

## Early Steal Defense – Situation where runner at 1<sup>st</sup> base breaks early with runner at 3<sup>rd</sup>

1. Pitcher comes set
  2. Runner at 1<sup>st</sup> breaks early (Call Step off!)
  3. Pitcher steps off and checks runner at 3<sup>rd</sup> base.
  4. Stop runner at 3<sup>rd</sup>, a RHP turns to his right and throws to SS at 2<sup>nd</sup> base.
  5. SS jogs runner back to 1<sup>st</sup> base while looking at runner at 3<sup>rd</sup> base.
  6. Pitcher backs up home on the 1b side
- *If the pitcher catches the runner too far off 3<sup>rd</sup> base but less than half way, he can jog towards the runner holding the ball up forcing the runner back to 3<sup>rd</sup>.*
  - *If the runner is breaking hard to home 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman should yell "four, four, four!"*

