

PREMIER SPORTS OFFICIALS

BASEBALL DEFINITIONS

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MANAGER

- **A PERSON APPOINTED BY THE TEAM TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TEAMS ACTION ON THE FIELD, AND TO REPRESENT THE TEAM IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE UMPIRE AND THE OPPOSING TEAM.**
 - **WHEN IS A MANAGER DESIGNATED?**
 - **MLB 30 MINUTES BEFORE**
 - **AMATEUR BASEBALL AT THE PLATE MEETING. THE COACH THAT ATTENDS THE PLATE MEETING IS THE MANAGER!**

BENCH OR DUGOUT

- **SEATING FACILITIES RESERVED FOR PLAYERS SUBSTITUTES AND OTHER TEAM MEMBERS.**
 - **A THROWN BALL HITS A COACH OR BUCKET OUTSIDE THE DUGOUT?**
 - **PENALIZE TEAM THAT HAS ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT OUT.**
 - **GET EQUIPMENT IN DUGOUTS EACH INNING**
 - **COACHES CANNOT COME CLOSE TO PLATE FROM DUGOUT OPENING (LAWSUITS)**

INNING

- **THE PORTION IN WHICH THE OFFENSE AND DEFENSE ALTERNATE IN WHICH THERE ARE THREE PUTOUTS FOR EACH TEAM.**
 - **WHEN DOES A HALF INNING END? (TIME LIMIT SITUATIONS)**
 - **THE MOMENT THE LAST OUT IS RECORDED**

“PLAY”

- **THE UMPIRES ORDER TO START THE GAME OR RESUME ACTION FOLLOWING ANY DEAD BALL**
 - **UMPIRE HAS NOT STATED “PLAY” BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT READY, PITCHER THROWS THE BALL AND THE HITTER HITS THE BALL?**
 - **HAVE GOOD VOICE ON FIRST “PLAY”**
 - **USE THIS TO CONTROL THE GAME**
 - **PUT BALL BACK IN PLAY WHEN BATTER IS READY AND PITCHER IS ENGAGED ON RUBBER.**

BALL

- **PITCH THAT DOES NOT ENTER THE STRIKE ZONE AND IS NOT SWUNG AT BY THE BATTER**
 - **BALL FALLS OUT OF THE PITCHERS HANDS AND PASSES A FOUL LINE.**
 - **BALL IS THE CALL.**
 - **BALL HITS THE GROUND AND PASSES THROUGH THE STRIKE ZONE OR HITS THE BATTER?**
 - **BALL ONCE IT HITS THE GROUND. IF IT HITS THE BATTER NOW BECOMES HIT BY PITCH.**

BASE ON BALLS

- **FIRST BASE AWARDED TO THE BATTER AFTER RECEIVING FOUR PITCHES OUTSIDE THE STRIKE ZONE**
 - **INTENTIONAL WALKS**
 - **HIGH SCHOOL AUTOMATIC**
 - **USSSA AUTOMATIC**
 - **LEGION MUST THROW FOUR PITCHES**
 - **RESERVE AUTOMATIC**

STRIKE

- **LEGAL PITCH WHEN SO CALLED BY THE UMPIRE,**
 - **IS STRUCK BY THE BATTER AND MISSED,**
 - **NOT STRUCK AT AND ANY PART OF THE BALL PASSES THROUGH ANY PART OF THE STRIKE ZONE**
 - **IF IT TOUCHES THE BATTERS BOX IT IS A BALL. BUT IN BETWEEN PLATE AND BATTERS BOX CAN BE A STRIKE.**
 - **BALL AT BATTERS ELBOW IS WITHIN THE STRIKE ZONE.**
 - **FOULED OFF BY THE BATTER**
 - **BUNTED FOUL**
 - **TOUCHES THE BATTER AS HE STRIKES AT IT**
 - **TOUCHES THE BATTER IN FLIGHT WHILE IN THE STRIKE ZONE**
 - **BECOMES A FOUL TIP**

