



BASEBALL
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MAKE THE RIGHT CALL



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OVERTHROWS - OBR 5.06(B)(4)(G-I)

An overthrow occurs when a thrown ball from a defensive player leaves the playing field and enters dead ball territory. The award on an overthrow changes if the ball was thrown by a pitcher, an infielder, or an outfielder.



The Pitcher

While in contact with the rubber, if the pitcher throws the ball out of play, each runner is entitled to advance **one** base.

If the pitcher steps off the rubber before throwing the ball out of play, the pitcher is now considered an **infielder**. The award will then become **two** bases from the time of the pickoff.

The Infielders

On the first play by an infielder, each runner is awarded **two** bases from the **time of the pitch**. On the second play by an infielder, each runner is awarded **two** bases from the **time of the throw**.



The Five Ways of Having a Play

- Tag or attempted tag of a base
- Tag or attempted tag of a runner
- Throw to a fielder to retire a runner
- Rundown
- Balk

The Outfielders

When an outfielder throws the ball out of play, the award will be **two** bases from **the time of the throw**.

Mechanics

When the ball leaves the playing field:

- Call 'TIME'
- Point at the runner(s)
- Say "You _____ Base!"

Always award bases starting with the runner closest to home plate!

Time of Pitch vs. Time of Throw

When awarding bases using the **time of the pitch**, each runner is entitled to advance from the base they occupied at the time of the pitch. **Time of throw** requires the umpires to know where the runners were at the time the ball was released by the fielder.

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