



Membership Meeting

Rules Topics

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# Fake Tag

## Rule 2-22-2

## Rule 3-31b

## Rule 8-3-2

- (2-22-2) A fake tag is an act by a defensive player without the ball that simulates a tag. A fake tag is considered obstruction
- (3-3-1b) A coach, player, substitute, attendant or other bench personnel shall not (b) fake a tag without the ball.
  - **PENALTY:** at the end of playing action, the umpire shall issue a warning to the coach of the team involved and the next offender on that team shall be ejected. In (b), it is also obstruction (8-3-2)
- (8-3-2) When a runner is obstructed while advancing or returning to a base, the umpire shall award the obstructed runner a minimum of one base beyond the runner's position on base when the obstruction occurred. The umpire shall award the obstructed runner and each other runner(s) any additional bases that would nullify the obstruction.
- Video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkpthGE6Ggs>)

# Pop-ups in the infield

## Intentionally Dropped

- (8-4-1c) The batter-runner's fair fly, fair line drive or fair bunt in flight is intentionally dropped by an infielder with at least first base occupied and before there are two outs. The ball is dead and the runner or runners shall return to their respective base(s).
  1. In this situation, the batter is not out if the infielder permits the fair fly, fair line drive or fair bunt in flight to drop untouched to the ground, except with the infield fly rule (2-19) applies (5-1-1j)
- (5-1-1j) The ball becomes dead immediately when (j) an infielder intentionally drops a fair fly, fair line drive or fair bunt in flight with at least first base occupied and with the less than two outs.
- **CASE PLAY 8.4.1 SITUATION F:** With R1 on first and no outs, B2 bunts the ball in the air and it is intentionally dropped by F5.
  - **RULING:** The ball is declared dead immediately and B2 is declared out. R1 remains at first.
- **CASE PLAY 8.4.1 SITUATION G:** With the bases loaded and one out, B5 bunts a ball in the air. F3 uses the back of the glove to gently knock the ball to the ground where F3 picks it up and throws to F2 who touches the plate and then throws out B5 at first.
  - **RULING:** The ball is dead. B5 is out and the runners return. Manipulating the ball to the ground is prohibited. Allowing the ball to drop to the ground untouched is not considered an intentionally dropped ball.

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## Interference

- (2-21-1) Offensive interference is an act (physical or verbal) by the team at bat (a) which interferes with, obstructs, impedes, hinders or confuses any fielder attempting to make a play
- (5-1-1e) The ball becomes dead immediately when (e) there is interference by a runner ...
- (8-4-2g) **Any runner is out when (g) the runner intentionally interferes with a throw or a thrown ball; or the runner hinders a fielders on the fielder's initial attempt to field a batted ball.**
- (8-1-2b) The batter-runner is awarded first base if (b) the batter-runner's fair ball, other than an infield fly, becomes dead [5-1-1f(1), (2)] and provided a preceding runner or retired runner does not interfere in such a way as to prevent a potential double play.
- **SITUATION F:** With R1 on first and no outs, B2 hits a high pop fly near first base. R1, while returning to first base, contacts F3 while F3 is trying to catch the pop fly. F3, despite the contact, is still able to make the play.
  - **RULING:** The ball is declared dead immediately and R1 is declared out. B2 is awarded first. base