



Catawba Umpires Association

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2026 Spring Baseball Meeting #4

- Welcome - Please make sure you know how to place yourself on/off mute.
- Today's training session will be recorded. By remaining on this call, you have accepted notification of this recording.
- A copy of today's slide presentation will be available tomorrow on our website under the Documents & Links section.

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- Agenda
 - Umpire Reminders
 - Umpire Training
 - Runner's Lane Interference
 - Batter's Interference
 - Open Forum - Questions/Comments



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- **Umpire Reminders**

- Bench Jockeying
- Baseballs - Check After Hitting An Object (Walls, Cleats, End of Bat, etc.)
- 1 Defensive Player Visit Per Half Inning
- Line Up Cards Are Mandatory At Every SCHSL Game Varsity & Sub-Varsity
- Umpires Must Track Visits, Changes, Courtesy Runners, etc.
- “Flying Start” Is Illegal Rule 8.4.2.0
- Extra Hitter Allowed In Sub-Varsity Games
- 15 Run Rule After 3 Complete Innings
- Cannot Extend The Dugout Towards Home Plate



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Runner's Lane Interference

- [Video Link Click Here](#)



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- Runner's Lane Interference 8-4-1-g

The Batter-Runner Is Out when:

8-4-1-g - The batter-runner runs outside the three-foot running lane (last half of the distance from home plate to first base), while the ball is being fielded or thrown to first base

1. This infraction is ignored if it is to avoid a fielder who is attempting to field the batted ball or if the act does not interfere with a fielder or a throw.
2. The batter runner is considered outside the running lane lines if either foot is outside either line.



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Batter Interference

- [Video Link Click Here](#)



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- Batter Interference 7-3-5

Interfere with the catcher's fielding or throwing by:

- a. leaning over home plate,
- b. stepping out of the batter's box,
- c. making any other movement, including follow-through interference, which hinders actions at home plate or the catcher's attempt to play on a runner; or
- d. failing to make a reasonable effort to vacate a congested area when there is a throw to home plate and there is time for the batter to move away.

PENALTY: When there are two outs, the batter is out. When there are not two outs and the runner is advancing to home plate, if the runner is tagged out, the ball remains live and interference is ignored. Otherwise, the ball is dead and the runner is called out. When an attempt to put out a runner at any other base is unsuccessful, the batter is out and all runners must return to bases occupied at the time of the pitch. If the pitch is a third strike and in the umpire's judgment interference prevents a possible double play (additional outs), two may be ruled out. [8-4-2g, 8-4-21(1)]



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Questions & Comments