



Running Lane Interference The 45 Foot Lane

Primary Call

- Plate umpire is primarily responsible for the call
- Base umpire who sees an obvious interference may make the call

Mechanics of Call

- After making fair or foul call, move up the line to view play
- Come to a stop at or just before the 45 foot lane begins
- Don't be afraid to adjust your angle to avoid being straight lined. Remember, you also have swipe tag responsibilities

Don't Forget

- Take a look with other runners on base
- At this level of umpiring, you have to do two or more things at once

Before the Game - Check Layout of Lane

- Does it meet the foul line?
- If chalk is on a dirt lane, erase it
- If playing on an all grass or Astroturf infield, pay extra attention to fair or foul calls on the line

The Lane In or Out

- All three lines of lane are a part of the lane
- Both feet of the batter-runner must be in the lane

Runner's Approach to Bag

- The batter-runner must remain in the lane to avoid interference even through his approach to the bag

A Throw Must Occur

- Running out of the lane is in itself not interference

Errant Throws

- The quality of the throw must be taken into consideration when ruling on interference

Out of the Lane

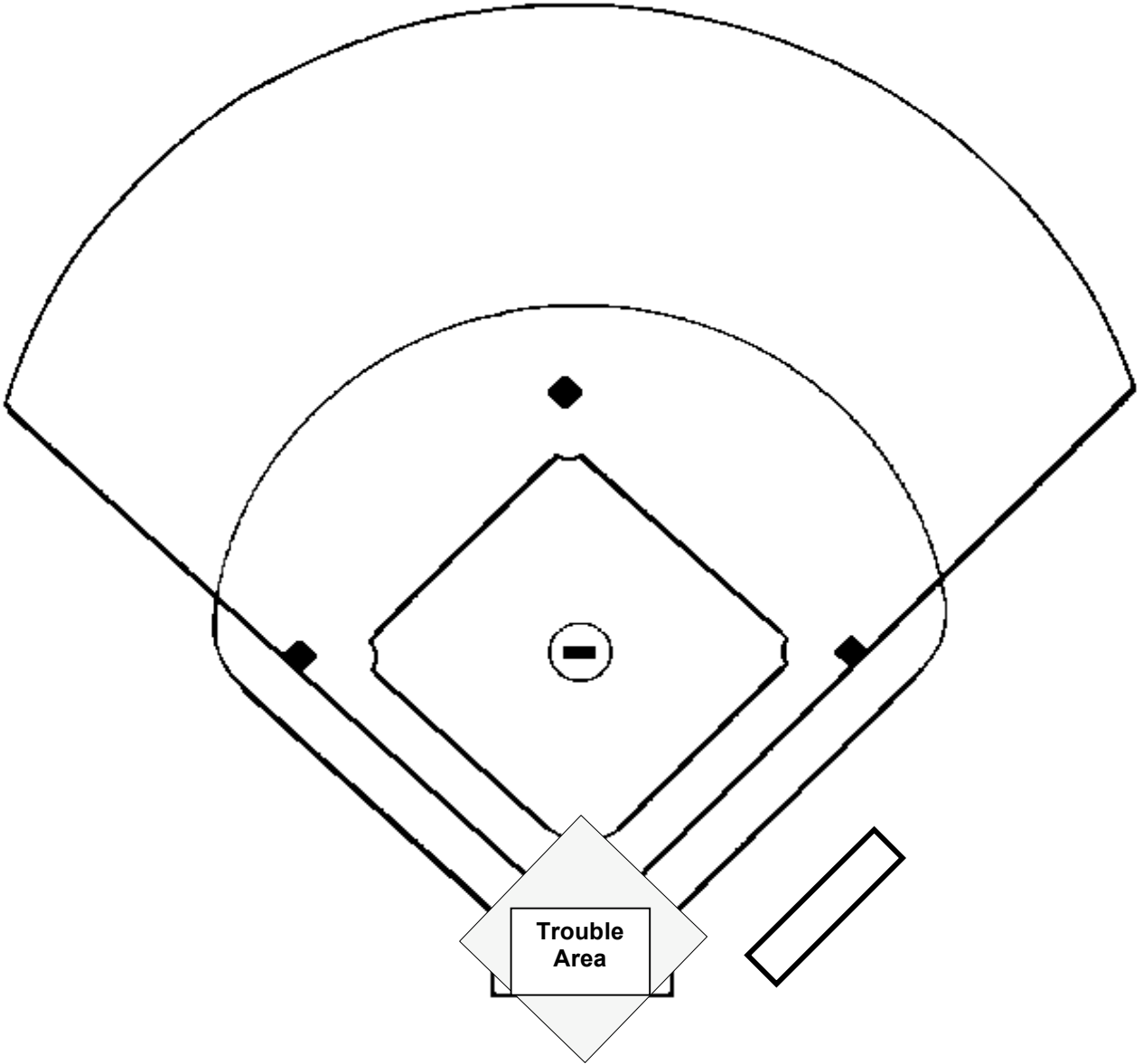
- Batter-runners being hit by a throw from a fielder while out of the lane are out and all runners return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch

In the Lane

- Ball stays alive if hit while inside the lane

Errant Throw

- In this case the throw by the catcher or pitcher fielding the bunt caused the collision. No interference would be called



Trouble
Area