

RULE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NFHS AND OBR

NFHS RULE	OBR RULE
Defense in fair territory at time of pitch with minimum one foot in fair territory (except catcher): penalty-illegal pitch (2-18)	Two feet necessary (except catcher) - PBUC Umpire Manuel (3.16) states not to insist 1st baseman play with both feet in fair territory unless offensive team protests
Jewelry shall not be worn...	No "distracting" jewelry
Pitcher may wear two-tone glove (no white or grey)	Colors limited, not distracting
Catcher's glove may be any size	Size of catcher's glove limited
1st baseman's glove can be worn by any fielder	1st baseman's glove has specific size specifications which differ from fielder's gloves
Pitcher may wear batting glove if not distracting to the batter - cannot be white	Pitcher may not wear batting glove while pitching
Catcher's helmet testing restrictions-must be full helmet or two piece tested together, full ear protection, NOC-SAE standard	Ear protection not required, no testing standards
Intentional base on balls. Dead ball award	Pitches must be thrown
Catch definition - ball comes out of glove, not a catch	Catch definition: includes voluntary & intentional release
Obstruction: Always a delayed dead ball. Any obstruction entitles runner to minimum of one base beyond his position when it occurs	If no play is being made on obstructed runner, play proceeds, award if necessary (type B). If play is made on obstructed runner (type A), ball is dead and runner is awarded a minimum of one base. Dead ball immediately if the batter-runner is obstructed before reaching 1st base
Courtesy runner for pitcher or catcher - <i>further modified by local rules.</i>	Not permitted
Re-entry of starting players	No re-entry
Designated Hitter for any player, DH and player must remain in same spot in batting order; no multiple substitution to alter batting order permitted	No DH, NL. Pitcher only, AL. Pitcher may only bat in same slot in order if enters game as batter or runner for DH. If DH enters game on defense, pitcher must bat in slot vacated by player replaced on defense, multiple substitution permitted which terminates DH
...any amount of blood on uniform...changed or cleaned before individual participates again	.. garment penetrated by blood or other infectious material...removed immediately or as soon as feasible...In most cases it is expected...can be resolved between innings...may be cases...must be acted upon immediately
Fielder without ball fakes tag: Obstruction	Permitted
Malicious contact, collisions	

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Defensive conferences. Pitcher must be removed on 4th trip. Can have 3 conferences in 1 inning with no pitching change Will use OBR --->	The second trip to the same pitcher in the same inning results in the pitcher's removal from the game. After conference with pitcher is complete, pitcher must complete pitching to current batter or retire the side before he can be removed, unless offense pinch-hits after conference
Offensive conferences: 1 per inning	
Game called after visiting team takes lead or ties the score in top half of inning, score reverts back to last completed inning	Game is suspended
Player removing helmet in live ball territory w/live ball - delayed dead ball - team warning - 2nd violation same team: bench restriction	
Umpire handles live ball: Ball immediately dead	No effect on play if immediately released, ball remains live
Umpire makes inadvertent foul call: Ball immediately dead	
Balk: Ball immediately dead	If balk is followed by a pitch, play continues. If all runners including the batter-runner advance at least one base, balk is nullified, runners liable to be put out. If there is a balk to a base and ball is thrown to the base, ball remains alive. If runner from first advances to second and continues to third while missing second, he is out on appeal
Fair ball lodges in players equipment or uniform - dead ball	
Making ball live: ...held by pitcher...umpire calls "Play"...	See rule: ...with a new ball...
Illegal pitch: Ball dead immediately...	Illegal pitch: Ball unless batter reaches 1st...
If a pitcher is ambidextrous, the umpire shall require the pitcher to face a batter as either a left-handed pitcher or a right-handed pitcher, but not both	Pitcher must visually indicate which way he will pitch...pitcher must throw one pitch to the batter before any "switch" by either player is allowed ...afterwards each may switch once per at bat
Allowable movements from the windup position: Can't throw to a base without stepping back off the rubber	The Windup Position. The pitcher shall...
Pitcher must distinctly wipe pitching hand after bringing in contact with mouth before touching ball	Pitcher may go to mouth if not in contact with pitcher's plate and clearly wipes the fingers dry
8 warm-up pitches for starting and new pitcher, 5 in subsequent innings	8 preparatory pitches beginning of each inning subject to league modification
Pitcher must pitch within 20 seconds of receiving ball	With bases unoccupied, pitcher must deliver ball within 12 seconds after receiving ball

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Pitcher feet on or astride pitchers plate or within approx. 5 feet of the plate without ball or makes any movement naturally associated with his pitch while off plate-balk. (hidden ball trick)	Pitcher without ball on or astride rubber or while off the plate, feins pitch: Balk
Batter must have one foot in batter's box throughout time at bat (see exceptions). Leaving box with both feet and delaying game: called strike	
Batter delays after 20 sec: strike, ball is live	Batter refuses to take position in box: strike, ball is dead
Batter is out for hitting ball w/foot completely out of the box OR stepping on home plate: (heel on line, foot on plate... out)*	Batter is out for hitting ball with entire foot out of box
Batter interference on strike 3 with runner stealing, batter is out, runner may be called out	Batter and runner automatically out
Playing short: one less than in starting lineup, out recorded when at-bat reached	Forfiet
Missed base or leaving too soon on a caught ball (Verbal appeal)	No verbal appeals. No dead ball appeals. Must throw to base while time is in. If defense attempts a play, even if initiated by the offense, they lose the right to appeal. Feint of a throw is not a play. Throw to retire a runner is a play
Fielder steps into dead ball territory after catch: Each runner awarded one base	Any boundary lines are out of play. To make a catch the fielder must have both feet in live area. If catch is made in live area and fielder enters dead ball area while standing ball remains live. It becomes dead if any part of the body, other than hands or feet, touches ground in dead area
Runner interference: Not in 45-ft. lane. Must be in lane up to bag. Any throw. Fielder must be in possession of ball to leagally obstruct runner.	Last stride before touching base may be outside lane. Must be "true" throw (legitimate chance to be caught by fielder). Fielder may be in immediate act of receiving a throw to legally obstruct runner.
Runner is out: On a dropped 3rd strike, he gives up by entering the bench or dugout area or with 2 outs does not attempt to reach 1st base before all infielders leave the diamond...	...once he leaves the dirt circle surrounding home plate
Runner Illegal to dive over fielder	Permitted
Runner shall slide or avoid contact on a force or tag play	
Interference on a double play attempt	Interference must be willful and deliberate for a double play to be called. Otherwise, only the runner is out. If interference is on the first play, runners return to base occupied at time of pitch
No bowling over catcher	Limited collisions at home plate

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Umpire jurisdiction - begins when the umpires arrive at the confines of the field for the purpose of officiating the game; ends when umpires leave the playing field, but retain clerical authority	Umpire jurisdiction - begins when the home team's lineup is presented to the plate umpire; no rule addressing end of jurisdiction
UIC may ask for help on checked swing, not required	If requested by catcher or manager, plate umpire must ask for help
Rectify any situation in which a reversed umpire's decision has placed either team at a disadvantage (example: an overturned check swing)	
Not a balk	Balk: 3rd to 1st move from the rubber