

2. goes directly from the bat to the catcher's protector, mask or person without first touching the catcher's glove or hand;
3. or becomes an uncaught foul; or
- e. there is interference by a runner, batter-runner (8-4-1g), or a retired runner (3-3-1n, 8-4-1a, h or 8-4-2b, e, f, g or k), the batter (7-3-5), or by any person (3-2-3);
- f. a fair batted ball:
 1. touches a runner or an umpire before touching any fielder and before passing any fielder other than the pitcher,
 2. touches a runner after passing through or by an infielder and another infielder could have made a play on the ball,
 3. touches a spectator,
 4. goes over or through or wedges in the field fence, or
 5. lodges in players equipment or uniform; or
- g. a pitch or any other thrown ball:
 1. is touched by a spectator;
 2. is intentionally touched by a non-participating squad member;
 3. goes into a stand or other dead-ball area or players' bench (even if it rebounds to the field), or over or through or wedges in the field fence (8-3-3c or d);
 4. lodges in an umpire's, catcher's or offensive player's equipment or uniform; or
- h. the umpire handles a live ball or calls "Time" for inspecting the ball or for any other reason, including items in Section 2 or gives the "Do Not Pitch Signal" or inadvertently announces "Foul" on a ball that touches the ground; or
- i. a fielder, after catching a fair or foul ball (fly or line drive), leaves the field of play by stepping with both feet or by falling into a bench, dugout, stand, bleacher, or over any boundary or barrier such as a fence, rope, chalk line, or a pregame determined imaginary boundary line; or
- j. an infielder intentionally drops a fair fly, fair line drive or fair bunt in flight with at least first base occupied and with less than two outs.
EXCEPTION: Infield-fly rule (2-19).
- k. a balk or an illegal pitch is committed; or
- l. a batted, thrown or pitched ball touches a designated media area or anyone or anything that is entirely or partially in the designated media area.
 1. The umpire has the authority to remove any member of the media for not staying in or keeping their equipment in the designated dead ball area.
- m. when malicious contact (offensive or defensive) occurs;

ART. 2 . . . It is a delayed dead ball when:

- a. there is interference by a batter (Exception 7-3-5 Penalty),
 1. When the batter interferes with the catcher attempting to play on a runner, if an out does not result at the end of the catcher's throw, the ball shall become dead immediately.
- b. a catcher or any fielder obstructs a batter or runner; or obstructs the ball through use of detached player equipment (8-3-3);