STRIKE ZONE

- **THE AREA OVER HOME PLATE THE UPPER LIMIT AT THE MIDPOINT BETWEEN A BATTERS SHOULDER AND TOP OF UNIFORM PANT AND THE LOW POINT TO THE BOTTOM OF THE KNEE CAP.**
 - **WHEN IS THE STRIKE ZONE DETERMINED?**
 - **WHEN THE BATTER TAKES INITIAL STANCE.**

BALK

- **AN ILLEGAL ACT BY THE PITCHER WITH A RUNNER OR RUNNERS ON BASE, ENTITLING ALL RUNNERS TO ADVANCE ONE BASE**
 - **13 CATEGORIES OF BALKS (8.05)**
 - **OTHER THAN THESE 13 IT IS LEGAL TO DECEIVE THE BASE RUNNER**
 - **PITCHER BALKS AND THE HITTER HITS A STAND UP DOUBLE?**
 - **IGNORE BALK**

ILLEGAL PITCH

- **A PITCH THROWN WHEN THE PITCHER IS NOT IN CONTACT WITH THE RUBBER OR A QUICK RETURN PITCH**
 - **THERE IS A LARGE HOLE IN FRONT OF THE PITCHERS PLATE. BOTH PITCHERS ARE THROWING FROM THIS HOLE WHILE NOT CONTACTING THE RUBBER?**
 - **PLAY ON**
 - **A PITCHER IN HIS DELIVERY TO HOME PUSHED OFF THE RUBBER. IN DOING SO DRAGS HIS FOOT ON THE GROUND IN ONE CONTINUOUS MOTION THEN RELEASES THE PITCH?**
 - **LEGAL AS LONG AS THE FOOT REMAINS IN CONTACT WITH THE GROUND.**
 - **NO HOP IS ALLOWED.**

QUICK RETURN

- **PITCH IS ONE MADE WITH OBVIOUS INTENT TO CATCH A BATTER OFF BALANCE.**
 - **1-2 COUNT NO ONE ON BASE. PITCHER GETS HIS SIGN AND IMMEDIATELY THROWS THE BALL TO THE CATCHER WHILE THE BATTER IS NOT READY TO HIT.**
 - **THIS IS A QUICK PITCH AWARD A BALL OR CALL TIME AND SAY YOU WERE NOT READY.**

CATCHERS BOX

- **AREA IN WHICH A CATCHER SHALL STAND UNTIL THE PITCHER DELIVERS THE BALL**
 - **CATCHER STARTS OUTSIDE OF THE CATCHERS BOX WITH GLOVE IN THE OPPOSITE BATTERS BOX CATCHES A GOOD LOOKING PITCH IN THE OTHER BATTERS BOX AND STICKS IT THERE TRYING TO ENTICE THE UMPIRE TO CALL A STRIKE?**
 - **DO NOT LET THE CATCHER CONTROL HOW PEOPLE TREAT YOU. ASK HIM TO START WITHIN THE CATCHERS BOX. IF HE DOES NOT COMPLY LET COACH KNOW IF THE CATCHER CONTINUES THIS YOU WILL AWARD A CATCHERS BALK.**

BUNT

- **A BATTED BALL NOT SWUNG AT, BUNT INTENTIONALLY MET WITH THE BAT AND TAPPED SLOWLY WITHIN THE INFIELD.**
 - **A PITCHED BALL HITS A BATTER WHILE THE BATTER IS IN THE BUNT POSITION. THE BAT NEVER MOVES FORWARD TO STRIKE THE BALL.**
 - **HIT BY PITCH IS THE CALL**

FLY BALL

- **BATTED BALL THAT GOES HIGH IN THE AIR**
 - **BASES LOADED 1 OUT, BATTER BUNTS THE BALL HIGH INTO THE AIR AND THE PITCHER LETS THE BALL DROP. HE PICKS UP THE BALL STEPS ON HOME SEES NO ONE IS RUNNING AND STEPS ON THIRD AND SECOND?**

