

Only Few Minor Changes in the Revised Baseball Code

RULES CLARIFIED AND REARRANGED

"Resin Bag Rule" Is Most Important Shift.

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New York, Feb. 27.—The revised baseball rules, which will govern play during the coming season, are now in the hands of the printers after final retouching and the writer is able to explain the meaning of the most important changes made, in advance of publication, which will be about the middle of March.

Not a change has been made in the rules that will effect a basic thing in baseball, though many changes were made. Certain ambiguities in the existing rules were removed. Some rules have been rearranged so that they can be better understood as to their exact meaning. Others have been changed entirely to correct inconsistencies.

The so-called "resin bag rule" is probably the most important change. It really is not a change, but an amendment. There is not a word in the rule which compels any league to use the resin bag and the rule was inserted largely because minor leagues that operate in sultry climates, asked for it. Hereafter, pitchers in leagues that permit it may call on the umpire to use the resin bag on which to dry their hands.

Limit Coaching Boxes.

One important change, the intent of which has been overlooked, keeps the coaches where they belong—near the bases. Under the old rules coaches could run into outfield territory and they were wont to do so. There they peered at the catchers and pitchers and tried to get their signals. Now they must not go farther toward the outfield than an extension of the baselines from second to first, and second to third. They can go as far back toward the pitcher's benches as they will, but the deadline to the outfield is at the corner of the base.

For the benefit of the minor leagues there is an entirely new clause to the rule. It legalizes the use of baseballs that have been used in previous games. If they are furnished to the umpire by the home club and he approves of them, this helps out the boys who haven't so much money. It takes about a dozen or so baseballs to play a game on a big afternoon even in a small town.

Players and umpires have been confused heretofore by the substitution rule which said that one player could go in for another at "any stage of the game." Some umpires even let score because a man turned his ankle before the first and second. Now the rule says that substitutions cannot be made while the "ball is in play."

Ball Rule Modified.

The ball rule is not materially changed, but it will be a good plan to read it. Modifications have been made in the language of the rule. Commentators went all wrong on the change made relative to throwing the ball by the pitcher to an uncaptured base. In some way they held it that the intentional pass rule has something to do with this. That is not an uncaptured base to delay the game. Now if he throws the ball once it will be followed by a warning from the umpire and if he repeats it the pitcher will march out of the game.

"Intentional passes" stand as it was but it is not called the intentional pass rule. The rulemakers conceded that there could be an intentional pass. Rule or no rule, the pitcher could send a batsman to first base if he wished to do so, exactly as the batsman could send the pitcher out. But the rules committee took away from the rule its title "intentional pass," and now it is simply a double caution to the pitcher to keep his feet on his own side of the fence.

If a base runner is on first base with a sacrifice fly, why not let the runner from first base think he can make a play and draw a throw from the catcher, which will help the runner to get home, he is to be credited with a stolen base if he bluffs the catcher to a standstill.

More Sacrifice Flies.

Heretofore, a batsman who hit a long fly to the outfield and scored that runner on third and scored that runner was given a sacrifice hit. Now if a batsman advances a runner from second to third on a fly that is caught and the next batsman advances the runner from third home each of them gets a sacrifice fly, which is perfectly logical, because the run could not have scored had it not been for both batters. Under the old rule the batsman who sent the runner home would have been credited with a sacrifice hit, and the other batter's sacrifice would be charged with a time at bat. The injustice of that arrangement was enough to make a horse laugh.

Syracuse Cage Star Also Coaches Quint

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Special.—Syracuse player and coach of the same undefeated college basketball team—that is the double role of Captain Victor Hanson of the Syracuse University five which has won 14 games in 14 starts since Feb. 1 to 28 points.

Coach Lewis P. Andrews fell ill in the most crucial point in the season, just before the Army game. The coaching devolved upon Hanson who knows the game better than many a professional coach. Playing forward, Hanson, whose home is in Sacramento, Calif., was scored about half his team's total points.

Sammy Sacco Boxes Sue Wong Bill to Draw

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Cedar Rapids, Ia., Feb. 27.—Sammy Sacco, Sioux City, heavyweight boxer, is to draw here Friday night in a bout with Harry Sue Wong Bill, Chinese boxer from Los Angeles. The fight was fast and furious throughout the entire evening.

