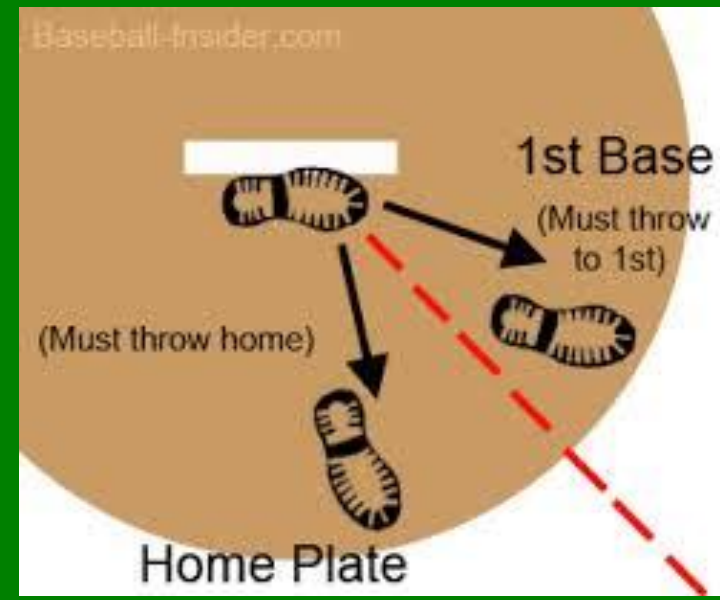


PLAYS THAT TRIP YOU UP

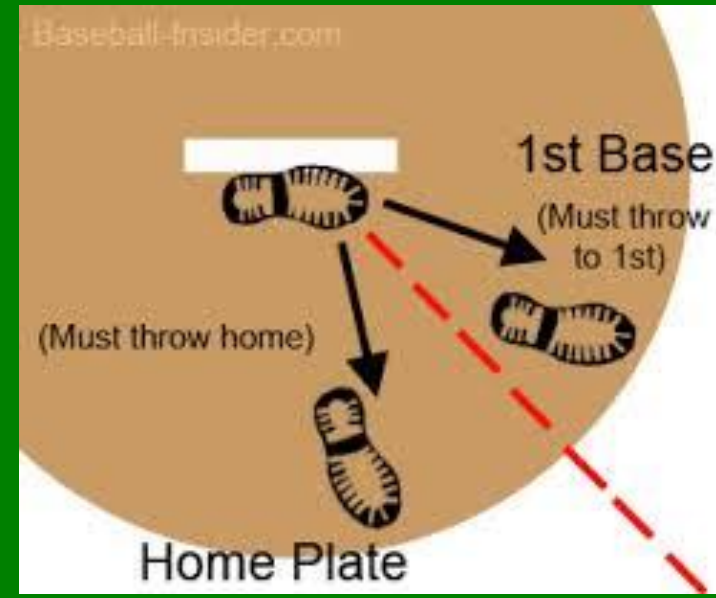
The Balk



DEFINITION

- Rule 2-3:
 - A balk is an illegal act committed by the pitcher with a runner(s) on base which entitles each runner to advance one base.

–*What's missing?*

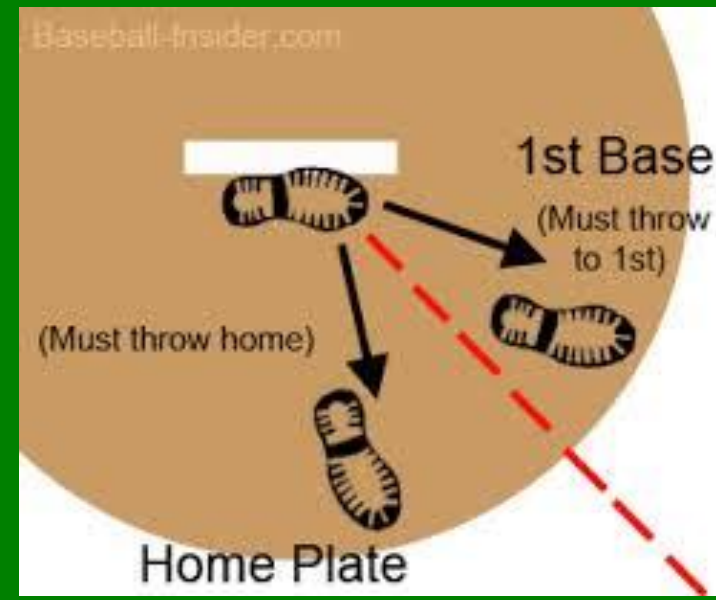


...ILLEGAL ACT WITH A RUNNER(S) ON BASE

- There must be a runner or runners on base
- There must be an illegal act.

