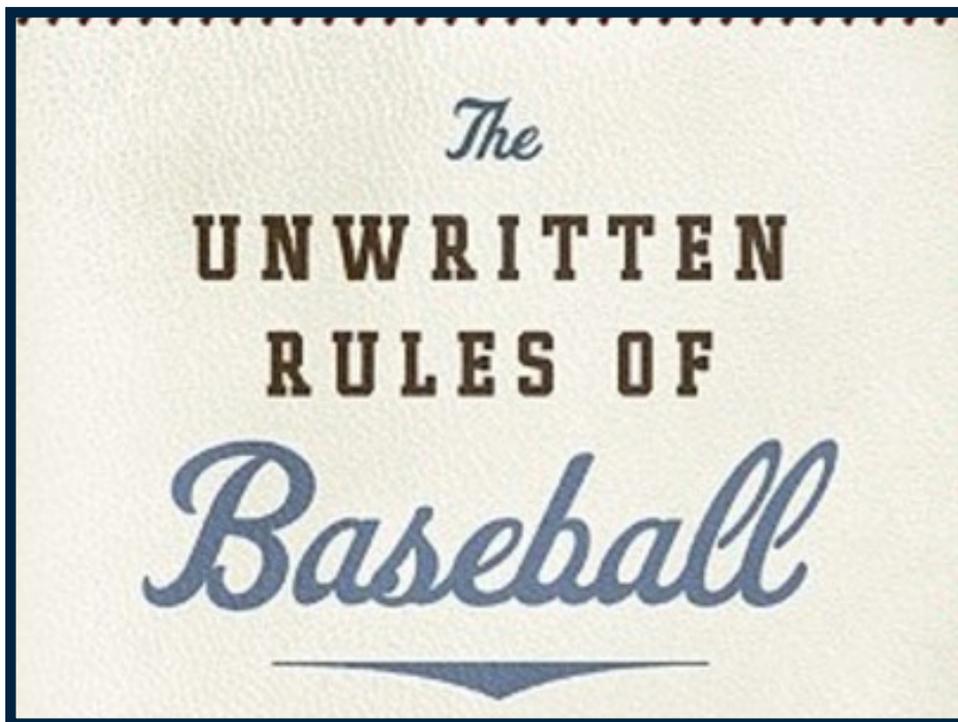


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UNWRITTEN RULES OF BASEBALL



Baseball is a traditional sports mainly since it's been around for centuries. Since the beginnings of baseball in the 19th century, players have adopted **unwritten rules** about how to behave during the game. The unwritten rules of baseball are a set of unspoken rules in baseball that some players and managers follow. The rules often concern gamesmanship and not disrespecting players on the opposing team, but as the rules are unwritten, and in many cases vague, the interpretation is left to the players involved. The rules are meant to establish certain behavioral thresholds for **sportsmanship**. Though some rules are universal, they are not always enforced in an equal way. Certain players are given more leeway than others, especially veteran home run hitters who take time admiring their home runs.

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For the Batter:

- Do not bunt to break up a no-hitter
- Do not swing on a 3-0 count when your team is comfortably ahead
- Do not spend your time admiring a home run you hit
- Do not steal bases if your team is ahead by a significant amount
- Do not work the count if your team is winning or losing by a significant amount
- Do not walk in front of a catcher or umpire when walking to the batter's box
- Do not stand in the home plate circle when the pitcher is warming up
- Do not speak to a pitcher who is in the process of throwing a no-hitter



Akil Baddoo celebrates with the signature "Shooting the Arrow" after hitting a home run

For the Pitcher:

- A pitcher who is removed from the game in the middle of an inning must stay in the dugout until the end of the inning
- A pitcher should not indicate displeasure if one of his fielders commits an error

For the Fans:

- Do not discuss a perfect game/no-hitter that is currently in progress

Remember, as times are changing, the gameplay evolves with it too. In 2018 MLB launched a marketing campaign called "Let the Kids Play", which explicitly criticized the unwritten rules concerning bat flips and player celebrations. MLB began embracing bat flips, promoting them to fans on social media. So, remember, these are unwritten and unspoken rules. These rules are meant to promote common courtesy and sportsmanship during gameplay and not meant to be followed explicitly.