

# **2018 Rock River League Rules**

## **COLLISIONS AT HOME PLATE**

- 1. A runner attempting to score may not deviate from his direct pathway to the plate in order to initiate contact with the catcher (or other player covering home plate). If, in the judgment of the Umpire, a runner attempting to score initiates contact with the catcher (or other player covering home plate) in such a manner, the Umpire shall declare the runner out (even if the player covering home plate loses possession of the ball). In such circumstances, the Umpire shall call the ball dead, and all other base runners shall return to the last base touched at the time of the collision.**

**Rule 7.13 Comment:** *The failure by the runner to make an effort to touch the plate, the runner's lowering of the shoulder, or the runner's pushing through with his hands, elbows or arms, would support a determination that the runner deviated from the pathway in order to initiate contact with the catcher in violation of Rule 7.13. If the runner slides into the plate in an appropriate manner, he shall not be adjudged to have violated Rule 7.13. A slide shall be deemed appropriate, in the case of a feet first slide, if the runner's buttocks and legs should hit the ground before contact with the catcher. In the case of a head first slide, a runner shall be deemed to have slid appropriately if his body should hit the ground before contact with the catcher.*

- 2. Unless the catcher is in possession of the ball, the catcher cannot block the pathway of the runner as he is attempting to score. If, in the judgment of the Umpire, the catcher without possession of the ball blocks the pathway of the runner, the Umpire shall**

**call or signal the runner safe. Notwithstanding the above, it shall not be considered a violation of this Rule 7.13 if the catcher blocks the pathway of the runner in order to field a throw, and the Umpire determines that the catcher could not have fielded the ball without blocking the pathway of the runner and that contact with the runner was unavoidable.**

3. *The fake to 3<sup>rd</sup>, throw to first pick off move is no longer allowed. Violation will result in a balk call. The league will follow the MLB intentional walk rule as the pitcher doesn't have to throw four balls to the batter.*
4. *10 minutes before game time will be utilized for lineup exchanges, ground rules, and any touch ups needed to get the field ready for game play.*
5. *Umpire rates will be \$80 for a 9 inning game per umpire.*  
***Payment to be made before game.***
6. *The Rock River League follows a 10 rule run rule after the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. The RRL also follows the high school rules of being able to DH for any starter and the re-entry rule where starters may re-enter one time in the spot in the batting order where they began the game.*
7. *We are NOT implementing the 6 visit MLB rule. We'll add that rule if we find it necessary. At this point, it's not an issue.*
8. *West Bend home games (only) require that base coaches wear a helmet. Please enforce this rule as this is a liability issue in West Bend.*