FAIR BALL

- **A BALL THAT SETTLES BETWEEN FIRST AND THIRD IN OR OVER FAIR TERRITORY**
- **A BOUNDING BALL THAT PASSES OVER FIRST OR THIRD BASE ON ITS WAY TO THE OUTFIELD**
- **A BATTED BALL THAT LANDS IN FAIR TERRITORY AFTER PASSING FIRST OR THIRD**
- **A BATTED BALL THAT HITS A PLAYER OR UMPIRE WHILE OVER FAIR TERRITORY**
 - **FLY BALL NEAR THE THIRD BASE LINE. THE FIELDER CLEARLY HAS BOTH FEET IN FOUL TERRITORY. THE BALL FIRST TOUCHES THE GLOVE OVER FAIR TERRITORY AND FALLS TO THE GROUND OUTSIDE THE BASE LINE?**
 - **FAIR BALL!**

FOUL BALL

- **A BATTED BALL THAT SETTLES IN FOUL TERRITORY BETWEEN FIRST AND THIRD.**
- **A BATTED BALL THAT FIRST TOUCHES FOUL TERRITORY PAST FIRST AND THIRD**
- **A BATTED BALL THAT TOUCHES A UMPIRE OR PLAYER IN FOUL TERRITORY.**
 - **LINE DRIVE DOWN THIRD BASE LINE. R3 TURNS BACK TO THIRD BASE WHILE STRADDLING THE BASELINE THEY GET HIT IN THE LEFT BUTT CHEEK WITH THE BATTED BALL ?**
 - **FOUL BALL**

FOUL TIP

- **A BATTED BALL THAT GOES SHARP AND DIRECT TO THE CATCHERS MITT AND IS LEGALLY CAUGHT.**
 - **R1 STEALS SECOND, PITCH IS THROWN BALL IS TIPPED AND IS LEGALLY CAUGHT BY THE CATCHER?**
 - **BALL IS LIVE AND IN PLAY. LET THE STEAL HAPPEN.**
 - **PITCH IS THROWN, BALL IS TIPPED DIRECTLY TO THE CATCHERS GLOVE, DEFLECTS THEN OFF HIS FACEMASK, AND IS LEGALLY CAUGHT BEFORE THE BALL HITS THE GROUND?**
 - **THIS IS A CATCH** BECAUSE IT DIRECTLY WENT TO THE GLOVE FIRST.

BATTER RUNNER

- **OFFENSIVE PLAYER WHO HAS FINISHED THE AT BAT UNTIL THEY ARE PUT OUT OR UNTIL THE PLAY ENDS**

FORCE OUT

- **A RUNNER LEGALLY LOSES HIS RIGHT TO OCCUPY A BASE BY REASON THE BATTER BECOMES A RUNNER**
 - **BASES LOADED TWO OUTS. GROUND BALL TO SS. HE FIELDS IT THROWS TO FIRST. R3 SCORES BEFORE THE FIRST BASEMAN CATCHES THE THROW TO RETIRED THE BR?**
 - **NO RUN** CAN BE SCORED IF THE THIRD OUT WAS A FORCE OUT.

DOUBLE PLAY

- **THE DEFENSE PUTS OUT TWO OFFENSIVE PLAYERS AS A RESULT OF A CONTINUED ACTION.**
 - **R1 AND R2 GROUND BALL TO FIRST BASE. FIRST BASEMAN FIELDS THE BALL STEPS ON FIRST THROWS TO THE SS WHO STANDS ON THE BAG. R1 RETREATS BACK TO FIRST BASE LEGALLY.**
 - **LEGAL PLAY **ONLY ONE OUT IS RECORDED**. ONCE THE BR WAS RETIRED THE RUNNER IS NOW NOT FORCED TO ADVANCE.**

TAG

- **A TOUCH OF A DEFENDER ON A BASE OR ONTO A OFFENSIVE PLAYER WHILE IN SECURE AND FIRM POSSESSION OF THE BALL. IT IS NOT A TAG IF THE DEFENSIVE PLAYER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TAG DOES NOT SHOW PROOF OF COMPLETE CONTROL.**
 - **GROUND BALL TO THIRD BASEMAN. HE RUNS AND TAGS R2 THEN THE BALL DROPS OUT.**
 - **SAFE. DEFENDER DID NOT MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE BALL**
 - **MECHANICS YELL OUT BODY PART TAGGED, THEN ONCE YOU SEE CONTROL OF BALL THEN CALL OUT.**
 - **GROUND BALL TO THIRD BASEMAN. HE RUNS AND TAGS R2 WITH HIS GLOVE BUT BALL IS IN HIS HAND.**
 - **SAFE TAG MUST BE APPLIED WITH BALL IN GLOVE OR BY TOUCH OF THE BALL IN POSSESSION.**
 - **GROUND BALL TO THIRD BASEMAN. HE RUNS AND TAGS R2 WITH HIS GLOVE WHILE BALL IS IN THE GLOVE THEN SHOWS THE BALL TO THE UMPIRE.**
 - **OUT**

