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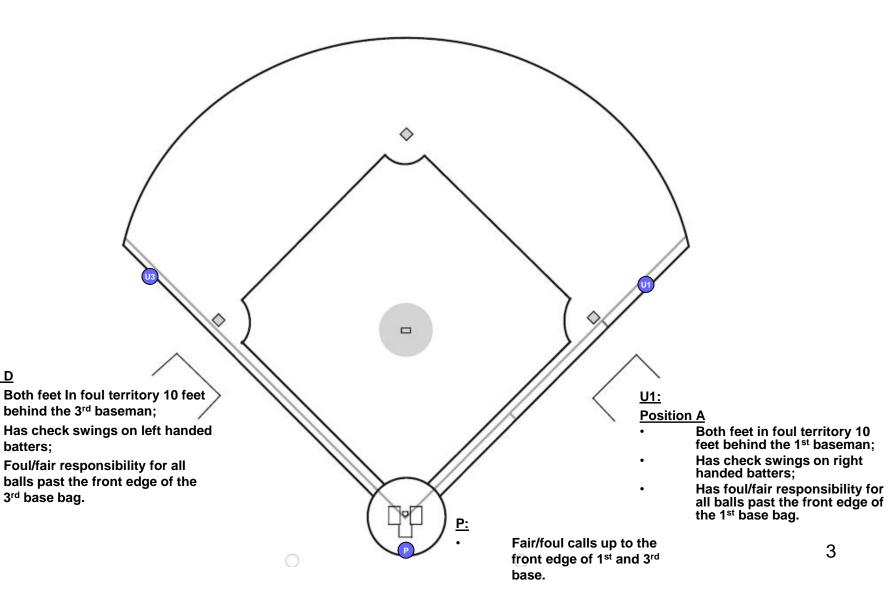
3 Umpire Mechanics 2023-2024



General Mechanics

- If you go out on a fly ball, stay out till the play is over.
- Even if you come into the infield when there is a fly ball to your outfield coverage, it is still your call.
- Assume your partner is not there unless you hear from him.
- Communicate rotations when the circumstances change.
- First base umpire is the trigger.
- Runner on 3rd only. If U3 goes out on a fly ball, U1 has to break hard into the working area behind the mound, watch for a throw back to 3rd and also has touches by BR.
- Runners on 1st and 2nd or bases loaded, if no one goes out we have a push (S17). U1 comes in and pivots and takes the batter runner to 2nd if he goes. U3 has all other base runners at 2nd and third. Vocalize "Push" if U1 comes in.
- No rotations if the ball stays in the infield

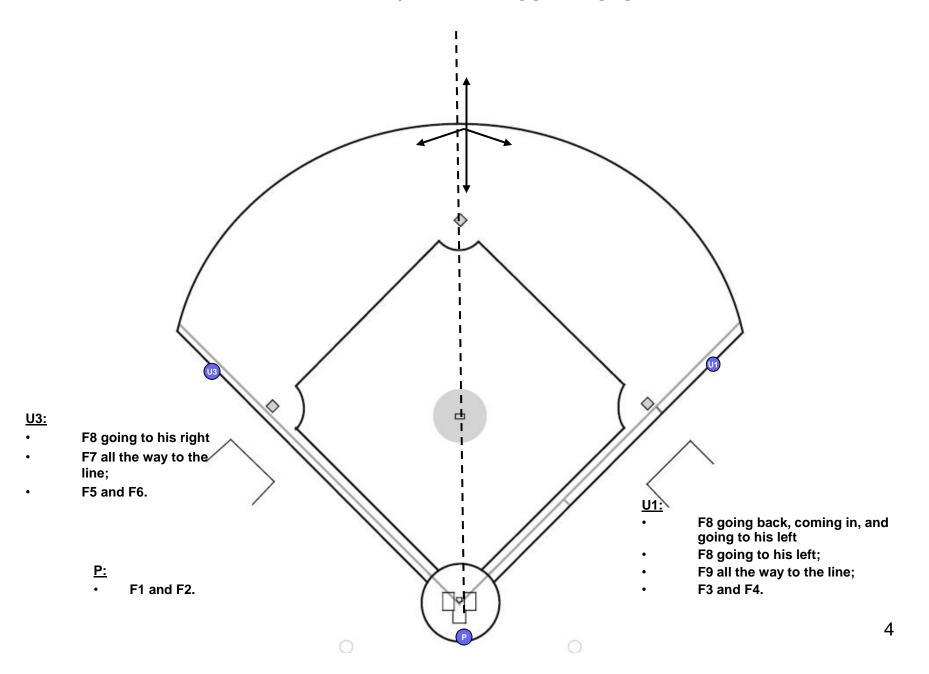
NO RUNNERS ON BASE



<u>U3:</u>

Position D

FLY BALL/LINE DRIVE COVERAGES



Return to the plate when BR touches

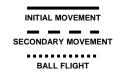
2nd.

FLY BALL U1 HAS THE CATCH/NO CATCH

****** <u>U3:</u> Move into the infield to observe touches and make calls at 2nd and 3rd. Move out on the fly ball getting the best possible angle for the call; <u>P</u> Stop before making the call; Move out on the batted ball to fill in behind U1; DO NOT return to the infield; Observe the BR's touch of 1st and take him back into 1st;

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GROUND BALL TO THE INFIELD

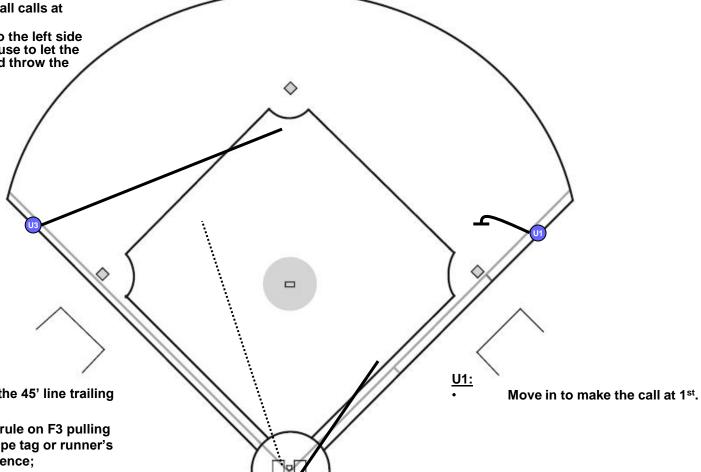


<u>U3:</u>

 Move toward second base cut-out.

 Responsible for all calls at 2nd and 3rd base.

If the ball is hit to the left side of the infield, pause to let the infielder field and throw the ball;



<u>P:</u>

 Move up to the 45' line trailing the runner;

Be ready to rule on F3 pulling his foot, swipe tag or runner's lane interference;

 On an overthrow observe the ball and determine if it goes out of play.

<u>U3:</u> •

FLY BALL TO LEFT U3 HAS THE CATCH/NO CATCH

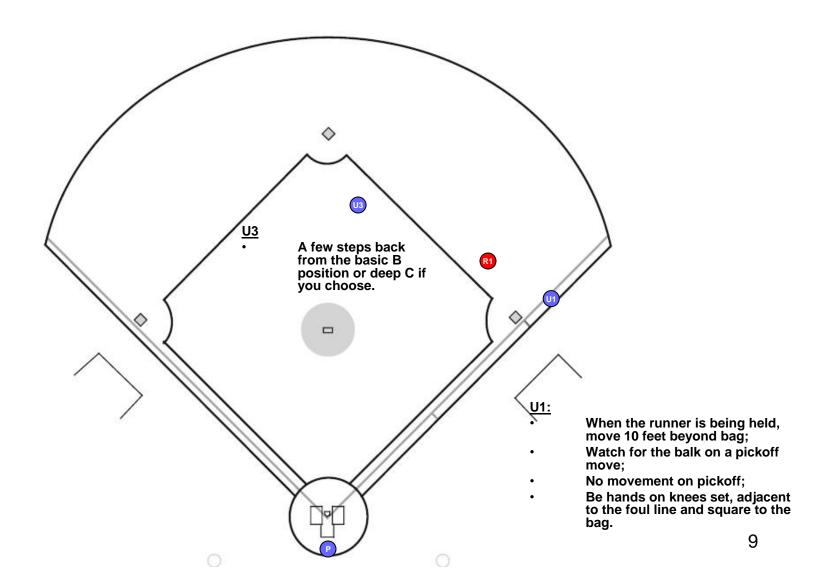
<u>U1:</u> Move into the outfield to make the call Move into the infield and **DO NOT** retreat to 3rd pivot observing the BR's touch of 1st and be prepared to take BR into 2nd and 3rd. <u>P:</u> Move out on the batted ball; Watch the play and be prepared to take a play at the plate.

plate."

