

FOLLOW THE PLAY

A game normally consists of nine innings for each team, but can be terminated by mutual consent after five innings. An innings terminates when three men of the batting side are out.

When the pitcher is delivering the ball to the bat he must keep one foot in contact with the Pitcher's Plate. Pitching distance is 60-ft. 6-ins.

The Batsman is allowed four *Balls* or three *Strikes*.

A *Ball* is called when the pitched ball passes below the knee or above the shoulder or wide of the home plate, and is not swung at by the batter.

A *Strike* is called when the batter swings at the ball or it passes across the home plate below the shoulder or above the knee. If the batter hits the *third* strike foul, it does not count against him, and he is still on "strike two." The home plate is 17-ins. wide.

If pitcher sends down four *Balls* before three *Strikes*, batsman is allowed first base.

Batsman becomes a baserunner when a *Fair Hit* is made or when he is allowed first base on balls. He *must* run when the ball lands fair.

A *Fair Hit* is one which settles or flies over fair ground, that is inside the foul lines (see diagram).

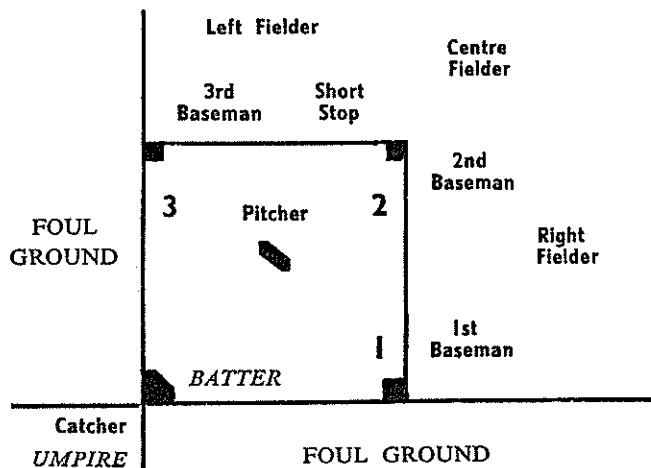
A baserunner is out at first base if the ball is held on base before he reaches it. At second and third bases and home plate, baserunner must be touched by ball which is held by fielder before he reaches the base—except when play is *Forced*, that is when baserunners are compelled to advance through batsman making a fair hit and becoming a runner; all that is then necessary is for a fielder to hold the ball and touch the base.

Two baserunners cannot occupy the same base at the same time.

The ball is dead and not in play if it goes foul, that is, outside the foul lines (see diagram); however, if it is caught, batsman is then declared out.

A *Run* is scored only when each individual batsman has made a complete circuit of the diamond, touching each base in regular order *before three men are out*.

A catch retires only the batter—not the whole side. A runner can advance from a base *after* a catch is made, but if he is off base before the catch is made he must return to that base before advancing.



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