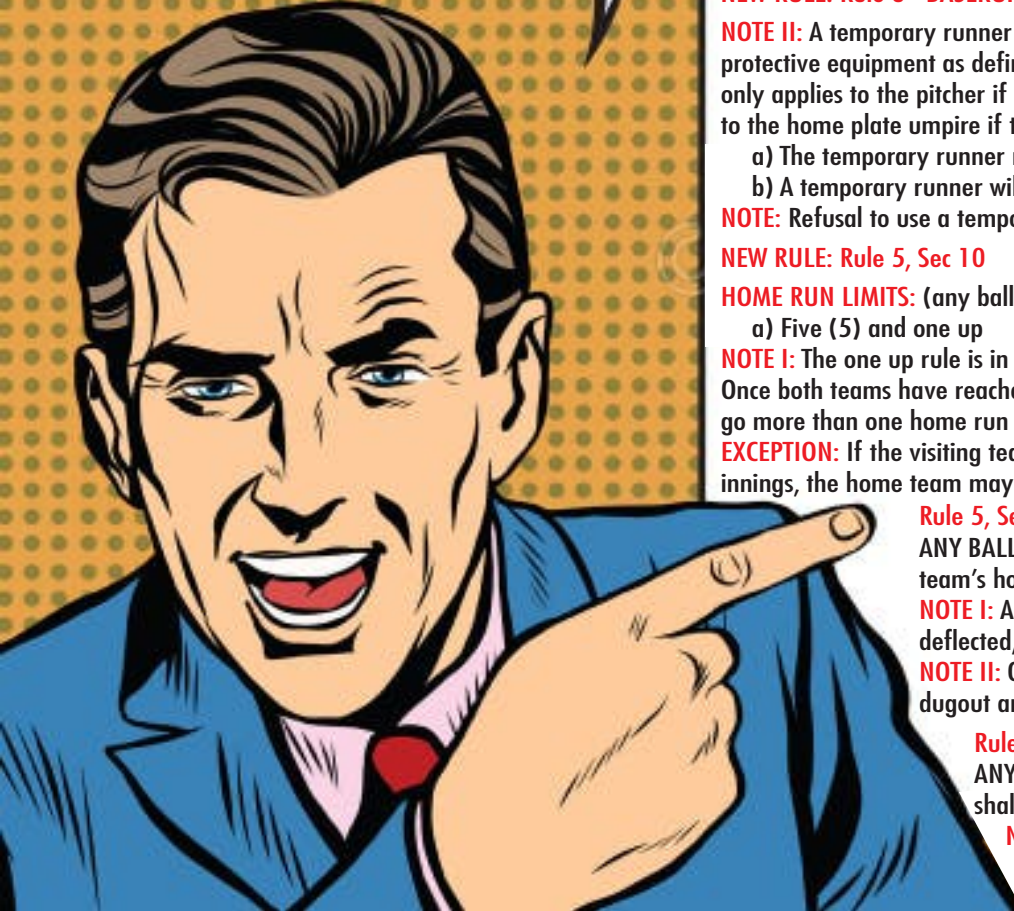




# NSA CANADA



## RULE CHANGES 2024



### Rule 4 Sec 6 New Wording:

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROCEDURES:** When a player is bleeding, or has a open wound, the bleeding must be stopped and the open wound covered with a bandage/dressing strong enough to withstand the rigors of competition. This treatment **MUST** be immediate and the affected player **MUST** be replaced by anyone of the same gender who is not in the batting line up, for one inning. This is not considered a substitution nor a courtesy runner.

**NOTE:** One inning shall consist of the current half inning plus the next half inning of the game. At this point if the player cannot continue due to blood a substitution must be made. The substitution does not have to be the player originally used. This is not a point of protest.

### NEW RULE: Rule 7, Sec 1

f. In tournament play all batters in division C and above shall start each at bat with a one (1) ball and one (1) strike count

### NEW RULE: Rule 8 - BASERUNNING

**NOTE II:** A temporary runner must be used for the pitcher if he/she is on base with two (2) out and is using removable protective equipment as defined in Rule 3, Section 7. At a minimum this protective equipment must include a mask. This rule only applies to the pitcher if he/she was the pitcher at the end of the previous inning or was declared to be the starting pitcher to the home plate umpire if this is the top of the first inning.

a) The temporary runner may be any available player of the same gender as the pitcher on the team's roster.

b) A temporary runner will not be counted as a courtesy runner, if in use.

**NOTE:** Refusal to use a temporary runner shall result in the pitcher being declared out.

### NEW RULE: Rule 5, Sec 10

**HOME RUN LIMITS:** (any ball clearly over the fence in fair territory, regardless of being touched or deflected)

a) Five (5) and one up

**NOTE I:** The one up rule is in effect only after both teams have reached their home run limit.

Once both teams have reached their home run limit, either team may hit an additional home run, however, no team may ever go more than one home run up on the other team. Any additional home runs above the one up will be scored an out.

**EXCEPTION:** If the visiting team is even or up one home run on the home team in the bottom of the last inning or any extra innings, the home team may hit only one home run in that inning.

### Rule 5, Sec 11

**ANY BALL** clearly over the fence in fair territory, regardless of being touched or deflected, exceeding a team's home run limit, will be scored as an out.

**NOTE I:** Any batted ball that clearly goes over the fence in fair territory, regardless of being touched or deflected, shall be considered a home run against the team's home run total.

**NOTE II:** Once a home run has been declared by the home plate umpire, all runners may proceed to their dugout and a run will be scored for each runner.

### Rule 5, Sec 12

**ANY BALL ASSISTED OVER THE FENCE** BY a defensive player in fair territory before striking the ground, shall not be included in the total of over the fence home runs. This is a four-base award.

**NOTE:** Once a four-base award has been declared by the home plate umpire all runners may proceed to their dugout and a run will be scored for each runner.

