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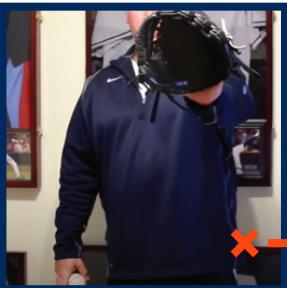


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UNIVERSAL GLOVE SIGNS

Here are the must-know universal glove signs for pitchers:



FASTBALL

Web of glove towards the ground, flick up towards catcher.

CURVEBALL

Glove parallel to body, roll thumb over towards catcher.



CHANGE UP

Push glove out towards catcher and pull it back.

SLIDER

Sweeping motion across your body with the glove to indicate direction of movement of the ball.



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Runner on Second Base

When there's a base runner on second, it is even more important for the pitcher and catcher to be on the same page. The base runner will have direct view of the catcher's sign. In order to keep the opposing team guessing, establishing a system to communicate the pitch type is essential to eliminate in-game confusion. Here are some pitch type communication examples:

- **2nd Sign:** the 2nd sign in the sequence will be the pitched called Ex: 2-3-1-2-3
- **1st Sign Indicator:** the first number indicates where in the sequence the sign will be used. Ex: 3-1-3-4-5
- **Pump System:** the numbers the catcher is putting down mean absolutely nothing. Instead, treat each number as a pump and count the number of pumps to get your sign. Make sure to establish a pump amount with each pitch.

Runner on First & Third Base

- This is another situation where it's extremely important for the pitcher and catcher to be on the same page. Teams with runners on first and third typically will use the first base runner as a distraction to allow a run to score. Communicating signs to prepare the defense will be essential to assure you don't have into the rap and allow a run to score.



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UNIVERSAL HAND SIGNS

Here are the must-know universal hand signs for pitchers:



CURVEBALL

Two fingers



PICK-OFF

Thumb



FASTBALL

One finger



FASTBALL

One finger
(outside to RH)



FASTBALL

One finger
(inside to RH)



SLIDER

Three fingers



CHANGEUP

Four fingers
or wiggle fingers



PITCHOUT

Fist