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1			F8 watches a very high fly ball being held up in the wind as it approaches the outfield fence. He jumps over the fence and back onto the fence in order to give himself additional height, catches the ball in flight before he lands back in fair territory, and completes a forward roll before standing with the ball still in his glove. This is a legal catch
2			A batted ball that first hits 2 <sup>nd</sup> base before rebounding into foul territory between home & 1 <sup>st</sup> base is a foul ball.
3			Appeal plays may be made when the ball is alive or dead.
4			The catcher's box is the area to which the batter is restricted while in position with the intention of helping his team obtain runs
5			A pitcher may wear tape on his fingers for injury (eg a cut) providing such tape is a neutral colour
6			A legally batted ball is first touched in flight by F5, deflected off R1 leading off 3 <sup>rd</sup> base before being caught by F6. Ruling: This is a legal catch
7			R5 is obstructed at 2 <sup>nd</sup> base and as a result misses touching the base. He is subsequently tagged out sliding into 3 <sup>rd</sup> base. In the judgement of the umpire R5 would have easily made 3 <sup>rd</sup> base if not for the obstruction by F4, so calls time to award R5 3 <sup>rd</sup> base. The defence appeals that R5 missed 2 <sup>nd</sup> base. Ruling: R5 is safe on the tag and out on the missed base appeal.
8			The replacement offensive player who bats in the line-up for the FLEX shall be known as the DP.
9			An infield fly is a fair fly ball (including a mistimed bunt that pops into the air) with runners on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> base and or 3 <sup>rd</sup> base with less than 2 outs, that can be caught with ordinary effort by an infielder, or an outfielder playing in an infield position.
10			A legally batted ball bounds over the foul portion of the 1 <sup>st</sup> base and hits the base umpire standing in foul territory. Ruling: Foul ball
11			The official listing of offensive players in the order that the players will bat is referred to as the batting order.
12			B1 attempts to avoid being hit by a pitched ball, but inadvertently moves into the pitch he is trying to avoid and is hit by the pitched ball. Ruling: The ball is dead.
13			An overthrown ball that makes contact with a base coach directing his runner into 3 <sup>rd</sup> base, and out of the coach's box is not to be considered a blocked ball
14			The base path does not exist until a defensive player is attempting to tag a runner.
15			It is not interference when a bat breaks and part of it is hit by the batted ball in fair territory.
16			A dead ball is one that the umpire has ruled dead
17			If the third out of the inning is the result of a player attempting to retag, on a caught fly ball, all runs scored by runners in advance of the appealed runner and scored ahead of the legal appeal would count.
18			The manager of the team is considered to be the head coach
19			The batting order is B1, B2, B3 etc. With none out, B1 leads off and picks a walk. B4 comes to bat and hits into a double play retiring B1 and himself. The defence now appeal for B4 batting out of order. Ruling: The appeal shall be upheld, B2 is out, B3 shall be the lead-off batter in the next inning.
20			It is not interference when a batted ball is misplayed, and the ball bounds away or past the fielder, and then the fielder and runner collide.

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21			Prior to taking the signal, the pitcher must have both feet on the ground, within the 61.0cm length of the pitcher's plate and both feet must be in contact.
22			A player who has not yet arrived at the diamond may not be listed on the starting line-up
23			The pitcher is considered to be in the pitcher's circle when both her feet are within the circle or on the lines.
24			The ball is always dead on a blocked ball.
25			An illegally batted ball that bounces on the outfield fence before going over shall be declared a home run.
26			R1 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> base, R2 on 1 <sup>st</sup> base. B3 bunts up the 3 <sup>rd</sup> base line, and the ball is retrieved by F5 and thrown to F6 for the force at 3 <sup>rd</sup> base. As R1 slides into the base the ball is dislodged slips from F6's hand. Ruling: The out stands and the ball is considered to have been lost in transfer..
27			A legally batted ball which comes to rest in foul territory touching a portion of third base shall always be declared a foul ball.
28			A player may be designated as a coach if that player is a player coach or the coach is absent
29			R1 slides into 2 <sup>nd</sup> base. After he touches the base, he loses contact because the base breaks loose from its fastenings. R1 remains where he was. F4 tags R1. Ruling: This is considered a dislodged (or sliding base) that is deemed to have followed the runner. R1 is not out.
30			The re-entry of the FLEX player must be announced to the plate umpire. Failure to do so shall be treated as an illegal player after a pitch or play has been made.
