

Additional National Rules that Apply to the Tournament



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2018 Rule Clarification

- Rule 5.12 a.) Whenever a safety double-bag exists at first base, the batter/runner must touch the foul-side outer colored bag while the fielder must use the inner fair-side white bag—unless an errant throw pulls the fielder out of position or unless the batter/runner has obviously hit the ball such that no play will be made at first base. On clear base hits, the batter/runner may touch any portion of the safety double base in an effort to advance to another base.
- b.) The foul line will determine how a batted ball is ruled fair or foul, not the location of any portion of the safety double-bag. For example, if any portion of either side of the double base is in foul territory, that portion of either base is foul. The ball must hit on the fair side of the foul line or on where the foul line would be drawn across the bags for a batted ball to be called fair.



2016 Additional National Rule

- Rule 3.5 c.) ONCE each inning, the batting team may substitute a runner for a batter who has reached base. The substitute runner must be the same gender as the batter. The “Once-An-Inning” substitute runner is NOT governed by the substitution rules of the Tournament. The substitute runner may be ANY other player (of the same gender) on the team regardless of whether or not the substitute is also at that time in the batting order or regardless of whether or not the substitute has previously left the game.

PENALTY: If the substitute runner is also in the batting order, but is still on base when the substitute’s time to bat has arrived, the substitute’s vacant batting order position shall be called an out.