

INFIELD FLY RULE

- Runners on 1st and 2nd or bases loaded
- 0 or 1 outs
- “Pop up” routinely playable by an infielder (however, the rule does not preclude outfielders from catching an infield fly)
- Pop up must be a fair ball
- A bunt can NEVER be considered an infield fly

OBSTRUCTION/INTERFERENCE

Obstruction – an act (intentional or unintentional, physical or verbal) by a fielder, any member of the defensive team or its team personnel that hinders a runner or changes the pattern of play. Obstruction is a delayed dead ball. Runners awarded bases they would have reached.

Interference – an act (physical or verbal) which interferes with, obstructs, impedes or confuses any fielder attempting to make a play or when a runner creates malicious contact with any fielder, with or without the ball, in or out of the baseball. Interference is a dead ball, runner is out, and a double play can be called. Other runners return.

ARE THE HANDS PART OF THE BAT?

The hands are part of the bat during a swing or an attempted/check swing (including a bunt or attempted bunt).

The hands are not part of the bat if the batter is not attempting to swing or bunt.