

Steve's wording.

Explanation of the batting out of order rule.

In the top of the 2nd Inning batter 5 Roberts is the leadoff batter. Batter 7 Swan walks into the batter's box next. He takes 2 pitches 1 ball and 1 strike. The scorer then says to batter 6 Black that he/she should be batting not Swan. The fielding team calls time and asks the umpire for batting out of order. The umpire works out that it is the incorrect batter in the box. All he does is gets batter 6 Black to come into the batter's box and batter 7 Swan goes and sits down. Batter 6 Black will assume the 1 ball and 1 strike count that was on batter 7. The game continues without any penalty.

Two innings later batter 2 Smith leads off the batting and gets a safe hit and is at 1st base. Batter 4 Green comes up next and hits the first pitch and gets safe to 1st. The fielding team now appeal to the umpire for batting out of order. The umpire has a look and says yes they are correct. He then applies the batting out of order penalty which is the batter who should have batted (in this example that is batter 3 Jones) is called out and all actions that resulted from batter 4 Green getting on base are nullified and everyone on base will return to the base held when Green came to bat. The next batter up will be the batter who follows the batter given out. So in this example batter 4 Green will come back to the batter's box and start his/her turn at bat again.

If the fielding team had come to the umpire for batting out of order after a pitch had been delivered to the next batter in this case batter 5 Roberts then all actions from the previous incorrect batter batting will stand and the game goes on without any penalty. Batter 3 Jones would just miss out on a turn at bat in this innings.

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It is a little more complex than that!

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Example 1

Before Batter has completed his turn at bat.

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Example 2

After Batter has completed his turn at bat – with next batter after proper batter batting.

Two innings later batter 2 Smith leads off the batting and gets a safe hit and is at 1st base. Batter 4 Green comes up next and hits the first pitch and gets safe to 1st. The fielding team now appeal to the umpire for batting out of order. The umpire has a look and says yes they are correct. He then applies the batting out of order penalty which is the batter who should have batted (in this example that is batter 3 Jones) is called out and all actions that resulted from batter 4 Green getting on base are nullified and everyone on base will return to the base

held when Green **became a Batter-Runner**. The next batter up will be the batter who follows the batter given out. So in this example Batter 4 Green will come back to the batter's box and start his/her turn at bat again.

Had Batter 4 Green not made 1st base safely, and the fielding team now appeal to the umpire for batting out of order. The umpire has a look and says yes they are correct. He then applies the batting out of order penalty which is the batter who should have batted (in this example that is Batter 3 Jones) is called out and all actions that resulted from batter 4 Green getting out, are nullified and everyone on base will return to the base held when Green **became a Batter-Runner**. The next batter up would normally be the batter who follows the batter given out. **But** in this example, **as Batter 4 Green had been called out, Batter 5 Roberts** will come to the batter's box.

If the fielding team had of come to the umpire for batting out of order after a pitch had been delivered to the next batter in this case batter 5 Roberts then all actions from the previous incorrect batter batting will stand and the game goes on without any penalty. Batter 3 Jones would just miss out on a turn at bat in this innings.

Example 3

After Batter has completed his turn at bat – with next batter after proper batter batting, and runner on base steals base(s).

Two innings later Batter 2 Smith leads off the batting and gets a safe hit and is at 1st base. Batter 4 Green comes up next, **on the next pitch, he takes a ball count with Smith stealing to 2nd**, and then **he hits the next pitch** and gets safe to 1st. The fielding team now appeal to the umpire for batting out of order. The umpire has a look and says yes they are correct. He then applies the batting out of order penalty which is the batter who should have batted (in this example that is Batter 3 Jones) is called out and all actions that resulted from Batter 4 Green getting on base are nullified and everyone on base will return to the base held when Green **became a Batter-Runner**, (ie Smith returns to 2nd). The next batter up will be the batter who follows the batter given out. So in this example Batter 4 Green will come back to the batter's box and start his/her turn at bat again.

Had Batter 4 Green not made 1st base safely, and the fielding team now appeal to the umpire for batting out of order. The umpire has a look and says yes they are correct. He then applies the batting out of order penalty which is the batter who should have batted (in this example that is Batter 3 Jones) is called out and all actions that resulted from Batter 4 Green getting out, are nullified and everyone on base will return to the base held when Green **became a Batter-Runner** (ie Smith returns to 2nd). The next batter up would normally be the batter who follows the batter given out. **But** in this example, **as Batter 4 Green had been called out, Batter 5 Roberts will come to the batter's box**.

If the fielding team had of come to the umpire for batting out of order after a pitch had been delivered to the next batter in this case batter 5 Roberts then all actions from the previous incorrect batter batting will stand and the game goes on without any penalty. Batter 3 Jones would just miss out on a turn at bat in this innings.

Example 4

After Batter has completed his turn at bat – batter further down list bats out of order.

Two innings later batter 2 Smith leads off the batting and gets a safe hit and is at 1st base.

Batter 7 Swan comes up next and hits the first pitch and gets safe to 1st. The fielding team now appeal to the umpire for batting out of order. The umpire has a look and says yes they are correct. He then applies the batting out of order penalty which is the batter who should have batted (in this example that is Batter 3 Jones) is called out and all actions that resulted from Batter 7 Swan getting on base are nullified Roberts is removed from 1st and everyone on base will return to the base held when Swan **became a Batter-Runner**. The next batter up

will be the batter who follows the batter given out. So in this example Batter 4 Green will come to the batter's box, followed by Batter 5 Roberts.

Had Batter 7 Swan not made 1st base safely, and the fielding team now appeal to the umpire for batting out of order. The umpire has a look and says yes they are correct. He then applies the batting out of order penalty which is the batter who should have batted (in this example that is Batter 3 Jones) is called out and all actions that resulted from Batter 7 Swan getting out, are nullified and everyone on base will return to the base held when Roberts **became a Batter-Runner**. The next batter up will be the batter who follows the batter given out. So in this example Batter 4 Green will come to the batter's box, followed by Batter 5 Roberts, Batter 6 Black, **then Batter 8 Henry**.

As **Batter 7 Swan** had been called out, **Swan will not come to the batter's box until after Batter 6 Black has batted again**.

If the fielding team had of come to the umpire for batting out of order after a pitch had been delivered to the next batter in this case Batter 8 Henry, then all actions from the previous incorrect batter batting will stand and the game goes on without any penalty. Batter 3 Jones, Batter 4 Green, Batter 5 Roberts and Batter 6 Black would just miss out on a turn at bat in this innings.

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