

ART. 5 . . . In the play rulings, a fielder is referred to as F1, F2, etc. Refer to Diagram 1.

SECTION 14 FIELDER'S CHOICE

ART. 1 . . . A fielder's choice is the act of a fielder with a live ball, who elects to throw for an attempted putout or to retire unassisted any runner or batter-runner, thus permitting the advance of another runner(s). The scorer decides whether the batter is credited with a safe hit or an extra base hit in accordance with 9-2-2, 9-3-3. Scorers use the term in the following ways:

- a. to indicate the advance of the batter-runner who takes one or more bases when the fielder who handles his batted ball plays on a preceding runner;
- b. to indicate the advance of a runner (other than by stolen base or error) while a fielder is trying to put out another runner; and
- c. to indicate the advance of a runner due to the defensive team's refusal to play on him (an undefended steal).

SECTION 15 FORFEITED GAME

A forfeited game is one awarded to the opponent of the offending team (4-4).

SECTION 16 FOUL, FOUL TIP

ART. 1 . . . A foul is a batted ball:

- a. which settles on foul territory between home and first base or between home and third base; or
- b. that bounds past first or third base on or over foul territory; or
- c. that first falls on foul territory beyond first or third base; or
- d. that, while on or over foul territory, touches the person of an umpire or a player or any object foreign to the natural ground; or
- e. that touches the ground after inadvertently being declared foul by an umpire.

ART. 2 . . . A foul tip is a batted ball that goes directly to the catcher's hands and is legally caught by any fielder. It shall be called a strike and the ball is in play.

SECTION 17 GAME, CALLED GAME, SUSPENDED GAME

ART. 1 . . . A regulation interscholastic game is seven innings (turns at bat) for each team unless shortened as in 4-2-2 and 4-2-3, or unless extra innings are necessary to break a tie score.

ART. 2 . . . A called game is one which is ended by order of the umpire in accordance with 4-3.

ART. 3 . . . A suspended game is a called game to be completed at a later time.

SECTION 18 ILLEGAL PITCH

An illegal pitch is an illegal act committed by the pitcher with no runner on base, which results in a ball being awarded the batter. When an illegal pitch occurs with a runner, or runners, on base, it is ruled a balk.