

**Table 5-1  
DEAD BALL TABLES**

**BALL DEAD IMMEDIATELY**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Awards or Penalties</b>	<b>References</b>
1. Pitch touches batter (F.P.).....	5-1-1a	1. Batter awarded first except when no effort to avoid pitch is required.....	8-1-2b, 7-3-2
2. Illegally batted ball.....	5-1-1b	2. Batter is out. Runners return.....	7-4-8, 7-4-2
3. Ball hit twice in fair and sometimes foul territory.....	5-1-1b	3. Batter is out. Runners return.....	7-4-13, 8-2-6
4. Uncaught foul.....	5-1-1d (3)	4. Runners return to bases occupied at time of pitch.....	8-3-2 Exc
5. Spectator interference.....	5-1-1d,f,g	5. Umpire judgment in awarding bases or imposing penalty to nullify interference.....	8-4-3l
6. Interference by runner.....	5-1-1e	6. Interferer is out. Other runners return to base occupied at time of infraction.....	8-6-10
7. Interference by retired runner.....	5-1-1e	7. Runner closest to home is out if interference prevented a double play anywhere. Other runners return.....	8-6-16
8. Interference by runner (foul fly).....	5-1-1m	8. Interferer is out. Other runners return. Strike on the batter.....	8-6-10b Note
9. Interference by coach or others connected with the team (thrown ball).....	5-1-1g	9. For interference by coach, runner is out. For interference by others connected with the offensive team, see 3-5-5, Penalty and 8-4-2f.....	3-5-4, 5
10. Interference by coach or other nonplayers connected with the team (batted ball).....	5-1-1e	10. If interference prevented possible double play, the batter and runner closest to home would be declared out.....	8-6-16
11. Fair ball over fence in flight or prevented by spectator or player's detached equipment.....	5-1-1f	11. Award all runners home plate.....	8-4-3e, g
12. Fair ball touches a spectator or bounces over, through or lodges in a fence.....	5-1-1f	12. Award all runners appropriate number in umpire's judgment or two bases.....	8-4-3h, k
13. Fair ball touches runner before it touches a fielder or after it passes any fielder other than the pitcher and another fielder has a play.....	5-1-1f	13. Hit runner is out. Batter is awarded first and credited with a hit. Others return to base occupied at time of interference unless runner intentionally interferes with ball or fielder.....	8-1-2a, 8-4-1f, 8-6-11
14. Fair ball touches umpire before it touches an infielder or passes any infielder except the pitcher.....	5-1-1f	14. Runners return to bases occupied at time of interference unless forced by batter-runner. Batter awarded first and credited with a single.....	8-1-2a
15. A thrown ball, not a pitch, which becomes a blocked ball.....	5-1-1g	15. Award all runners two bases from point of release.....	8-4-3f
16. A pitched ball that becomes blocked (F.P.).....	5-1-1g	16. Award all runners one base from time of pitch (F.P.).....	8-4-3c
17. Umpire handles live ball or calls time to inspect the ball or for other reasons, including 5-2-1.....	5-1-1h	17. Runners return to bases they had reached or passed when ball becomes dead.....	5-2-1
18. Fair or foul ball is caught by fielder, who then leaves the field of play with one or both feet.....	5-1-1i	18. Award all runners one base from time the ball became dead except when caught ball is third out.....	5-1-1i Note; 8-4-3j
19. A live ball is intentionally carried, kicked, pushed or thrown into dead-ball territory.....	8-4-3k	19. Award all runners two bases from the time the ball became dead	
20. Offensive team personnel calls "Time" or uses any other command or commits an act for the purpose of trying to cause the opposing pitcher to violate the pitching rule.....	5-1-1j	20. No runners are allowed to advance. Team warning for first offense. Subsequent offenders ejected.....	3-6-8 Pen
21. After each strike or ball or as soon as the ball hits the ground (S.P.).....	5-1-1k	21. All runners return to bases they occupied at time of pitch.....	8-5-7
22. Infielder intentionally drops fair fly, fair line drive or fair bunt in flight with at least first base occupied and less than two outs...	5-1-1l	22. Batter-runner is out. Runners return to their base.....	8-2-10
23. Illegal pitch but not released, or released to a base.....	5-1-1p, 6-2-7, Pen (F.P.), 6-2-1, 2, 7	23. All runners advance one base. Batter remains at bat and is awarded a ball.....	6-2-7 Pen, 6-4-12
24. Award intentional base on balls (S.P.).....	2-63-2; 5-1-1k	24. Batter awarded first base. Runners remain at bases occupied at time of walk unless forced to advance.....	8-1-1c
25. Base runner leaves base before pitcher releases pitch (F.P.).....	6-2-4c	25. No pitch is declared and runner is out.....	8-6-18

