

## Classic Baseball International Tie-Breaker format

### International Extra-Inning Rule:

If the game remains tied after the completion of seven (7) innings, the following procedures will be

Implemented during extra innings:

- Each team will begin the 8<sup>th</sup> inning (and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a player on first and second, no outs.

- To begin the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8th inning anywhere in the existing batting Order that was in effect when the 7<sup>th</sup> inning ended. Note that this is not a new lineup (Only potentially a different starting point in their 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> inning, the order of any subsequent Innings will be determined by how the previous inning ended. That is, if the 8<sup>th</sup> inning ends with

The #6 hitter having the last official at bat, then the 9<sup>th</sup> 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.