

~~umpire-in-chief.~~

~~ART. 3 . . . If additional field umpires are used, they are referred to as base umpires and their normal positions are behind third and second bases. They have concurrent jurisdiction with the first field umpire.~~

SUGGESTED SPEED-UP RULES

By state association adoption any, all, or any part of the suggested speed-up rules may be used.

Courtesy Runners

1. At any time, the team at bat may use courtesy runners for the pitcher and/or the catcher. In the event that the offensive team bats around, the pitcher and/or catcher who had a courtesy runner inserted on their behalf may bat in their normal position in the batting order.
2. The same individual runner may not be used for both positions (pitcher and catcher) during the game.
3. Neither the pitcher nor the catcher will be required to leave the game under such circumstances.
4. Players who have participated in the game in any other capacity are ineligible to serve as courtesy runners.
5. A player may not run as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or the catcher and then be used as a substitute for another player in that half inning. If an injury, illness or ejection occurs and no other runners are available, the courtesy runner may be used as a substitute.
6. The umpire-in-chief shall record courtesy runner participation and also announce it to the scorer.
7. A player who violates the courtesy-runner rule is considered to be an illegal substitute.
 - a. Should an injury, illness or ejection occur to the courtesy runner, another courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher may run.

~~After Putouts~~

- ~~1. After a putout in the outfield and with no runners on base, the ball shall be thrown to a cutoff man and, if desired, to one additional infielder before being returned to the pitcher for delivery to the next batter.~~
- ~~2. After a putout in the infield and with no runners on base, the ball shall be returned directly to the pitcher.~~
- ~~3. Following the final out in any inning, the ball shall be given to the nearest umpire. The plate umpire shall give the ball to the catcher. The base umpire shall place the ball on the pitcher's plate.~~

SUGGESTED DOUBLE FIRST BASE RULES

- ~~1. Runner should use the colored base on initial play at first base (dropped third strike only), unless the fielder is drawn to the side of the colored base (dropped third strike only), in which case the runner would go the white base and the fielder to the colored base.~~
- ~~2. On a dropped third strike, fielder and runner may touch white or colored base.~~
- ~~3. A runner is never out for touching the white base rather than the colored base.~~
- ~~4. Once the runner reaches first base, the runner shall then use the white base.~~