BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES NO RUNNERS ON BASE

This is copyrighted text excerpted from Jim Evans' training material. No part of it may be reproduced in any form without prior written permission from the author.

| DI | ATE | TIN | MPI | DF |
|----|-----|------|------|----|
| PL | AII | L UI | viri | KL |

BASE UMPIRE

FAIR/FOUL

Any batted ball that settles or is touched before reaching the 1st base bag. Any slow roller that touches the 1st base bag and does not proceed past the bag. All batted balls down the 3rd base line.

Any batted ball that bounds over 1st base bag.

Any batted ball that touches the 1st base bag and bounds past it. Any fly ball that may be close to the right field foul line. Any fly ball near the right field

foul pole.

CATCH/NO CATCH

All fly balls to outfield that the base umpire does not go out on.
All fly balls to infielders except those to 2nd baseman or 1st baseman going toward the base umpire.

Any fly ball to center, right-center, or right that the base umpire goes out on

Fly balls handled by 2nd baseman coming toward base umpire (usually low line drives.)

2nd baseman or 1st baseman straight in

TOUCHING BASES/ PLAY COVERAGE

Batter-runner at all bases when base umpire goes out.
Batter-runner when tagged before

Batter-runner at 1st, 2nd, and 3rd bases when base umpire does not go out.

Batter-runner at home plate *if* possible after he has gone out and returned.

Batter-runner when enroute to 1st after he has reached 45 foot lane.

45-FOOT LANE

Responsible for all interference calls. help on swipe tag near first **ONLY**

if asked by base umpire.

reaching 45 foot lane.

Responsible for tag before Batterrunner reaches 45-foot lane. Alert at all times for batter-runner interference. Call **ONLY** if plate umpire fails to.

Full responsibility for swipe tag near 1st (ask plate umpire **ONLY** as a last resort.)

Responsible for any tag once Batterrunner reaches 45-foot lane.

OUT OF PLAY

Responsible for any ball going out of play in the outfield when the base umpire has not gone out.

Responsible for any errant throw back into the infield that goes out of play.

Responsible only for ball out of play when he goes out.
Initiates out of play call in the infield area only when Plate Umpire fails to.