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NFHS Baseball Weekly Rule Interpretations

As the baseball season begins to intensify, a batted foul ball while the batter remains in the batter's box—an issue that generated considerable discussion last season—warrants clarification again this year. At times, seemingly simple plays can create outsized frustration until a clear interpretation is provided. We trust this guidance will be received as helpful, practical, and constructive.

We have attached the illustration as a combined document for your use and for ease of distribution. These materials serve as excellent discussion tools for both first year and veteran umpires. Thank you for your continued support and professionalism throughout the season, and best wishes for a successful baseball season.

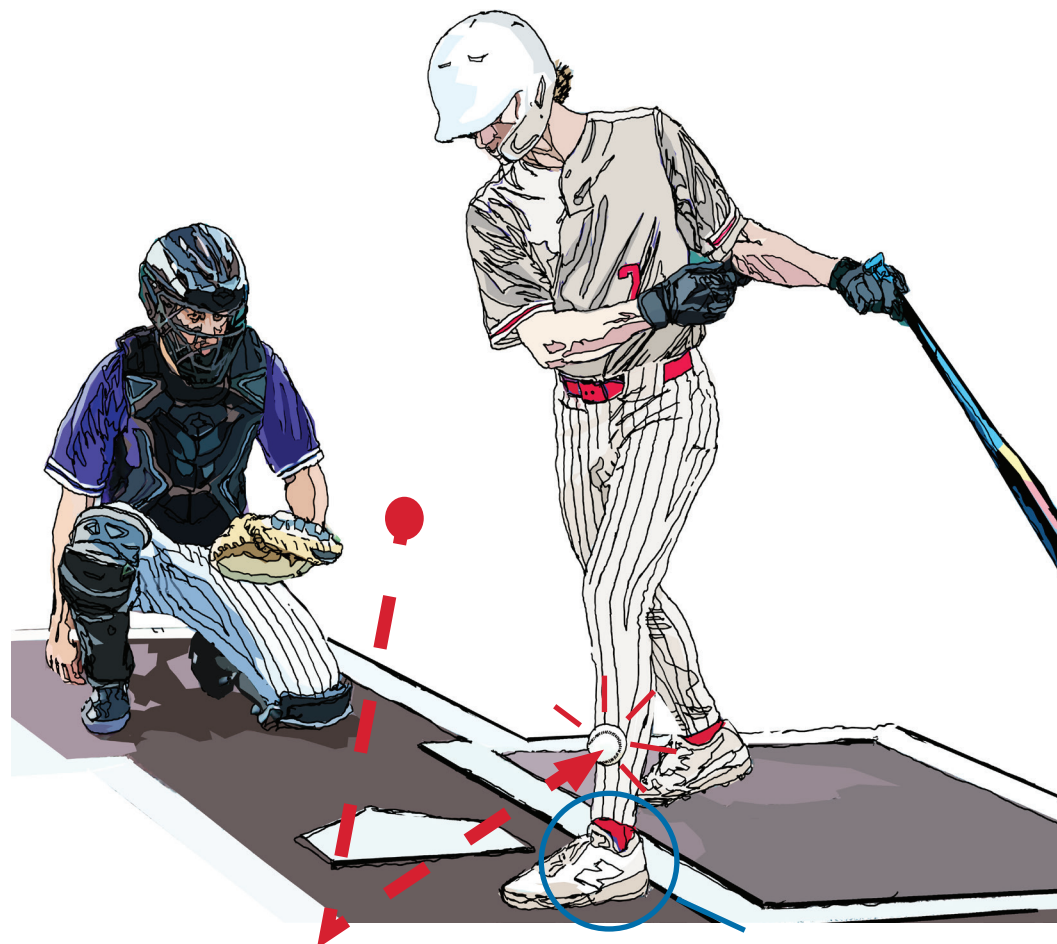
BATTER IN BATTER'S BOX (2-16-1g)



B1 is legally in the batter's box.

PLAY: B1 is legally in batter's box, he legally bats the ball and his lead foot lands on the ground outside of the batter's box. Before he can clear the batter's box, the batted ball contacts the ground in front of home plate and spins back to contact the batter's leg now outside lands on the ground outside of the batter's box. Before he can clear the batter's box, the batted ball contacts the ground in front of home plate and spins back to contact the batter's leg now outside the batter's box.

RULING: This is a **FOUL BALL...**



batter's leg outside the batter's box