

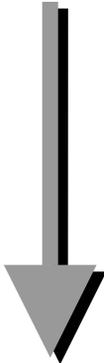
# Rule 6.07 - Batting Out of Turn

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## Improper Batter Comes to Bat



## Improper Batter Completes the Time at Bat



## Anytime after:

- Next Pitch to next batter (either team)
- 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 by the improper batter batting the ball or becoming a runner, is legal and will stand regardless of subsequent actions below. (Examples: runner advancing by 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 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.)

**NOTE:** If, because of an improper batter(s) 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.

- The improper batter's has now been legalized. It is too late to appeal any earlier batter. The result of his time at bat stands.
- The batter now due is the player who follows the player just legalized.

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

This diagram/flowchart, when used in conjunction with the Official Baseball Rules version of rule 6.07, will help the reader to memorize, retain and understand this often confused rule.

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