26. Base runner leaves base before pitched ball reaches home plate (S.P.)...	6-4-9b (S.P.)	26. No pitch is declared and runner is out .....	8-6-17
27. Quick return pitch before batter has taken position or is off balance.....	6-2-4b (F.P.)	27. All subsequent action on pitch is cancelled. No pitch is declared.....	6-2-4 (F.P.) Pen 6-4-9c (S.P.) Pen
28. Fielder loses possession and ball enters dead area.....	8-4-3f, h	28. All runners awarded one base past last base touched at time ball enters deadball territory.....	8-4-3f, i
29. Batted ball hitting runner while touching base .....	8-1-2a	29. Batter awarded first base. Runners remain at base occupied at time of pitch unless forced to advance.....	8-1-2a
30. Illegal slide .....	8-6-13	30. Runner is out. Other runners return to last base touched prior to infraction.....	8-6-13
31. Malicious interference .....	8-6-14	31. Runner is out and ejected. Other runners return to last base touched prior to infraction .....	5-1-1e, 3-6-19
32. Batter-runner steps backward toward home plate.....	8-2-8	32. Batter-runner is out. Runners return to bases occupied at time of infraction .....	8-2-8
33. For ball hitting loose equipment on field of team at bat.....	5-1-1g	33. Runner being played on is out. Otherwise runners return to bases occupied at time of infraction.....	8-6-15 Pen 8-4-3f Pen
34. For ball hitting loose equipment on field of team on defense.....	5-1-1g	34. All runners advance two bases.....	
35. Fielder intentionally carries or throws ball into dead-ball territory .....	5-1-1i	35. Runners are awarded two bases beyond the base they last occupied at the time the fielder entered deadball territory or when the ball left the hand of the thrower.....	8-4-3j 8-4-3c
36. Pitched ball touches in occupied designated media area .....	5-1-1o	36. Ball dead immediately. Runners advance one base.....	8-4-3f, h
37. Batted or thrown ball touches in occupied designated media area .....	5-1-1o	37. Ball dead immediately. Runners advance two bases .....	
38. Interference by batter when attempted putout is by the catcher. ....	5-1-1q	38. Ball dead immediately. Batter is out. Runners return to last base touched at time of interference. ....	7-4-4
39. Batter-runner fails to advance to first and enters team area .....	8-2-4	39. Batter-runner is out. Runners return to bases occupied at time of infraction. ....	8-2-4

## DELAYED DEAD BALL

Activity	Reference	Awards or Penalties	References
1. Illegal pitch released (F.P.) .....	5-1-2a	1. The pitch is ruled a ball and base runners are awarded one base if the ball is not hit or batter becomes base runner. Otherwise, if ball is hit, team at bat has choice of accepting play or penalty .....	6-1-1, 2, 3, 4 Pen
2. Illegal pitch released (S.P.).....	5-1-2a; 6-4-12 Note	2. The pitch is ruled a ball. However, if the batter swings, there is no penalty for the illegal pitch.....	6-4-12 (S.P.)
3. Obstruction of batter by catcher or fielder .....	5-1-2b	3. If batter and all runners do not advance at least one base, award batter first and advance all other runners only if forced or result of play .....	8-1-1d 8-4-3e
4. Intentionally touching batted ball with detached player equipment over fair territory.....	5-1-2c	4. Award batter-runner and runners three bases if not made .....	
5. Intentionally touching thrown ball with detached player equipment .....	5-1-2c	5. Award runners two bases if not made.....	8-4-3e
6. Interference by umpire with catcher throwing a non-batted ball (F.P.) .....	5-1-2c	6. If runner is not put out, runners return.....	8-5-6
7. Obstruction .....	5-1-3, 2-36	7. If obstructed runner and all other runners hindered by the obstruction do not reach bases they otherwise would have reached, award runner or runners such bases .....	8-3-4
8. Contact of any ball with illegal glove or mitt.....	8-8-15	8. The offensive team will have the choice of the result of the play or having the penalty imposed.....	8-8-15c
9. Deliberately removing batting helmet in live-ball territory while the ball is live.....	5-1-2e	9. Team warning. Subsequent players and head coach on that team to violate rule are restricted to dugout/bench for the duration of the game.....	3-6-1 Pen