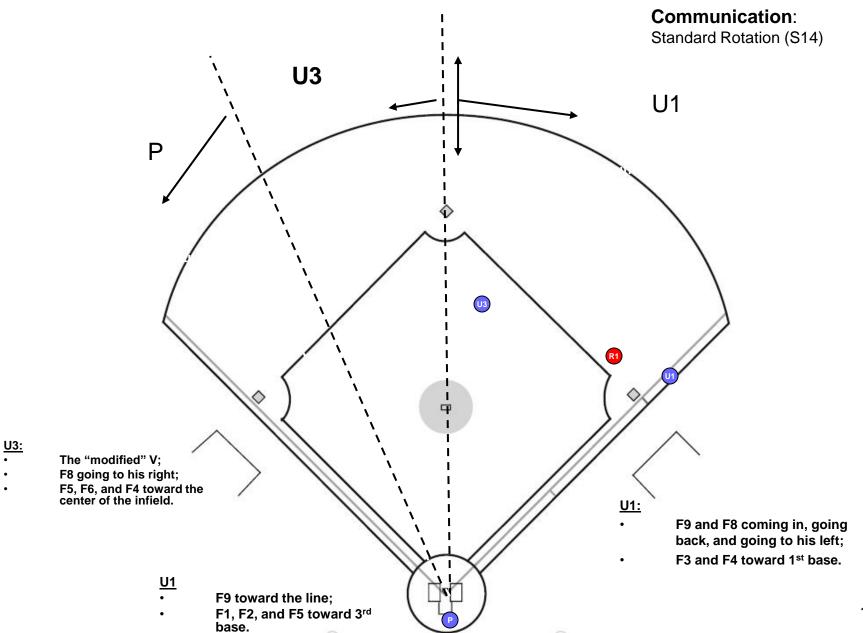
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Be prepared to take the runner into 3rd.

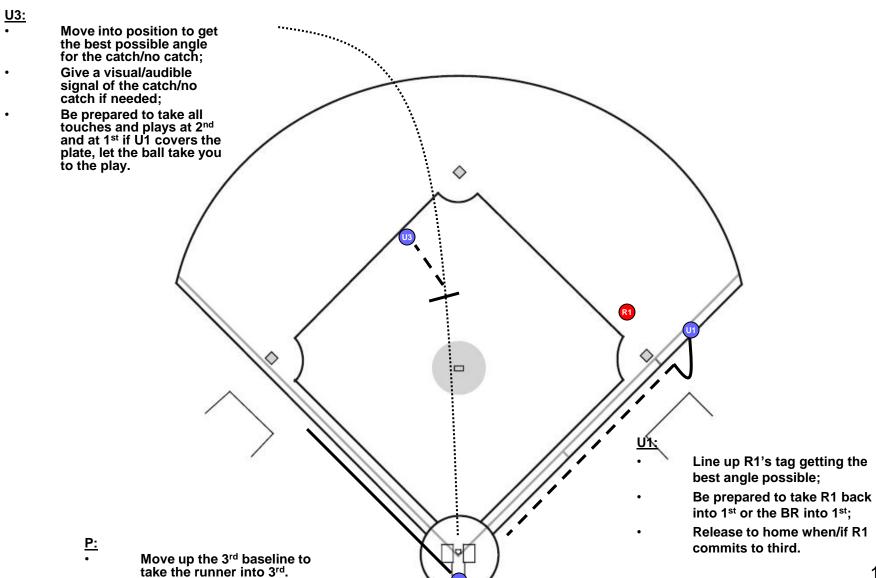
RUNNER ON 1st



FLY BALL/LINE DRIVE COVERAGE



FLY BALL U3 HAS THE CATCH/NO CATCH



FLY BALL U1 HAS THE CATCH/NO CATCH

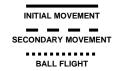
<u>U3:</u> Fall back into working area and watch the play

develop. Be prepared to take all touches and plays at 2nd and at 1st Move into position to get the best possible angle for the catch/no catch; <u>P:</u> Give a visual/audible signal of the catch/no catch if Move up the line and watch the BR touch 1st. needed; Watch for a quick throw back if the ball is caught. Stay out

- Move to 3rd and be prepared to make a call on R1 at third and home.

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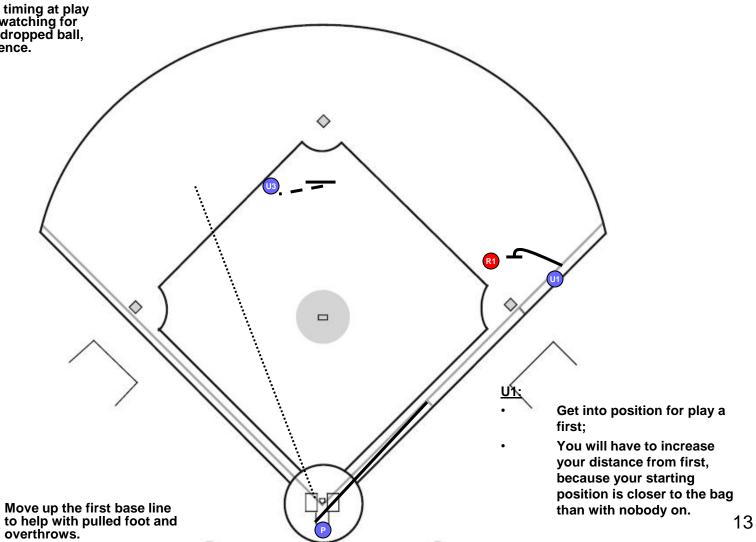
GROUND BALL



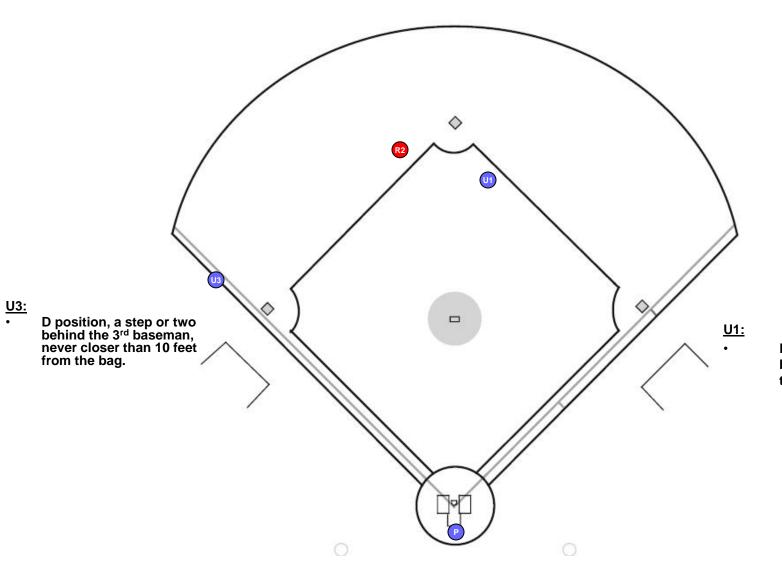
<u>U3:</u> Move into position to for play at second base;

Have SLOW timing at play on second, watching for pulled foot, dropped ball, and interference.

