Look-Back Rule

The Look-Back Rule will be in effect when the ball is live, the batter-runner has touched first base or has been declared out, and the pitcher has possession of the ball within the pitcher's circle.

The runner(s) may stop once, but then must immediately return to the base or attempt to advance to the next base.

Once the runner stops at a base for any reason, she will be declared out if she leaves the base.

Responsibilities of batter-runner after completing a turn at bat, and while the pitcher has the ball within the 16-foot pitching circle, including a base on balls or a dropped third strike are as follows:

Responsibility	Diagram
A batter-runner who rounds first base toward second base may stop, but then must immediately, without stopping, return to first or attempt to advance to second base.	Batter-runner rounds 1st base toward 2nd and stops: Must return to 1st or attempt to advance to 2nd without stopping.
A batter-runner who overruns first base toward right field, turns left and immediately stops, must then return non-stop to first or attempt to advance to second base.	Batter-runner overruns 1st base turns left and immediately stops: Must return to 1st or attempt to advance to 2nd without stopping.
A batter-runner who overruns first base toward right field, turns left and moves directly toward second base and stops is committed to second and must attempt to advance non-stop to second base.	Batter-runner over runs 1st base toward right field, turns left and moves directly toward 2nd base and then stops: Must attempt to advance to 2nd base without stopping.
A batter-runner who overruns first base toward right field, turns left and moves back toward the infield in any direction except directly toward second base is committed to first and must return to first base.	Batter-runner over runs 1st base toward right field, turns left and moves back to the infield in any direction except directly toward 2nd base and then stops: Must return to 1st base.
A batter-runner who overruns first base toward right field, and turns right, is committed to first base and must return to first base.	Batter-runner overruns 1st base towards right field, and turns right and then stops: Must return to 1st base.