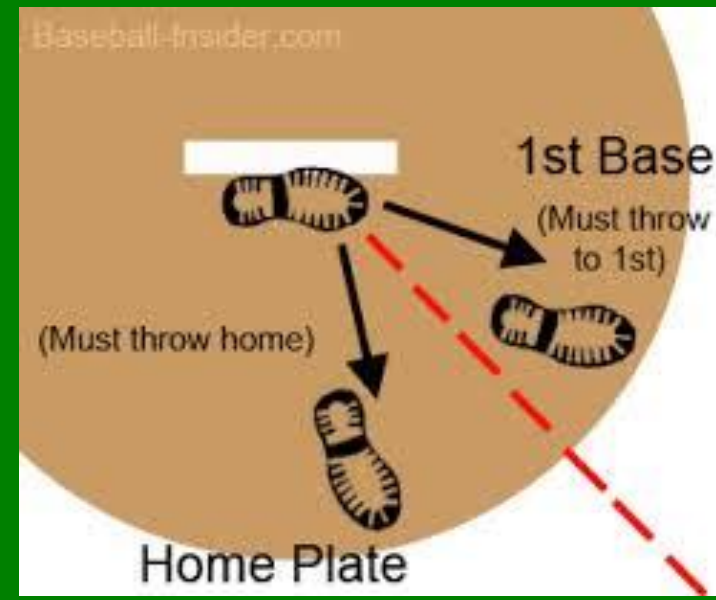
—Rule 6

- 1-1-4: Inferred rather than itemized
- 2-4-a-f: List form
- Common balks?



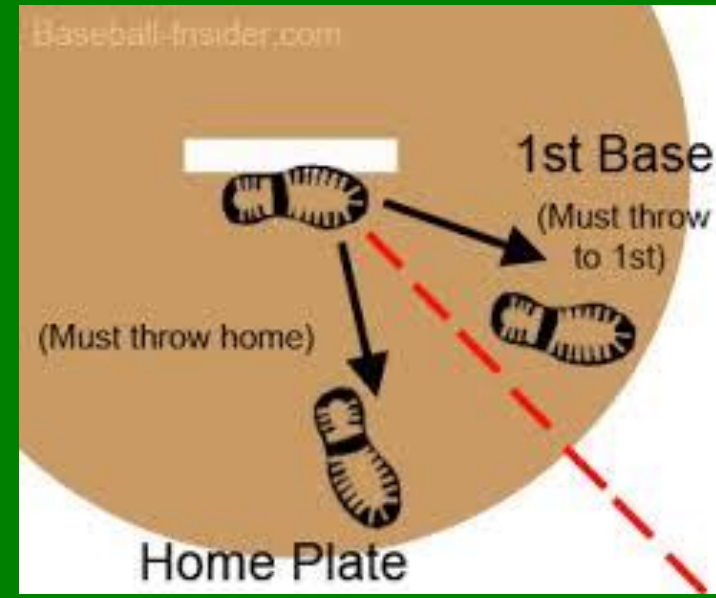
TO CALL A BALK YOU HAVE TO SEE IT

- Responsibilities
 - The NFHS rules do not distinguish which umpire is responsible for calling a balk
 - The NFHS Umpires Manual does not assign mechanics responsibilities to specific umpires
 - ***How are we supposed to get it right?***



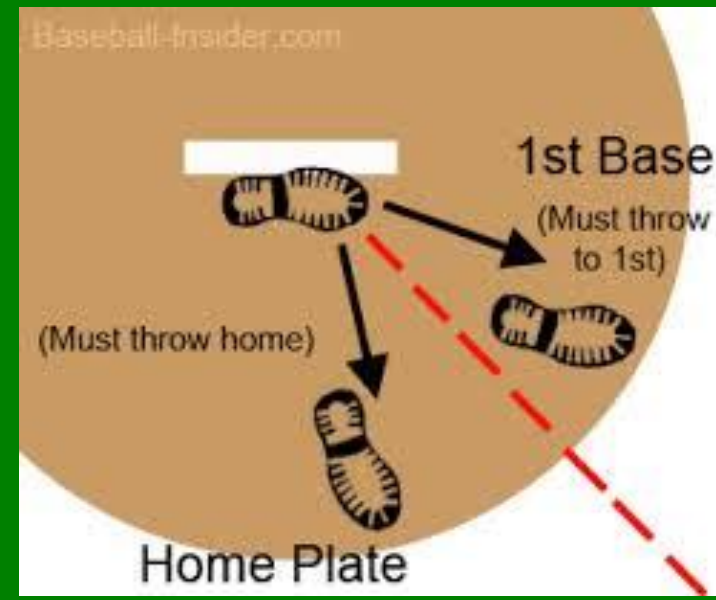
CCA- PLATE UMPIRE GUIDELINES

- Left-handed pitchers stepping to home plate
- Left-handed pitchers coming to a complete stop
- Right-handed pitchers coming to a complete stop
- Right-handed pitchers stepping to the plate on the third-to-first move
- Right-handed pitchers gaining ground on a jump turn
- Right-handed pitchers closing their front shoulder before the jump turn



CCA- BASE UMPIRE GUIDELINES

- Left-handed pitchers coming to a complete stop
- Right-handed pitchers breaking their front knees before the jump turn
- Right-handed pitchers gaining ground on the jump turn



NORTHEAST UMPIRES ASSOCIATION?

- Plate
 - Upper body?
- Base
 - Lower body?
- Anyone?...Beuller?....Bueller?

In any case, once a balk is seen and called, the ball is dead immediately and one-base awards are made accordingly. There is NO award to the batter.

