

Scoring Technical Bulletin

Subject: Dropped foul fly, Change lines for runners, Recording Temporary Runners SB_2020-1 v1.2

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Dropped foul fly

A dropped foul fly, which in the judgment of the scorer should have been caught with ordinary effort, is to be recorded as an error regardless of the outcome of the at-bat.

- This brings scoring practice into line with the official playing rules which state (Appendix 6 A.c.vi.1) that an error should be recorded “for each player who commits a misplay which prolongs the turn at bat of the batter”.
- This simplifies the scoring of such plays in iScore, so that there is no need to undo play once the at-bat is completed.
- The crossing out of the red fielder number if the batter is subsequently put out is no longer necessary, and the scoring manuals will be adjusted accordingly.

Change lines for runners

A runner who enters the game to replace another player on base is recorded with a change line at the base they initially occupy, together with a hook extending to the next base. This is illustrated in the example below.

CHANGES	POS.	LAST NAME	First Name	U N I	B A T	1	2	3
RE B3/5	3	McCREEDY	Sally	16	1	1		
T3/2	PR	STEWART	Danielle	2		5 - 3		-7
						. X .		X

Also, as shown, if the starting player is re-entered, then no vertical change line is drawn between the two innings. A vertical change line will only be drawn if the runner (a pinch runner) remains in the game. Some scorers may be in the habit of using the reverse convention, however:

- Reserving the use of the vertical lines for batting changes makes it easier to verify which plate appearances belong to which player.
- In the case of a Temporary Runner the above convention saves cluttering the scorebook with unnecessary change lines.

Recording Temporary Runners

In addition to drawing a change line as indicated above, use of a Temporary Runner should be recorded by:

- Inserting the uniform number of the runner in the UNI box of the catcher.
- In the NAME box of the catcher (or the CHANGES column if using the A3 Official Scoresheet), and adjacent to the runner's uniform number, writing "T" or "B" followed by the inning number and batter number; for example, T6/4 which represents Top of 6th inning, batter 4.
- Inserting TR in the POS. box of the catcher.
- Do not write the name of the TR in the name box unless it is the player's only appearance in the game.
- Inserting the temporary runner's uniform number in the scoreboard where they enter the game helps distinguish which player enters the game at which point.

Example 1 – Temporary runner used from the current line-up

CHANGES	POS.	LAST NAME	First Name	UNI	BAT	1	2	3	4	5	6
	2	LACK	Rachel	31		2 3	2 E6	3 3		2	3
T3/3	TR			85	1	= 9	= 8	-7		LD 7	K 2
						C. 5 . . 5	. C .	. 2			X . . C
	4	MOORE	Tahli	85		S 1	1 4 - 3	2 LD 6		3 LD 6	
					2	B 2 - 4					
								X . . C			

Example 2 – Two temporary runners used

CHANGES	POS.	LAST NAME	First Name	UNI	BAT	1	2	3	4	5	6
	2	LACK	Rachel	31		2 3	2 E6	3 3		5 2	3
T3/3 T5/3	TR			85	1	= 9	= 8	-7		-7	K 2
				5		C. 5 . . 5	. C .	. 2			X . . C
	4	MOORE	Tahli	85		S 1	1 4 - 3	2 LD 6			
					2	B 2 - 4				HPB	
								X . . C			

Example 3 – Two temporary runners used and a substitution

CHANGES	POS.	LAST NAME	First Name	U N I	B A T	1	2	3	4	5	6
	2	LACK	Rachel	31		2 3	2 E6	3 3		5 2	3 K 2
T3/3 T5/3	TR TR			85 5	1	= 9	= 8	-7		-7	
B5/7	2	TSITSIKRONIS	Taylah	65		C. 5 . . 5	. C .	. 2			X . . C
	4	MOORE	Tahli	85		S 1	1 4 - 3	2 LD 6			
					2	B 2 - 4				HPB	
								X . . C			

Notes:

The recording of uniform numbers in red is optional only

Any statistics that occur in relation to the temporary runner ie steal, run, caught stealing etc, are credited to the temporary runner, not the catcher

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