

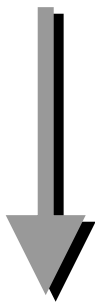
Rule 6.07 - Batting Out of Turn

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Improper Batter Comes to Bat



Improper Batter Completes the Time at Bat



Improper Batter Becomes Legalized At the time of:

- ▶ Next Pitch to next batter
- ▶ Any Play *
- ▶ Any Attempted Play *

During this period, on any Appeal by either team:

- No out is recorded.
- Proper batter replaces improper batter and assumes the current ball/strike count.
- **NOTE:** During this period, any scoring or advancing of base runners by any action *other than the improper batter becoming a base runner*, is legal and will stand regardless of subsequent actions below.
(Examples: runner advancing on a stolen base or a balk will stand.)

At this point, an Appeal may only be made by the defensive team.
(Example: offense cannot undo a double play by appealing an improper batter.)

On a successful appeal:

- The results of the improper batter's time at bat are cancelled.
- All runners return to the base they occupied prior to the last pitch.
- The proper batter is ruled out, (*not the improper batter*).
- The batter now due is the player who follows the proper batter who was just ruled out. (*Yes, this could be the player who just batted improperly.*)

- When an improper batter becomes legalized, it is too late to appeal any earlier batter. All at bat results stands.
- Batter now due is the batter who follows the batter just legalized.
- Legalization does not change the Official batting order.

NOTE: If, because of an improper batter becoming legalized, a batter now due to bat is on base, he is passed over and the batter following the now due batter becomes the proper batter.

* A play or attempt not in conjunction with or a continuing action of the play resulting from improper batter's at bat.

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