

# Catawba Umpires Association

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- Welcome - Please make sure your cell phone and other electronic devices are silenced.
- Ensure you have checked in at the table.
- Umpire Equipment on the back table is free and will be available at the end of the meeting in the following order:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Year Umpires
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Umpires
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Umpires
  - All others
- A copy of today's slide presentation will be available tomorrow on our website under the Documents & Links section.



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- Agenda

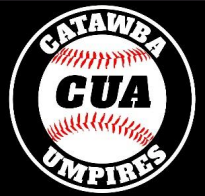
- Administration, Reminders and Action Items
- Arbiter
  - SCHSL/NFHS Testing
  - Views/Groups Explained
  - Self-Assign Scrimmages
- Training – Clint Lawson & Gary Keller
- Questions/Comments



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- Website [CatawbaUmpires.com](https://CatawbaUmpires.com)
  - Meeting Notifications
  - Links/Documents
    - Meeting Notes
    - Uniform Requirements
    - Rules & Rule Books
    - How To Docs
  - Training Videos



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- Website [CatawbaUmpires.com](http://CatawbaUmpires.com)
  - Please check the website before sending us questions.
  - Examples:
    - Where do I buy the Catawba hat?
    - When's our next meeting?
    - What's your address?
    - Are there any other camps in the new year?
    - Is there a cost for the half day clinic on 12-2?
    - What time do you expect camp to end?
    - Are there any other camps in the new year?



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- Important Dates - SCHSL Baseball
  - First Scrimmage February 5, 2024
  - First Preseason Game - February 23, 2024
  - First Regular Season Game – March 4, 2024
  - Playoffs Start – April 29, 2024



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- SCHSL Umpire Registration

- New Officials - If you are new to SCHSL, please use the following link to begin the registration process:
- <https://app..com/registration/official?org=455&role=3&GroupID=101800>

- Returning SCHSL Officials

- Log Into Arbiter
- Choose SCHSL Central Hub
- Click On Registration Near Top In Black Ribbon
- Follow Steps [How To Doc](#)



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- SCHSL Umpire Registration
  - Returning and New Officials
    - No SCHSL Games can be assigned until registration is complete
    - How to Know if Registration is complete
      - Did you submit a Payment to SCHSL with Credit Card of \$45 for first sport, \$23 for each additional sport?
        - If Yes, you are registered
        - If No, the process is not completed, and you are not registered

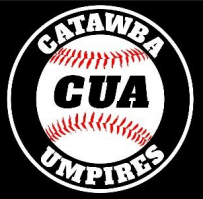


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- Independent Contractor Agreement
  - Form Is Available At The Check-In Table (Today Only)
  - Form Can Be Downloaded at:  
<https://www.catawbaumpires.com/documents>
  - Submission Of Signed Form
    - Leave At The Check-In Table (Today Only)
    - Email To: [Catawba.Umpires@gmail.com](mailto:Catawba.Umpires@gmail.com)
    - USPS Mail To:  
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Attn: Gary Keller  
2536 Sturgis Road  
Rock Hill, SC 29730
  - Do Not Text A Picture Of The Signed Document





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- **Umpire Uniform Requirements**
  - [www.catawbaumpires.com/documents](http://www.catawbaumpires.com/documents)
  - CUA Hat – Purchase Officials
  - Jersey Options
  - Jacket Options
  - Charcoal Gray Pants – No Heather Gray
  - Plate And Base Shoes
  - Black Belt And Black Socks
  - 10% Discount at [www.PurchaseOfficials.com](http://www.PurchaseOfficials.com)



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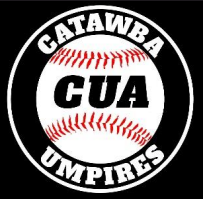
- 2024 Game Fees
  - SCHSL Games
    - Varsity \$80 Plus Mileage (\$91 Minimum)
    - Sub-Varsity \$65 Plus Mileage (\$76 Minimum)
    - Mileage Rates are \$0.55 per mile with an \$11 minimum
  - Clover Rec League
    - Minors and O-Zone
      - \$ Game
      - Most Games are Double Headers
      - Single Game \$
      - 80 Minute Time Limit or 6 Innings
    - Dixie
      - \$ game
      - 85 Minutes Time Limit
  - Weekend Tournaments
    - TBD



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- 2024 Catawba Umpires Spring Booking Fees
  - \$80 – Covers all Games for Spring 2024
  - Fee Is Due On Or Before 2/15/2024
  - \$10 Late Fee Applies if Received After 2/15/2024