OVERSLIDE

- **ACT OF A OFFENSIVE PLAYER WHEN HIS SLIDE TO A BASE IS WITH SO MUCH MOMENTUM THAT HE LOSES CONTACT WITH THE BASE.**
 - **RUNNER IS STEALING SECONDS SLIDES AND TOUCHES THE BAG. THROW COMES LATE, FIELDER APPLIES THE TAG WHILE THE RUNNER IS NOW NOT TOUCHING SECOND BASE? (MECHANIC?)**
 - **SLOW TIMING.** DO NOT MAKE ANY CALL UNTIL ALL ACTION IS DONE.

CATCH

- **GETTING IN SECURE POSSESSION IN HIS HAND OR GLOVE AND FIRMLY HOLDING IT. FIELDER MUST HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE BALL AND THAT HIS RELEASE IS VOLUNTARY AND INTENTIONAL.**
 - **FIELDER RUNS CATCHES THE BALL TAKES TWO STEPS INTO THE WALL AND BALL FALLS OUT?**
 - **NO CATCH**
 - **FIELDER CATCHES THE BALL THEN HE RUNS INTO A TEAMMATE AND THE BALL FALLS TO THE GROUND?**
 - **NO CATCH**
 - **ON A DOUBLE PLAY ATTEMPT THE SS RECEIVES THE THROW TAGS SECOND BASE AND WHILE HE IS TAKING THE BALL OUT OF HIS GLOVE THE BALL GOES BACKWARDS AND TO THE GROUND?**
 - **OUT **CHANGE OF DIRECTION** IS VOLUNTARY RELEASE.**
 - **ON A DOUBLE PLAY ATTEMPT THE SS RECEIVES THE THROW TAGS SECOND BASE AND WHILE HE IS TAKING THE BALL OUT OF HIS GLOVE THE BALL GOES STRAIGHT TO THE GROUND?**
 - **SAFE NO CATCH NO CONTROL.**

INFIELD FLY

- **A FAIR FLY BALL WHICH CAN BE CAUGHT WITH ORDINARY EFFORT BY A INFIELDER WITH FIRST AND SECOND OR BASES LOADED WITH LESS THAN TWO OUTS.**
 - **SIGNAL TO PARTNER OF INFIELD FLY SITUATIONS?**
 - **BEFORE THE BATTER POINT UP TO AIR WITH ONE FINGER. OR TAP HAT WITH ONE FINGER.**
 - **BASES LOADED ONE OUT BALL IS HIT HIGH INTO THE AIR TO THE SS. THE SS DROPS THE BALL UNINTENTIONALLY. RUNNERS START TO RUN. THE SS PICKS UP THE BALL THROWS TO HOME. THE CATCHER CATCHES THE BALL STEPS ON HOME AND SHOWS THE HOME PLATE UMPIRE THE BALL. R3 LEGALLY TOUCHES HOME PLATE.**
 - **BR IS OUT. OTHER RUNNERS NOT FORCED TO RUN THEREFOR TAG MUST BE APPLIED. SCORE THE RUN.**