31			All overthrows are two base awards from the time of the pitch.
32			R7 is obstructed approaching 1 <sup>st</sup> base and is subsequently tagged out on a very close play sliding into 3 <sup>rd</sup> base. In the judgement of the base umpire he may have made 3 <sup>rd</sup> base had there been no obstruction. Ruling: R7 is out. Obstruction only protects the runner between the two bases where he is obstructed.
33			R1 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> base, R2 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> base, one out. F8 and F7 collide after the ball is first touched by F8, causing the ball to deflect from his glove where F7 re-catches the ball prior to it touching the ground. R1 held up until F7 catches the ball, R2 left when the ball was deflected from F8. The defense appeal for R2 leaving before the ball was caught. Ruling: R2 is out on the appeal.
34			The DP can only enter the game on defence once.
35			B1 mishits a ball that rolls slowly up the 3 <sup>rd</sup> base line As it begin to roll toward fair territory, the catcher throws his mask at, and hits the ball prior to it reaching the line. The umpire shall award the batter and all runners 3 bases from the time of the pitch.
36			A fair ball shall be determined by the position of the ball, not the position of the fielder when the ball is first touched.
37			B1 attempts to avoid being hit by a pitched ball, but inadvertently moves into the pitch he is trying to avoid and the ball brushes the shirt of the batter. Ruling: The batter is awarded 1 <sup>st</sup> base and the ball is dead.
38			Only a catcher may catch a foul tip.
39			If a runner leaves a base too soon on a caught fly ball and returns in an attempt to retag, this is considered a timing play and not a force out.
40			The batter's box is the area to which the catcher must remain until the pitch is released

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41			F4 requests TIME and runs to the dugout for the purpose of returning his sunglasses. Immediately after the visit to the dugout he collects the infield together for instructions before returning to their positions. The Plate Umpire should advise the defensive coach he has been charged with a conference.
42			In the top of the 1 <sup>st</sup> inning, Blue team is suffering from repeated illegal pitching infractions. The defensive coach makes two separate trips to the mound to discuss with the umpires and pitcher the exact nature of the infraction. Three innings later, another illegal pitch is called. The defensive coach once again requests TIME to speak with his pitcher. The pitcher is again penalised for an illegal pitch and walks the batter. The coach again requests TIME and crosses the fair/foul line to remove the ball from the pitcher, before advising the plate umpire of the pitching change. Ruling: The Plate umpire advises the coach the departing pitcher is now declared an illegal pitcher.
43			An umpire declares a forfeit in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> inning after being attacked by a player. This is not considered a regulation game and must be replayed from the beginning. Original line-ups may be changed when the game is replayed.
44			A pitch slowly tapped into the infield intentionally, but not swung at, that becomes foul on the third strike shall render the batter out.
45			With two outs, R1 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> base and R2 on 1 <sup>st</sup> base, B5 grounds to F6 who bobbles the ball, before throwing to F4 covering 2 <sup>nd</sup> base. R2 beats the throw but over-slides the base and is tagged out. R1 scores prior to the tag. Ruling: The run counts.
46			On an appeal play, and once the ball is dead, F1 may stand within the 2.4m (8') circle with possession of the ball and merely announce which runner is being appealed and where. If correct, the appropriate runner shall be declared out.
47			The name of the coach/ (person responsible for the teams actions) must be listed on the line-up card
48			The ball is alive, when a fielder catches a fly ball, with one foot on the ground in foul ball territory
49			The batter has a 2-2 count. The next pitch is a change-up and the batter swings, however the ball curves in and hits the batter in the side of the helmet as he tries to duck out of its way. Ruling: Dead Ball, award the batter 1 <sup>st</sup> base on the hit pitch.
50			B5 lays down a bunt 40cm in front of home plate. As he is running toward 1 <sup>st</sup> base and still in fair territory, F3 collides with B5 and both fall heavily to the ground. B5 is stunned by the collision and crawls across the foul line into foul territory. F2 retrieves the ball and throws to the pitcher. No attempt is made to make a play on B5, nor throw to F4 now covering 1B. The assistant coach, then assists B5 to his feet. Seeing no further plays, TIME is called. Ruling: Award B5 1 <sup>st</sup> base on the obstruction on F3.
51			F9 makes a diving catch to secure a long fly ball. The ball tips off his glove and deflects off the outfield fence before being securely held. This is not a catch
52			A foul ball is a legally batted ball that hits 3 <sup>rd</sup> base before deflecting out of play
53			In the top of the 7 <sup>th</sup> inning, Red team trail Blue team 6-7, with the tie-ing run at 2 <sup>nd</sup> base, and one out, the defensive coach requests TIME to replace the pitcher with his original pitcher who was substituted after four charged conferences in 3 innings. The plate umpire allows the substitution. The batter hits into a double play. Prior to the defense leaving the field, the offensive coach appeals the game score should be 7-0 to them as the pitcher is an illegal pitcher and has thrown a pitch.
