

INTER-ATHLETIC



COUNCIL of OFFICIALS

AFFILIATIONS

National Affiliation's

National Federation of State High School Associations

ASA/USA Softball - TeamUSA.org

USSSA - United States Specialty Sports Association

National Member Organizations - USA Baseball

Local Officials Associations

<http://ihsa.org/Officials/ResourcesforOfficials/OfficialsAssociations.aspx>

Athletic Officials Association

Athletic Officials Service

BBY Sports Academy

Central Officials Association

Chicago Catholic Umpire Association

Elgin Area Officials Association

Fox Valley Blues Umpires Association

Great Lakes Officials Association

Illinois Independent Umpires

Illinois Officials Association

Local Officials Associations

Inter-Athletic Council of Officials

Metropolitan Officials Association

Rock River Officials Association

Rock Valley Officials Association

South Central Basketball Officials Association

South Suburbs Officials Association

Southland Officials Association

Stateline Umpires Association

Suburban Umpires Association

Umpires Protective Association of Chicago

UMPS

White Pines Officials Association

Assignments

Schools or Conferences

Hire Assigners

May be associated with a LOA

OR

May be independent

Assignment Tools

Most Common Web based

arbitersports.com

<http://www.horizonwebref.com/>

<https://assignr.com/>

<http://fvbumpire.com/>

Assignment Tool Tricks

Learn how to use the system

Keep your availability calendar up to date

Don't BS the assigner

Check your email often

Accept or reject your assignments promptly

Write it down

Assignment Tool Tricks

Part 2

Verify today's assignment- yesterday

Know where you are going

**Confirm with the school and/ or assigner at
least a day in advance**



Log in

Welcome to the IHSA Schools & Officials Center


To log in, please type your user ID in the upper box and your password in the lower box, then click the button.

Forgot your password? You can [reset your password](#) via email.
SCHOOL PERSONNEL: If you don't know your ID or password, please contact your athletic director or AD's assistant.

Have a question about clinics or rules meetings or other Officials Center items?
Contact the [IHSA Officials Department](#).

The Schools & Officials Center is closed every morning between 3 and 4 am Central Time.

Please report problems to the [IHSA Technology Department](#)

Sport	Last Licensed	 Level, Years & Promotion Status	License Status	Last Part 1 Exam & Score	Last Rules Meeting	Last Clinic	State Series Availability	Ratings
Baseball	5/7/15	C--Certified 13 years submit promotion recommendation	OK	2/26/15 (96%) take Part 1 exam until 3/22	2/17/16 review rules video	clinic credit good thru 2/21/18 find clinic redeem credit	Boys 1A-2A: NO Boys 3A-4A: NO edit availability and contests	Power Rating & other ratings info
Softball	5/7/15	C--Certified 34 years submit promotion recommendation	OK	3/2/15 (96%) take Part 1 exam until 3/22	2/17/16 review rules video	clinic credit good thru 1/31/19 find clinic redeem credit	Girls 1A-2A: Yes Girls 3A-4A: Yes edit availability and contests	Power Rating & other ratings info

Log out

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OFFICIALS CENTER



ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Redeem Clinic Credit

Type the key you received at the **Boys Baseball** clinic. Type it exactly as it appears on your label.

Clinic key

[Redeem credit for this clinic](#)

How do I Get Paid?

Most High School games are paid by the schools

Most will require a voucher and will need a W-9 on file

- **At the game site**
- **Send you a check**

Summer ball

By the LOA or assigner

Maybe a check at the site

Good assigners or LOA who pay will send a 1099 if over \$600 a

Taxes

Good assigners or LOA who pay will send a 1099 if over \$600 a year

Keep track of everything

Mileage

Expenses

Purchases

YOUR SAFETY and HEALTH

How to Handle Heat

Major considerations

Fluid intake- Primarily water but a good sport drink is also helpful. Some say 3 waters to 1 sport drink. Reduce caffeine and alcohol intake. Start drinking early and continue throughout the day.

Dress- Use a tee shirt to draw the perspiration from your body. Most veteran officials use a under armor like shirt and many use expansion shorts or full length undergarment to act as a wick under their equipment.

Shade- Get out of the sun when you can to give your body a chance to recover

Eat- Get a meal before the day begins- Breakfast and start your fluid intake then

Game Day

Know where and when

Alternate routes

Where is the field?

Where should you park?

Where is the field in relation to the parking lot?

