



BASEBALL
ONTARIO

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL



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Catcher Interference

Catcher interference occurs when the catcher hinders or prevents a batter from hitting a pitch.



3 Potential Outcomes

The ball is not hit

- The batter-runner is awarded first base
- All other runners advance **only if forced**

The ball is hit and all runners including the batter *DO NOT* advance at least 1 base

- The batter-runner is awarded first base
- All other runners advance **only if forced**

The ball is hit and all runners including the batter advance at least 1 base

- Ignore the interference
- The ball remains live
- The play stands

The Option Play

The manager in this situation can decide to take the result of the play, instead of the award for catcher's interference. For example, if the batter popped out to right-field allowing R3 to score, the manager may ask for the "option" and allow that play to stand even though the batter and all runners did not advance at least one base.

Mechanics

- Point at the catcher and say "That's Interference"
- Call "TIME"
- Award the batter-runner first base
- All other runners advance if forced

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