



Western Region Umpire School

Little League - Junior League - Senior League - Big League - Challenger Division



AWARDING BASES

PLATE AND BASE UMPIRES:

When **Time** is called or the ball becomes **Dead** by the actions of either team, and the runners are allowed to advance to bases or return to previously occupied bases, it is the responsibility of the Umpires to insure the runner(s) know where they should be.

The actions of the Umpire should be deliberate and without hesitation when awarding of bases is executed. The Umpire(s) should point at the runner with the **Right Hand**, call to the runner "**You**" (in some cases "**Runner**") and announce the awarding of bases while pointing to the base to which the runner is entitled.

E.g.: "**You Score**" "**You Third Base**" "**You Second Base**"

It is recommended that the **Right Hand** be used to direct the runner(s). The use of both arms and hands can be confusing to the teams and the appearance of indecision by the umpire.

When the situation requires the runner(s) to certain bases, the umpire(s) will also announce to the runner(s) the following:

E.g.: "**You Back To First Base**" "**You Back To Second Base**"
"**You Back To Third Base**"

In situations such as a **Balk** (Junior League and above), the umpire(s) will declare, "**That's A Balk**" without calling "**Time.**" When it becomes necessary to enforce the balk, the umpire(s) will call "**Time**" and while pointing at the pitcher with the right hand, announce "**That's A Balk.**" Immediately after the declaration of balk, the umpire(s) will turn to the runner(s) and direct the runner(s) to the base they should be awarded.

E.g.: "**You Second Base**"

During the awarding of multiple bases, the umpire will award the lead runner first, followed by the awarding of bases to the following runner(s). This procedure ensures the runner(s) are advanced to a base, which is not considered occupied by a preceding runner.

"It's What You Learn After You Know It All That Counts."