Hit by a pitch:

Should this batter be awarded first base?

The ball is over the plate and the batter is leaning her elbow over the plate this is not hit by pitch but a dead ball. The pitch is a ball or strike (depending on location) and the batter remains at bat, except the batter is declared out if the pitch was the third strike or the batter is awarded first base if the pitch was ‘ball four”. Base runners advance if forced.  
Rule 11.15.3.1 effect
Is this umpire in the slot?

Plate umpires:

Plate stance: you are allowed to use the Heal-Toe, Gerry Davis, Modified Gerry Davis or Box Stance.

- Must set up in the slot. The slot is the area between the catchers’ inside shoulder and the batter when the batter is in their natural batting stance, and the catcher is in her normal catching position behind the plate.
- Your eyes should be at the top of the zone and your head height cannot be lower than the catchers.
- You should be set before the pitch is released.
- Track the ball with slight head movement.

Strike Zone

You need to call an accurate strike zone. Pitches off the plate cannot be called a strike. **Buckle down; do not call a pitch off the plate a strike!**