

those bases. In actuality, it is the right to advance without a play being made that is awarded.

### **SECTION 3 BALK**

A balk is an illegal act committed by the pitcher with a runner(s) on base which entitles each runner to advance one base.

### **SECTION 4 BALL, BASE ON BALLS, INTENTIONAL BASE ON BALLS**

**ART. 1 . . .** The ball is one of the playing implements (See 1-3-1). The term is also used to designate a pitch which is not touched by the bat and is not a strike as in 7-2-1 and 7-2-2.

**ART. 2 . . .** A base on balls is an award of first base (often referred to as a "walk") if a batter receives four such balls. The batter must go immediately to first base before time-out is called.

**ART. 3 . . .** An intentional base on balls may be given by the defensive team by having its catcher or coach request the umpire to award the batter first base. This may be done before pitching to the batter or on any ball and strike count. The ball shall be declared dead before making the award.

### **SECTION 5 BASE HIT**

**ART. 1 . . .** A fair ball is a batted ball which:

- a. settles on fair territory between home and third base or between home and first base; or
- b. contacts fair ground on or beyond an imaginary line between first and third base; or
- c. is on or over fair ground when bounding to the outfield past first or third base; or
- d. first falls on fair ground on or beyond first or third base; or
- e. touches first, second or third base; or
- f. while on or over fair territory, touches the person of an umpire or player, their clothing or equipment; or
- g. while over fair ground passes out of the playing field in flight.
  1. A fly ball or line drive, which passes over or inside first or third base in flight and curves to foul ground beyond such base, is not a fair hit; but a hit which goes over or through the fence is a fair hit if it is over fair ground when it leaves the field.

**ART. 2 . . .** A base hit (also called a safe hit or single) is one which enables the batter to advance to first base without being put out (9-3-2).

**ART. 3 . . .** An extra base hit is one which enables the batter to advance to first base and then to one or more succeeding bases (9-3-3). A two-base hit (double), three-base hit (triple) or home run enables him to reach second, third or home base, respectively.