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- 2024 Catawba Umpires Booking Fee
  - How to Pay CUA Booking Fee
    - USPS Mail To:  
Catawba Umpires Association  
Attn: Gary Keller  
2536 Sturgis Road  
Rock Hill, SC 29730  
(Send check or money order - DO NOT SEND CASH)
    - Venmo: Gary-keller-9
    - Apple Pay: 704-506-9520
    - PayPal: [gary-keller@outlook.com](mailto:gary-keller@outlook.com)
      - Select “Sending to a Friend” to avoid PayPal fees



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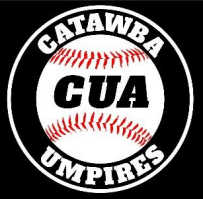
- **Umpire Checklist - Items To Be Completed**
  - SCHSL Registration And Credit Card Payment
  - Catawba Booking Fee
  - Independent Contract Form Completed And Submitted
  - Buy Needed Uniform Items
  - Take Online Test



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- SCHSL/NFHS Testing
  - Open now, closes 2/28/24
  - “How To” guide on the website
- Arbiter Test Demo



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- Arbiter Groups Used By Catawba Umpires
  - Group 108980 – Catawba Umpires
    - Scrimmages
    - American Legion
    - Fall High School Leagues
    - Miscellaneous
  - Group 101800 South Carolina High School League
    - SCHSL Games



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- Self Assign Scrimmages
  - Arbiter Demo





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# Training



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## Batter Interference 7-3-5

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A batter is out when: The batter intentionally or unintentionally interferes with the catcher's fielding or throwing by stepping out of the batter's box or making any other movement that hinders a defensive player's action at home plate:

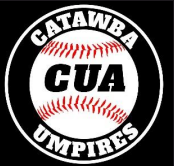
**PENALTY** —The batter is out, and all runners return to their bases at the time of the pitch.

### ***Exceptions -***

- (1) If the runner is advancing to home plate and there are fewer than two outs, the runner, instead of the batter.
- (2) The batter is not out if any runner attempting to advance is put out, or if the runner trying to score is called out for batter's interference.
- (3) If the batter also should strike out on the play, it is a double play.
- (4) If a batter/runner and a catcher fielding the ball make contact, no call shall be made unless either player intentionally interferes with the play.

*Note: A batter's actions must be intentional for there to be interference during a catcher's return throw to the pitcher. If it is unintentional and the return throw to the pitcher hits the batter or his bat while he is in the batter's box, the ball remains live and in play. If the batter does nothing intentional and no runners are attempting to advance, and the catcher's return throw to the pitcher hits the batter or his bat while he is legally out of the batter's box, it is not interference. The ball is immediately dead and all runners return without penalty.*





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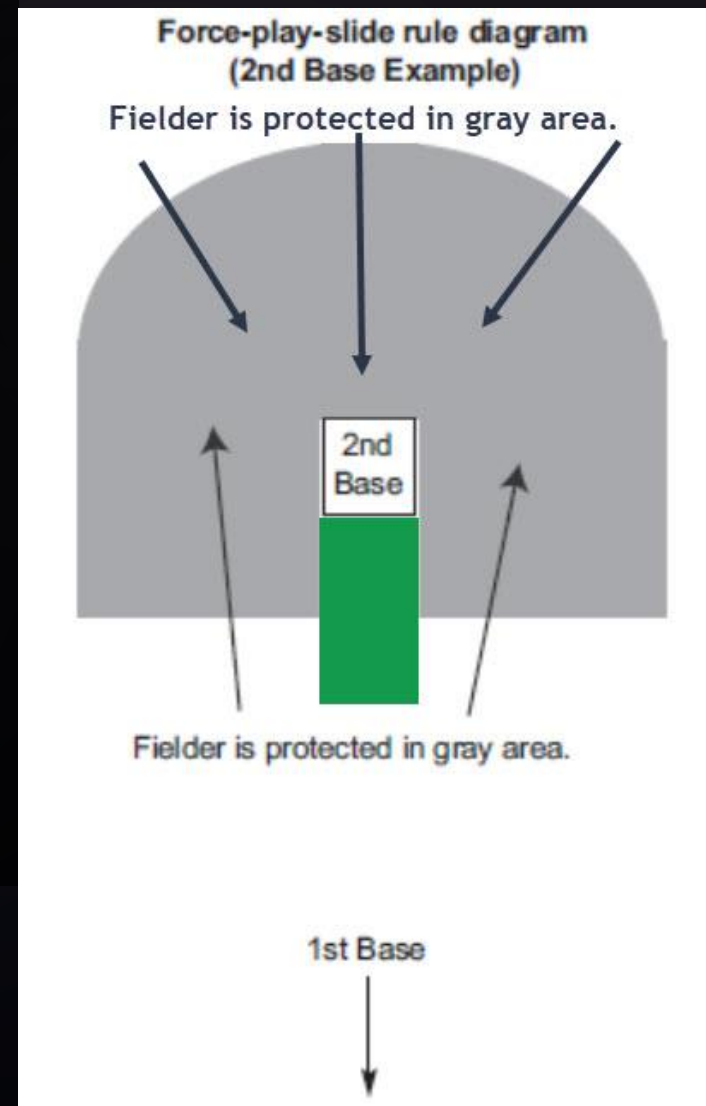
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On any force play, the runner must slide on the ground before the base and in a direct line between the two bases. In high school baseball, it is **NOT** permissible for the slider's momentum to carry him through the base in the baseline extended (except home plate) or "pop-up" on the base.