MAKE PLANS FOR GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN IOWA

Audubon, Ia., Feb. 27.—(P)—High school girls basketball tournaments this year will be held under the rules of the high school athletic association, but under the direction of the Girls' High School Athletic union, M. M. McIntire, chairman of an executive committee now working out plans for the spring tournaments here says.

Sectional tournaments will be held March 12 and 13; district tournaments will be held March 19 and 20 and the state tournament March 26 and 27. More than 100 teams already have enrolled for these tournaments, but the places of the district and state tournaments have not been selected.

The executive committee is composed of M. M. McIntire, chairman, Audubon; T. M. Clevinger, Waverly; C. W. Bankey, Ida Grove and John W. Agans, Myrtle.

George W. Brown, Des Moines, is manager of the tournaments and its meeting with district committees arranging the location of tournaments and for the referees.

The girls tournaments are held one week later than the sectional, district and state tournament for boys.

COYOTE TRACK HOPES BRIGHT

South Dakota Will Be Strong in Field, Dash Events.

Vermillion, S. D., Feb. 27.—Special.—Track practice will begin at the University of South Dakota immediately after the basketball games with State college, March 8 and 9, which mark the close of the cage season at the Coyote institution. Coach Vincent Montgomery will have a big task before him in building up an aggregation that will defend the Coyotes' North Central conference title.

As usual, the Coyotes will be strong in the sprints. Last year at the conference meet, they were first, Sterling Clark and Harney placed first, second and third, respectively, in the 100-yard dash, and Clark won the furlong in record time.

The half-mile relay team, which set a conference record in that event, made a new South Dakota record, and made a new South at the Drake relays, is expected to eclipse his former time. The best time made last year by this quartet, composed of Jaquith, Sterling, Stanton Clark and Harney, was 1 minute 30 seconds at the Drake relays. At the Drake relays last year they ran one-tenth of a second slower.

Use Clark as 440 Man.

In order to utilize these speed merchants to collect the greatest number of points, Montgomery plans to use Sterling Clark in the quarter-mile race. Clark has traveled the distance in less than 51 seconds without weakening himself for the 220 and the relay. Stanton Clark is expected to be a winner in the low hurdles.

In the distance runs, the Coyotes cannot boast much previous success. In the mile, Clark and Harney last fall, Hummel and Berg showed possibilities, but there is no one who has proved his worth in any of the runs from the half-mile to the two-mile. Montgomery hopes to uncover an ace for these events.

One of the greatest blows to the South Dakotans' championship dreams is the loss of Dunkak, holder of the conference record in the javelin throw, and one of the most dependable point winners on the team. Dunkak was forced to leave school due to financial conditions. Last summer he tossed the spear over the 100-foot mark several times, and was doing 180 feet consistently. Dunkak placed in the Drake relays in this event last year.

In the pole vault, the University of South Dakota will be unusually strong. Melsenholder, a three-letter man in bird act, will be back to fatten the total of points, and Redfield, holder of the conference mark, is expected to better his record. The ace in the hole among the pole vaulting men, however, is Crill, a member of the freshman team last year. Crill shows good form, and undoubtedly will be helped greatly by Capt. W. D. Powell, who will tutor him.

Powell to Coach Vaulters.

Capt. Powell was captain of the University of Missouri track team in 1916, the year that Bob Simpson was putting track athletics at that school on a par with the phenomenal hurdling. Capt. Powell's best mark in the pole vault was 12 feet 9 inches. He will have charge of the pole vaulters and the hurdlers this spring.

A few men were working under the captain indoors as winter winds, but the fallowing the North Central authorities to continue their indoor meet put a crimp in the ambition of many, and few reported for practice.

Whether or not Fred Malone, captain of last year's cinder path athletes will be able to do his bit in the weight is another condition the chances for the success of the coming season hinges upon. Malone has been bothered with his right shoulder since football season.

Simpson Undecided on Ames Track Position

Champaign, Ill., Feb. 27.—(P)—Bob Simpson, track coach at the University of Missouri, confirmed reports today that he had received an offer to become coach at Iowa State college, at Ames.

Simpson said he was undecided as to acceptance, as his desire to remain at Missouri, provided suitable terms are offered. He is a graduate of Missouri and holder of world's burdle events.

Title Winners in Stock Yards League



PRITCHARD'S LUNCH TEAM.

The championship in the Stock Yards Bowling league this season goes to the Pritchard's lunch quintet. Walter Pritchard, one of the most ardent sports fans in the city, sponsored the team. Pritchard is a great baseball fan and he attends every game played by the Stock Yards team. He also is a rapid boxer and can be seen at every card staged in the city. In the back row from left to right the members are: Hammond, Pritchard, Schenk and Brown. Kneeling, left to right, are Johnson, Nelson and Eckerson.

