

## Top 40 Baseball Rule Myths:

- ▶1. The hands are considered part of the bat.
- ▶2. The batter-runner must turn to his right after over-running first base.
- ▶3. If the batter breaks his wrists when swinging, it's a strike.
- ▶4. If a batted ball hits the plate first it's a foul ball.
- ▶5. The batter cannot be called out for interference if he is in the batter's box.
- ▶6. The ball is dead on a foul-tip.
- ▶7. The batter may not switch batter's boxes after two strikes.
- ▶8. The batter who batted out of order is the person declared out.
- ▶9. The batter may not overrun first base when he gets a base-on-balls.
- ▶10. The batter is out if he starts for the dugout before going to first after a dropped third strike.
- ▶11. If the batter does not pull the bat out of the strike zone while in the bunting position, it's an automatic strike.
- ▶12. The batter is out if a bunted ball hits the ground and bounces back up and hits the bat while the batter is holding the bat.
- ▶13. The batter is out if his foot touches the plate.
- ▶14. The batter-runner is always out if he runs outside the running lane after a bunted ball.
- ▶15. A runner is out if he slaps hands or high-fives other players, after a homerun is hit over the fence.
- ▶16. Tie goes to the runner.
- ▶17. The runner gets the base he's going to, plus one on a ball thrown out-of-play.
- ▶18. Anytime a coach touches a runner, the runner is out.
- ▶19. Runners may never run the bases in reverse order.
- ▶20. The runner must always slide when the play is close.
- ▶21. The runner is always safe when hit by a batted ball while touching a base.
- ▶22. A runner may not steal on a foul-tip.
- ▶23. It is a force out when a runner is called out for not tagging up on a fly ball.
- ▶24. An appeal on a runner who missed a base cannot be a force out.
- ▶25. A runner is out if he runs out of the baseline to avoid a fielder who is fielding a batted ball.
- ▶26. Runners may not advance when an infield fly is called.
- ▶27. No run can score when a runner is called out for the third out for not tagging up.
- ▶28. A pitch that bounces to the plate cannot be hit.
- ▶29. The batter does not get first base if hit by a pitch after it bounces.
- ▶30. If a fielder holds a fly ball for 2 seconds it's a catch.
- ▶31. You must tag the base with your foot on a force out or appeal.
- ▶32. The ball is always immediately dead on a balk.
- ▶33. If a player's feet are in fair territory when the ball is touched, it is a fair ball.
- ▶34. The ball must always be returned to the pitcher before an appeal can be made.
- ▶35. With no runners on base, it is a ball if the pitcher starts his windup and then stops.
- ▶36. The pitcher must come to a set position before a pick-off throw.
- ▶37. The pitcher must step off the rubber before a pick-off throw.
- ▶38. If a fielder catches a fly ball and then falls over the fence it is a homerun.
- ▶39. The ball is dead anytime an umpire is hit by the ball.
- ▶40. The home plate umpire can overrule the other umps at anytime.