# Four Umpire Mechanics

## 70/90-Foot Diamond

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## BASIC INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES WORKING THE FOUR MAN SYSTEM

Ta	ble 1
1	U1 and U3 Set up with both feet in foul territory with the inside foot just off of the foul line. Starting 10-12 feet behind the fielder when in normal playing position. If fielder moves up, you move up, but never closer than 10-12 feet from bag. If fielder moves back, reduce distance, but always stay 1-2 steps behind the fielder.
2	One umpire will go out on <b>ALL</b> fly balls and line drives to the outfield, as well as on all batted balls that have potential for trouble (out of play areas, spectator interference, etc.). <b>Outfield coverage is not required on line drives in the gap that are immediately read as not catchable and are not susceptible to trouble such as spectator interference or resulting in an award of bases.</b>
3	Umpires going out on fly balls/line drives to the outfield should go out as far as possible, but MUST be stopped prior to the play. Remember angle over distance!
4	If an umpire goes out, that umpire does not return to the infield until the play is completed.
5	Whenever runner(s) are on base (other than a runner on 3 <sup>rd</sup> base only), U2 will set up inside at 2 <sup>nd</sup> base. U2 may work on either side of 2 <sup>nd</sup> base; depending on which side the umpire feels more comfortable.
6	Umpires working inside at 2 <sup>nd</sup> base will not go out on fly balls/line drives to the outfield.
7	Upon completion of a play where an umpire goes out on a ball, the covering umpire should not release until the umpire who went out has returned and assumed responsibility of the runner.
8	Remember the adage, "Vacate and Occupy." Whenever an umpire <i>vacates</i> his designated base, another umpire must <i>occupy</i> that base.
	BASIC PRECEPTS FOR ANY UMPIRING SYSTEM
1	Plate umpire is responsible for giving the pre-game conference. Follow an established, orderly progression starting with fair/foul responsibilities, fly ball coverage for infield and outfield, signals and positioning. An hour is not too long.
2	No umpire needs call (voice or mechanic) the obvious foul ball and the call, when made, is never echoed by other umpires.
3	Balls off the batter while the batter may still in the batter's box may require base umpire(s) to make the call. However, WAIT for the plate umpire to make the call and then if you are 100% certain the batted ball was off the batter, call "TIME"- LOUDLY.
4	The umpire that will make the fair/foul call is the same umpire that will make the catch/no-catch call.
5	Anytime a base umpire goes out to make a call in the outfield, that umpire will STAY OUT. Be set for the touch/catch by the fielder, make the call, and continue moving away from the infield.
6	The second base umpire should move into the infield on the side <b>opposite</b> the direction of the ball when required to come inside.

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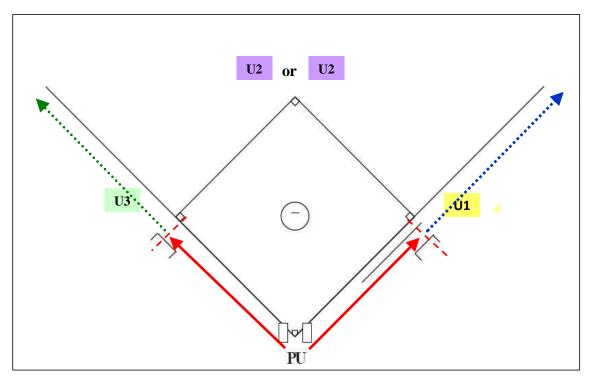


Diagram 1
Fair/Foul Responsibilities

U1	<b>U2</b>	U3
Has the call on any	None	Has the call on any
bounding ball that		bounding ball that
reaches the front edge		reaches the front edge
of the base and any		of the base and any
line-drive/fly ball that		line-drive/fly ball that
is first touched or		is first touched or
touches between the		touches between the
front edge of base and		front edge of base and
umpire's chest.		umpire's chest.
Also has the call from		Also, has the call from
· ·		the front edge of the
		base to foul pole
-		when going out on a
0 0		ball down the line
can down the line.		
	Has the call on any bounding ball that reaches the front edge of the base and any line-drive/fly ball that is first touched or touches between the front edge of base and	Has the call on any bounding ball that reaches the front edge of the base and any line-drive/fly ball that is first touched or touches between the front edge of base and umpire's chest.  Also, has the call from the front edge of the base to foul pole when going out on a

**NOTE:** If as the base umpire you are 100% certain that you see a batted ball touch the batter and the plate umpire does not come up and call "Foul" or "Time"; then you should stop all play by loudly calling "TIME"!

