



Extra-Inning Rule (to be added to the IBAF Competition Norms):

If the game remains tied after the completion of ten (10) innings, the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings:

- Each team will begin the 11th inning (and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a player on first and second, no outs.
- To begin the 11th inning, representatives from each team will meet at home plate and will indicate (at the same time) to the home plate umpire where the team wishes to begin the batting order. That is, the teams have the option of beginning the 11th inning anywhere in the existing batting order that was in effect when the 10th inning ended. Note that this is not a new lineup (just potentially a different order), and it may very well be the same lineup that ended the game. The rationale for doing so is to ensure that both teams have an equal chance at having what they consider to be their best hitters and base runners in a position to score in the 11th inning.
- For example, if the team decides to have the #1 hitter in the lineup hit first, then the #8 hitter will be placed at 2B and the #9 hitter will be placed at 1B. Furthermore, if the team decides to have the #3 hitter in the lineup hit first, then the #1 hitter would be at 2B and the #2 hitter would be at 1B.
- Once those players/runners are determined for the 11th inning, the order of any subsequent innings will be determined by how the previous inning ended. That is, if the 11th inning ends with the #6 hitter having the last official at bat, then the 12th inning begins the #7 hitter at bat, and the #5 hitter at 2B and the #6 hitter at first base.
- With the exception of beginning the inning with runners on 1B and 2B with no one out, all other "Official Rules of Baseball" and "IBAF Competition Norms" will remain in effect during extra-innings required to determine a winner.
- No player re-entry is permitted during extra innings.
- The traditional system of the visiting team hitting in the top of the inning and the home team hitting in the bottom of the inning will remain in effect until a winner is determined.