

Temporary Runner & Tie Breaker Runner





Definition

Rule 3.2.7

A temporary Runner is legal for a Catcher or Pitcher of **record from the previous half inning** who is on base with two (2) OUTS.

The following provisions apply:

- a) The use of the Temporary Runner is Optional for the offensive team manager.
- b) The Temporary Runner may be used any time after the second out occurs.
- c) The Temporary Runner is the player scheduled to bat last (9th) and is not on base at the time the option is taken.
- d) It is possible to use the same runner for both in the same innings.

Temporary Runner - Recording

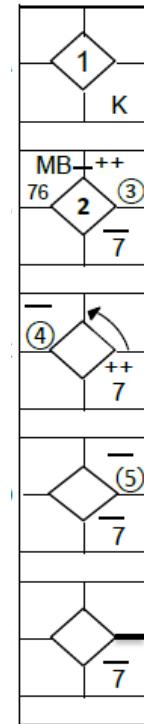
Record the Temporary Runner in the 4th line of the batting list for the catcher or pitcher. Use the shirt number only and a bracket to separate each innings as it may not be the same runner each time. No need to record the innings.

In the innings column, in the same colour as you are scoring, mark a line where the runner comes in.

NOTE

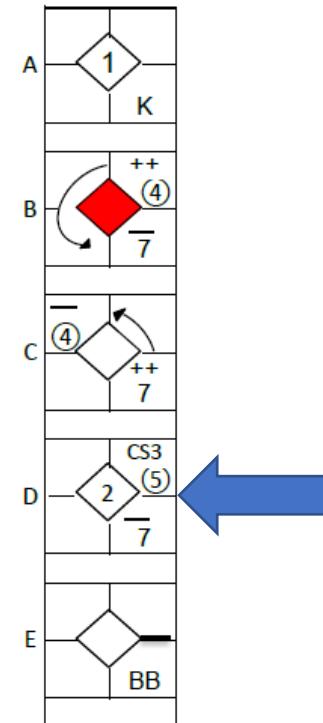
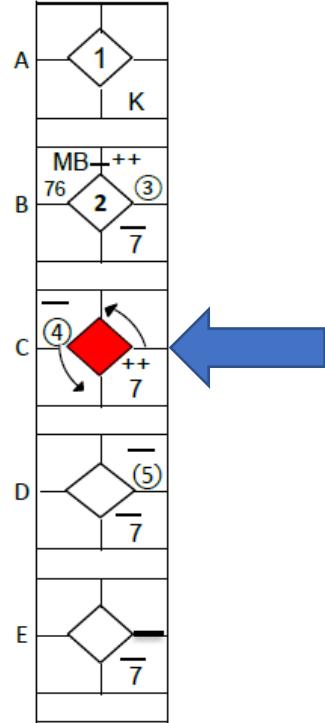
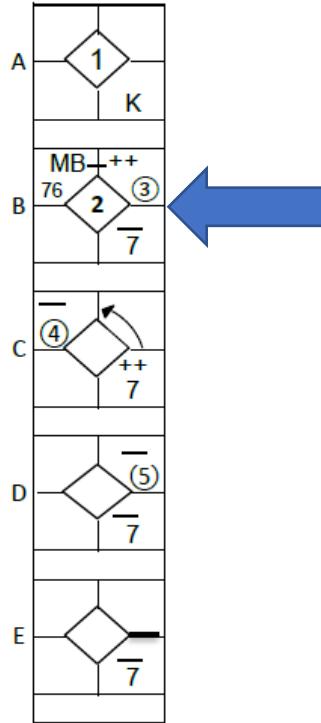
This is classed as a Temporary Substitution. The original player can return to their defensive position, in the next inning, without using the normal substitution rules. Therefore, you do not need to inform the umpire you are re-entering the original player.

5	12	Harrison Wildbore	2
	19	14	



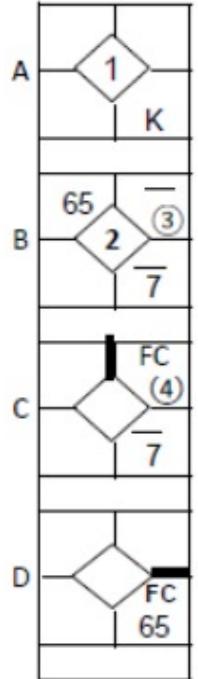
Pitcher or Catcher on Base

In these examples **Batter E** is either the pitcher or catcher. They have completed their turn at bat and reached 1st base. The Temporary Runner is indicated by the blue arrows in three different scenarios.

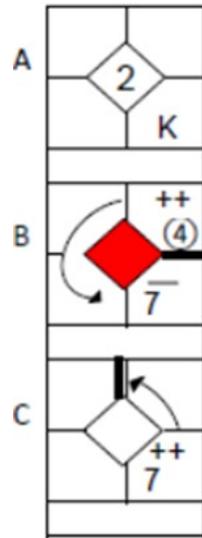


Remember to award any runs scored, stolen base, or caught stealing, to the temporary runner and not the pitcher or catcher when doing game analysis.

Pitcher & Catcher on Base



Pitcher is Batter C and catcher is Batter D. As they are both on base with 2 outs, they are both eligible for a Temporary runner. Batter A and B are both available to be a Temporary runner's. There is no rule as to which one runs for who, but once the decision is made they can not be changed.



Pitcher is Batter B and with 2 down is replaced by a temporary runner (batter A), Batter C is the catcher scoring the temporary runner. The same Temporary runner can be used for the catcher.

