

## **Awarding Bases To The Runners After The Ball Has Gone Into A Dead Ball Area.**

One of the most misunderstood rules is the awarding of bases after the ball has gone into a dead ball area. When awarding bases to the runners, there are three principles upon which to base the ruling.

### *The Basic Three*

1. When the pitcher is standing on the rubber and throws the ball into a dead ball area, award each runner one base.
2. When a fielder throws a ball into a dead ball area, award each runner two bases, from where the runners were at the time the ball was thrown, not at the time the ball goes into the dead ball area.
3. When the wild throw is the first play by an infielder, the umpire in awarding the bases, shall be governed by the position of the runners at the time that the ball was pitched. If there was an intervening play before the first throw, such as a tag play, then award two bases from where the runners were at the time of the throw, just as in rule 2 above.

### *EXCEPTION TO RULE # 3*

There is one exception to Rule # 3. If all runners, including the batter runner, have reached their next base before the infielder throws the ball, then it is again two bases from the time of the throw, just as in Rule # 2. There are no cases when the award is given at the time the ball goes into the dead ball area. It is either based on the time the ball is released or the time of the pitch.

***ONE FROM THE RUBBER - TWO FROM THE FIELD***