

Gopher State Officials Association

Softball Meeting

3/20/2019

Rule Changes

Media shall be prohibited from being in live-ball areas

Rules 1-1-7, 2-22-4, Table 5-1, 5-1-1o

A softball bat is permitted to have an adjustable knob, provided the knob is permanently fastened by the manufacturer.

Rule 1-5-2a

An eye shield may be worn attached to a defensive player's face/head protection.

Rule 1-8-4

Rule Changes

When an illegal pitch is declared by the umpire, the batter is awarded a ball.

Rule 6-1-1 Penalty, Exceptions 3 and 4, 6-1-2,3,4 Penalties, 6-2-1 Penalty, 6-2-7 Penalty

- Delayed-dead ball
- If the batter reaches first base safely and each other runner advances at least one base, the illegal pitch is nullified.
- If the batter does not reach first base safely or any base runner fails to advance at least one base, the coach of the team at bat shall choose: The result of the play or A ball awarded to the batter.
- If the batter is hit by an illegal pitch outside the strike zone the batter is awarded first base.
- If ball four is awarded on an illegal pitch, the batter is awarded first base.

Editorial Changes

Rule 2-65-2

For the purposes of an appeal:

- The intentional walk is considered a time at bat and an appeal of the previous play cannot be made following the intentional walk.
- When an intentional walk is awarded by the umpire, it is considered the same as throwing a pitch.

Rule 6-1-2a, 6-1-2b

- The pitch starts when the pitcher's hands are separated after they have come together while the pivot foot is on or partially on top of the pitcher's plate.
- Any step back with the non-pivot foot must begin before the start of the pitch.

Points of Emphasis

Simulate taking a sign

- The actual signal can be taken while on the pitching plate or while standing behind the pitcher's plate.
- It may be taken from the catcher or coach; it may be a hand signal, a verbal call or may be obtained from looking at her wristband.
- However, she must take a position on the pitcher's plate with the hands separated and simulate taking a signal from the catcher.
- If the pitcher does not pause after stepping onto the pitcher's plate to simulate taking a signal prior to bringing her hands together, an illegal pitch should be called.

Proper technique when sliding

- Coaches are responsible for teaching players proper sliding techniques and how to execute legal slides as defined in Rule 2-52.

Head coach listed on lineup card

- It is best practice that the head coach list his or her name on the lineup card submitted at the pregame conference.

Other Notes

Ground Rules

- Home Plate umpire will cover the ground rules in the pre-game coaches meeting.
- Get to field early. Discuss ground rules with home team coach while filling out paperwork.

Run Rule

- 15 after 4 or 3 ½ if home team ahead.
- 10 after 5 or 4 ½ if home team ahead.

Weather

- Wait 30 minutes after last lightning strike.

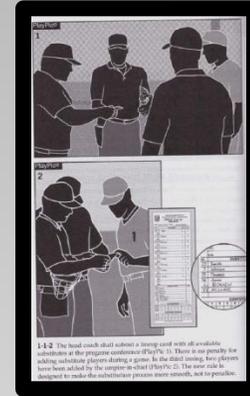
Umpires

- Look professional.
- Consider adding at least one new piece of clothing whether it's a new hat, a new shirt, new pants, belt, shoes, etc.

