

## New Pinch Runner Rule

All players needing runners will be identified prior to the game and be designated a substitute runner who will run for that player the entire game\*. The designated runner may only advance one base at a time\*\*. A player who does not have a designated runner but sustains an injury during the game may have a pinch runner selected by the manager. The pinch runner may advance only one base at a time\*\*. If a pinch runner is on base during his scheduled turn "at-bat", he will be called out and his position on the bases will be vacated.

\* The player needing a designated runner may waive his need for a designated runner at any time and run for himself. In which case he will not be subjected to the one base rule.

\*\*The designated runner or pinch runner may advance two bases on a ground rule double or score on a home run.

Exception - The run rule for players 80 and over remains unchanged. The designated runners for these players are not subject to the one base rule.

**Exception: Any player that reaches the age of 80 during the playing year (or is older) may request a designated runner at home plate while batting. The designated runner must be assigned prior to the start of the game and be indicated on the manager's line-up card. The pinch runner will be allowed to start "in the hole" at the designated area behind the catcher at home plate.**