

Lucky Strike (Zone)

If any part of the ball passes through any part of the strike zone, it is a strike. The strike zone is the space or area over home plate, and:

Top of the Zone

NFHS: Halfway between the batter's shoulders and the waistline.

NCAA: Midpoint between the top of the shoulders and the top of the uniform pants.

Pro: Horizontal lines at the midpoint between the top of the shoulders and the top of the uniform pants.

Bottom of the Zone

NFHS: The knees.

NCAA: Bottom of the kneecaps.

Pro: A line at the hollow beneath the kneecap.

Note: Definitions differ in relation to when the pitch is supposed to be judged. In NFHS, the determining factor is the batter's normal stance. In NCAA and pro, it is when he is prepared to swing at the ball, which is generally taken to mean when he has taken his stride — the instant before swinging.



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