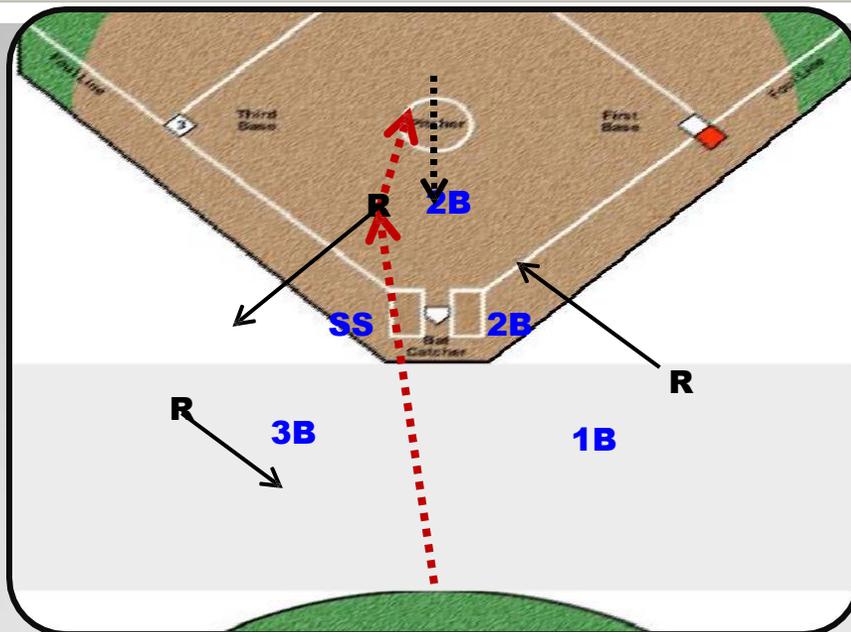
Other Notes

- Softball is moving towards NCAA mechanics
- Umpires don't have to inspect equipment
- Make sure to ask coaches if everyone is properly equipped and all equipment legal
- Print ID Card
- Can't print ID card without concussion training
- Starting next season, Mechanics Book will replace Case Book
- Enter schedule on MSHSL website and keep updated
- Deadline to apply for State Tournament is April 1st

CREW RULE SITUATIONS

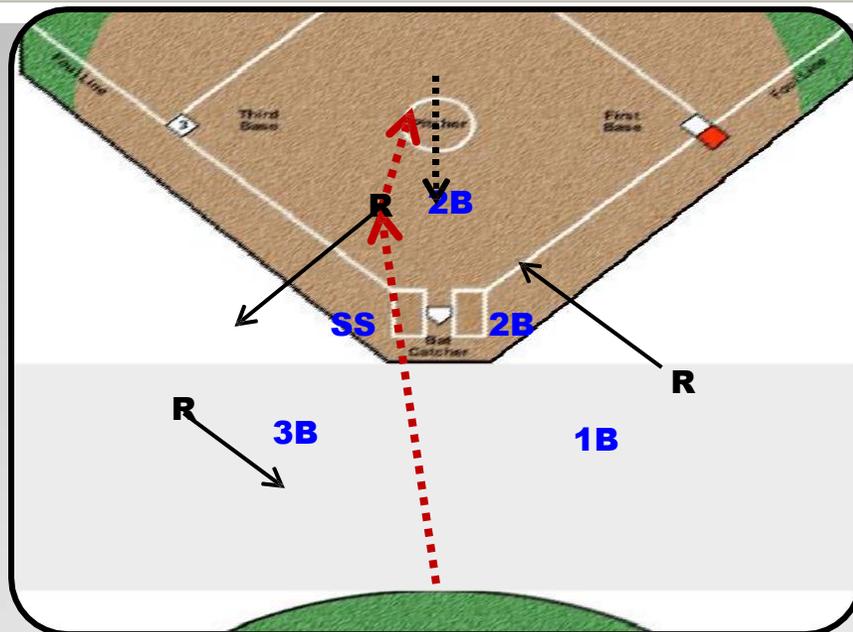


**INFIELD FLY/INTERFERENCE/FORCE
INTERFERENCE/OBSTRUCTION/AWARDS
AIDING/DEAD BALL/APPEALS/AWARDS
(BOOO) BATTING OUT OF ORDER**

