACH PITCH AGE GROUPS ONLY.

- Opting to bat your lineup must be declared before the game starts.
- If this option is used, you must finish with the same number of batters you started with.
- If this option is used and a player cannot bat in their allotted slot, the game will be forfeited.
- Minimum number of players (10) must be maintained at all times.
- *(PENALTY: Forfeit).*
- This option applies to batting only; defense continues to be played under re-entry substitution rules.

5:03 There will be a maximum of one offensive and one defensive time out per inning with each time out being no more than one (1) minute in length. The scorekeeper will keep a log of time-outs.

- For a defensive violation you will remove the player pitcher.
- For an offensive violation you will change the batter.
- Player may re-enter without violating substitution rule at the completion of the inning.
- **If no substitutes are available, the game will be forfeited.**
- **DO NOT VIOLATE ANY SUBSTITUTION RULE.**
- **Note to Umpires: Try to keep these violations from occurring.**

PITCHING AGE GROUP CHANGES (common in Minor, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior):

- See specific age group for details

6:10 If a pitcher pitches beyond his allotted innings per game, per day, per week or per tournament because of a double or triple play, **the game is not forfeited** (He was legal when the pitch was made).

- The pitcher will be removed after the outs are made **and will not be eligible to return to the mound until his minimum required rest has been completed.**

Pitching Innings are defined as:

- **Regular Season (Weekly) innings (including regular season tournaments).**
- **All-star tournament innings.**

Pitching week starts at 12:00am on Monday and ends at 11:59pm on Sunday.

9:20 In player pitch age groups, a courtesy runner is allowed for the catcher only.

- **The courtesy runner should be a substitute player who is not currently in the game.**
- **Use of a courtesy runner does not burn the substitute.**
- **If no substitutes are available, the last batted out is to be used as the courtesy runner.**
- **If there is no substitute or last batted out, the courtesy runner option cannot be used until the above listed criteria can be met.**

MINOR LEAGUE:

9:16 If a batter squares to bunt and then swings, he will be called out (*umpires decision*).

9:21 After one warning per game, per player for slinging his bat, the batter will be out, a dead ball called, and no runners advance.