

KINO BASEBALL LEAGUE

(A) SLIDE:

I) A legal slide can be either feet first or head first. If a runner slides feet first, at least one leg and buttock shall be on the ground. If a runner slides, he must slide within reach of the base with either a hand or a foot. A runner may slide or run in a direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder.

II) A slide is illegal if:

- (a) The runner uses a rolling, cross-body or pop-up slide into the fielder, or
- (b) The runner's raised leg is higher than the fielder's knee when the fielder is in a standing position, or
- (c) The runner goes beyond the base and then makes contact with or alters the play of the fielder, or
- (d) The runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg, or
- (e) The runner tries to injure the fielder, or
- (f) The runner, on a force play, does not slide on the ground and in a direct line between the two bases.

(B) RUNNER IS OUT:

I) Any runner is out when he:

(a) Does not legally slide and causes illegal contact and/or illegally alters the actions of a fielder in the immediate act of making a play, or on a force play, does not slide in a direct line between the bases; or

1) A runner may slide in either direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder.

2) Runners are never required to slide, but if a runner elects to slide, the slide must be legal.

Jumping, hurling, and leaping are all legal attempts to avoid a fielder as long as the fielder is lying on the ground. Diving over a fielder is illegal.

Penalty: The runner is out. Interference is called and the ball is dead immediately. On a force play slide with less than two outs, the runner is declared out, as well as the batter-runner. Runners shall return to the bases occupied at the time of the pitch. With two outs, the runner is declared out. The batter is credited with a fielder's choice

(C) FORCE PLAY DEFINITION:

A force play is a play in which a runner (or two or three runners) loses his right to the base he occupies and is forced to advance because the batter becomes a batter-runner. For a given runner, a force play ends as soon as he touches the next base or a following runner is put out a previous base. When a runner advances beyond a base to which he is forced without touching it, the force play remains. Also, a force situation is reinstated when a runner retreats past the base to which he was forced to advance.

(D) FORCE PLAY SLIDE RULE:

The intent of the force-play-slide rule is to ensure the safety of all players. This is a safety as well as an interference rule. Whether the defense could have completed the double play has no bearing on the applicability of this rule. This rule pertains to a force play situation at any base, regardless of the number of outs.

- I) On any force play, the runner must slide **on the ground** before the base and in direct line between the two bases. It is permissible for the slider's momentum to carry him through the base in the base line extended. **(SEE DIAGRAM)**

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 will not be called.*

- a) **"On the ground"** is defined as either a head first slide or a slide with one leg and buttock on the ground.
- b) **"Direct line between the bases"** is defined as the runner's entire body (feet, legs, trunk and arms) must stay in straight line between the bases.

CLARIFICATION #1: If a runner goes into a base standing up and does not make contact or alter the play of the defender, interference shall not be called.

CLARIFICATION #2: If a runner goes into a base standing up and is safe or out, but makes contact with or alters the play of the defender, interference shall be called.

- II) Contact with a fielder is legal and interference shall not be called if the runner makes a legal slide directly to the base. **(SEE DIAGRAM)**

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

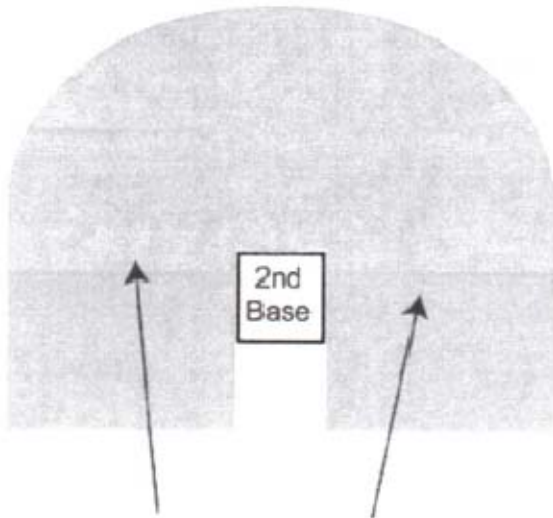
- (a) The runner slides or runs out of the base line in the direction of the fielder and/or alters the play of the fielder (with or without contact)
- (b) The runner uses a rolling or cross-body slide and either makes contact with or alters the play of the fielder.
- (c) The runner's raised leg makes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

PENALTY:

- 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) **If the runner's slide or collision is malicious or flagrant, the runner shall be ejected from the game.**

CLARIFICATION: If the bases are loaded with no outs, a double play attempt is made, and interference is called, all other runners must return to their original base.

Force-play-slide rule diagram
(2nd Base Example)

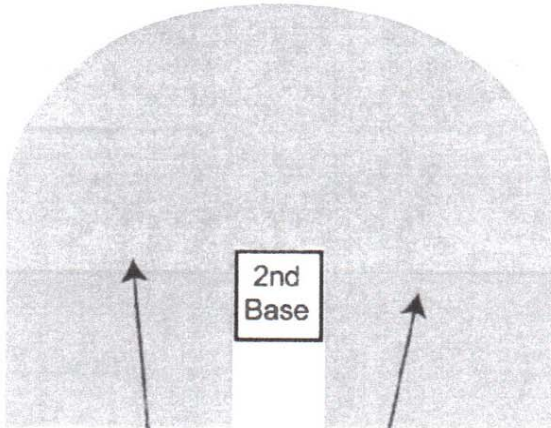


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1st Base



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