ORDINARY EFFORT

- **THE EFFORT OF A FIELDER OF AVERAGE SKILL AT A POSITION IN THAT LEAGUE SHOULD EXHIBIT ON A PLAY WITH DUE CONSIDERATION OF FIELD AND WEATHER CONDITIONS.**
 - **A OUTFIELD CAN CATCH A INFIELD FLY RULED BALL.**
 - **OUTFIELDER CALLS OFF INFIELDER CAMPED UNDERNEATH THE BATTED BALL.**
 - **OUTFIELDER STARTS WITHIN THE INFIELD AT THE TIME OF PITCH (5 INFIELDERS)**
 - **BASES LOADED ONE OUT AND A HIGH FLY BALL BETWEEN THE SS AND THIRD BASEMAN. THERE IS A 30 MPH WIND AND THE FIELDERS CANNOT SEEM TO GET UNDER THE BALL EASILY?**
 - **NO INFIELD FLY**

LINE DRIVE

- **A BATTED BALL THAT GOES SHARP AND DIRECT FROM THE BAT TO A FIELDER WITHOUT TOUCHING THE GROUND.**
 - **BASES LOADED 1 OUT, BATTER SWINGS AND HITS THE BALL NEAR THE HANDLE OF THE BAT. THE BALL IS A SOFT LOOPING LOW LINE DRIVE BACK TO THE PITCHER AND FALLS JUST IN FRONT OF THE PITCHERS FEET?**
 - **GROUND BALL, NOT LINE DRIVE, NOT POP FLY. PLAY ON.**

OFFENSIVE INTERFERENCE

- **OFFENSIVE INTERFERENCE IS WHEN A PLAYER OF THE OFFENSIVE TEAM OBSTRUCTS, IMPEDES, HINDERS, OR CONFUSES A FIELDER ATTEMPTING TO MAKE A PLAY.**
 - **R1 RUNNING TOWARDS SECOND YELLS “I GOT IT” THE SECOND BASEMAN RETREATS AWAY FROM THE BALL AND IT DROPS?**
 - **INTERFERENCE ONCE BALL IS DROPPED.**
 - **R3 RUNNING BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD CLEARLY STOPS TO ONLY BLOCK THE VISION OF THE SS ON A GROUND BALL. THE SS IS NOT ABLE TO FIELD THE BALL CLEANLY?**
 - **INTERFERENCE IS EGREGIOUSLY AND OBVIOUS ONLY REASON HE STOPPED WAS TO INTERFERE. IF STOPPED TO AVOID BEING HIT WITH BASEBALL CAN BE JUDGED LEGAL.**

DEFENSIVE INTERFERENCE

- **DEFENSIVE INTERFERENCE IS AN ACT BY A FIELDER THAT HINDERS OR PREVENTS A HITTER FROM HITTING A PITCH**
 - **BATTER SWINGS AND AS HE IS STARTING HIS SWINGS CONTACTS THE CATCHERS GLOVE. THE BATTER DOES NOT MAKE CONTACT WITH THE BALL?**
 - **ANY UMPIRE CAN SEE THIS. HOME PLATE PRIMARY. BASE UMPIRE CALL TIME WALK TOWARDS HOME PLATE UMPIRE AND GIVE INFORMATION.**

UMPIRE INTERFERENCE

- **UMPIRE INTERFERENCE OCCURS WHEN THE HOME PLATE UMPIRE IMPEDES OR HINDERS A CATCHERS ATTEMPT TO PREVENT A STOLEN BASE, PICK OFF A RUNNER, A THROW BACK TO THE PITCHER OR WHEN A FAIR BALL HITS AN UMPIRE IN FAIR TERRITORY BEFORE PASSING A FIELDER.**
 - **R2 AND R3. LINE DRIVE HITS THE BASE UMPIRE. WHERE DO WE PLACE THE RUNNERS?**
 - **BASES WILL BE LOADED. R2 AND R3 WERE NOT FORCED TO ADVANCE.**

SPECTATOR INTERFERENCE

- **A FAN REACHES OUT OR COMES ONTO THE FIELD OF PLAY TOUCHES, IMPEDES OR HINDERS A FIELDERS ATTEMPT TO MAKE A PLAY ON A LIVE BALL.**
 - **IN FOUL TERRITORY THE FIRST BASEMAN IS CAMPED UNDER A BATTED BALL. A DAD REACHES OVER THE FENCE AND HITS THE FIELDERS GLOVE SO THAT HE CANNOT MAKE THE CATCH?**
 - **INTERFERENCE BY SPECTATORS. IF RUNNER WAS ON THIRD AND LOOKING TO SCORE AND IN YOUR JUDGMENT COULD HAVE YOU CAN AWARD HOME TO R3.**

