

# Some Random reminders



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“work with your partner”

2-4-3

It is NOT necessary to throw 4 intentional balls



Defensive coach or the catcher may request this

Be sure to signal and call time – play is dead – when recognizing this request

## 2-8 Bunt

Batter does not swing to hit the ball, but holds the bat in the path of the ball



To charge a strike the batter must have offered at the ball - not just held the bat out over the plate – you can distinguish this – this can be an appealable play if U1 doesn't see it.

Reminder a bunted ball that goes foul with two strikes is an out.

2-9-1

Controlling a catch - fielder **MUST** demonstrate complete control of the ball and that his release is voluntary and intentional



Outfielder lays out for hard liner or looping fly – ball in glove and slides a bit and ball a) comes out of his glove b) he transfers ball from glove to open hand and subsequently the ball falls to the ground -- what options do you have?

I know its easier to see than just discuss – but lets try

- a) No catch
- b) You need to judge if he released from glove to hand then dropped or if the drop happened during the transfer

2-22-3

Obstruction at a base –

Fielder who does not have the ball may not deny a runner access to the base he is trying to reach

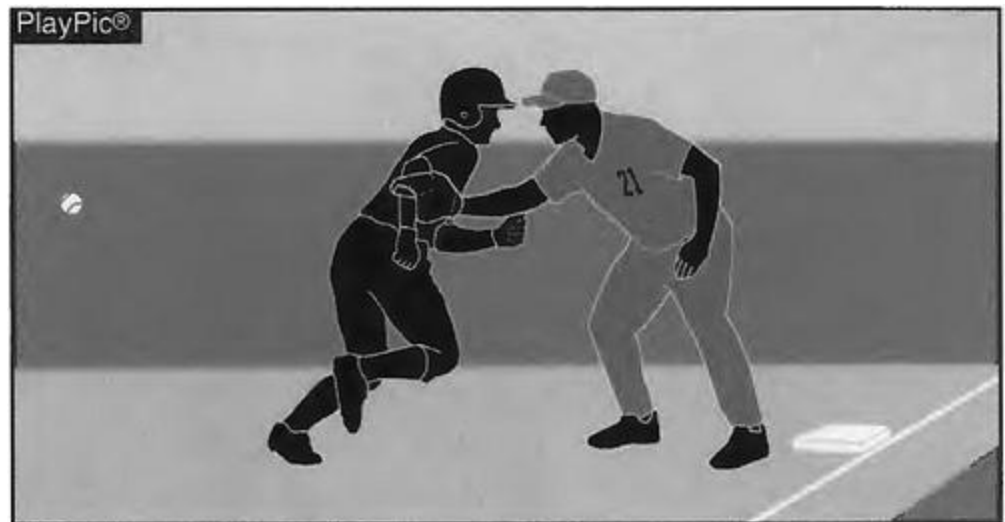


Can happen at any base -

prevalent at home -

catcher needs to receive the ball from in front or behind the plate – before blocking

Can happen at first base – the runner needs some access back to the base



**2-22-3** Being in the act of catching the ball is not possession. The fielder is not allowed to deny the runner access to the base.

## 2-32-2 slide

Runner can slide feet or head first

Feet first – he must slide

- with at least one leg and buttocks on the ground
- Within reach of base with a hand or foot
- May slide away from the fielder to avoid him



## 8-4-2-b

When an illegal slide happens and runner alters the actions of the fielder - runner will be declared out (dead ball interference) – additionally the trailing batter runner shall be declared out

NOTE – 8-4-2-d runner may not dive over a fielder - runner out ball remains live unless interference is evident.

### 3-2-2 assisted runner

Coach may not physically assist a runner or prevent his advancement during a live ball –

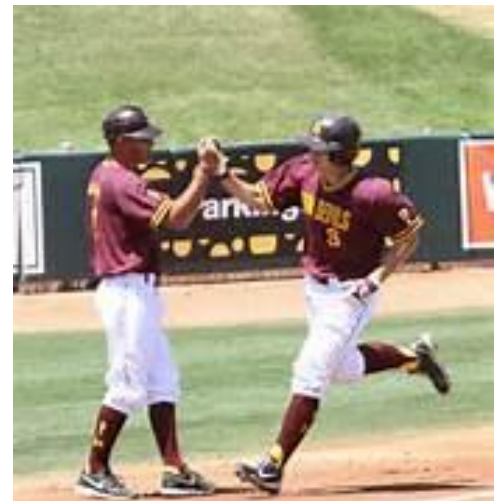
By pushing him toward a base or back to a base

Accidental collision is not assisting -

Delayed dead ball – additional outs apply - at end of the play

– call time – declare the runner out may be the fourth out -

All runners not put out return to base occupied at the time of the infraction – this may be hard to discern



3-3-1g

Assistant coaches may NOT leave the dugout or coaches box to argue a call - only the head coach may approach you.

Kindly present that to an assistant coach that approaches you for “complaining”

Penalty will be restricted to the bench - or if egregious then ejection (try to avoid)



## 3-4-2 Offensive conference

Team gets only one per half inning –

Just deny subsequent requests



Reminder - offensive team requests a conference – while coach is talking to batter or runner -- Defensive team coach may come onto the field to confer with his players – defensive coach must leave field when offensive conference ends

## 3-4-1 Substituting

Hopefully – substitutes are announced to U1  
announces it to opposing team -



However – an unannounced substitute is valid has assumed the position – batter takes place in batters box, fielder goes to his new position, runner takes place of another runner (that one is seen) - it becomes official when noticed

Example: top of 4<sup>th</sup> inning Smith replaced starter Francis in right field but is not announced. Bottom of 4<sup>th</sup> inning - Smith comes to bat and gets a hit – TeamB declares Smith batting out of order -- after researching you determine that Smith was a valid substitute for Francis. No Penalty – fix the scorebooks and carry on.

QUESTIONS about anything?