

Obstruction – Defense is at fault

Type A (7.06 a)

Batter obstructed before he reaches first; *or*
Play is being made on the runner

Penalty:

Immediate dead ball

Obstructed runner gets at least the next
base

Type B (7.06 b)

After batter reaches first; *and*
No play being made on the runner

Penalty:

Ball remains alive

Obstructed runner is awarded only
what he would have obtained,
had the obstruction not occurred

Type FED (8-3-2, 2-22)

- Always a live ball
- Runner always awarded at least the next base
- Obstruction *may* be disregarded after the fact to nullify the penalty
- A fielder may not block a base without possession of the ball

Catcher's Interference: Ball is alive until after the play. If all runners including the batter-runner did not reach one base, award the interference. Manager may choose to take the result of the play instead.

When awarding: Award the batter-runner first base, and all others one base only if forced or stealing on the pitch. (6.08 c)

This is called catcher's obstruction in FED. (8-1-1 e)

If R3 is stealing (including squeeze play), pitcher is also charged with a balk. (7.07)