



West Nyack Little League Umpire Clinics

Infield Fly Rule

Question #1

When do I have to call the infield fly rule?

Answer

You call the infield fly under the following conditions:

When there are less than 2 outs (that means 0 outs or 1 out) AND...

- Runners are on 1st and 2nd base OR
- Bases loaded

Question #2

What happens when I call the infield fly rule?

Answer

If an infield fly occurs, the following will happen:

1) The home plate or field umpire will point to the sky and yell “Infield fly, batter is out!”

2) Runners may advance to the next base at their own risk.

*Note:

- If the pop-fly is caught by an infielder, the runners must tag-up if they wish to advance to the next base.
- If the pop-fly is not caught, runners do not need to tag-up.

Question #3

Do I call an infield fly if the ball is in or around foul territory?

Answer

Sometimes a pop-fly ball may be close to the foul line. If this happens during a

potential infield fly situation, you must do the following:

- 1) Either the home plate or field umpire must point to the sky and yell, “Infield fly IF FAIR.”
- 2) If the ball is caught or lands in fair territory, the infield fly rule will be enforced according to question #2.
- 3) If the fly ball is caught in foul territory, the batter is out.
- 4) If the fly ball lands in foul territory, the ball is declared foul and the At-Bat will continue.