

2025 Codger D1 Division Rule Changes:

- Falmouth Heights Outfield "Fence":
 - Balls hit over or under the RF fence at the Heights will be a ground rule double.
 - We will not use a low 2' to 3' portable screen behind the low fence in RF.
 - A curved chalk line from RCF to the LF line will be used to determine if a hit ball is a Home Run or ground rule double. If a ball is hit over that chalk line, it is a Home Run. If it rolls past the chalk line, it is a ground rule double. We will use cones placed from RCF to the LF line to outline the chalk line.
- There will not be a 2B veer rule, nor a 3B veer rule. We agreed that the runners will run through both bases.
- The fielder cannot block the bag. Interference will be called. There will be limited tag plays between bases. All other plays will be force-outs. The fielders at 2B and 3B will defend the base as a first baseman, with limited touching of the corner or side of the bag only, to allow the runner access to the bag.
- There will be commit lines between 1B and 2B, 2B and 3B, and 3B and Home Plate. If the runner passes the commit line and the fielder blocks the base without the ball, the batter will be called safe.
- The commit line will be 20 feet from the next base. Once a runner has passed the commit line there must be a force play to get the runner out. Tag plays by the fielder to get the runners out will not be allowed once the runner passes the commit line. This applies to 2B, 3B, and home base.
- Prior to the start of the game, the coaches of both teams will notify the umpire which players require pinch runners from home plate. The status of those players could change during the game if players are injured during the game.
- Runners can be thrown out at any base from the outfield.
- The pinch runner rule is that the batter making the last out is the pinch runner (providing that batter is an available runner)
- If a batter begins with a 1:1 count, and has 2 strikes, the 1st foul ball (normally strike 3, and an out) hit by the batter will be given a courtesy pitch or pitches and not called out. Any subsequent foul ball or strike would be an out.
- A batter can have one foot off the mat when the batter strikes the ball.