54			A legally batted ball is first touched in flight by F5, and deflected into R1 leading off 3 <sup>rd</sup> base in foul territory, before being caught by F6. Ruling: Foul Ball

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55		<p>Mooney starts the game as the pitcher listed as the FLEX. In the 6<sup>th</sup> inning, without reporting, Mooney bats in place of Robertson the starting DP. With a 2-1 count, the defense properly appeals that Manley has not been announced.</p> <p>Ruling: This is legal since Mooney was in the line-up at the start of the game.</p>
56		<p>The batter runner will be called out unless he runs in the 1.0m running lane when approaching 1<sup>st</sup> base..</p>
57		<p>With R1 on 2<sup>nd</sup> base and one out. B3 drives a pitch hard up the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line where it is deflected off F5 to the left field. R1 advances rounds 3<sup>rd</sup> base and trips over F5, still lying on the field and is subsequently tagged sliding into to home.</p> <p>Ruling: Dead Ball, R1 safe at home on the fielder's interference at 3<sup>rd</sup> base.</p>
58		<p>When a wild pitch or passed ball goes under, over, through or lodges in the back stop, all runners are awarded one base only.</p>
59		<p>The starting DP must remain in the same position in the batting line-up for the duration of the game. He may only field for the FLEX who is then deemed to have left the game.</p>
60		<p>The ball is foul when a legally batted ball rebounds up from home plate and hits the bat a second time, while the batter is still in the batter's box.</p>
61		<p>When an umpire notices an unannounced substitution, on either offense or defense, he should wait for an appeal by the team not at fault. If the player is no longer in the game, there is no penalty.</p>
62		<p>Runners on R3 on 1B &amp; R5 on 3B with one out. The B6 hits a ground ball to F6, who throws to F4 covering 2B for the 2<sup>nd</sup> out. R3 crosses home plate. During the attempt to throw out B6, R5 interferes with the throw of F4 to F3.</p> <p>Ruling: The run does not count.</p>
63		<p>Foul territory is any part of the playing field that is not included in fair territory.</p>
64		<p>In flight describes any batted, thrown or pitched ball that has yet touched the ground and includes a batted ball that has been touched by a fielder and not yet caught.</p>
65		<p>The on-deck batter is discovered using a baseball bat to warm up with. The Plate umpire removes the bat from the game. Three innings later, the on-deck batter is once again discovered using the baseball bat to warm up. Ruling: The Plate umpire shall declare the player ineligible from further participation except as a coach, and eject the bat.</p>
66		<p>A ball which hits the bat is considered to be a batted ball. No intention to hit the ball is necessary.</p>
67		<p>The pitcher hitting the ball with a resin bag prior to pitching, shall constitute an illegal pitch</p>
68		<p>A batter-runner is considered hit by the batted ball when the ball contacts his or her person, attached equipment or clothing.</p>
69		<p>The batting order is B1, B2, B3 etc. After 6 ½ complete innings the score is tied 2 – 2 B4 strikes out, B5 walks, B6 hits into a double play. Top of the 8<sup>th</sup> inning no one scores. Bottom of the 8<sup>th</sup> inning B2 starts at 2<sup>nd</sup> base as the tie-breaker runner. B2 advances to 3<sup>rd</sup> base on the sacrifice bunt of B4. For 1 out. The defense then appeal the wrong runner is on 3<sup>rd</sup> base.</p> <p>Ruling: Replace B2 with R3 (the correct runner) and continue the game there is no penalty.</p>
70		<p>The ball is alive, when a fielder catches a foul fly, with one foot on the ground in dead ball territory</p>
71		<p>F6 cuts his hand on the cleats of a runner sliding into 3<sup>rd</sup> base. The defensive coach advises the plate umpire # 4 (the FLEX) will come in as the replacement player; while they attend to the bleeding. The plate umpire allows the change. After a pitch to the next batter, the offense appeal for the illegal re-entry. The umpires confer and declare the replacement player ineligible and the defense re-enter F6.</p>
72		<p>Any umpire may forfeit a game.</p>

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73			With two outs, a batter, while running the bases after a home run outside of the playing field, passes a preceding runner. The batter shall be declared out when properly appealed. All runs scored prior to the appeal shall score. This is an appeal play, not a timing play.