Do you have all your gear?

Be in the parking lot at least 20 minutes before game time

Vernon Township Fields (Vernon Hills)

Take Buckley Road (Route 137) West to Milwaukee Ave (Route 21). Follow Route 21 South to Route 45. Turn Right, (North West) to West Port Clinton Road. Turn Left and follow it past the railroad tracks to Main Street. Turn Left (South) on Main and follow it to the Fields which are on the Right.



Weather Issues

Rain/ Snow

Wind

Lightening- Thunder

Wet ground

Thor Guard

All Clear

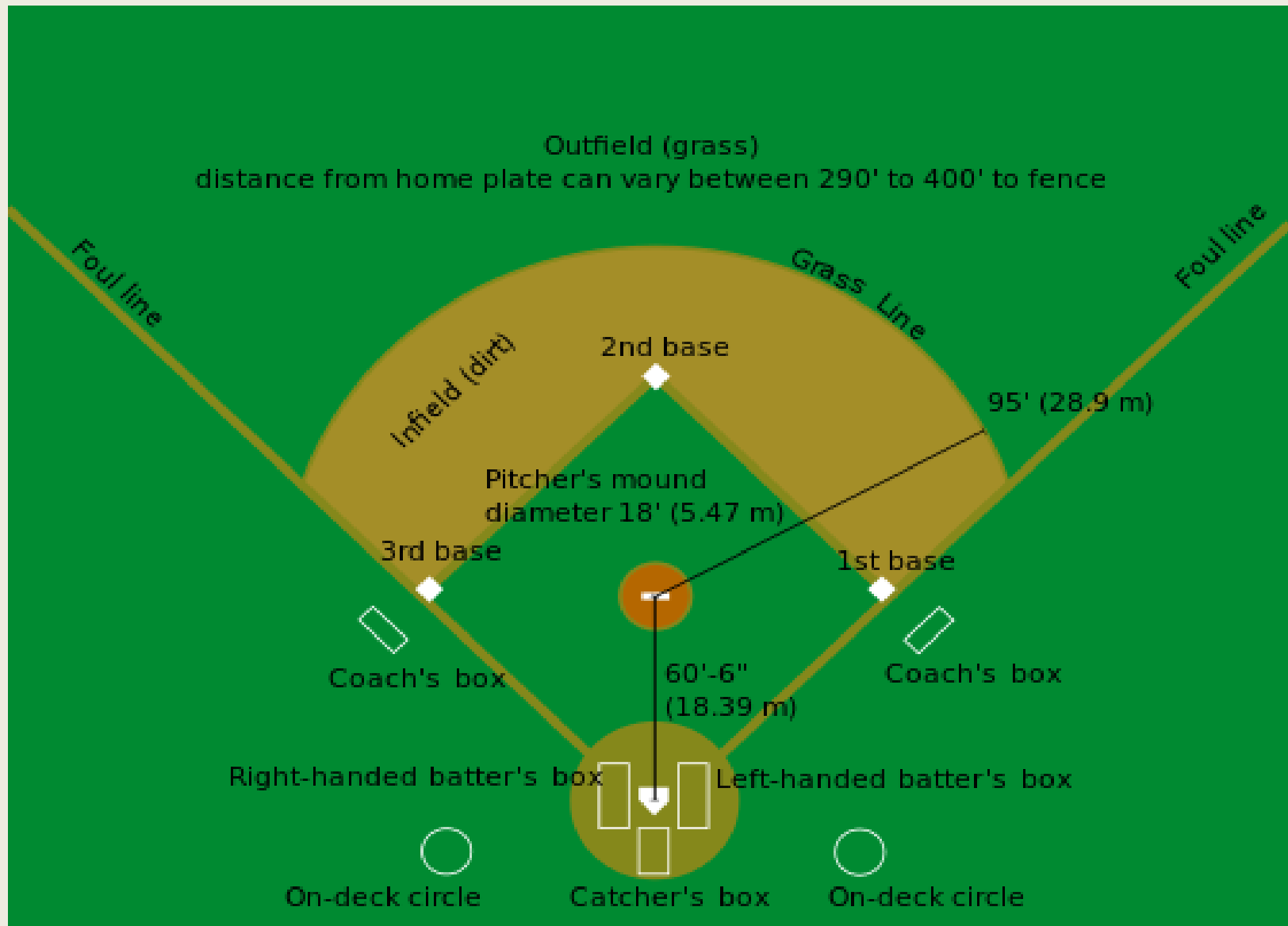
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Pre Game Procedures

