

Rule 1.00

Section 1.00, entitled Objectives of the Game, the Playing Field, Equipment, briefly describes the objectives in a very general manner. More specific objectives are enumerated in Sections 4.00 and 5.00.

Essentially, this section establishes specifications for the playing field, uniforms and the implements of play. This sheet seeks to highlight some of those most applicable to your administering the rules. Do not get bogged down in tedious detail and memorising a lot of numbers. Develop a general idea of this section and remember where to look for technical information when you need it.

OBJECTIVES (1.01 / 1.02 / 1.03)

General Objectives:

- 1.01 Baseball is a game between _____ teams of _____ players each ... under jurisdiction of _____ or _____ umpires. (No mention of DH in Section 1.00)
- 1.02 The objective of each team is to win by _____ than the opponent.
(Companion Rule: 4.09. How a Team Scores)
- 1.03 The winner of the game shall be that team which shall have scored ... more runs at the conclusion of a _____ game. (Companion Rule: 4.10 and 4.11)

In Section 5.00, we are given more specific objectives – the objectives of the pitcher, the offensive team and the defensive team:

Rule 5.03 The Pitcher shall deliver the pitch to the batter who may elect to _____ or _____.

Rule 5.04 The offensive team's objective is to have its batter become a _____, and its VVVV.

Rule 5.05 The defensive team's objective is to prevent offensive players from becoming _____, and to prevent their _____ around the bases.

THE PLAYING FIELD

1.04/ Diagrams 1, 2 and 3

The INFIELD is a _____

The PREFERRED DISTANCE along the foul lines is _____

The PREFERRED DISTANCE to centre field is _____

The HEIGHT OF PITCHER'S PLATE shall be _____

Describe the DEGREE OF SLOPE of the pitcher's mound.

Who determines the size and shape of the GRASSED and BARE AREAS of the playing field?

The DISTANCE BETWEEN HOME PLATE AND SECOND BASE is _____

The DISTANCE BETWEEN HOME PLATE AND THE PITCHER'S PLATE is _____.

What are the REFERENCE POINTS for measuring this distance?

How wide is the RUNNER'S LANE?

Where does the RUNNER'S LANE begin?

Where does the RUNNER'S LANE end?

What is the purpose of the RUNNER'S LANE?

What are the DIMENSIONS OF THE BATTER'S BOX?

Illustrate with a diagram where the batter's boxes are situated in relation to home plate:

What is the LENGTH OF THE CATCHER'S BOX? _____ What is its WIDTH?

What is the RADIUS OF THE PITCHER'S MOUND? _____

Is the PITCHER'S RUBBER placed exactly in the centre of the mound? _____

What are the DIMENSIONS of the RUBBER? _____

RUDIMENTS OF PLAY

Home Base (Plate)

What is the width of home plate? _____

What is the depth of home plate? _____

Pitcher's Rubber

To determine the proper distance of 60' 6", where do you measure from?

Bases

What is the distance from one base to the next? _____

Do you measure to the front, back or middle of the base in establishing the proper location of the base?

What are the dimensions of a base? _____

Where are the first and third base bags?

- (a) In foul territory aligned touching the foul line.

- (b) In fair territory aligned touching the foul line
- (c) Centred on the foul line.

EQUIPMENT

Baseball

What material is used in the centre of a baseball?

What is used to wrap around this centre?

What two materials may be used for the cover?

What is the weight tolerance?

What is the circumference tolerance?

Bat (Companion Rule: 6.06 d)

What material does the rule book stipulate must be used to make a bat?

If both managers agree, is it possible to use bats made of a metal alloy?

What is the maximum length allowed? _____

What is the minimum length allowed? _____

What is the maximum legal diameter? _____

What is the minimum legal diameter? _____

What is the maximum legal weight (in ounces)? _____

Is there a minimum legal weight? _____

What is meant by a "cupped" bat?