



## INFIELD FLY - OBR Definition of Terms

An infield fly is a fly ball (not a line drive or bunt) that can be caught by an infielder with **ordinary** effort, when there are runners on 1st and 2nd, or with the bases loaded, with less than 2 out. The batter is declared out, the ball remains live and runners may advance at their own risk (runners must tag-up if the ball is caught).



### Criteria

- There must be runners at 1st & 2nd (R1/R2) **OR** runners at 1st, 2nd & 3rd (R1/R2/R3)
- There must be less than 2 out
- The batter must hit a **fair** fly ball
- Any infielder must be able to catch the ball with **ordinary effort** \*judgement call\*

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The location of the baseball has no bearing on your decision to call an infield fly. If the umpire believes an infielder could have caught the fly ball with **ordinary effort**, the umpire should call the infield fly (even if the ball is in the outfield!)

## MECHANICS



- With your right hand, point directly up at the sky
- As the ball is dropping, call "INFIELD FLY, BATTER IS OUT"



If the ball is near the fair/foul line, the umpire should call "infield fly, batter is out **if fair**"



Did you know that any of the umpires on the field can call an infield fly?



Do not forget your pre-pitch communication with your partner(s) to signal that the infield fly rule is in effect!

The infield fly does not apply to line drives, bunts, or foul balls!

