

## Änderungen Official Baseball Rules 2018

Folgende Änderungen in den Official Baseball Rules, herausgegeben vom Official Playing Rules Committee der Major League Baseball, finden ab der Saison 2019 auch Anwendung in Österreich.

**In Absprache mit dem ABF Vorstand, dem Spielbetriebsverantwortlichen und der Technischen Kommission wurde die Regeländerung betreffend den Mound Trip (OBR 5.10) allerdings nicht übernommen. Alternativ dazu wird die entsprechende Regelung der CEB (Speed up rules (14.VI)) übernommen.**

Für den Spielbetrieb in Österreich gelten immer die Official Baseball Rules des Vorjahres, sofern es keine davon abweichenden Regelungen in der Spielbetriebsordnung oder eine andersweitige Information von Seiten der ABF gibt.

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### Mound Trips (CEB Speed Up Rules (14.VI) - Seite 33)

Coaches shall be allowed three free trips to the mound during the game to talk with the pitcher (a free trip is one in which the pitcher is not removed from the mound). After the third trip, each subsequent trip to the mound must result in the removal of the pitcher from the game. If the game goes into extra innings, one additional trip shall be allowed for each extra three innings.

**Diese Regelung wird ab 2019 in Österreich umgesetzt!**

## Regeländerungen für die Austrian Baseball Federation ab der Saison 2019

### Summary of Rule Changes of the Official Baseball Rules for 2018

The Official Playing Rules Committee made the following changes that will be **in effect for the 2018 season**:

- Amended Rule 4.08(c) to change the length of time between doubleheaders.
- Amended Rule 5.07(b) regarding warm-up pitches that a pitcher may throw.
- Amended Rule 5.09(c)(1) Comment regarding a runner who takes a "flying start" from behind a base when tagging up; namely, such violation is now considered an appeal play.
- Re-titled Rule 5.10(l) and amended Rule 5.10(l) Comment regarding warm-up pitches when a substitute pitcher enters a game in the situation described in the last paragraph of Rule 5.10(l) Comment.
- Established new Rule 5.10(m) limiting the number of mound visits per game.
- Amended Rule 6.01(a)(5) Comment to clarify that a runner who is returning to his last legally touched base after being put out is considered the same as a runner who continues to advance after being put out relative to interfering with a subsequent play.
- Amended Rule 8.02(c) to set limits on when a ball/strike count may be corrected.

- Amended Definitions of Terms—Spectator Interference ("Interference" Part (d))—to include additional situations when Spectator Interference may be invoked.

*In addition, an Index has been compiled and is located at the end of this book. Minor revisions were made to Diagrams #1, #2, and #3.*

## **Pause zwischen den Spielen eines Doubleheaders (4.08 Doubleheaders)**

(c) The second game of a doubleheader shall start thirty minutes after the first game is completed, unless a longer interval (not to exceed forty-five minutes) is declared by the umpire-in-chief and announced to the opposing managers at the end of the first game.

## **Aufwärmitches (5.07 Pitching)**

(b) Warm-Up Pitches

When a pitcher takes his position at the beginning of each inning, or when he relieves another pitcher, he shall be permitted to pitch preparatory pitches to his catcher during which play shall be suspended. A league by its own action may limit the number of preparatory pitches and/or may limit the amount of time such preparatory pitches may consume. If a sudden emergency causes a pitcher to be summoned into the game without any opportunity to warm up, the umpire-in-chief shall allow him as many pitches as the umpire deems necessary.

## **Konkretisierung fliegender Start bei Tag-up (Appeal) (5.09 Making an Out)**

(c) Appeal Plays

Any runner shall be called out, on appeal, when:

(1) After a fly ball is caught, he fails to retouch his original base before he or his original base is tagged; *Rule 5.09(c)(1) Comment:* "Retouch," in this rule, means to tag up and start from a contact with the base after the ball is caught. A runner is not permitted to take a flying start from a position in back of his base. Such runner shall be called out on appeal.

## **Aufwärmitches in besonderen Situationen (5.10 Substitutions and Pitching Changes (Including Visits to the Mound))**

(I) Visits to the Mound Requiring a Pitcher's Removal From the Game:

*Rule 5.10(I) Comment:* If the manager or coach goes to the catcher or infielder and that player then goes to the mound or the pitcher comes to him at his position before there is an intervening play (a pitch or other play) that will be the same as the manager or coach going to the mound.

Any attempt to evade or circumvent this rule by the manager or coach going to the catcher or an infielder and then that player going to the mound to confer with the pitcher shall constitute a trip to the mound.

If the coach goes to the mound and removes a pitcher and then the manager goes to the mound to talk with the new pitcher, that will constitute one trip to that new pitcher that inning.

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A manager or coach shall not be considered to have concluded his visit to the mound if he temporarily leaves the 18-foot circle surrounding the pitcher's rubber for purposes of notifying the umpire that a double-switch or substitution is being made.

In a case where a manager has made his first trip to the mound and then returns the second time to the mound in the same inning with the same pitcher in the game and the same batter at bat, after being warned by the umpire that he cannot return to the mound, the manager shall be removed from the game and the pitcher required to pitch to the batter until he is retired or gets on base. After the batter is retired, or becomes a base runner, then this pitcher must be removed from the game. The manager should be notified that his pitcher will be removed from the game after he pitches to one hitter, so he can have a substitute pitcher warmed up. In such circumstance, the substitute pitcher will be allowed as much time to throw preparatory pitches as in the umpire's judgment circumstances justify.

## **Trips zum Mound begrenzt auf 6 (5.10 Substitutions and Pitching Changes (Including Visits to the Mound)):**

**Diese Regel wird im Spielbetrieb der ABF nicht übernommen.**

## **Zurückkehren zu einer Base nach einem Out (6.01 Interference, Obstruction, and Catcher Collisions)**

(a) Batter or Runner Interference

*Rule 6.01(a)(5) Comment:* If the batter or a runner continues to advance or returns or attempts to return to his last legally touched base after he has been put out, he shall not by that act alone be considered as confusing, hindering or impeding the fielders.

## **Korrekturen beim Count (8.02 Appeal of Umpire Decisions)**

(c) If a decision is appealed, the umpire making the decision may ask another umpire for information before making a final decision. No umpire shall criticize, seek to reverse or interfere with another umpire's decision unless asked to do so by the umpire making it. If the umpires consult after a play and change a call that had been made, then they have the authority to take all steps that they may deem necessary, in their discretion, to eliminate the results and consequences of the earlier call that they are reversing, including placing runners where they think those runners would have been after the play, had the ultimate call been made as the initial call, disregarding interference or obstruction that may have occurred on the play; failures of runners to tag up based upon the initial call on the field; runners passing other runners or missing bases; etc., all in the discretion of the umpires. No player, manager or coach shall be permitted to argue the exercise of the umpires' discretion in resolving the play and any person so arguing shall be subject to ejection. Notwithstanding the foregoing, correction of a missed ball-strike count shall not be permitted after a pitch is thrown to a subsequent batter, or in the case of the final batter of an inning or game, after all infielders of the defensive team leave fair territory.

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## Behinderung durch von Zuschauern geworfene Objekte (DEFINITIONS OF TERMS)

### INTERFERENCE

(d) Spectator interference occurs when a spectator (or an object thrown by the spectator) hinders a player's attempt to make a play on a live ball, by going onto the playing field, or reaching out of the stands and over the playing field.