



ISF TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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ISF Rule Clarification

ISF 2006-2009 Official Rules of Softball
Rule Reference - Rule 7 Sec 1 f Effect and Rule 8 Sec 2 k

ISF ADU Ruling

There is a possibility of a misunderstanding when reading the aforementioned rules together. Unfortunately it will take a rule change to totally clear up, however we cannot do a rule change this year. Until the rules change, we will have separate rulings under Rule 7 Sec 1 f Effect and Rule 8 Sec 2 k. Exception. Rule 8 Sec 2 k Exception will not apply to the on-deck batter who is covered under Rule 7 Sec 1 f Effect.

Recommendation

The following to be reviewed at the 2009 Rules Commission meeting.

Rule 8 Sec 2 k

Delete: "When a member of the team at bat"

Insert: **"When a non-playing member of the team at bat**

Rule 7 Sec 1 f

Delete: Effect Sec 1f 2 (a) and (b)

Insert: 2. With a defensive **player's attempt to catch a fly ball (fair or foul) or a fly ball (fair or foul) that a defensive player is attempting to catch,**

(a) the batter-runner shall be called out.

Exception: If there are runners on base at the time of the interference then the runner closest to home at the time of the interference shall be called out. The batter-runner will then return to bat with an additional strike, or provided the count prior to hitting the ball was less than two strikes. (i) If this interference is the third out, the batter-runner will return to bat as the lead off batter in the next inning, with no ball or strike count. (ii) (SP) If this is the third strike (foul ball) the batter-runner is also out, unless the third out of the inning was the runner interference call, in which case the batter-runner shall be deemed to have completed his turn at bat.

(b) Runners are returned to the base held at the time of the pitch.

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