Make certain to give the plate umpire a chance to make the call first. Once time has been called, you can then decide if the ball touched the batter in the box (foul) or out of the box (BR out).

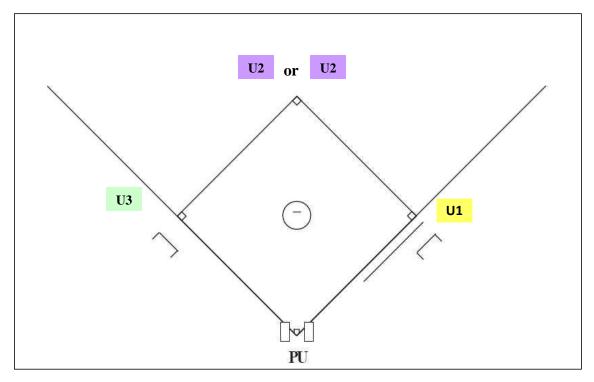


Diagram 2

## **0** Runners on Base, Starting Positions

PU	U1	U2	U3
	Set up square to the plate, both feet in foul territory, the right foot just off of the foul line, and 10-12 feet behind 1st baseman when in normal playing position.  If 1st baseman moves up, you move up, but never closer than 10-12 feet from bag.  If 1st baseman moves back	Can set in "B" or "C" position.  B - Set up square to the plate, between 2 <sup>nd</sup> base and 2 <sup>nd</sup> baseman, on the outside of the infield, approximately 10 feet into the outfield grass.  C - Set up square to the	Set up square to the plate, both feet in foul territory, the left foot just off of the foul line, and 10-12 feet behind 3 <sup>rd</sup> baseman when in normal playing position.  If 3 <sup>rd</sup> baseman moves up, you move up, but never closer than 10-12 feet from bag.  If 3 <sup>rd</sup> baseman moves back reduce distance,
	reduce distance, but always stay 1-2 steps behind 1 <sup>st</sup> baseman.	plate, between 2 <sup>nd</sup> base and Short Stop, on the outside of the infield, approximately 10 feet into the outfield grass.	but always stay 1-2 steps behind 3 <sup>rd</sup> baseman.

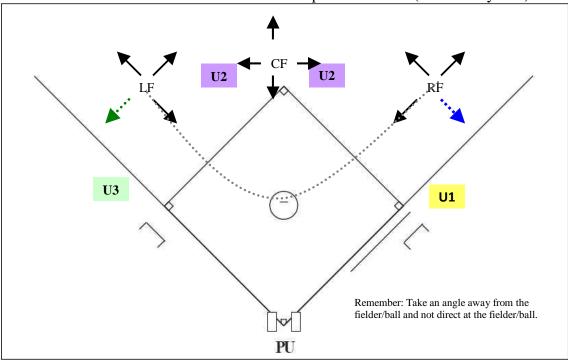


Diagram 3

## 0 Runners on Base, Outfield Fly Ball Responsibilities

PU	U1	<b>U2</b>	<b>U3</b>
None	Responsible for:	Responsible for:	Responsible for:
	RF - Moving toward	Everything in the "U"	LF - Moving toward
	the line		the line
		<b>LF</b> – Going In, Back, & to Left	
		CF – Going In, Back, Left, & Right	
		RF - Going In, Back, & to Right	

