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- iii. A team is ahead by 10 or more runs at the completion of the fifth inning.
 2. If the visiting team reaches the mercy rule limit in the top half of an inning, the home team has the opportunity to reduce the deficit below the limit in the bottom half of the inning.
 3. If the home team reaches the mercy rule limit while at bat or before coming to bat, the game ends and the home team is declared the winner.

Section Two: Substitutions

A. Players and Substitutes

1. A player or substitute is officially in the game when he or she is entered onto the official score sheet. A substitute may take the place of any player in the batting order of the team. The following regulations apply to substitutions:
 - i. The captain of the team making the substitution must immediately notify the umpire.
 - ii. A substitute may take the place of any other player during any dead ball situation.



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- called out, and the runner(s) cannot advance (if the ball was put in play, they must return to their previously occupied base).
2. The batter must take his position within ten seconds after the umpire has declared ready for play. If the batter does not enter the box within this time frame, the umpire may call a strike on the hitter, even without a pitch being thrown.
 3. The batter may not step in front of the catcher to the opposite batter's box when the pitcher is in position to pitch or any time before the delivery of the pitch. If the batter does this, the ball is dead, the batter is called out, and the runner(s) cannot advance.
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A. Infield Fly

1. The infield fly rule applies when runners occupy first and second base OR first, second, and third base. The infield fly only is in effect when there are less than two outs.
2. If an infield fly is called, the batter is out, and the runners advance at their own risk.
3. The infield fly rule applies to a fair fly ball (not including line drive) which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort.
4. There are no limitations on which fielders can make a play on a fly ball which results in an infield fly. The infield fly is ruled when the ball reaches its highest point in flight.

B. Force Out

1. A force out is an out which may be made only when a base runner is forced to advance before the base runner or batter-runner reaches that base. It is only necessary for the fielder to tag the base or hold the ball on the base for the out to occur during a force out situation.

C. Fake Tag

1. A fake tag occurs when a fielder performs the motion of making a tag but does not have the ball, thus causing the runner to slide, slow down, or stop running
 - i. Obstruction is called when a fielder performs a fake tag. The umpire gives the delayed dead ball signal and allows the play to continue to its completion. Runners will be allowed to advance, following the play, to the bases which they would have advanced had the obstruction not occurred.
 - ii. After moving runners, the umpire shall eject the offending player.

D. Interference

1. Interference is the act of an offensive player or team member that impedes, hinders, or confuses a defensive player who is attempting to make a play.
2. Interference includes physical contact, verbal distraction, visual distraction, or any other kind of distraction that might hinder a fielder who is attempting to make a play. Defensive players must have an unhindered opportunity to field or throw the ball anywhere on the field.

E. Obstruction

1. Obstruction occurs when a fielder who is not in possession of the ball, not in the act of fielding a ball, or not about to receive a thrown ball impedes the progress of a runner who is running the bases. For a fielder to be considered "about to receive the thrown ball," the ball must be between the fielder and the advancing runner.
2. If contact between the runner and the fielder occurs when the ball is outside this area, obstruction is ruled. If contact occurs when the ball is within this area, neither obstruction nor interference has occurred and the-3.4 (hr)-2.68(e-3.4 (hr)-2.6





RULE SIX: PITCHING

Section One: Pitching Regulations

A. Warm Up Pitches

1. The starting pitcher or substitute pitcher may throw five (5) warm up pitches in the first inning that he/she pitches.
2. Pitchers are allowed to throw three (3) warm up pitches in the second inning that they pitch.
3. Each inning thereafter that the player pitches, he/she will be allowed one (1) warm up pitch before each inning.

B. Preliminaries

1. The pitcher must begin with both feet firmly on the ground and with one or both feet touching or behind the pitcher's plate.
2. The pitcher must wait until the umpire is ready for the pitch.
3. The pitcher must come to a full stop with the ball in front of the body, and the front of the pitcher's body must be square with home plate.

C. Delivery

1. The pitcher's foot must stay in contact with the pitcher's plate throughout the delivery.
2. The pitcher must deliver the ball toward home plate on the first forward swing of the pitching arm past the hip with an underhand motion.
3. A legal pitch must reach a height of at least six (6) feet from the ground and cannot exceed a height of twelve (12) feet from the ground.
4. If an illegal pitch is called,

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4. Males and females must alternate positions in the batting lineup. If at any time there are repeating sexes in the batting lineup, an out will be given to the team when a sex is skipped in the order.
- B. Substitutions
 1. Players may only substitute for those of the same sex, male for male and female for female.
- C. Walks
 1. If the batter (male or female) is walked they will go first base
 2. The following batter has the option to go to first base or hit

RULE EIGHT: APPEALS AND PROTESTS

Section One: Appeals

- A. Types
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2. Team captains must initiate protests. The Intramural Sports staff on site, including umpires, scorekeepers, and supervisors will determine the next action to take place.