<u>P:</u>

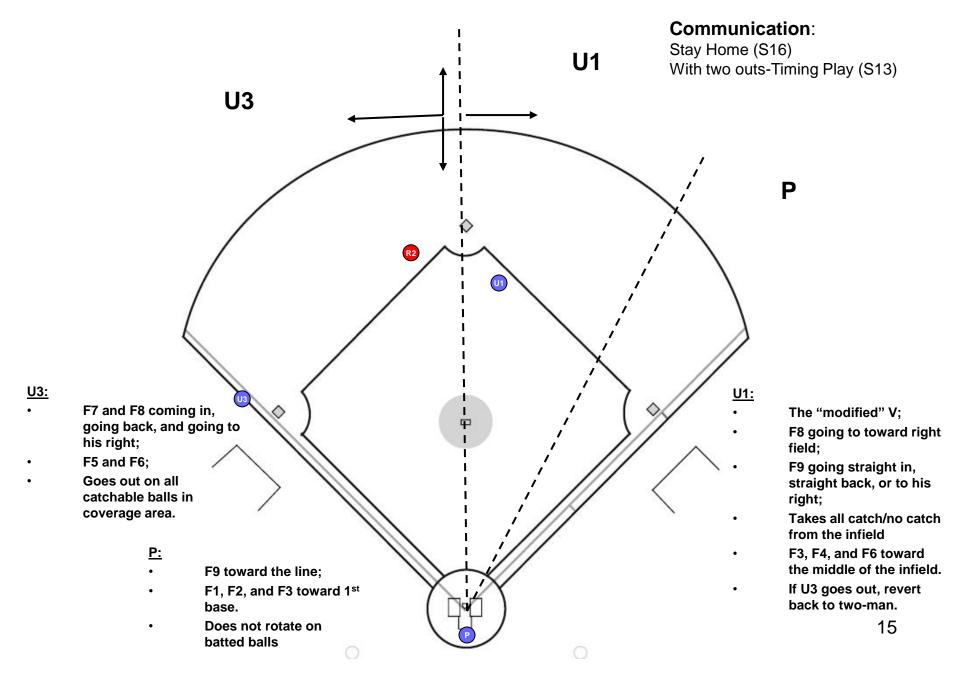


RUNNER ON 2nd

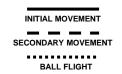


Deep B, acceptable to be square toward the third baseline.

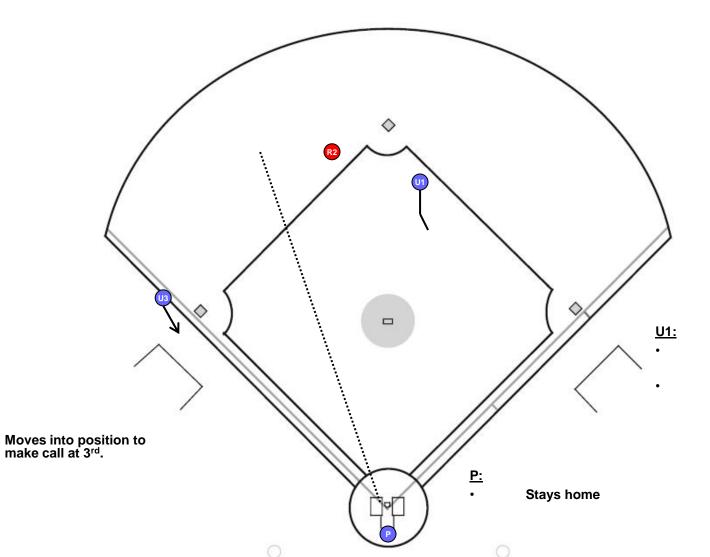
FLY BALL COVERAGE



GROUND BALL TO THE INFIELD OR BASE HIT



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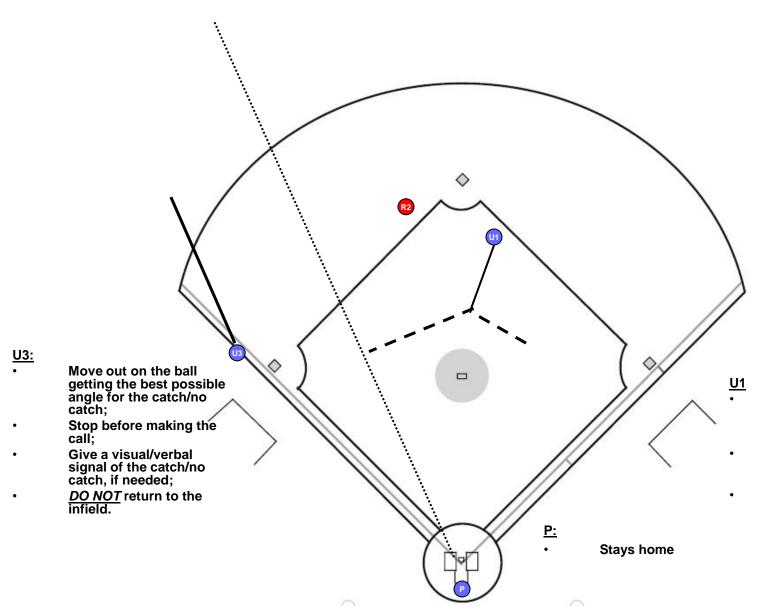


Same movement as two man.

If ball gets through infield, has all plays at 1st and 2nd.

FLY BALL TO LEFT

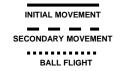
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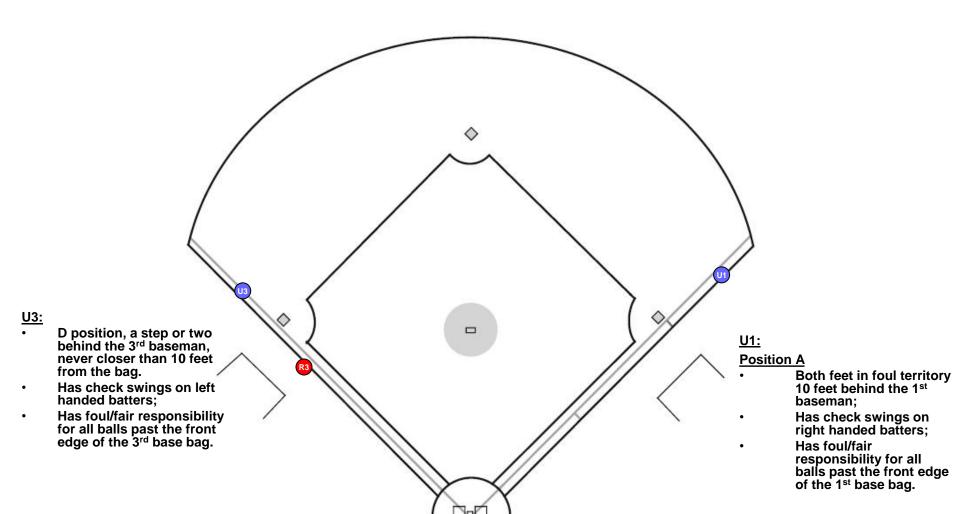


