

BALKS

- A. All umpires should intently watch for all actions that could cause a balk.
- B. If you see a balk, you should call it immediately regardless of your position on the field.
- C. Other umpires should mirror the balk call of their partners.
(If a coach comes out to argue the call, the umpire that had the balk should walk toward the coach and explain the call.)

Balk Concentration: Two Umpires

There are some balks that are more obvious from some positions.

- A. UIC should concentrate on:
 1. Left-handed pitchers stepping to home plate.
 2. Left-handed pitchers coming to a complete stop.
 3. Right-handed pitchers coming to a complete stop.
 4. Right-handed pitchers stepping to the plate on the third to first move.
 5. Right-handed pitchers gaining ground on the jump turn.
 6. Right-handed pitchers closing their front shoulder before the jump turn.
- B. U1 should concentrate on:
 1. Left-handed pitchers coming to a complete stop.
 2. Right-handed pitchers breaking their front knees before the jump turn.
 3. Right-handed pitchers gaining ground on the jump turn.
 4. Right-handed pitchers closing their front shoulder before the jump turn.

RUNDOWNS

All umpires must work to get good angles on run down plays and not get straight lined on the tag. In general, the umpire that has the clearest view of the tag should take the initiative on making the call.

Good eye contact between partners is essential.

