

ORANGE/WHITE BASE CLARIFICATION

On the initial play, both bases are alive. The easiest way to remember this rule is by thinking of situations when the rule would come in to play.

Situation one – Batter singles to left field, rounds first base, and then comes back and stands on the orange bag. If he is tagged while standing on the orange bag he is out because the initial play already happened. The initial play was when he crossed the base the first time.

Situation two – With a runner on first, the batter hits a fly ball to right field. The runner takes off on contact. The RF throws to first upon making the catch to attempt to double off the runner. The first baseman catches the ball standing on the orange bag. This is NOT an out because the orange bag would be dead for both the runner and batter at this point.

Situation three – On a dropped third strike, the first baseman catches the ball while touching the orange bag. In this situation, that IS an out. The dropped third strike was the initial play, so both the fielder and the runner can legally touch either base.

Situation four – Batter hits a ground ball to first base who touches the orange bag to record the out. Again, this IS an out because it occurred on the initial play.

Hope this helps!