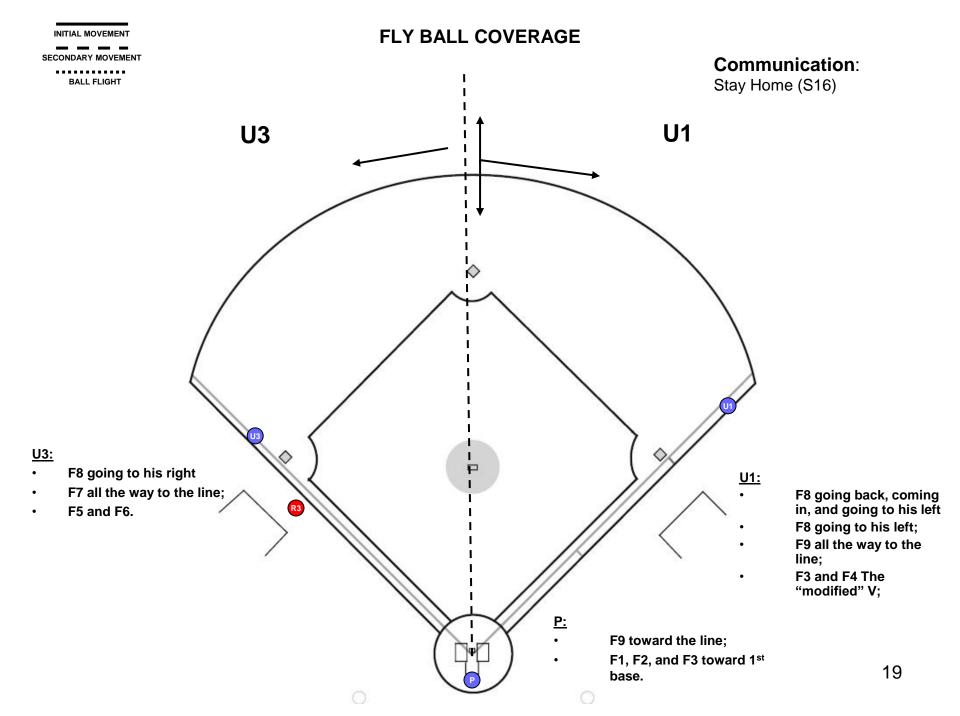
Be prepared to take all touches and plays at 1ST, 2nd and all plays at 3rd.

Fall back to working area and let the ball take you to the play.

Watch runners touch the bases







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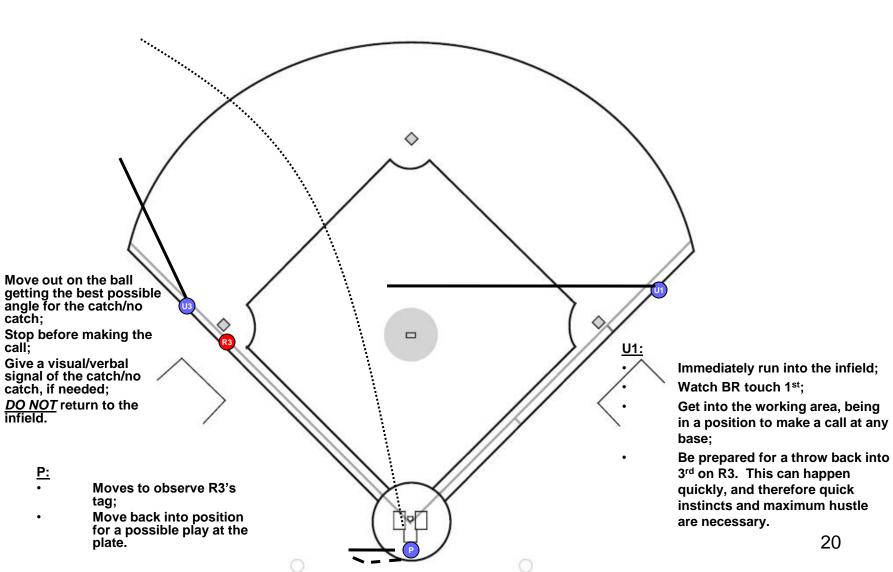
catch;

infield.

<u>P:</u>

call;

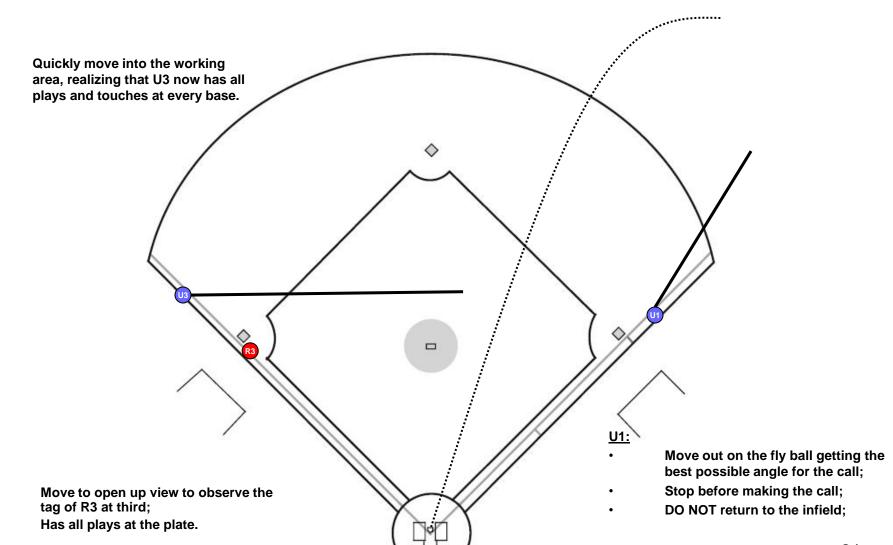
FLY BALL U3 HAS THE CATCH/NO CATCH

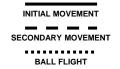


FLY BALL U1 HAS THE CATCH/NO CATCH

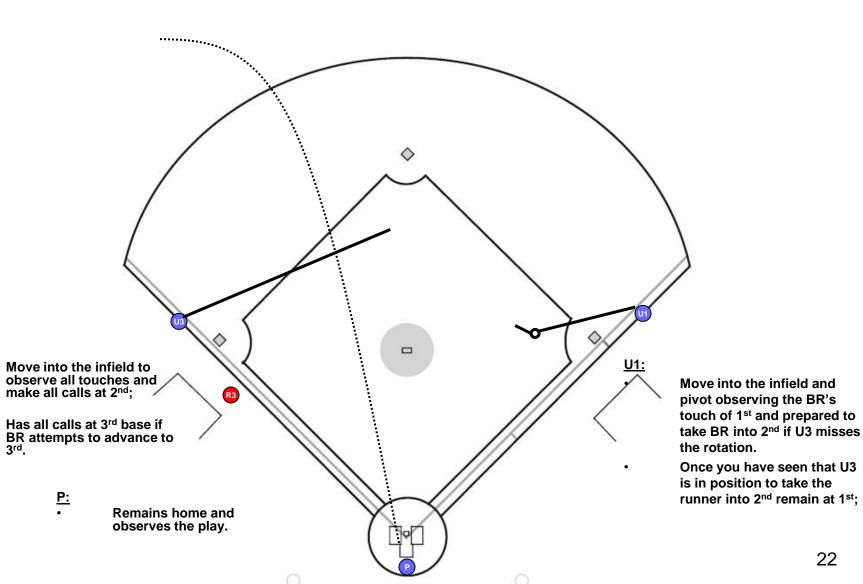
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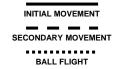
<u>P</u>



