

Double First Base Rules

- Half the base shall be white (entirely over fair territory), and half shall be orange or green (entirely over foul territory).
 - The baseline must be drawn correctly – the entire line is considered fair territory, so it must run through the right-hand edge of the white part of the base and not through any part of the colored part of the base.
- A batted ball that hits the white section of the base shall be signaled fair. A batted ball that hits the colored section without first touching or bounding over the white section shall be declared foul.
- Whenever a play is being made on the batter-runner, the defense must use the white section of the base, and the batter-runner must use the colored section of the base on their first attempt to touch the base.
 - If there is a play on the batter-runner, and the batter-runner touches only the white section of the base and the defense appeals prior to the batter-runner returning to the white section of the base, it is treated the same as missing the base. If an appeal is made before the batter-runner's return, the batter-runner is out.
 - On hits to the outfield, when there is no chance for a play to be made at first base, the batter-runner may touch either the white or colored section of the base. If the batter-runner returns to first base, they may only return to the white section of the base.
- When tagging up on a fly ball, the white section of the base must be used by the runner. One foot is permitted to extend behind or on the base into foul territory, as long as the front foot is touching the white section of the base. If the runner doesn't have their front foot on the white section of the base when tagging up, they are subject to being called out on appeal.
- When leaving the base on a pitched ball in majors and below, the runner must maintain contact with the white section of the base until the ball has reached the batter. Runners may extend a foot behind the white portion of the base, but must maintain contact with the white section until the ball has reached the batter.
- On an attempted pick-off play (intermediate only), the runner must return to the white section of the base only. This includes a throw from the pitcher, catcher, or any other player, in an attempt to retire the runner at first base.
- In majors and intermediate, when the batter becomes a runner on a third strike not caught by the catcher, the batter-runner and the defensive player may use either the colored or the white section of the base.
 - The batter-runner may run in fair territory when the throw is coming from the foul side of the bag and touch the white section of the base, and if hit by the thrown ball, it is not interference (unless intentional).