74			A batter stands in the batter's box with a bat with engraving circling the bottom of the barrel. The umpire should declare the batter out, and remove the player and the bat from the diamond
75			It is the plate umpire's responsibility to enforce the rules governing conferences, both offensive and defensive.
76			F5 climbs the foul fence in order to make a difficult catch on a windy day. He secures the ball prior to climbing back to the ground. This is a legal catch
77			A batted ball first hits the ground in fair territory, bounds over a portion of 3 <sup>rd</sup> base before coming to rest in foul territory. Ruling: Foul Ball
78			In the bottom of the 5 <sup>th</sup> inning in a 0-0 ball game, with R6 is on 3 <sup>rd</sup> base and R7 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> base. F1 commits an illegal pitch that B8 hits to F9 standing deep in right field. R6 & R7 both tag up on the catch and score on the play. The plate umpire allows all plays to stand. The coach requests that the play be nullified, and both runners advanced one base and an additional ball awarded to B8. The plate umpire should give the coach the option.
79			B4 bunts the ball foul, however the ball spins backwards and comes to rest on home plate. Ruling: This is a foul ball
80			Two runners may not occupy the same base simultaneously. The leading runner shall be entitled to it unless forced to advance by the batter becoming a batter-runner. The trailing runner shall be declared out once the ball is returned to the pitcher's circle.
81			An unannounced substitute comes to bat. Prior to a pitch being thrown, the catcher asks the plate umpire if the substitute has been notified. After a pitch, the defensive appeal for the illegal substitute. The umpire declines the appeal stating that the catcher notified the substitution.
82			F3 trips the runner as he rounds 1 <sup>st</sup> base. This is an example of interference.
83			It is not considered to be a substitution whenever the FLEX replaces the DP in the batting order.
84			Substitute players are the same as replacement players, and governed by the same set of rules
85			A legally batted ball hits the base umpire standing behind 2 <sup>nd</sup> base. Ruling: Fair Ball
86			Prior to pitching, a pitcher must bring his body to a complete stop with the ball held in two hands. This position must be held for a minimum of 1 sec and not more than 5 seconds.
87			A right-handed batter lays down a bunt in front of home plate. The catcher deliberately steps toward the batter-runner as she attempts to field the ball. In the judgement of the plate umpire, the catcher altered her attempt to field the ball deliberately to draw an interference call. Ruling: The plate umpire should award the batter 1 <sup>st</sup> base on the obstruction.
88			The playing territory is that part of the field within, and including, the first and third base foul lines from home base to the bottom of the extreme playing field fence and perpendicularly upwards.
89			Batting out of order is an appeal play that may be made by the manager, coach or player of either team.
90			R1 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> base, R2 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> base and R3 on 1 <sup>st</sup> base, with two out. B4 hits the ball over the outfield fence. R3 misses 2 <sup>nd</sup> base. The defence appeal for R3 missing 2 <sup>nd</sup> base. Ruling: No runs score as the 3 <sup>rd</sup> out was a force out
91			A defensive player who enters the batter 's box with the intention of aiding his team to score runs is not considered a batter until he becomes a batter-runner.

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92			The catcher shall return the ball directly to the pitcher after each pitch, including after a foul ball, when there are no runners on base. Except when a foul ball is fielded close to the foul line and the catcher throws to 1 <sup>st</sup> base for a possible out
93			B4 (the Short stop) stretches a single into a double sliding into 2 <sup>nd</sup> base. However he cuts his leg on the cleats of F6. The offensive coach advises the plate umpire # 4 (the FLEX) will come in as the replacement player; while they attend to the bleeding. The plate umpire should request a legal replacement player.
94			It is not interference, and the runner is not out when, more than one fielder attempts to field a batted ball and the runner comes into contact with the one, who in the umpires judgement could not have made a play.
95			When a ball is lodged in an offensive player's clothing, the ball remains alive and runners may advance with liability to be put out.
96			Provided an outfielder is in the infield, he may make an appeal for a missed base.
97			An ejected player may remain in the dugout but may not remain on the playing field nor communicate with opponents or umpires.
98			B8 steps into the batter's box and receives two pitches (1 strike and 1 ball). On the next pitch the batter swings off balance and the plate umpire recognises the bat as an illegal bat. Ruling: Remove the bat from the game and declare the batter out.
99			R1 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> base with no outs. R1 attempts to steal to 3 <sup>rd</sup> base on the pitch and B2 swings and misses. B2 backs up to re-adjust his footing while in the batter's box and bumps into F2 causing an errant throw and R1 steals safely. Ruling: There is no interference as B2's actions were not intentional.
100			Laser engraving of a bat for identification purposes is not considered an altered bat.

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