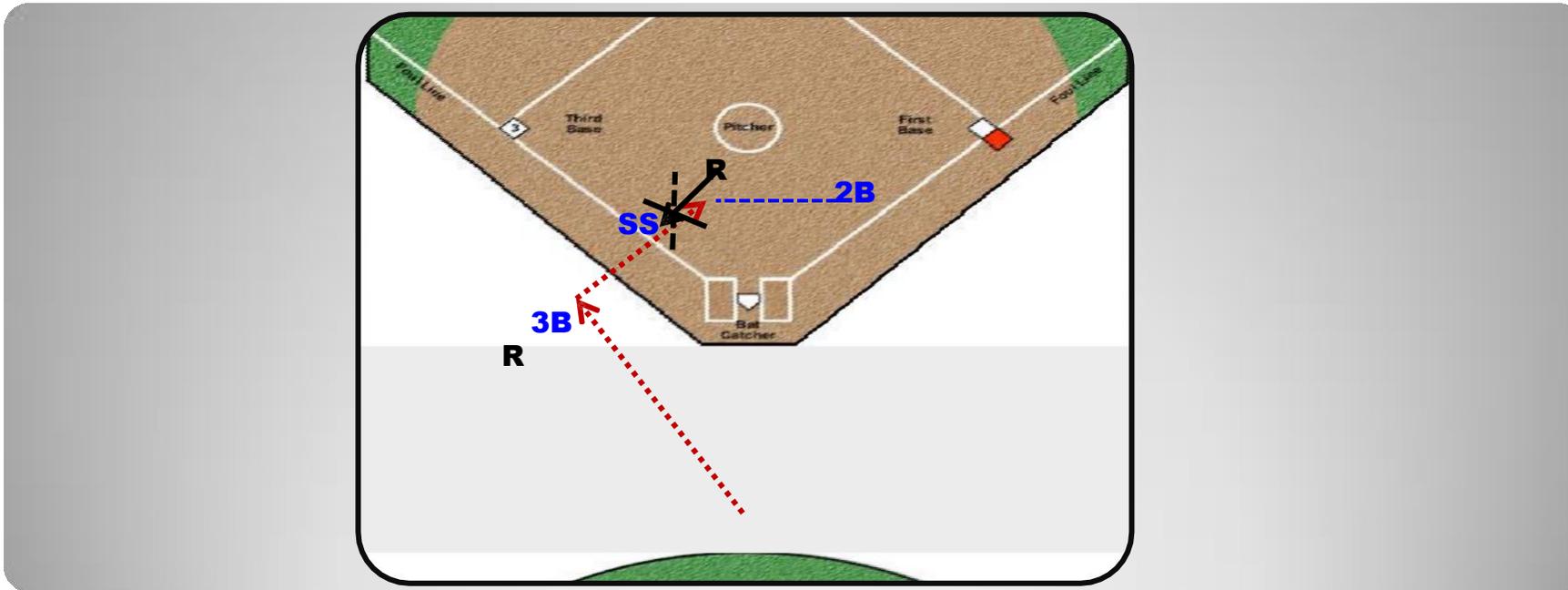


SITUATION #1 :

Bases loaded, one out. Defense up close to cut off the run. Pop up in the infield toward 2nd. Plate umpire calls "Infield Fly". 2B misjudges the ball and it falls behind 2B hitting the base runner off 2nd. The ball rolls into the outfield and all runners attempt to advance. CF throws the ball to 2B who is now covering 2nd. Throw beats the runner from 1st.

