

- before a forfeit will be declared for a late arrival by one of the teams; or
- refuses to continue play after the game has started; or
 - delays more than a reasonable amount of time in resuming play, or in obeying the umpire's order to remove a player for violation of the rules; or
 - persists in tactics designed to delay or shorten the game; or
 - willfully and persistently violates any of the rules after being warned by the umpire; or
 - is unable to provide at least nine players to start the game or cannot provide eight players to finish the game; or

NOTES:

- An out will be called each time that spot in the batting order comes to bat. If the offensive player must be substituted for after reaching base, the most recent batter not on base is allowed to run for that player.
- A team playing with fewer than nine players may return to nine players.
- on its home field, fails to comply with the umpire's order to put the field in condition for play.

ART. 2 . . . Score of a forfeited game is 7 to 0 except if the game is forfeited after the number of innings required for a regulation game and the offending team is behind. Then the score remains as recorded. If the offending team is leading, the score shall be 7 to 0.

SECTION 5 PROTESTED GAME

It is optional on the part of a state association as to whether protests are permitted. When allowed, protests are permitted regarding rules one through nine only. When protests are submitted to organizations which do allow the filing, such protest must be submitted using a prescribed procedure (10-2-3i). All individual and team averages shall be included in the official records, except that no pitcher shall be credited with a victory or charged with a loss in such a game, if the game is not regulation.

Rule **5** *Dead Ball — Suspension of Play*

SECTION 1 DEAD BALL

ART. 1 . . . Ball becomes dead immediately when:

- a pitch touches a batter or his clothing (8-1-1d), a runner (8-3-1a);
 - The ball becomes dead even though the batter strikes at it (8-1-1d).
- the ball is illegally batted (7-3-2 and 7-4-1a) or is intentionally struck a second time with the bat as in 8-4-1d;
- the batter enters the batter's box with an illegal bat;
- a foul ball (2-16-1):
 - touches any object other than the ground or any person other than a fielder; or