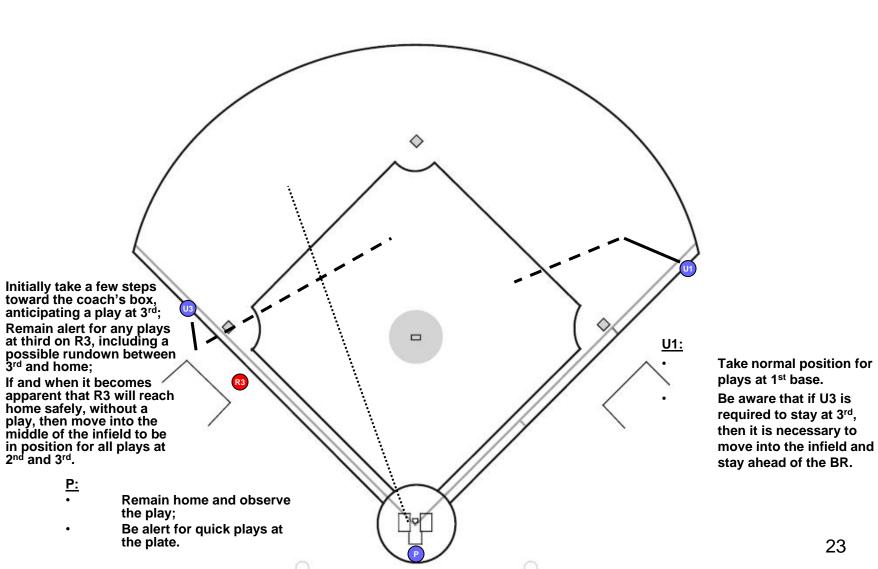


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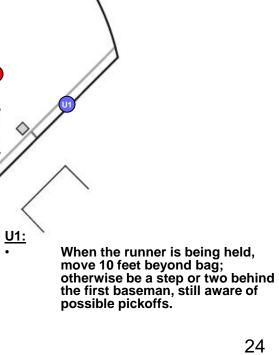
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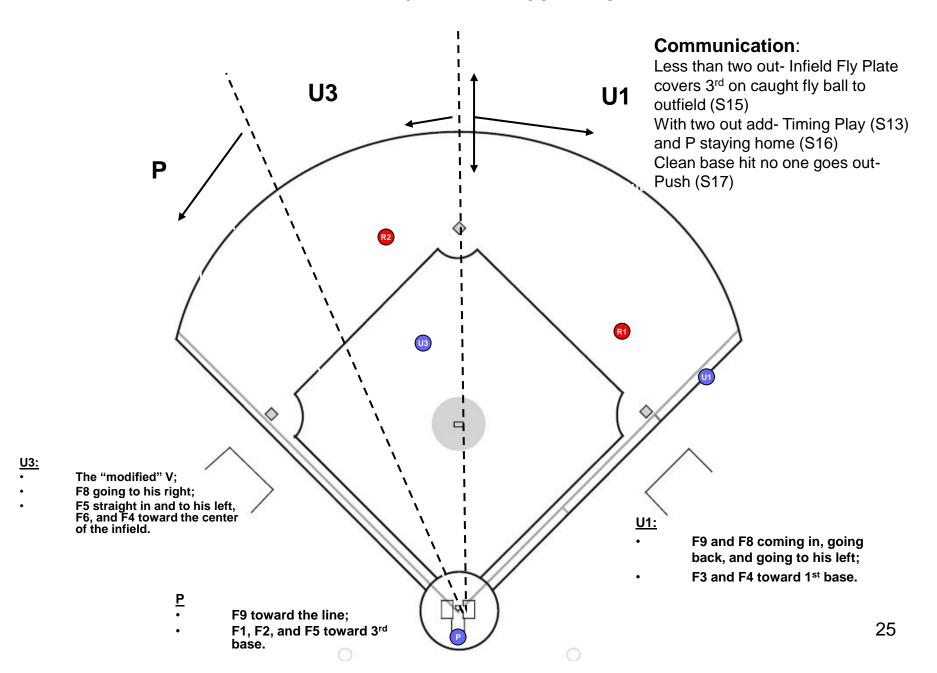
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RUNNERS ON 1ST AND 2ND

<u>U3:</u> • Standard C position · Hands on knees set



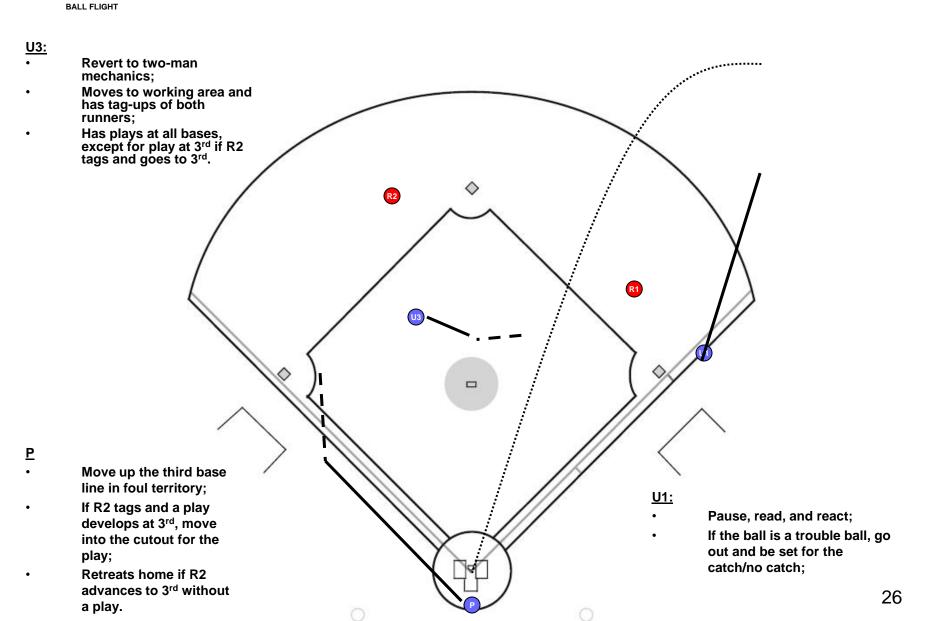
FLY BALL/LINE DRIVE COVERAGE

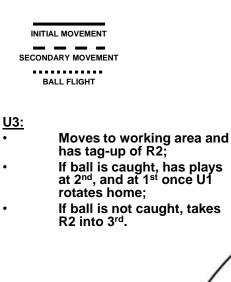


INITIAL MOVEMENT SECONDARY MOVEMENT

FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD

U1 GOES OUT (TROUBLE BALL)





<u>P</u>

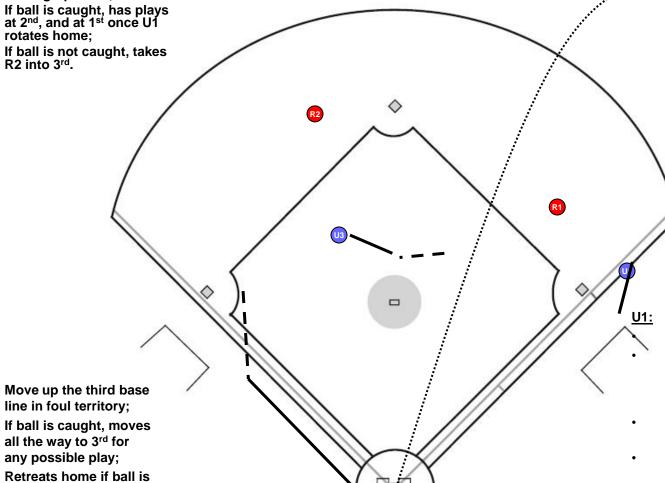
not caught.

FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD

U1 DOES NOT GO OUT

Communication:

P- if rotate to 3rd for a call, vocalize that you're there.



Pause, read, and react.

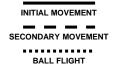
If the ball is not a trouble ball, remain in the area behind first base, lining up a possible tag;

Still responsible for catch/no catch;

If ball is caught, rotates home if R2 commits to 3rd.

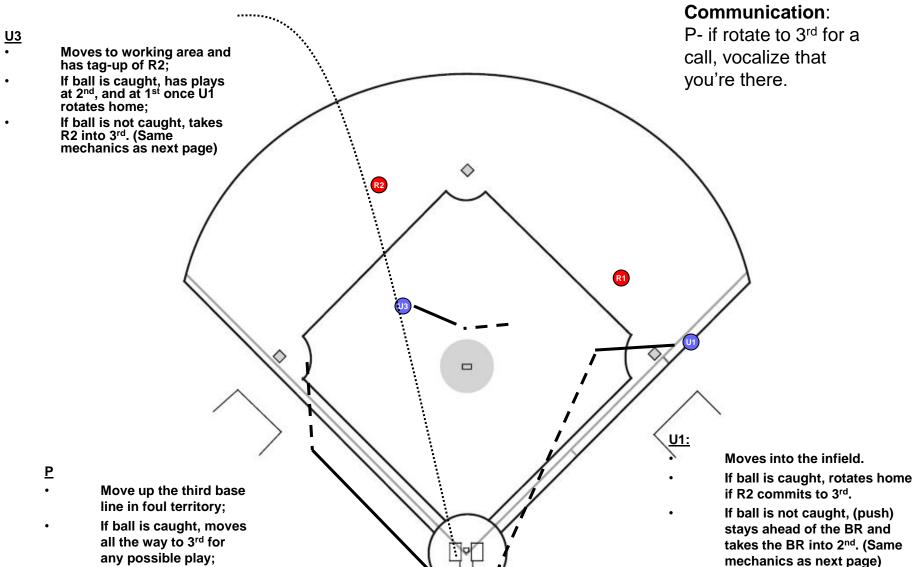
If ball is not caught, remain at 1st base. 27

FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD

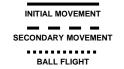


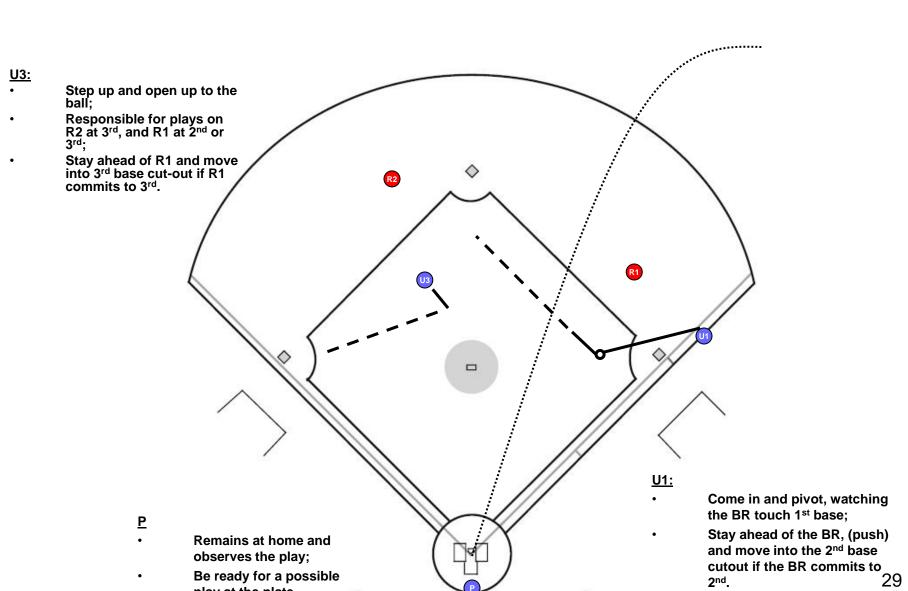
Retreats home if ball is

not caught.



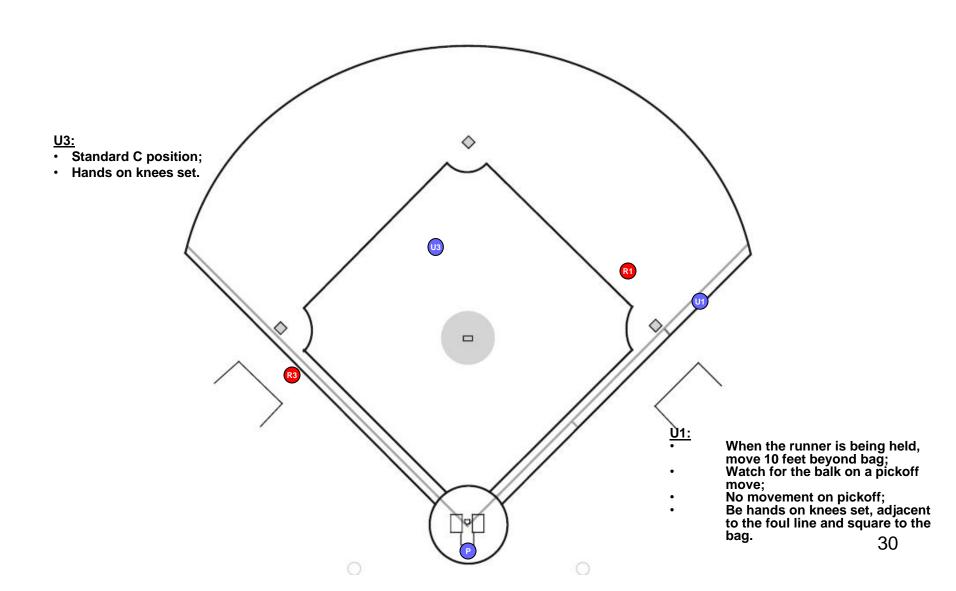
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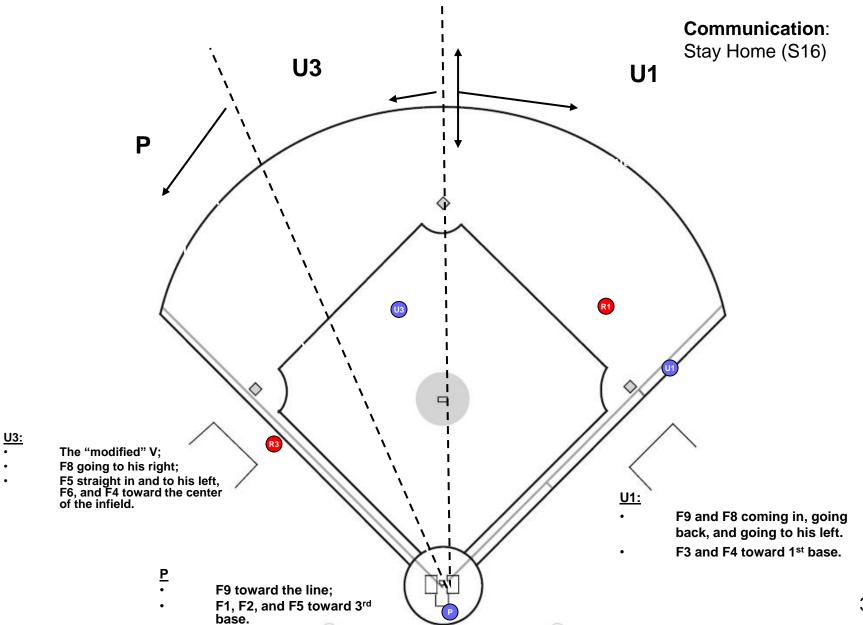


play at the plate.

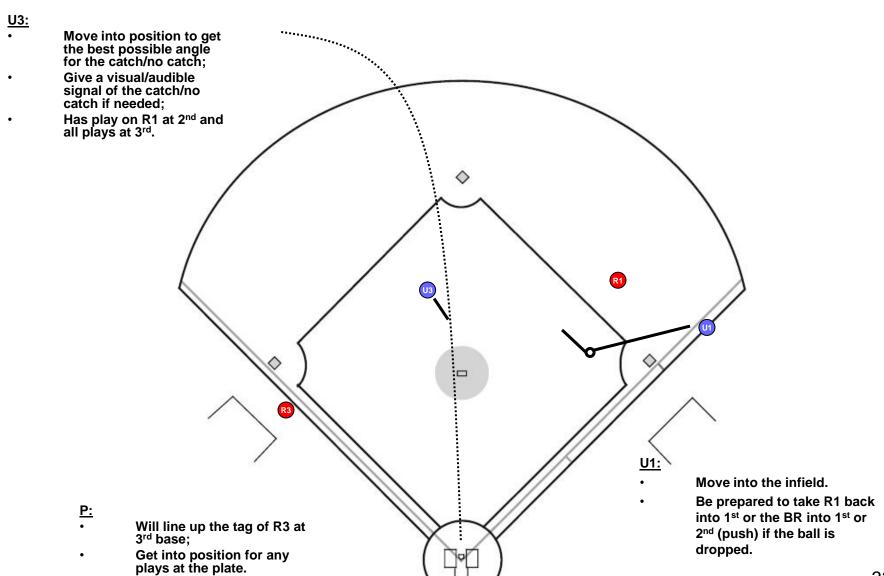
POSITIONS WITH RUNNERS ON 1ST AND 3RD

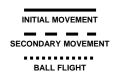


FLY BALL/LINE DRIVE COVERAGE



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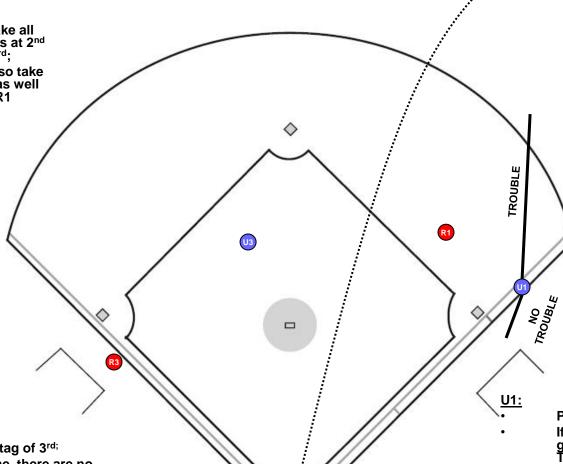