(1) "On the ground" means either a head-first slide or a slide with one leg and buttock on the ground before the base

(2) "Directly into a base" means the runner's entire body (feet, legs, trunk and arms) must stay in a straight line between the bases.

Contact with a fielder is legal and interference shall not be called if the runner makes a legal slide directly to the base even if contact occurs.





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Actions by a runner are illegal and interference shall be called if:

- (1) The runner slides or runs out of the base line in the direction of the fielder and alters the play of a fielder (with or without contact)
- (2) The runner uses a rolling or cross-body slide and either makes contact with or alters the play of a fielder
- (3) The runner's raised leg makes contact higher than the fielder's knee when in a standing position
- (4) The runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg; or
- (5) The runner illegally slides toward or contacts the fielder even if the fielder makes no attempt to throw to complete a play.



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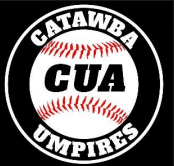
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- (1) With less than two outs, the batter-runner, as well as the interfering runner, shall be declared out and no other runner(s) shall advance.
- (2) With two outs, the interfering runner shall be declared out and no other runner(s) shall advance.
- (3) In addition, if the runner's slide or collision is malicious, the runner shall be ejected from the contest.

**Note 1** If R1 & R2 or bases loaded with no outs, a double-play attempt is made, and interference is called, all other runners must return to their original bases.

**Note 2** On a force play, with a two-man umpiring system, if the plate umpire does not have a potential play at the plate, he should move toward the base to observe the runner going into second or third base. In this situation, the base umpire must follow the throw and may not see the true effect of the lead runner's action.





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Exception:

A runner need not slide directly into a base as long as the runner slides or runs in a direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder. Interference shall not be called.



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## Interference:

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The act of an offensive player, umpire or nongame person who interferes with; physically or verbally hinders; confuses; or impedes any fielder attempting to make a play.

**Note 1** - If the umpire declares the batter, batter-runner or a runner out for interference, all other runners shall return to the last base that was touched legally at the time of the interference, unless otherwise provide by these rules. The ball is dead.

**Note 2** - If the batter-runner has not touched first base at the time of interference, all runners shall return to the base last occupied at the time of the pitch. If there was an intervening play made on another runner, all runners shall return to the base last touched at the time of interference.

**Note 3** - If a fielder has a chance to field a batted ball, but misplays it and while attempting to recover it, the ball is in the fielder's immediate reach and the fielder is contacted by the base runner attempting to reach a base, interference shall be called.

**Note 4** - If a fielder has a chance to field a batted ball, but misplays it and must chase after the ball, the fielder must avoid the runner. If contact occurs, obstruction shall be called.

**Note 5** - If a fielder chases after a deflected batted ball ahead of a runner's arrival and is in the act of picking up the ball (fielding) when contact is made by an offensive player, interference is the call. If the fielder is chasing after the deflected batted ball and contact is made between the two players, obstruction should be the call.

**Note 6** - No preceding or succeeding runner shall advance on an interference play and a runner is considered to occupy a base until he legally has attained the next succeeding base



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## Runners Lane Interference 8-4-1-g

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In running the last half of the distance from home plate to first base while the ball is being fielded to first base, the batter-runner runs outside the 3-foot restraining line or inside the foul line and, in so doing, interferes with the fielder taking the throw at first base, except that the batter may go outside these lines to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball;

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**Note 1** If the batter-runner is running illegally to first base and his being outside the lane alters the throw of a fielder, hinders or alters a fielder's opportunity to field the throw, or the batter-runner is hit by the throw that has been made in an attempt to make a play, it shall be called interference, and the batter-runner is to be called out

**Note 2** The batter-runner is considered outside this 3-foot lane if either foot is outside either line.

**Note 3** On a tag play between home plate and first base, a batter-runner may retreat toward home plate to evade a tag, but shall be declared out after touching or passing home plate, or leaving the base line. The ball remains live.





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Exception—The batter-runner is permitted to exit the three-foot running lane by means of a step, stride, reach or slide in the immediate vicinity of first base and for the sole purpose of touching first or attempting to avoid a tag. He may exit the running lane on his last stride or step if he has been running legally within the running lane up to that point.



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