OBSTRUCTION

- **ACT OF A FIELDER, WHO IS NOT IN POSSESSION OF THE BALL OR IN THE ACT OF FIELDING A BALL, IMPEDES THE PROGRESS OF A RUNNER.**
 - **BASE HIT TO RIGHT FIELD. FIRST BASEMAN IS STANDING NEAR THE BASE. THE BATTER-RUNNER IS RUNNING HARD AND HAS TO CHANGE HIS PATH WHILE ADVANCING TO SECOND BASE TO AVOID CONTACT WITH THE FIRST BASEMAN. THE BATTER RUNNER IS THROWN OUT ON A CLOSE PLAY AT SECOND?**
 - **CALL BR OUT. ONCE ALL PLAY IS DONE CALL TIME. THEN POINT WHERE OBSTRUCTION TOOK PLACE THEN GIVE AWARD.**

RUN

- **SCORE MADE BY THE OFFENSE WHEN A PLAYER ADVANCES FROM BATTER TO RUNNER, TO FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND HOME BASE IN THAT ORDER.**
 - **PLAYERS CANNOT RUN THE BASES BACKWARDS TO SCORE. THEY CAN RUN BACKWARDS TO AVOID BEING OUT ON APPEAL.**

APPEAL

- **THE ACT OF A FIELDER IN CLAIMING VIOLATION OF THE RULES BY THE OFFENSIVE TEAM**
 - **RUNNER ON 3RD LEAVES THIRD BASE BEFORE THE BATTED BALL WAS TOUCHED.**
 - **R3 CALLED OUT UPON LEGAL APPEAL.**
 - **BATTER #3 IS DUE UP TO THE PLATE HOWEVER #4 BATTER IS AT BAT WITH A 1-1 COUNT.**
 - **BRING BATTER #3 UP SINCE THE AT BAT IS NOT OVER THIS IS NOT A LEGAL APPEAL.**

RETOUCH

- **ACT OF A RUNNER IN RETURNING TO A BASE AS LEGALLY REQUIRED**
 - **AFTER A FOUL BALL R2 DOES NOT GO AND RETOUCH SECOND BASE. THE DEFENSE PICKS OFF R2 AND TOUCHES SECOND BASE TO APPEAL THE RUNNER DID NOT RETOUCH. THE TOUCH OF THE BASE BEATS THE RUNNER RETURNING TO THE BASE?**
 - **BY RULE RUNNERS DO HAVE TO RETOUCH AFTER A FOUL BALL NOT CAUGHT. HOWEVER IF THEY DO NOT RETOUCH WE SHOULD NOT SAY “PLAY” IF THE BASE RUNNER IS IN THE VICINITY THIS IS CONSIDERED RETOUCH. DO NOT PICK BOOGERS.**

DEAD BALL

- **BALL IS OUT OF PLAY BECAUSE OF A LEGALLY CREATED SUSPENSION OF PLAY.**
 - **WHAT SHOULD UMPIRES DO EVERY TIME THE BALL BECOMES DEAD?**
 - **CALL TIME! TWO HANDS ABOVE HEAD JUST OUTSIDE OF SHOULDERS.**

“TIME”

- **ANNOUNCEMENT BY AN UMPIRE OF A LEGAL INTERRUPTION OF PLAY, DURING WHICH THE BALL IS DEAD.**
 - **SCORE IS 3-2 BOTTOM OF THE NINTH WITH TWO OUTS. R2 AND R3 ARE ADVANCING ON A GROUND BALL. THE THROW IS MADE TO HOME AND THE CATCHER APPLIES THE TAG LATE. THE CATCHER THROWS TO FIRST BASE AND THE THROW IS WILD. THE MANAGER FOR THE DEFENSIVE TEAM RUNS OUT AND STARTS YELLING AT THE HOME PLATE UMPIRE. R2 SEES THIS AND RUNS HOME AND TOUCHES HOME PLATE.**
 - **YES WE HAVE VIDEO!**