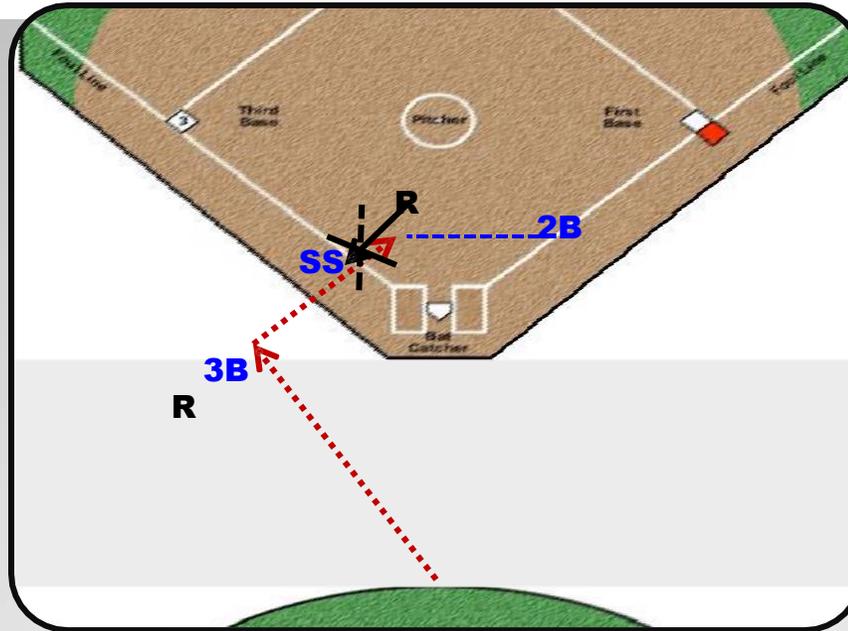


ANSWER #1 : (RULES) Infield Fly/Interference/Force
Batter is out of the infield fly. The batted ball hitting the runner off second base is disregarded and stays in play because it had passed a fielder (assuming no other fielder had a chance to make an out). The outfielder fields the ball rolling into the outfield and throws the ball to 2B on 2nd, but because the batter was out on the IF, the force was removed and the runner is safe at 2nd (must be tagged).

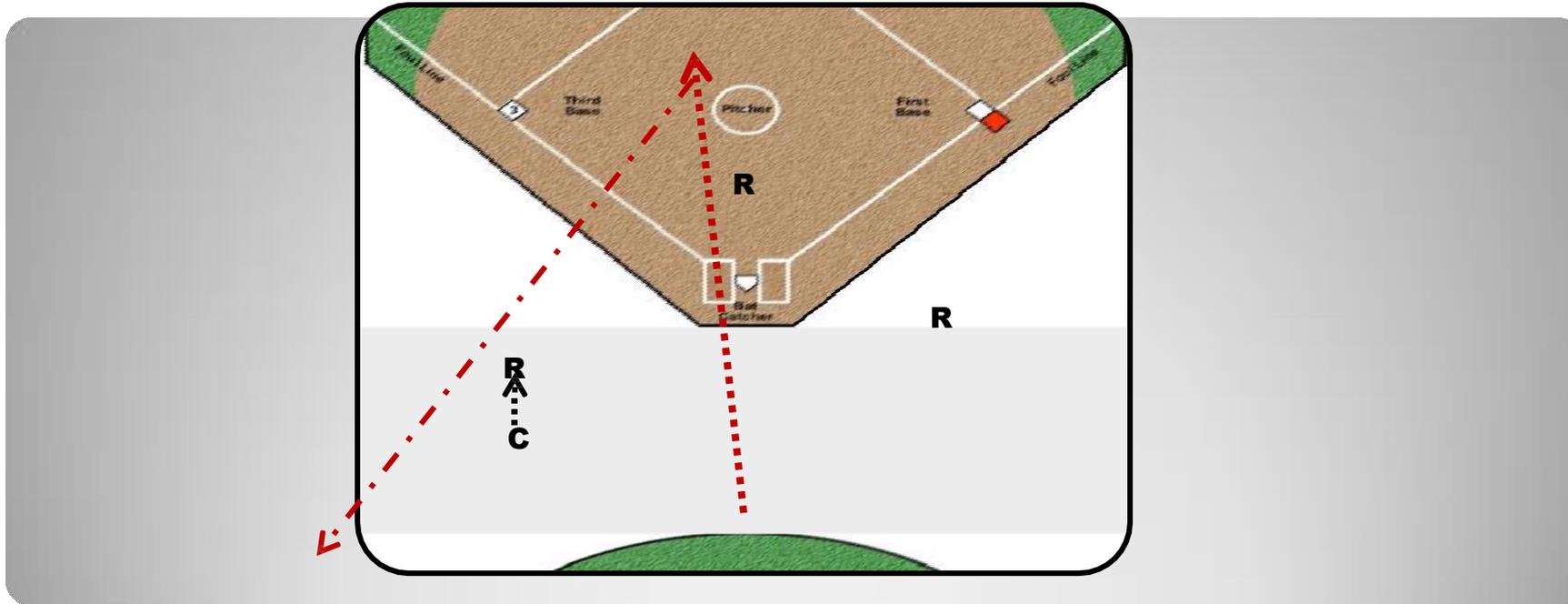


SITUATION #2 :

Runners on 2nd and 3rd, no outs. Low line drive hit between 3B & SS. 3B dives to left and makes contact with the ball changing its direction toward 2nd. Runner from 2nd collides with the SS (moving toward the ball) in the base line. Both are knocked to the ground. 2B picks up the ball, throws to 3B who tags the runner out.