- Arrive at game site- 20 -30 before game time
- Go to the field somewhat dressed
- Advise the Home Head Coach of your presence
- Return to your vehicle and get dressed

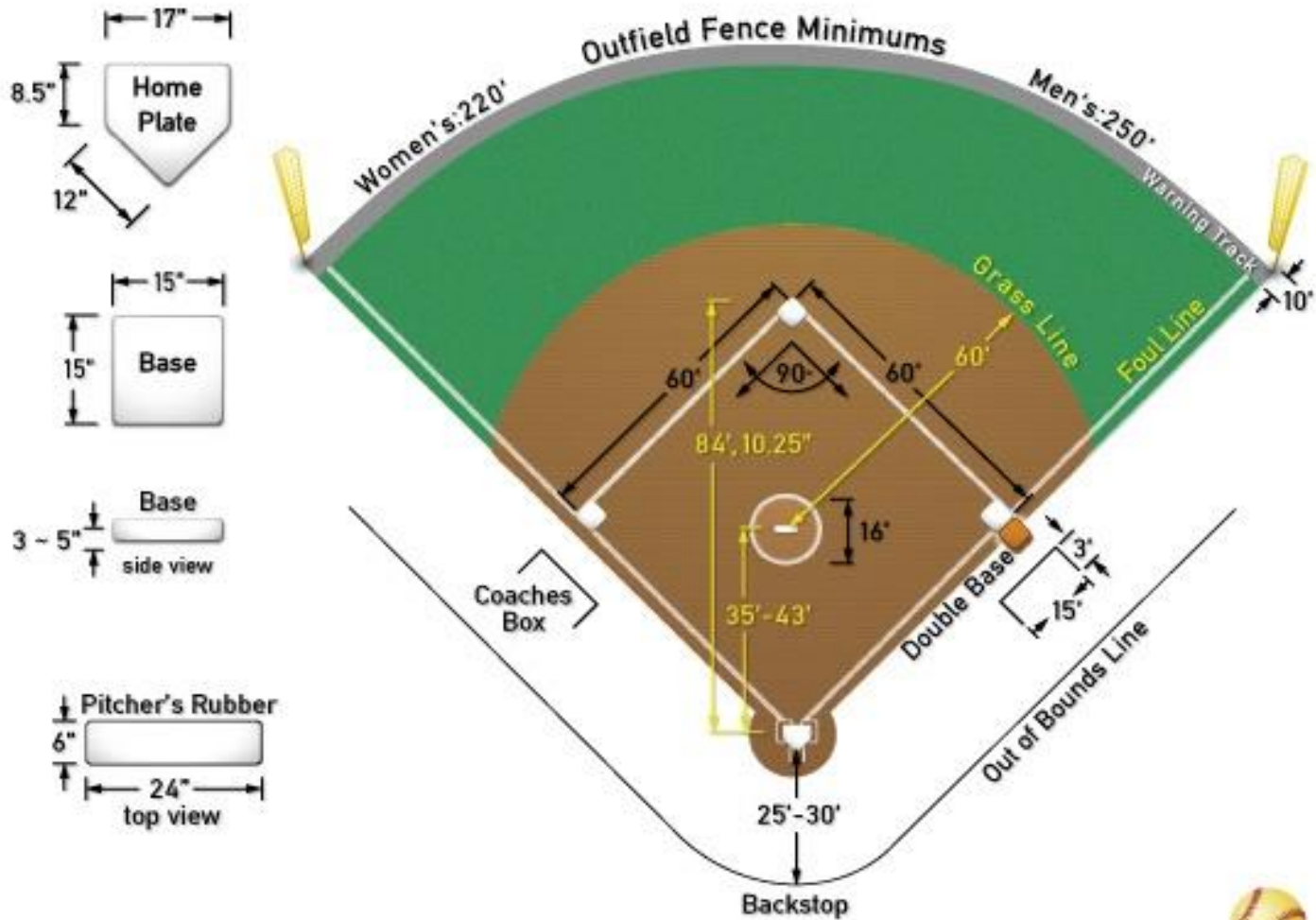
Pre Game Procedures

- Go to the field, Home side preferred
- Walk around fence line look for
 - Holes, water faucets, holes in fence
 - Trees, bushes, stands
 - Dugouts, benches and facings



The Field

Softball



Pre Game Procedures

- 5 minutes before game time
 - Call both head coaches (Required) and captains (optional) to Home Plate
 - Introduce self (Plate take the lead)
 - Take note of how the coach introduces themselves
 - Exchange Line up cards (Dp/Flex) (DH) (EP)
 - “Are Your Players Properly Equipped in accordance with the rules?”

