

Arizona Men's Senior Baseball League Amended Rules – 65 Division

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Rule 4. AGE REQUIREMENTS:

d). For 2024, all NEW players to the division must be 62 during the calendar year. For 2025, NEW players must be 63 and so on until year 2027 when all NEW players must be 65.

8. COURTESY RUNNERS

8.1 Courtesy Runners are allowed to be used in a line-up. Each team is permitted (3) three courtesy runners per game. Under certain circumstances a team may qualify for more than three Courtesy Runners (see 8.2 below). The Courtesy Runners must be designated prior to the start of the game during the exchange of the line-ups by players name or playing positions.

8.2 Additional Courtesy Runners are available on an age basis. Any player in the batting order, over the age of 70, regardless of the Age Division, is eligible to receive a courtesy runner. This is in addition to the three allowed per team. These players over the age of 70 must be identified to the opposing manager at the start of the game if the manager wants to claim the Additional Courtesy Runner for this player.

Rule 9. BATTING LINE-UP:

Rule 9.3 and 9.4 are eliminated, and the following is put in its place;

9.3 Regular rules of baseball will apply, except that the two opposing managers must agree before the game to NOT allow stealing, then rule 9.5 below will apply. This will be applied on a game-by-game basis and the opposing managers must **AGREE**.

IF BOTH MANAGERS AGREE TO SUSPEND STEALING. THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

9.5 Straight stealing of bases is not allowed so long as the pitcher pitches from the stretch position.

9.5.a If a pitcher pitches from the wind-up stealing is allowed. Pitchers must pitch from the stretch if the no stealing is to be enforced.

9.5.b If there is a pick-off attempt stealing is allowed and runner may advance 1 base at their own risk.

9.5.c If the ball goes outside of the 8-ft. circle at home plate, runners may advance 1 base at their own risk of being tagged out.

9.5.d If the throwback to the pitcher from the catcher is mishandled and leaves the pitching mound the runner may advance 1 base at their own risk of being tagged out.

9.5.e If a runner attempts to steal a base thinking the ball left the 8-ft. circle around home plate but in fact it did not, he/she must return to the previous base, while the play is live, and risks being tagged out. The runner that attempted to steal is only safe after returning to the base they came from.

IF BOTH MANAGERS AGREE TO ALLOW STEALING THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

10.1 Both teams are allowed to steal per the normal rules of baseball. Except for 10.2

10.2 Once either team has a lead of 7 or more runs, they must suspend stealing, "using the gentleman's rule". With a 7-run lead or more than all 9.5a-d rules are in effect.