

A baseball game scene with a batter in a white uniform (number 18, name WRIGHT) swinging a bat. A catcher in a dark uniform is crouching behind home plate. An umpire in a dark uniform is standing behind the catcher. A runner in a blue uniform is sliding into home plate. The background shows a large crowd of spectators in a stadium.

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CATCH

UMPIRE INSTRUCTION

A Catch is the act of a fielder in getting secure possession in his hand or glove of a ball in flight and firmly holding it; providing he does not use his cap, protector, pocket or any other part of his uniform in getting possession. It is not a catch, however, if simultaneously or immediately following his contact with the ball, he collides with a player, or with a wall, or if he falls down, as a result of such collision or falling, drops the ball. It is not a catch if a fielder touches a fly ball which then hits a member of the offensive team or an umpire and then is caught by another defensive player. In establishing the validity of the catch, the fielder shall hold the ball long enough to prove that he has complete control of the ball and that his release of the ball is voluntary and intentional. If the fielder has made the catch and drops the ball while in the act of making a throw following the catch, the ball shall be adjudged to have been caught.

**VOLUNTARY RELEASE
& INTENCIONAL**

**COMPLETE CONTROL
OF THE BALL**

SECURED POSSESION



IT IS A CATCH

IF THE FIELDER DROPS THE BALL WHILE IN
THE ACT OF MAKING A THROW
FOLLOWING THE CATCH.

IT IS NOT A CATCH

IF THE FIELDER DROPS THE BALL AS A RESULT OF
A COLLISION WITH A PLAYER OR WITH A WALL, OR IF
HE FALLS DOWN AND DROPS THE BALL.

IT IS NOT A CATCH

IF A FIELDER TOUCHES A FLY BALL WHICH THEN
HITS AN OFFENSIVE PLAYER, UMPIRE AND THEN IS
CAUGHT BY ANOTHER DEFENSIVE PLAYER.