Pre Game Procedures

- Ask Home Coach to go over Ground Rules (verify issues from your earlier walk around)
- Dead Ball Areas
- Who is the official scorekeeper?
- Special Rules not in the rule book
 - Time limits
 - Run Rules (Inning Maximum)
 - Are we using the Infield Fly Rule?

Pre Game Procedures

- Good Sportsmanship is expected
- Good Luck to both teams
- Lets play ball

- Make sure you have game balls in your bag
- Softball at least 2- Baseball at least 3

Game Management

- Voice and Hand control
 - Appropriate
 - Rhythm
- How long will you Listen?
 - Bench- Coaching box- Fans

Post Game reports

Tricky Rules

- Infield Fly
- Blocked Ball
- Obstruction-Interference
- Base Awards

Infield Fly

Baseball- NF 2-19

Softball- NF 2-30

- Situation-

- Less than 2 out

- runners at 1st and 2nd

Infield Fly

- A fly ball that in the judgment of the umpire- can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort

- Umpire declares- “INFIELD FLY IF FAIR”

Ball is live

Batter is out

Runners advance at their own risk

Ball Out of Play

Baseball- NF 5-1-1g

Softball- NF 2-2-3 (Blocked ball)

- A live ball that is batted, thrown or pitched in an out of play area
- A live ball touched by a spectator or lodges in players, catchers or umpire equipment
- DEAD BALL immediately

Dead Ball

- How did it become DEAD?
 - Batted
 - Thrown- 2 Base Award
 - Pitched- 1 Base Award
 - Interfered with by spectator or umpire- Umpire judgment- at least 1 base from the infraction

Baseball- NF 5-1-1

Softball- NF 5-1-1

Base Awards

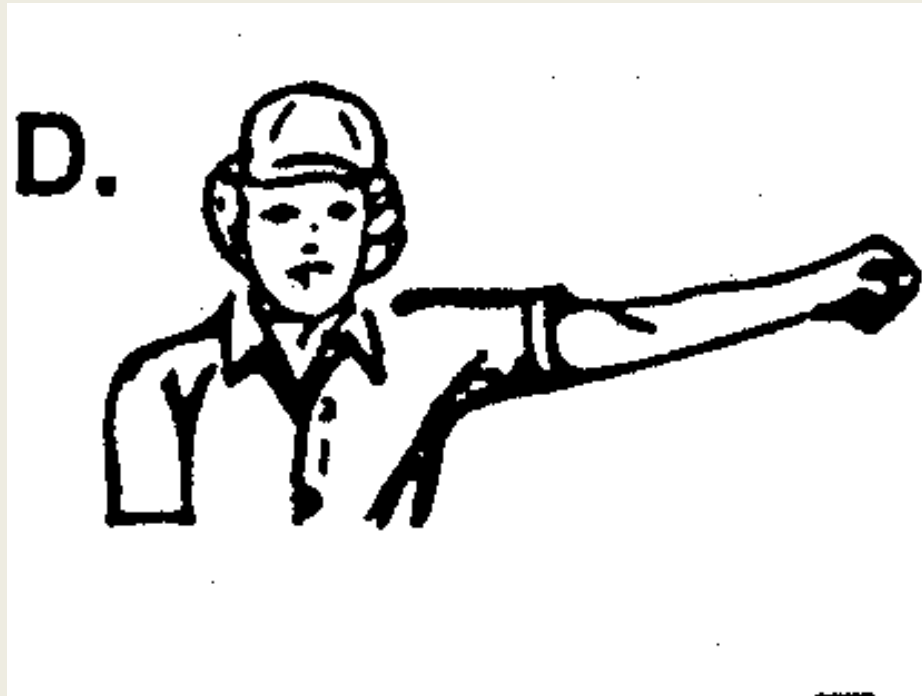
- Baseball Base Awards-
 - NF- 8-2
- Softball Base Awards
 - NF 8-1-1

Delayed Dead Ball

- Delayed Dead Ball
 - Why may it be used?