BOWLING SCORES

Telephone League.		PLANT	
Hill 154 122 180	Skalka 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Jensen 131 122 161	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
O'Connor 134 122 161	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Parks 141 181 182	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Totals 727 743 856		Totals 723 727 693	

BELL NO. 2		SERVICES	
Larkin 173 123 137	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Hanson 121 112 128	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Davis 102 122 132	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Jana 158 122 132	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Thomas 122 122 132	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Handicap 7 7 7		Handicap 7 7 7	
Totals 711 781 768		Totals 711 756 745	

BELL NO. 1		MAIN NO. 1	
Finley 102 122 132	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Hanson 121 112 128	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Salahor 137 122 132	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Duffy 122 122 132	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Went 138 122 132	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Handicap 7 7 7		Handicap 7 7 7	
Totals 636 664 653		Totals 648 702 660	

AMHUR LEAGUE.		CLOVERLEAF	
Maxiner 128 134 148	Herman 138 132 98	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Hanson 121 112 128	Herman 138 132 98	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
German 92 116 135	Herman 138 132 98	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Stylik 102 122 132	Herman 138 132 98	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Wright 122 122 132	Herman 138 132 98	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Handicap 62 62 62	Herman 138 132 98	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Totals 620 743 823		Totals 717 784 823	

VERIBERT		SHIELD	
Allen 124 147 341	Anderson 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Hanson 121 112 128	Anderson 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Everett 148 122 132	Anderson 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Barter 122 122 132	Anderson 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Korley 173 122 148	Anderson 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Handicap 62 62 62		Handicap 62 62 62	
Totals 727 626 652		Totals 786 773 751	

MUNICHENER		STAR	
Roberts 148 122 132	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Hanson 121 112 128	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Young 211 169 147	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Shuey 122 122 132	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Wright 122 122 132	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Handicap 36 36 36	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Totals 620 743 823		Totals 804 806 716	

MELROSE		OVAL	
Simpson 152 171 181	Erickson 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Moore 122 122 132	Erickson 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Bell 122 122 132	Erickson 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Stylik 122 122 132	Erickson 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Mattias 147 222 131	Erickson 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Handicap 18 18 18		Handicap 18 18 18	
Totals 677 801 658		Totals 703 733 716	

BANQUET		COLONIAL	
Moore 122 122 132	Doyler 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Hanson 121 112 128	Doyler 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
German 92 116 135	Doyler 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Stylik 102 122 132	Doyler 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Duffy 122 122 132	Doyler 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Handicap 26 26 26	Doyler 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Totals 598 716 767		Totals 726 833 760	

SOL HELMET		ECLIPSE	
Sole 122 122 132	Bowman 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Chick 122 122 132	Bowman 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Hobbs 122 122 132	Bowman 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Wright 122 122 132	Bowman 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Cloason 139 171 128	Bowman 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Handicap 12 12 12		Handicap 12 12 12	
Totals 753 717 766		Totals 753 717 766	

PETER & GAMBET		FRADERS EXCH.	
Hanson 121 112 128	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Wright 122 122 132	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Smith 122 122 132	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Birkman 122 122 132	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Handicap 64 64 64	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Totals 793 764 754		Totals 764 780 736	

LONG & HANSEN		RICE BROS.	
Moore 122 122 132	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Wright 122 122 132	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Zane 144 174 158	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Schiff 122 122 132	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Nelson 147 122 169	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Handicap 64 64 64		Handicap 64 64 64	
Totals 686 701 763		Totals 778 788 783	

K. M. & BROWN		SWIFT PREMIUM	
Schuyler 122 122 132	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Hanson 121 112 128	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Harvey 122 122 132	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Wright 122 122 132	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Handicap 62 62 62	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Totals 700 823 781		Totals 821 876 837	

TARDS OFFICE		STEELE, SIM. & Co.	
Kruger 122 122 132	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Wright 122 122 132	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Robison 122 122 132	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Handicap 62 62 62	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Totals 700 823 781		Totals 765 793 731	

K. M. & BROWN		SWIFT PREMIUM	
Schuyler 122 122 132	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Hanson 121 112 128	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164
Harvey 122 122 132	Helm 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164	Wright 152 156 164