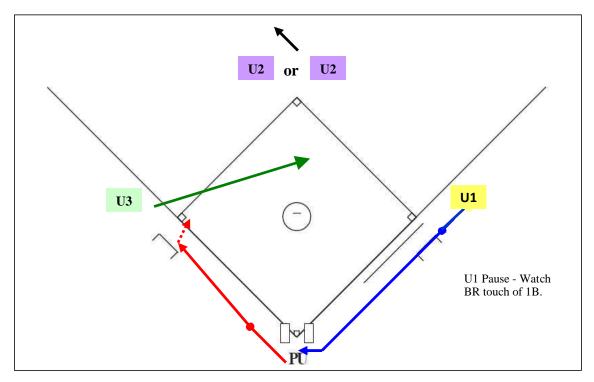


Diagram 4

## 0 Runners on Base, Fly Ball to U2's AOR

#### **ROTATION # 1**

Clear the catcher to the left. Read U2 going out and U3 moving in to 2nd base cutout  Move toward 3rd base in foul territory to see BR touch of 1st base.  Move toward 3rd base in foul territory reading the ball as you travel down the line.  Move into the 3rd base cutout for any play at 3rd.  Responsible for: BR to 3rd, and BR back into 3rd.  Responsible for: BR touch of 1st base.  Pause to read forward progress of BR,  When BR commits to 2nd, read movement of PU down the 3rd baseline, then move to point of the plate.  Responsible for: BR touch of 1st, BR touch of 1st, and BR back into 3rd.  Responsible for: BR touch of 1st, BR touch of 1st, and BR back into 3rd.  Responsible for: BR touch of 1st, BR touch of 1st, and BR at home.  Communicate to partners, "Tve Got 3rd!"  Goes out on the ball.  Responsible for: Catch/no catch call.  Must see ball fielded and thrown back to infield.  Stays out until the play has ended.  Must take any play at 1st after U1 has gone to the plate.  Communicate to U3, "Going Home!"
left. Read U2 going out and U3 moving in to 2 <sup>nd</sup> base cutout  Move toward 3 <sup>rd</sup> base in foul territory reading the ball as you travel down the line.  Move into the 3 <sup>rd</sup> base cutout for any play at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .  Responsible for: BR touch of 1st base.  Pause to read forward progress of BR,  When BR commits to 2nd, read movement of PU down the 3rd baseline, then move to point of the plate.  Responsible for: BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> , BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> , and BR at home.  Responsible for: BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> , BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> , and BR at home.  Communicate to partners, "Tve Got  In foul territory to see BR touch of 1st base.  Catch/no catch call.  Must see ball fielded and thrown back to infield.  Stays out until the play has ended.  Must take any play at 1 <sup>st</sup> after U1 has gone to the plate.

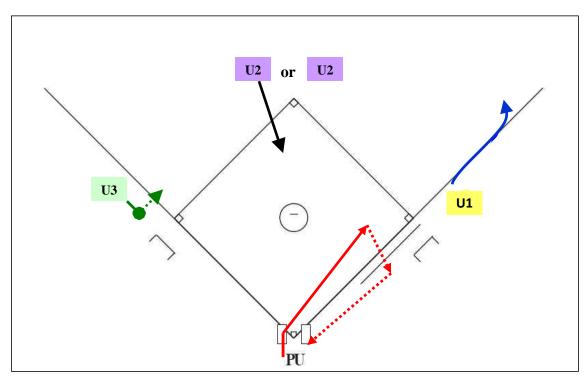


Diagram 5 0 Runners on Base, Fly Ball to U1's AOR PU TO FIRST # 1

PU	U1	U2	U3
Clear the catcher to left.	Goes out on the ball.	Move into the	Move 1-2 steps toward
Read U1 going out, and		working area behind	3 <sup>rd</sup> base in foul territory.
move up the 1 <sup>st</sup> base line	<b>Responsible for:</b>	pitcher's mound on C	
in fair territory.	Catch/no catch call.	side.	If BR advances to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , move 1-2 steps into fair
Responsible for:	Must see ball fielded	Responsible for:	territory for any play at
BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	and thrown back to	$\overline{\text{BR to 2}^{\text{nd}}, \text{ and}}$	$3^{\rm rd}$ .
BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> , and	infield.	BR back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	
BR at home.			Responsible for:
	Stays out until the play		BR to 3 <sup>-</sup> , and
Heads back to home	has ended.		BR back into 3rd
when BR touches 2 <sup>nd</sup>			
base.			

