

PLAYS THAT TRIP YOU UP

{ Force-Play Slide Rule

& A player must slide directly to the base
WITH HIS ENTIRE BODY

& Either head first or butt down

& May not “pop up” or “slide through” the
bag if it interferes with the fielder.

Legal Slides

& Contact with a fielder is legal:

- ∅ If the slide is legal
- ∅ If the slide is in progress
- ∅ When a throw brings the fielder between the bases to make a play
- ∅ If the fielder is on or over the bag

Player Contact

- ⌘ The runner is guilty of interference
 - ⌘ The sliding runner is out
 - ⌘ The batter-runner is out
 - ⌘ All other runners return to the base at the time of the pitch.

Illegal Contact

- ⌘ A play on the batter-runner at first is never a “force play”
- ⌘ The force-play slide rule never applies at first base

Play On The Batter-Runner

& Base Umpire

- ⌘ B position

- ⌘ Has responsibility of both ends of a double play

- ⌘ His back may be turned to the illegal slide

& Plate umpire

- ⌘ Moves out to the left side of the mound

- ⌘ Observes the action at second base

- ⌘ Immediately call time and penalize the interference

- ⌘ The plate umpire will be out of position to help with the call at first

Mechanics