

North County MSBL 55+ Division NEW Rule Changes for Spring 2010.

National

--**Stealing bases:** Stealing is now allowed for all bases in the National Division only. Stealing home allowed only because it is allowed in MSBL national tournaments.

--**Put outs at first from outfield.** No one can be thrown out at first base on any ball that is safely and cleanly hit into the outfield to the right of second base. Batted balls that hit an infielder first then go out to the outfield then a runner may be tossed out at first. Runners can be put out at first on a throw from any outfielders clearly positioned to the left of second base. ***Umpires will make a safe or out call at first base on balls hit to the left of second base and fielded by an outfielder and a throw is made to first base. The home umpire will make a judgment call as to whether a batted ball is eligible for a play at first base from the left of second base by making the safe or out call or waiving off the play at first.

American:

--**Stealing:** No change in stealing rules. Reminder: No runner can steal second. OK to steal 3rd.

No stealing of home in American division.

--**Holding runners on:** Pitcher must go into stretch for no stealing rule to apply. If pitcher goes into full windup then runners may advance at own risk.

--**Passed Ball distance.** If a catcher drops a pitched ball on the ground then a base runner can attempt to advance at his risk.