



**NCAA Baseball Interpretation
February 22, 2019**

Rule 8-5-n - Baserunner Runs to Outfield Area to Avoid Being Tagged

A runner is out when:

n. The individual runs bases in reverse order to confuse opponents or to make a travesty of the game;

This will also include the situation where a runner, after legally touching a base, runs into the outfield area to avoid being tagged, and in the judgment of the umpire, abandons his effort to run the bases.

Penalty for n.- The ball is dead and other runner(s) return to the base last touched.

Play: R1 and R3, less than 2 outs. R1 runs into the outfield area of right field and stands there in an effort to draw a play that would allow R3 to score. In the judgment of the umpire, he has abandoned his effort to either advance to 2nd base or return safely to 1st base.

Result: The umpire shall call "time", the ball is dead, R1 is out, and R3 remains at 3rd base.

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