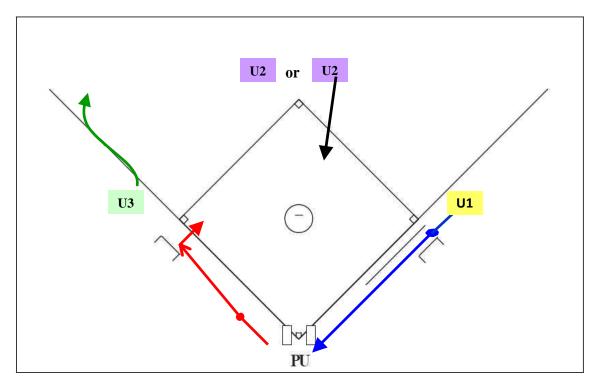


Diagram 6

## 0 Runners on Base, Fly Ball to U3's AOR ROTATION # 2

ROTATION # 2			
PU	U1	U2	U3
Clear the catcher to	Move toward 1st base in foul	Move into the	Goes out on the ball.
the left. Read U3	territory to see BR touch of	working area behind	
going out.	1st base.	pitcher's mound on	Responsible for:
Move toward 3 <sup>rd</sup> base in foul territory reading the ball as you travel down the line.  Move into the 3 <sup>rd</sup> base cutout for any play at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .  Responsible for: BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and BR back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> .  Communicate to partners, "I've Got 3rd!"	Pause to read forward progress of BR.  When BR commits to 2nd, read movement of PU down the 3rd baseline, then move to point of the plate to set up for any play.  Responsible for: BR touch of 1 <sup>st,</sup> BR back into 1 <sup>s,</sup> and BR at the plate.  Communicate to U2, "Going Home!"	"B" side.  Responsible for: BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> after release from U1, BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and BR back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> .  Must take any play at 1 <sup>st</sup> after U1 has gone to the plate.	Catch/no catch call.  Must see ball fielded and thrown back to infield.  Stays out until the play has ended.

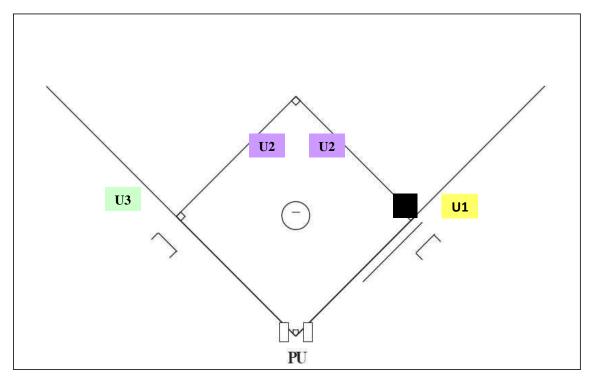


Diagram 7

## **R1 ONLY, Starting Positions**

PU	U1	U2	U3
	Moves 1-2 steps closer to 1 <sup>st</sup> base for better look on pickoffs.	Can set up in "B" or "C".  Set up with heels parallel to and set on edge of infield grass. You should be square to 3 <sup>rd</sup> baseline from "B" position or 1 <sup>st</sup> baseline from "C" position. Positioning is 1-2 feet away from the cut-out.  Has NO Outfield Fly Ball responsibility.	Set up square to the plate, both feet in foul territory, the left foot just off of the foul line, and 10-12 feet behind 3 <sup>rd</sup> baseman when in normal playing position.  If 3 <sup>rd</sup> baseman moves up, you move up, but never closer than 10-12 feet from bag.  If 3 <sup>rd</sup> baseman moves back reduce distance, but always stay 1-2
			steps behind 3 <sup>rd</sup>

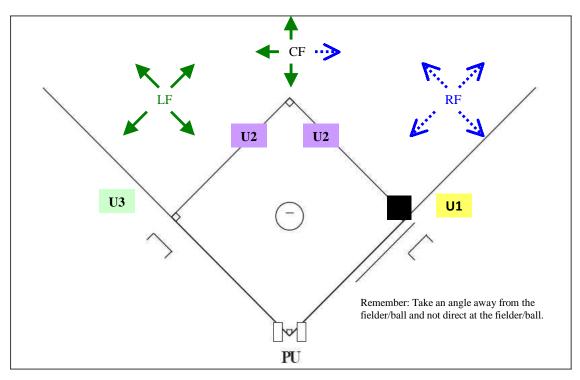


Diagram 8

## R1 ONLY, Outfield Fly Ball Responsibilities

PU	U1	U2	U3
None	U1 has 40% of the "60/40 split".	None	U3 has 60% of the "60/40 split".
	RF - Going In, Back, to Left, & to Right		LF - Going In, Back, to Left, & to Right
	CF – Going Left		CF – Going In, Back, & to Right