FLY BALL U1 HAS THE CATCH/NO CATCH

<u>U3:</u>

Be prepared to take all touches and plays at 2nd and all plays at 3rd;

If U1 goes out, also take all plays at first, as well as the tag-up of R1



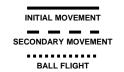
<u>P:</u>

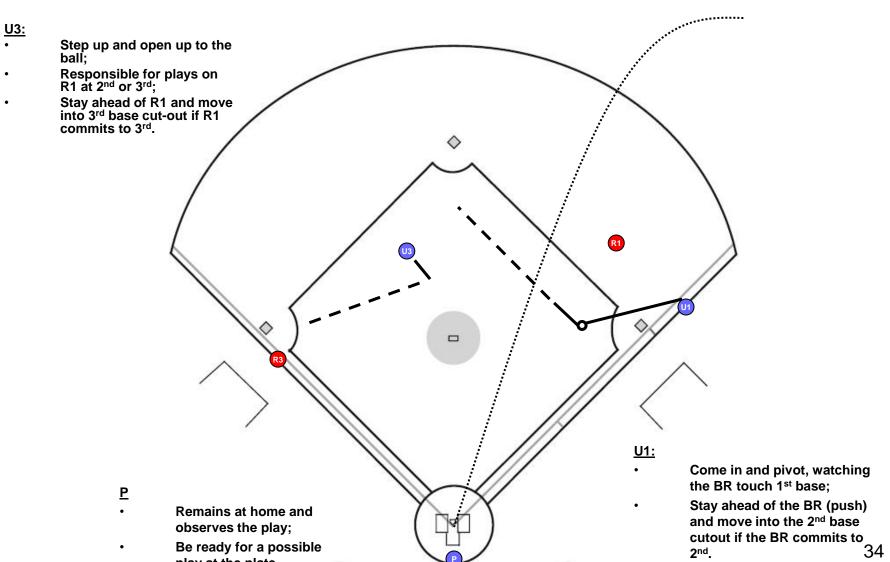
Line up R3 tag of 3^{rd;}

Return home, there are no rotations.

Pause, read, and react; If the ball is a trouble ball, go out. DO NOT RETURN TO INFIELD;

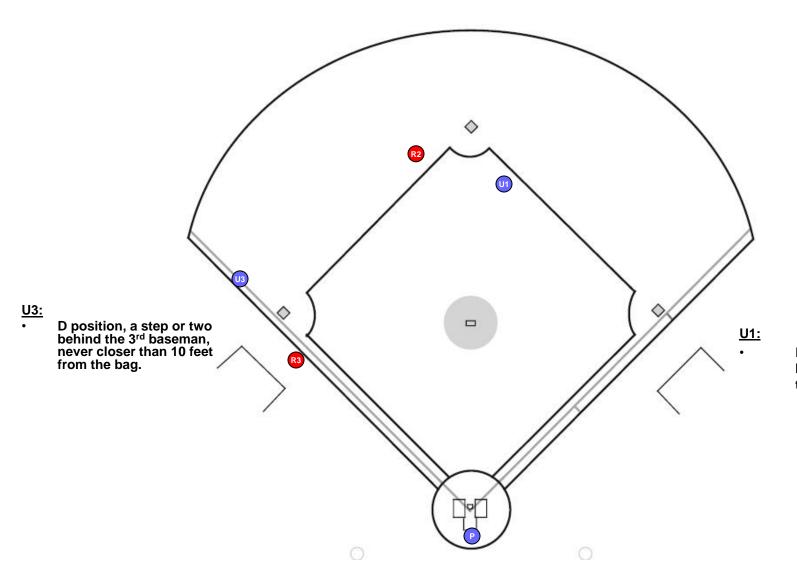
If the ball is not a trouble ball, move toward the coach's box to line up R1's possible tag and take all plays at 1st.





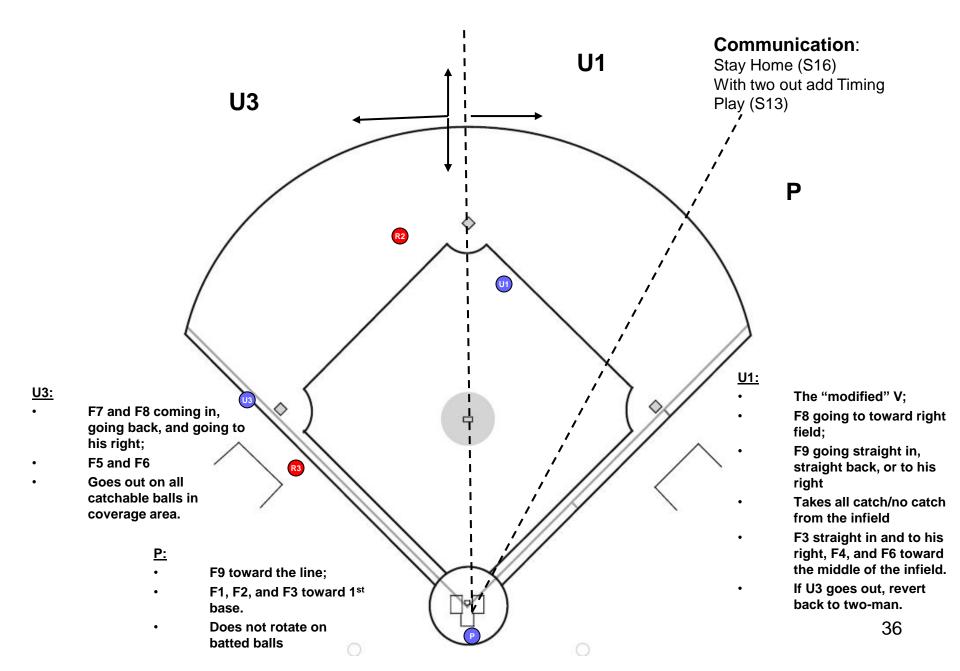
play at the plate.

RUNNERS ON 2nd AND 3RD

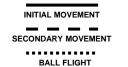


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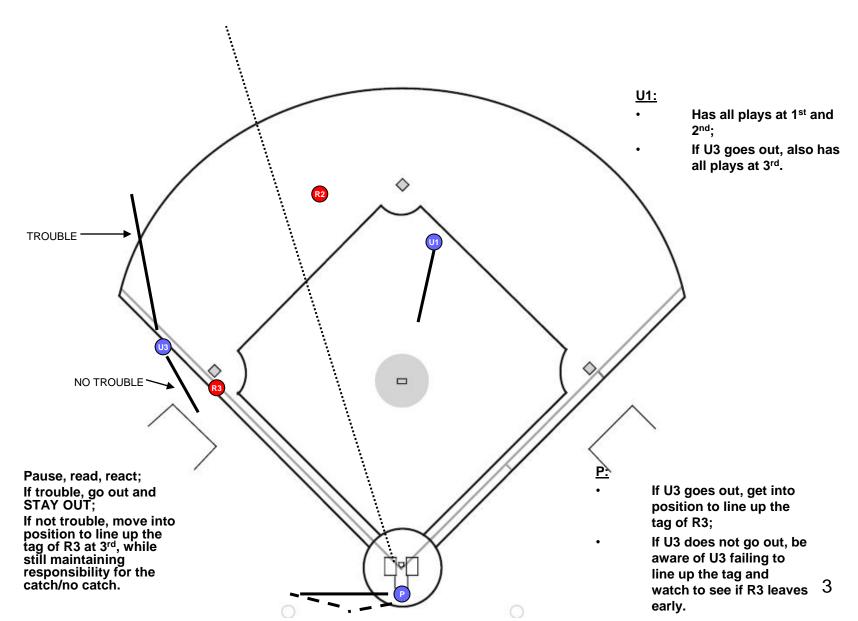
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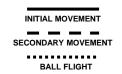
FLY BALL TO THE OUTFIELD



