

Batter refuses to take his position in the Batter's Box

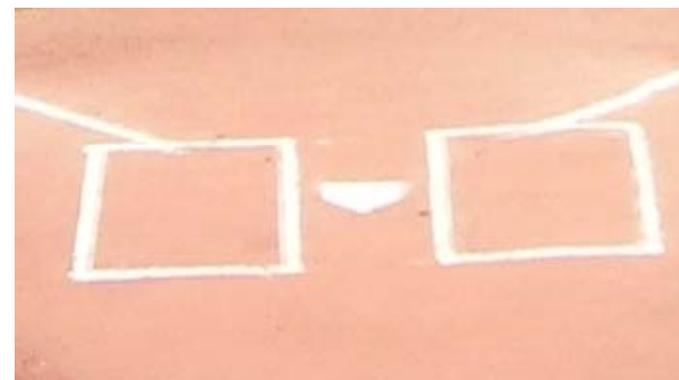
- If the batter refuses to take his position in the batter's box during his time at bat, the umpire shall call an automatic strike on the batter. No longer is the pitcher ordered to pitch the ball for the strike penalty to apply. The ball becomes dead and no runners may advance. The batter will be given the opportunity to resume his position with the regular count. If the batter refuses before three strikes have been called, he shall be declared out.

Batter Interferes with a Catcher's Throw Back to the Pitcher

- If a batter steps out of the batter's box while at bat and unintentionally interferes with the catcher's throw back to the pitcher, and there are no runners attempting to advance, it shall not be considered interference. The umpire shall call "Time" only, the ball is dead and no runners may advance.
- If a batter steps out the batter's box and intentionally interferes with the catcher's throw back to the pitcher, he shall be called out. The ball would be dead and no runner's may advance.
- If the batter is standing in the batter's box and he or his bat is struck by the catcher's throw back to the pitcher (or throw in attempting to retire a runner) and in the umpire's judgment, there is no intent by the batter to interfere with the throw, the ball remains alive and in play.

Batter hitting the ball outside the batter's Box

- A batter is out when he hits a ball, fair or foul, *with one or both feet on the ground entirely outside* of the batter's box. Umpires should pay particular attention when an intentional walk is being given, a batter is bunting for a base hit, or a pitchout is being thrown; these are times when a batter is most likely to step out of the box to hit the ball.



Batter's Position in the Batter's Box

- When the batter takes his position in the batter's box, he shall have both feet completely within the batter's box. The lines defining the batter's box are considered within the batter's box. In other words, no part of either foot may extend beyond the lines defining the batter's box when he assumes his position. There is no penalty other than the umpire enforcing the correct starting position.