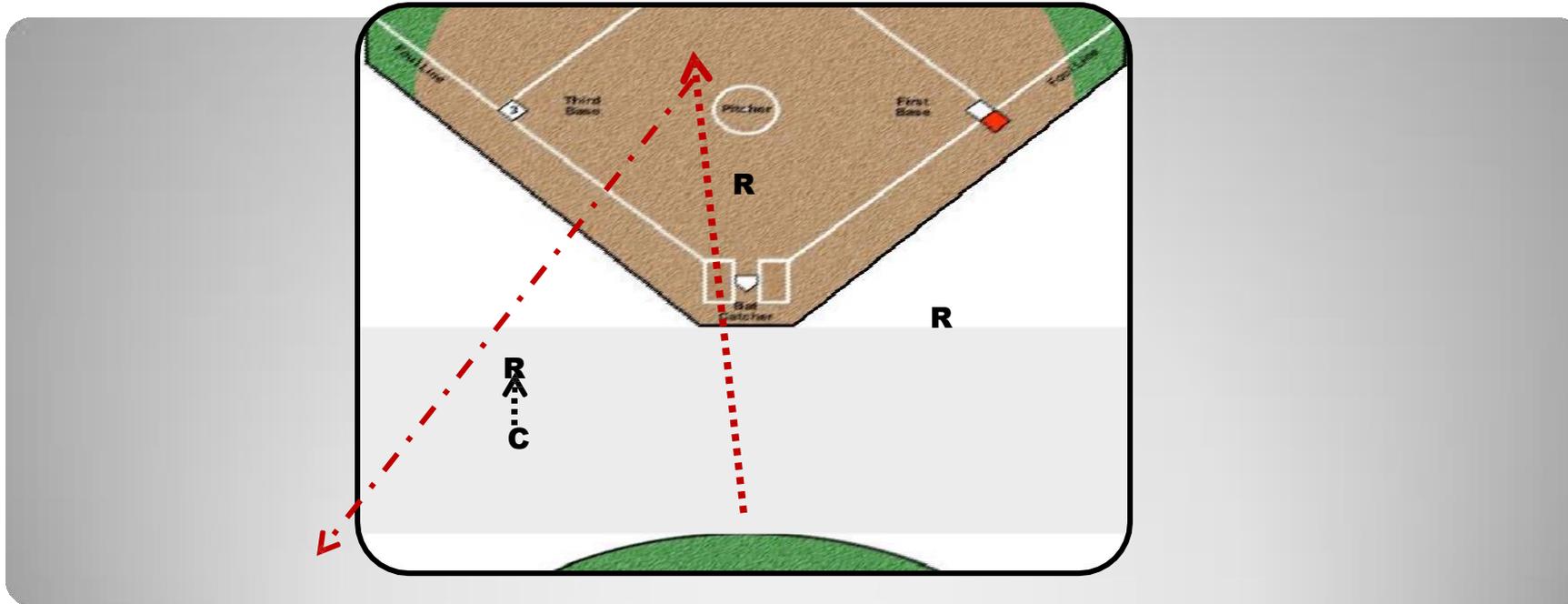


ANSWER #2 : (RULES) Interference/Obstruction/Awards
On every batted ball only one fielder is protected from runner interference. Once 3B touches the ball, no other fielder gets protection from runner interference (batted ball) so when the runner and the SS collide, the SS is guilty of "Obstruction. The ball remains live (delayed dead ball). When the out is made at 3rd, the ball becomes dead and the umpire assesses the penalty for Obstruction. In this case award the runner 3rd and the original runner from 3rd, home.



