

BASEBALL INTERPRETATION MEETING

INTERFERENCE-OBSTRUCTION

Offensive interference is an act (physical or verbal) by the team at bat, which interferes with, obstructs, impedes, hinders or confuses any fielder making a play.

Situations- Runner on second base, batter hits a ground ball toward the shortstop:

- a. ball hits the runner in front of the shortstop
- b. runner bumps into shortstop while he is trying to field the ball
- c. runner stops in front of the shortstop and waves his hands or attempts to block the fielder's vision
- d. runner goes a direct path in front of shortstop and ball goes through his legs
- e. runner shouts at the fielder to distract him
- f. batted ball hits the pitcher's glove, then rebounds and hits the runner who is front of the shortstop
- g. ball goes past the shortstop and hits the runner in back of him (note exception)

Obstruction is an act (intentional or unintentional as well as physical or verbal) by any member of the offensive team that hinders a runner or changes a pattern of play

Situations -Batter gets a base hit and runs into the first baseman who blocks his path after he touches first base:

- a. at the end of the play runner goes back to first
- b. runner is tagged out sliding into second base
- c. batter runner is thrown out at third base
- d. batter-runner maliciously knocks over first baseman who is in his path

Malicious Contact

Situation-Runner on second base, batter gets a base hit, runner is heading toward the plate where he collides with the catcher:

- a. runner violently maliciously knocks over the catcher without the ball
- b. runner violently maliciously knocks over the catcher with the ball