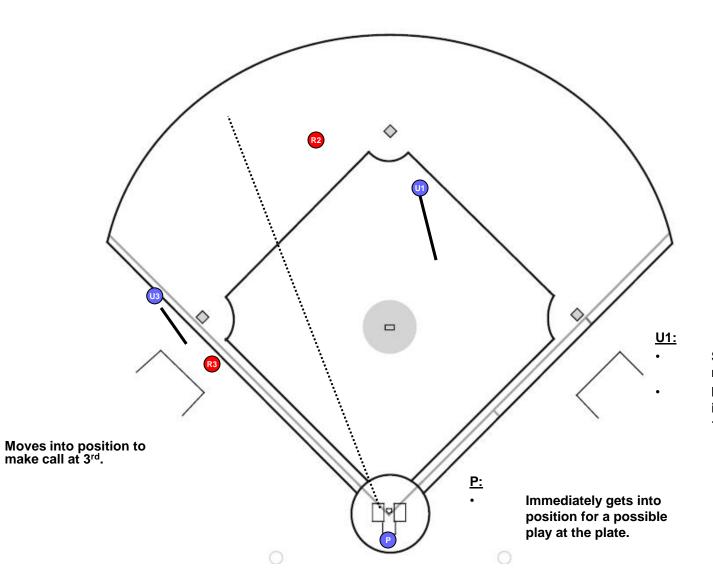
<u>U3:</u>



GROUND BALL TO THE INFIELD OR BASE HIT



<u>U3:</u>



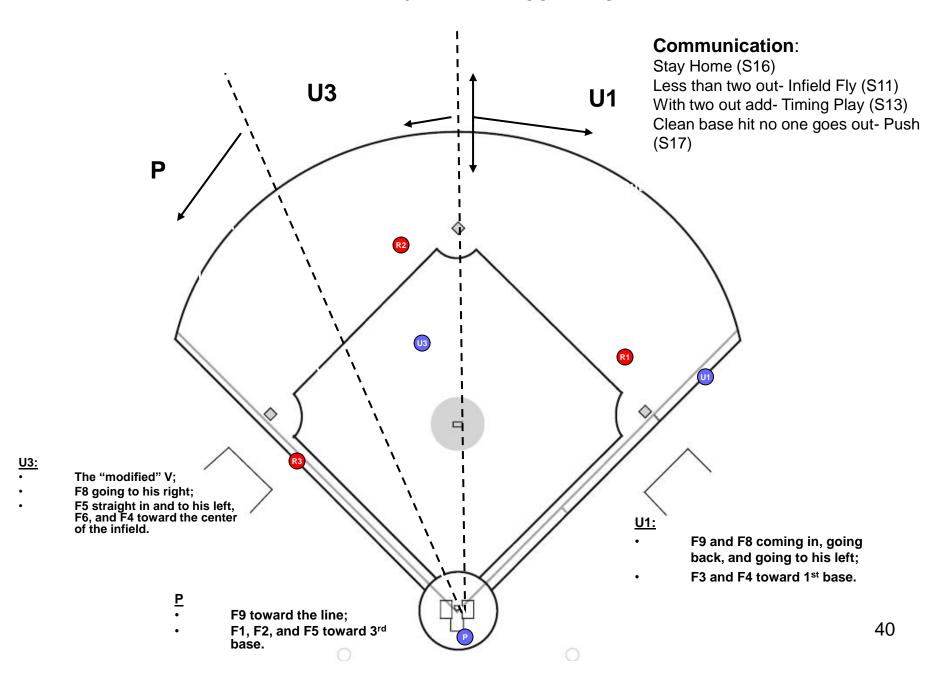
Same movement as twoman; If ball gets through infield, has all plays at 1st and 2nd.

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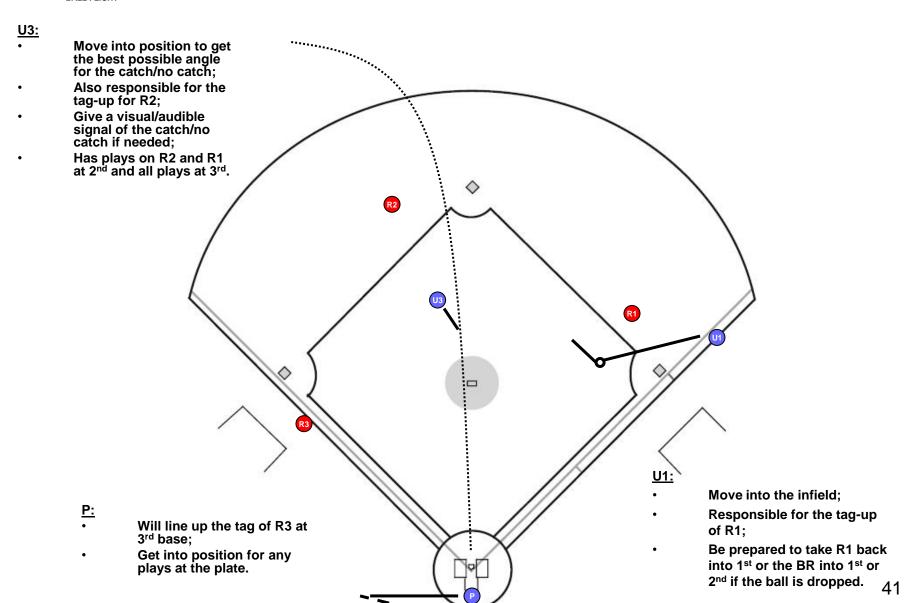
BASES LOADED

<u>U3:</u> • Standard C position · Hands on knees set <u>U1:</u> When the runner is being held, move 10 feet beyond bag; otherwise be a step or two behind the first baseman, still aware of possible pickoffs.

FLY BALL/LINE DRIVE COVERAGE



FLY BALL U3 HAS THE CATCH/NO CATCH

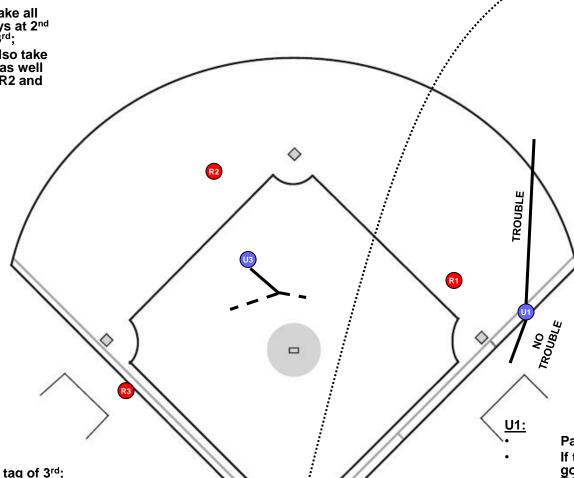


FLY BALL U1 HAS THE CATCH/NO CATCH

<u>U3:</u>

Be prepared to take all touches and plays at 2nd and all plays at 3rd;

If U1 goes out, also take all plays at first, as well as the tag-up of R2 and R1



<u>P</u>:

Line up R3 tag of 3rd;

Get into position for a possible play at the plate.

Pause, read, and react; If the ball is a trouble ball, go out. DO NOT RETURN TO INFIELD;

If the ball is not a trouble ball, move toward the coach's box to line up R1's possible tag and take all plays at 1st. 42