What is the signal?

- **When the obstruction occurs- Signal a DELAYED DEAD BALL- (Ball stays alive)**



Obstruction- Baseball

Baseball NF 2-22

Art. 1- Obstruction is an act (Intentional or Unintentional, as well as physical or verbal) by a fielder, any member of the defensive team or its team personnel that hinders a runner or changes the pattern of play as in 5-1-3 and 8-3-3; or when a catcher or fielder hinders a batter as in 5-1-2b, 8-1-1e, 8-3-2. When obstruction occurs, the ball becomes dead at the end of the playing action and the umpire has the authority to determine which base or bases shall be awarded the runners according to the rule violated (exceptions 8-4-2c, 8-4-2d)

Art. 2. a fake take is an act by a defensive player without the ball that simulates a tag. A fake tag is considered obstruction

Art.3. The fielder without possession of the ball denies access to the base runner is attempting to achieve.

Obstruction- Softball

Softball NF 2-36- Obstruction is the act of the defensive team that hinders or impedes a batter's attempt to make contact with a pitched ball or that impedes the progress of a runner or batter-runner who is legally running the bases, unless the fielder is in possession of the ball or is fielding a batted ball. The act may be intentional or unintentional, physical or verbal.

Ball

Block

Tag

Obstruction Includes

- **A Fielder**
 - **Not in possession of the ball**
 - **Not in the act of fielding a batted ball**
 - **Not about to received a thrown ball**
- **Impedes the progress of a runner or batter-runner who is legally running the bases**

- **If the obstructed runner is put out prior to reaching the base they would have reached had there not been obstruction, a dead ball is called and the obstructed runner and each other runner affected by the obstruction will be awarded the base or bases which would have been reached, IN THE UMPIRES JUDGEMENT, had there not been obstruction.**
- **An obstructed runner may not be called out between the two bases where obstructed.**

Exceptions:

- **When an obstructed runner, after the obstruction, safely obtains or returns to the base she would have been awarded, IN THE UMPIRES JUDGEMENT, had there been no obstruction and there is a subsequent play on a different runner, the obstructed runner is no longer protected between the bases where she was obstructed and put out.**

Point of Emphasis 1

- **Obstruction requires a clear defensive infraction**
- **Two separate and distinct conditions must occur before a violation has occurred.**
- **1. The first situation is that the defensive player cannot block a runners access to a base or base path without being in possession of the ball.**
- **2. The second is that, in order for an infraction to take place, the runner must be hindered or impeded.**
- **Both situations must occur**

Point of Emphasis 2

- **If a fielder is blocking a base without the ball and the runner has not yet been impeded in any fashion, such as she has not been slowed down or had her path altered, he/she has not been obstructed.**
- **As the play becomes imminent, if the fielder obtains the ball before the runner is hindered, no infraction has occurred.**

Point of Emphasis 3

- **If, as the play becomes imminent, the fielder's location limits the runner's access to a base or base path, and the fielder does not have the ball, obstruction should be called.**

Ball
Block

Tag

Point of Emphasis 4

- **Umpires must maintain proper positioning and stay attuned for any potential obstruction violations before focusing on the impending tag.**

Fake Tag

Definition- An act by a defensive player that simulates an attempt to tag a runner. Faking a tag is always considered Obstruction.

Interference- Baseball

NF Rule 2-21

Art. 1- Offensive Interference is an act (Physical or Verbal) by the team at bat:

- a. which interferes with, impedes, hinders or confuses any fielder attempting to make a play:**
- b. when a runner creates malicious contact with any fielder with or without the ball, in or out of the baseline**
- c. A coach physically assists a runner during playing action**

Art. 2- It is umpire interference when he inadvertently moves so as to hinder a catcher's attempt to throw, or a fair ball touches an umpire as in 5-1-1f or a thrown ball as in 5-1-1g

Art. 3. Spectator interference is an act by a spectator which impedes the progress of the game.

Interference- Softball

NF Rule 2-32

Art. 1- Is any act (Physical or Verbal) by a member of the team at bat who interferes with, impedes, hinders or confuses any fielder attempting to make a play: or when a runner creates malicious contact with any fielder with or without the ball, in or out of the baseline.

