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Part of the Rule Book definition:

A fielder, while not in possession of the ball, or not in the act of fielding the ball, who impedes the progress of a runner or batter-runner who is legally running the bases.

- No play, defense blocking base
- During rundowns
- Catcher obstruction (*option play*)
- Fake tag

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Actions:

- Delayed dead ball
- Ball is live
- Obstructed runner may advance further at own risk

When obstructed runner called out or play ends:

- Call time and possibly award base
- Possible place other runners

# Interference



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An offensive player or team member that impedes, hinders, or confuses a defensive player attempting to execute a play.

All of the following may occur:

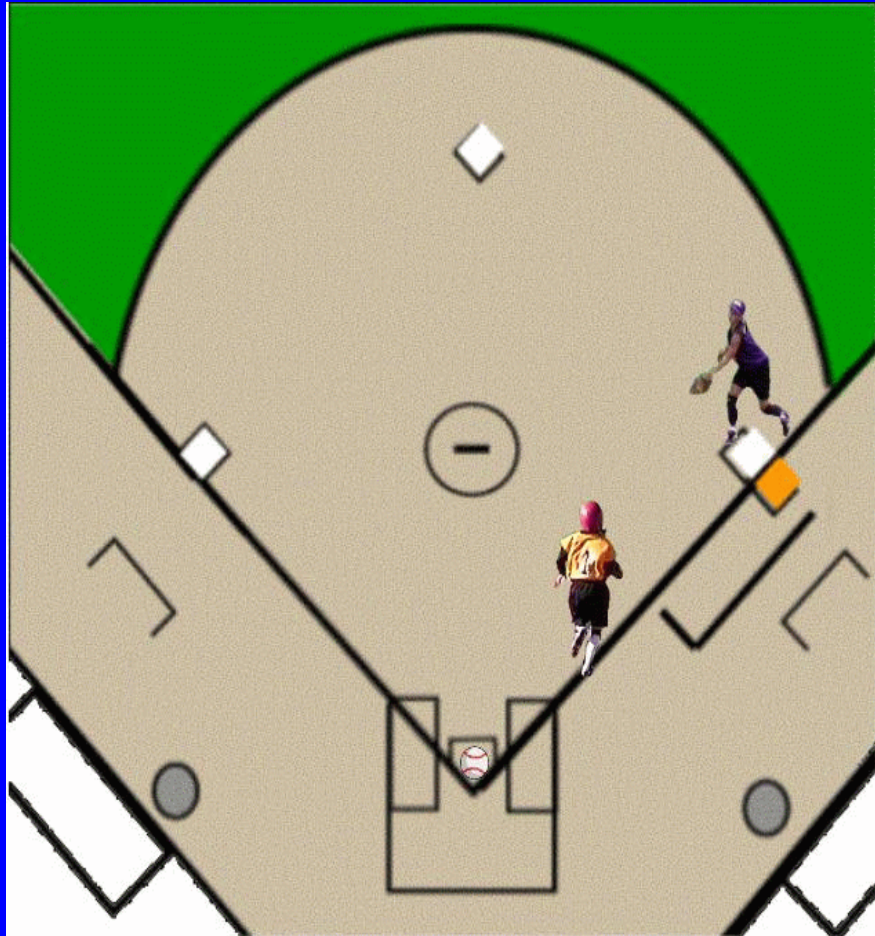
- Dead ball (\* *delayed*)
- Out / Additional outs
- Runners return / award of bases

# Interference

Caused by whom...

- The offense (*Batter / Batter Runner*)
- An umpire
- A spectator reaching into the playing field

# Batter / BR Interference



## Plate umpire's call

- Batter interfering with catcher or any play at the plate
  - Batter-Runner
    - must be defensive player in position
  - BR must be outside chute\*
- \* Note which side of safe base is in play.

# Interference By a Runner

By a Runner:

1. Not yet out - **Runner is out**
2. Not yet out – obvious double play? -  
**Runner and succeeding runner are out**
3. Already out - **Runner nearest to home is also out**

Note: ball is dead, remaining runners return



# Plate Umpire Interference

- Delayed dead ball
- If the runner is thrown out – interference is nullified
- Not out – dead ball, back to previous base