



"Price Delivery" Rule Interpretation

Price is not being asked to alter his mechanics, but because of the umpires' concerns about being properly able to identify whether he is working from a full windup or a set position, he will need to declare one way or the other. There are different rules in place for pitchers according to whether they are working from a full windup or from a set position. The rule -- which could be called the Price Rule -- is detailed in this way: If a pitcher takes the rubber and his back foot is parallel to the mound and his other foot is in front, it is assumed he is in the set position and he will stop. This does not matter with no runners on or runners on first and second. But when there is a runner on third, pitchers need to inform the umpires if they are going to stand that way and not stop -- i.e., pitch out of the full windup.

- An addition to Rule 5.07 stipulates that a pitcher may not take a second step toward home plate with either foot or otherwise reset his pivot foot in his delivery of the pitch. If there is at least one runner on base, such an action will be called a balk under Rule 6.02(a). If the bases are unoccupied, then it will be considered an illegal pitch under Rule 6.02(b). This adaptation would appear to be a response to Padres reliever [Carter Capps](#)' unusual and controversial hop-step delivery.
- An amendment to Rule 5.03 requires base coaches to position themselves behind the line of the coach's box closest to home plate and the front line that runs parallel to the foul line prior to each pitch. A base coach may leave the coach's box to signal a player once a ball is in play, provided that the coach does not interfere with the play.