



Temporary Runner & Tie Breaker Runner



Definition



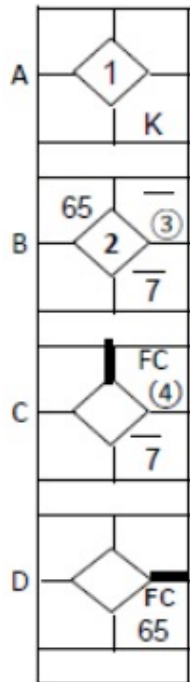
Rule 3.2.7

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.

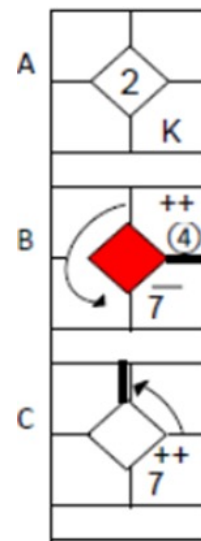
The following provisions apply:

- 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.

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 Vs.

TOP		BOTTOM		Inn	Inn				
No	PLAYERS	Pos	Pos	Pos	S	R	1	2	
1	2 Mikayla Cross	6					FC ③ S3E -2..	BB ② BB ⑤ ES	HP ③ BB ⑤ ES
2	37 Jordan Murray	8					FC ④ ⑤	SH ③ ES3	BB ⑤ BB ⑥ 7
3	70 Claudia Gibson	5					1 SH 14	C HP	BB ⑥ BB ⑤
4	78 Thoeke Davies	3					2 3	2 K	
5	27 Sharysse Hestrup Caldwell	2					6 ↓ 8.	SB ⑥ 8. BB. BB.	
6	7 Breanna Gibson	1					b 8. 8.	IP 5/8 9 BB.	

← 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.

Otahuhu Vs. Alpha

TOP		BOTTOM		Inn	Inn								
No	PLAYERS	Pos	Pos	Pos	S	R	1	2	3	4			
1	15 Alyx Bloom	2	4	3									
2	33 Mereang Makea	6											
3	25 Sarah Pungg	9	4	2									
4	15) K... Haan.	8											

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 needs to make a legal appeal while the runner is still on base, and
- b. After a pitch has been delivered to the next batter legal or not.

NOTES

- If it is found to be the incorrect runner, score as IR (illegal running) and the fielder would be the base that it occurs e.g. IR4 for a runner at second base.
- As an official scorer you don't say anything unless the umpire asks the question after an appeal.
- If questioned by one of the teams, simply direct them to the umpire.
- As a team scorer if you notice, **before a pitch is delivered or before an appeal is made**, you can correct the situation.



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