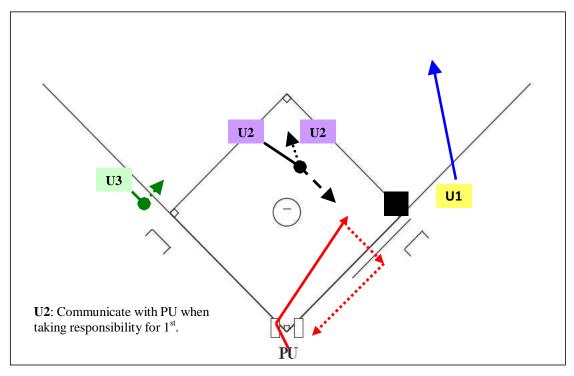


Diagram 9

## R1 ONLY, Fly Ball to U1's AOR PU TO FIRST # 2

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PU	U1	U2	U3
Clear the catcher to left.	Goes out on the ball.	Step up, turn, and face the	Move a 1-2 steps
Read U1 going out and		ball from the working	toward 3 <sup>rd</sup> base in foul
move toward 1 <sup>st</sup> base in	Responsible for:	area on the B Side.	territory.
fair territory.	Catch/no catch call.		
		Read U1 going out.	If runner advances to
Responsible for:	Must see ball fielded		3 <sup>rd</sup> , move 1-2 steps into
R1 tag-up at 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	and thrown back to	When R1 goes to 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,	fair territory for any
R1 back into 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	infield.	release R1 to U3.	play at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> , and		and and	
BR back into 1 <sup>st.</sup>	Stays out until the	You now have BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Responsible for:
	play has ended.	and BR back to 1 <sup>st</sup> .	R1 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,
Heads home to point			R1 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,
of the plate when R1		Responsible for:	BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and
passes 2 <sup>nd</sup> base.		R1 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	BR back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
		R1 back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	
Responsible for:		BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> after	
R1 at home, and		release from PU,	
BR at home.		BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 'and	
		BR back into 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
		Communicate with PU	
		"I've got the BR!"	

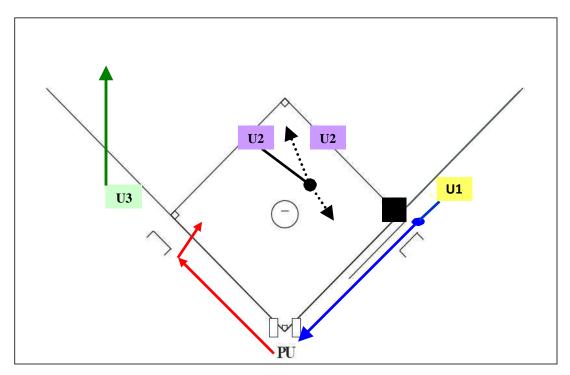


Diagram 10

## R1 ONLY, Fly Ball to U3's AOR

## **ROTATION #3**

PU	U1	U2	U3
Clear the catcher to	Move toward 1 <sup>st</sup> base in	Step up, turn, and face	Goes out on the ball.
the left. Read U3	foul territory to line up	the ball from the	
going out.	ball/fielder with R1 for	working area on the B	Responsible for:
,	possible tag-up.	Side.	Catch/no catch
Move toward 3 <sup>rd</sup> base	See BR touch of 1st base		call.
in foul territory	and Pause to read forward	Read U3 going out.	
reading the ball as you	progress of BR.		Must see ball fielded
travel down the line.	progress of BR.	Responsible for:	and thrown back to
ard.	When BR commits to 2nd,	R1 to $2^{nd}$ ,	infield.
Move into the 3 <sup>rd</sup> base	read movement of PU	R1 back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	
cutout for any play at	down the 3rd baseline,	BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> after	Stays out until the
$3^{\rm rd}$ .	then move to point of the	release from U1,	play has ended.
D	plate to set up for any play.	BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and	
Responsible for:	Responsible for:	BR back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	
R1 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , R1 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,	R1 tag up at 1 <sup>st</sup> ,		
BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and	R1 back into 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	Must take any play at	
BR back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	BR touch of 1 <sup>st,</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> after U1 has gone	
DR back into 3.	BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	to the plate.	
Communicate to	R1 at home, and		
partners, "I've Got	BR at home.		
3rd!"	211		
<i>514.</i>	Communicate to U2,		
	"Going Home!"		

