

ESSL - Non contact Play

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Clarification

Plays at Home Plate -

A play at home is ALWAYS a force play regardless of the position of other runners. The fielding team must tag home plate (includes the entire mat) before the base runner touches the ground on or beyond the scoring line.

Plays at 2nd and 3rd base -

All Players must avoid unnecessary contact at all times. Runners must give themselves up, get out of the way or slide when there is a play at the base **to avoid contact**.

The fielder cannot block the base without the ball. A fielder attempting to receive a throw cannot block or occupy a base without the ball.

There is no "veer off rule"....but you cannot run into a fielder....staying in the base path is at your own risk.

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