SITUATION #3 :

Bases loaded no outs. Fly ball to center. 3rd base coach pushes runner off base back toward 3rd to tag up. All runners tag and go on the catch. Fielder throws toward 3rd with the ball going out of play. After all play is over the defense appeals that the runner from 1st left to soon on the fly ball and the umpire upholds the appeal.



ANSWER #3 SB: (RULES) Aiding/Dead Ball/Appeals/Awards
As soon as the coach pushes the runner (aiding) the runner is called Out #1 and the ball remains live. Out #2 comes on the fly ball caught by the CF. When the ball is thrown out of play, the runner from 2nd is awarded home and the runner from 1st is awarded 3rd. The runner from 1st, now on 3rd, is appealed for leaving early on the caught fly and is called Out #3. The run scored by the runner from 2nd being awarded home on the ball thrown out of play stands. (Time Play)

SITUATION # 4:

#1 Jones reaches first on an error. #2 Peterson doubles. #3 Novak walks loading the bases. #8 Ruiz bats out of order (B000) and bats a ground ball that hits #2 Peterson off the base in front of the 2B. #9 bats and has a 3-1 count. The defense appeals that #9 is out of order. Who is the legal batter? The legal batter strikes out. Who then is the next legal batter? That batter walks. Then who becomes the legal batter?



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Coach(es) _____ Team _____

ORDER	#	PLAYER	POSITION
1	3 RD	JONES	
2	2 ND	PETERSON	
3	1 ST	NOVAK	
4		WHITSON	
5		WORTHINGTON	
6		PALMER	
7		WINCEK	
8		RUIZ	
9		COOK 3-1	
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vs. _____ at _____
Date _____ Time _____

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**ANSWER # 4: B000
 (Batting Out of Order)
 When(B000)Ruiz #8 bats
 and (runner) Peterson #2
 commits interference, #2
 Peterson is out and Ruiz is
 awarded 1st. Because Ruiz is
 awarded 1st, Novak is
 advanced to 2nd. When Cook
 #9 receives one pitch she
 becomes the legal batter.
 Cook strikes out for the 2nd
 out. Jones follows Cook in
 the lineup but she is on 3rd.
 So you skip #1 and go to #2
 Peterson. Peterson bats and
 walks which scores Jones and
 moves Novak to 3rd. Novak
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 but is on 3rd so she is skipped
 and Whitson comes to bat.**



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1	3 RD	JONES	
2	2 ND	PETERSON 1	OUT
3	1 ST	NOVAK (2 ND)	
4		WHITSON	
5		WORTHINGTON	
6		PALMER	
7		WINCEK	
8	1 ST	RUIZ	
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10	Skip	JONES	
11	6	PETERSON	
12	Skip	NOVAK	
13	7	WHITSON	
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SITUATION # 5:

Runner on 1st base. 2 outs. Batter has a 2 ball – 2 strike count. Batter hits an illegal pitch to left field and reaches 1st base safely. Runner from 1st base reaches 2nd base and tries to go to 3rd base where she is thrown out.

What is the result of the play?

What if runner had stopped at 2nd base?

What if batter was thrown out at 1st base?

ANSWER # 5:

Delayed dead ball. Since the batter reached 1st base safely and all other runners advanced at least one base safely, the illegal pitch is nullified and the runner thrown out at 3rd base is out. 3rd out. Inning over.

Delayed dead ball. If the runner had stopped at 2nd base: Since the batter had reached 1st base safely and all runners had advanced at least one base safely, the illegal pitch would be nullified. Play stands. Runners on 1st and 2nd with 2 outs.

Delayed dead ball. Since the batter had not reached 1st base safely, the offensive coach would have the choice to take the result of the play or award a ball to the batter. If the coach chooses to award a ball to the batter, all runners would return to their original base at the time of the illegal pitch. The batter would have a 3 balls – 2 strike count with 2 outs.

Videos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWITcCwGt_c&feature=youtu.be

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