Art. 2- Other types of interference involve equipment, umpire and spectator

- **The runner interferes:**
 - **With a fielder attempting to field a batted fair ball**
 - **With a fielder attempting to field a fly ball over foul territory**
 - **With a fielder attempting to throw a ball**
 - **Intentionally with a thrown ball**

 - **NOTE: Jumping, hurdling and leaping are all legal attempts to avoid a fielder only if the fielder is lying on the ground**

- **The runner is struck with a fair untouched batted ball while not in contact with the base and before it passes an infielder, excluding the pitcher, or if it passes an infielder and any fielder has an opportunity to make an out.**
- **The runner intentionally contacts a fair ball that an infielder has missed**

Slides

- **The runner does not legally slide and causes illegal contact and/or illegally alters the actions of the fielder in the immediate act of making a play on her.**
- **Runners are never required to slide but, if a runner elects to slide, the slide shall be legal**

Illegal Slides

- **Illegal Slide-** A slide is illegal if the runner:
 - uses a rolling or cross body slide into the fielder
 - Raised leg is higher than the fielders knee when the fielder is in a standing position
 - Goes beyond the base and makes contact with or alters the play of the fielder
 - Slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg
 - Tries to injure the fielder

Illegal Slide

- **Illegal Slide-** A legal slide may be either feet first or head first.
- **If a runner slides feet first, at least one leg and buttock shall be on the ground.**
- **If a runner slides, the runner shall be within reach of the base with either hand or a foot when the slide is completed**

Malicious Contact

- **Remains on feet and maliciously crashes in a defensive player**
- **Malicious contact supersedes obstruction**
- **Penalty- The runner is also ejected**

Penalty

- **Arts- 10 through 14**
 - **The ball is dead and the runner is out**
 - **Each other runner must return to the last base legally touched at the time of the interference**
 - **When a runner is called out for interference, the batter-runner is awarded first base and credited with a fielders choice.**

Penalty

- **Arts- 10 through 14 (continued)**
 - **If this interference, IN THE JUDGEMENT OF THE UMPIRE, is an obvious attempt to prevent a double play and occurs before the runner is put out, the immediate succeeding runner shall also be called out.**
 - **If the interference occurs by the runner on a foul fly ball, the runner is out and the ball is dead.**
 - **A foul ball is called in this situation and the batter remains at bat unless it was a bunt attempt with two strikes on the batter.**

Loose Equipment

- **Offensive team equipment causes a blocked ball (Ball out of play) (Interference)**
- **Penalty- The batter-runner being played upon is out**
- **If no play is obvious, no player is out, but runners shall return to the last base touched at the time the ball was declared dead**

Coach Interferes

The coach near third base runs in the direction of home plate on or near the baseline while a fielder is attempting to make a play on a batted or thrown ball and thereby draws a throw to the plate.

Intentional Coach Interference

A coach intentionally interferes with a thrown ball while in the coach's box, or interferes with the defensive teams opportunity to make a play on another runner.

Intentional Interference

After being declared out or after scoring, a runner intentionally interferes with a defensive player's opportunity to make a play on another runner. A runner continuing to run and drawing a throw may be considered a form of interference.

This does not apply to the batter-runner running on a dropped third strike.

Penalty

- The ball is dead and the runner closest to home plate at the time of the interference shall be declared out.
- Each other runner must return to the last base legally touched at the time of the interference

Catcher Obstruction

The catcher or other defensive player obstructs, hinders or prevents the batter from striking or hitting a pitched ball

Catcher Obstruction

Effect

- 1. The umpire shall give the delayed dead ball signal**
- 2. If the batter hits the ball and reaches first base on the batted ball, catcher obstruction is cancelled. All action as a result of the batted ball stands.**

No option given

Once a runner has passed a base, the runner is considered to have reached that base

Catcher Obstruction

Effect

- 3. Otherwise, the coach or captain of the team at bat, after being informed by the plate umpire of the obstruction, has the option of taking the result of the play, or have the obstruction enforced by awarding the batter first base and advancing all other runners only if forced**

Dropped Third Strike

- Definition- on a third strike, catcher drops the ball or the ball hits the ground prior to going into the catchers glove

If less than 2 out and first base is occupied at the Time of the Pitch, Batter is out

If 2 out or first base is not occupied, batter must be tagged or thrown out.

Foul Tip

- Definition- a ball “tipped” by the bat that goes directly to the catchers glove/mitt.
- Ball is live, runner may advance at their own risk.
- If the ball hits the ground, or is dropped by the catcher, it is a foul ball.