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Rule Changes

Rule 2.9.B Glove lacing may be any color other than that of the ball. The manufacturer's logos are not considered a glove color.

Rule 2 Sec 10 Change the amount of bat safety grip down to a minimum of 8" from 10".

Rule 3 Altered Bat definition added

Rule 8.5. E. **Sec 5.** A batter-runner is awarded first base if: Added E. the batter-runner is hit by a thrown ball and injured/incapacitated prior to reaching 1st base.

Editorial Changes

Rule **3 Sec 34. FOUL TIP** added Note Any batted ball that travels directly from the bat to any part of the catcher's body or equipment other than the hand(s) or glove/mitt, is a foul ball and dead. It is not a foul tip.

8.18.H NOTE 1 CHANGE to: If, in the judgment of the Umpire, this interference is an attempt to prevent a double play and occurs before the runner is put out, the immediate trailing runner shall also be called out.

8.19.B.EXC.2. **Double First Base Exceptions:** The defense and batter runner can use either portion when: Change 2. To on any force out attempt from the foul side of first base.

old 10.1 Move old 10.1 into 8.4.D and deleted section

old 10.2 Move old 10.2 into renumbered 10.2.D and deleted section

10.1. Ball becomes dead immediately when: Added "batter" to: E. There is interference by batter, a runner or a retired runner.

10. Sec 2. It is a delayed dead ball when: Deleted B. There is interference by a batter.