

## **SECTION 32 SLIDE**

**ART. 1 . . .** A legal slide can be either feet first or head first. If a runner slides feet first, at least one leg and buttock shall be on the ground. If a runner slides, he must slide within reach of the base with either a hand or a foot. A runner may slide or run in a direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder (8-4-2b).

**ART. 2 . . .** A slide is illegal if:

- a. the runner uses a rolling, cross-body or pop-up slide into the fielder, or
- b. the runner's raised leg is higher than the fielder's knee when the fielder is in a standing position, or
- c. the runner goes beyond the base and then makes contact with or alters the play of the fielder, or
- d. the runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg, or
- e. the runner tries to injure the fielder, or
- f. the runner, on a force play, does not slide on the ground and in a direct line between the two bases.

## **SECTION 4 RUNNER IS OUT**

**ART. 2 . . .** Any runner is out when he:

- b. does not legally slide and causes illegal contact and/or illegally alters the actions of a fielder in the immediate act of making a play, or on a force play, does not slide in a direct line between the bases; or
  1. A runner may slide in a direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder.
  2. Runners are never required to slide, but if a runner elects to slide, the slide must be legal. (2-32-1, 2) Jumping, hurdling, and leaping are all legal attempts to avoid a fielder as long as the fielder is lying on the ground. Diving over a fielder is illegal.
- c. does not legally attempt to avoid a fielder in the immediate act of making a play on him; or
- d. dives over a fielder; or
- e. initiates malicious contact;
- f. as a runner or retired runner, fails to execute a legal slide, or does not attempt to avoid the fielder or the play on a force play at any base;