Pitcher & Catcher on Base



Metro

TOP	No	PLAYERS	Inn		S	R	1	2
			Pos	Pos				
1	2	Nikayla Cross	6				FC ③ S3E	5G ④ BB ⑤ E5
2	37	Jordan Murray	8				FC ④ ⑤ E53	SH ③ ⑥ BB ⑦
3	70	Claudia Gibson	5				1 SH 14	BB ⑥ C HP
4	78	Thelma Davies	3				2 3	2 K
5	27	Sharysse Kestrup Caldwell	2			c2.	2 6 8.	c2.
6	7	Breanna Gibson	1			cc	IP b 8.	BB. 9 BB.
7	11	A.	1			cc

Vs.

7th

9th

In this example the 9th batter can be used but as the 8th batter is on base the 7th batter can be used.



Temporary Runner – Incorrect Application

This is an example of the Temporary Runner being applied incorrectly.

TOP		BOTTOM		Inn	Inn				
No	PLAYERS	Pos	Pos	S	R	1	2	3	4
1	15 Alyx Blooms	2	4 3			1 3 7 x2		1 FLF	FC BB e...
2	33 Mereang Makea	6				1 13		5 7: 12	
3	25 Sarah Paungg	9	4 2			4 2 7 9 2 5		1 63	9 7
4	15	1	Krysten Haami	8					

The diagram shows the fielding positions for both teams. In the top half (Otahuhu's turn), the catcher is at position 1, and the runner is at position 3. In the bottom half (Alpha's turn), the catcher is at position 1, and the runner is at position 3. The diagram illustrates the incorrect application of the temporary runner rule, as the runner was not the catcher at the time she made base with 2 outs.

Otahuhu made the fielding position change in the top of the 4th, but this will not take place till the bottom 4th. Therefore, at the time Sarah made base with 2 outs, she was not the catcher at the time and could not have a Temporary Runner.

Alpha could have appealed after the next pitch and the runner would be called out. As no appeal was made, record what the umpire allows.



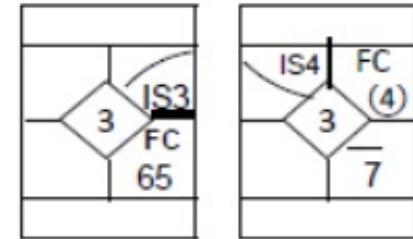
Incorrect Temporary Runner Used

This is an Appeal Play

- a. The defensive team must make a legal appeal while the runner is on base, and
- b. After a pitch has been delivered to the next batter (legal or illegal pitch).

NOTES

- If the appeal is upheld, the runner is out. This is scored as IS (illegal substitution) and the closest fielder given the out.
e.g. IS3 for a runner at 1st base, etc.
- As an official scorer:
 - Don't say anything, unless the umpire asks after an appeal.
 - If questioned by either team, direct them to the umpire.
- As a team scorer and on offense:
 - If you notice, **before a pitch is delivered or before an appeal is made**, you can correct the situation without penalty.



Tie Breaker Runner



The Tie Breaker Runner is a runner placed on 2nd base when the regulation game is tied, and a result is required.

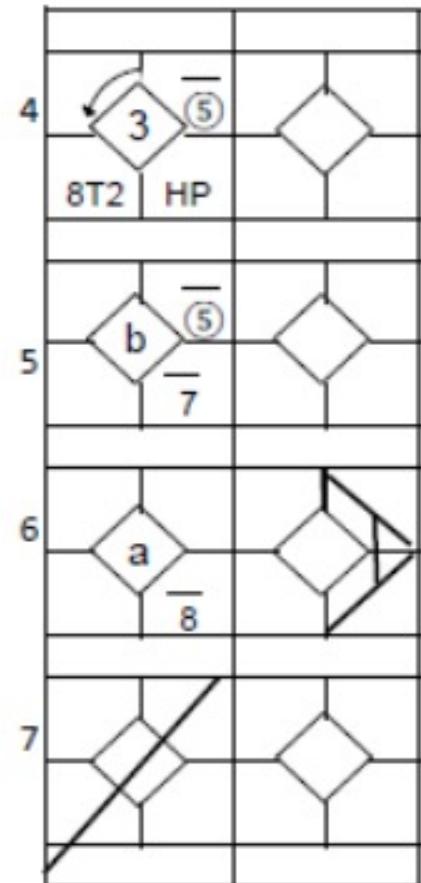
The tie breaker inning begins at the top of the next inning, and for each half inning until the game ends.

Tie Breaker Runner notes:

- They are the offensive team's batter due to bat **ninth** (9th) in that half inning.
- They can be substituted using the substitute rules.
- If your grade allows, the DR (Designated Runner) can be used.

Example

Batter 6 was the last batter to complete their turn at bat in the previous innings. Therefore, they are the ninth batter in the tie breaker inning and become the tie breaker runner.



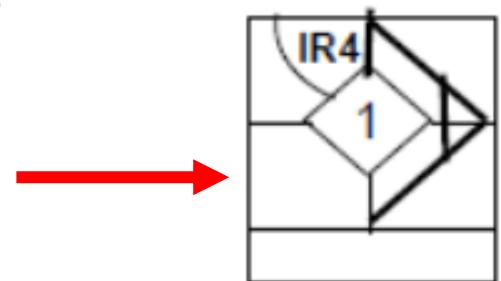
Incorrect Tie Breaker Runner

This is an Appeal Play

- a. The defensive team must make a legal appeal while the incorrect runner is on base, and
- b. After a pitch has been delivered to the next batter (legal or illegal pitch).

NOTES

- If the batter hits the first pitch, an appeal can be made after the play is complete.
- If the runner scores off the first pitch, the appeal won't be upheld and their run counts.
- If the appeal is upheld, the runner is out. It is scored as Illegal Running (IR) and the closest fielder given the out.
- If the offence place the correct runner on base before the appeal, there is no penalty.





You have now completed the
Temporary Runner
&
Tie Breaker Runner module