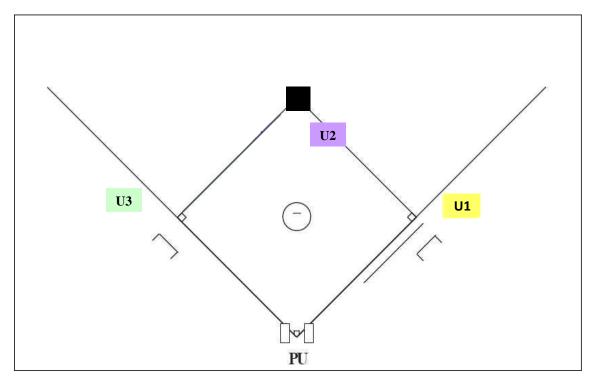


Diagram 11

## **R2 ONLY, Starting Positions**

PU	U1	U2	U3
	Set up square to the plate, both feet in foul territory, the right foot just off of the foul line, and 10-12 feet behind 1 <sup>st</sup> baseman when in normal playing position.  If 1st baseman moves up, you move up, but never closer than 10-12 feet from bag.  If 1 <sup>st</sup> baseman moves back reduce distance, but always stay 1-2 steps behind 1st baseman.	The preferred positioning with a runner on 2 <sup>nd</sup> base is to set up in "B".  Heels should be parallel to and set on edge of infield grass. Positioning is 1-2 feet away from the cut-out.  Has NO Outfield Fly Ball responsibility.	Set up square to the plate, both feet in foul territory, the left foot just off of the foul line, and 10-12 feet behind 3 <sup>rd</sup> baseman when in normal playing position.  If 3 <sup>rd</sup> baseman moves up, you move up, but never closer than 10-12 feet from bag.  If 3 <sup>rd</sup> baseman moves back reduce distance, but always stay 1-2 steps behind 3 <sup>rd</sup> baseman.

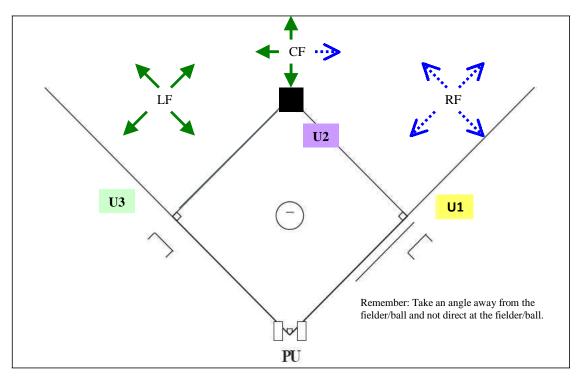


Diagram 12

## **R2 ONLY, Outfield Fly Ball Responsibilities**

PU	<b>U1</b>	<b>U2</b>	U3
None	U1 has 40% of the "60/40 split".	None	U3 has 60% of the "60/40 split".
	RF - Going In, Back, to Left, & to Right		LF - Going In, Back, to Left, & to Right
	CF – Going Left		CF – Going In, Back, & to Right

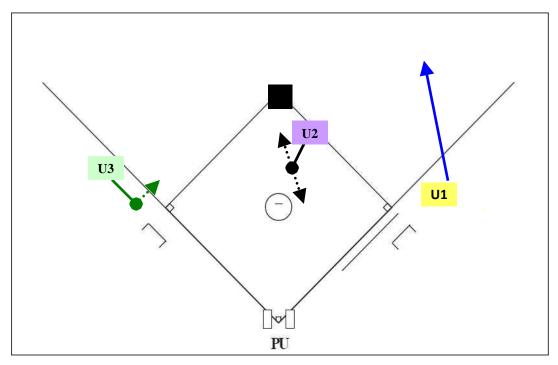


Diagram 13

## R2 ONLY, Fly Ball to U1's AOR

PU	<b>U1</b>	<b>U2</b>	<b>U3</b>
Clear the catcher to	Goes out on the ball.	Step up, turn, and face	Move a 1-2 steps toward
the left and observe		the ball from the	3 <sup>rd</sup> base in foul territory.
play from foul	Responsible for:	working area on the B	
territory.	Catch/no catch call.	Side.	If runner advances to 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,
			move 1-2 steps into fair
<b>Responsible for:</b>	Must see ball fielded	Read U1 going out.	territory for any play at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
R2 to home, and	and thrown back to	Dogwanaible form	
BR to home.	infield.	Responsible for:	Responsible for:
		R2 tag up,	$R2 \text{ to } 3^{rd}$ ,
	Stays out until the play	R2 back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	R2 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,
	has ended.	BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and
		BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	BR back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
		BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and	DK back into 3.
		Br back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	

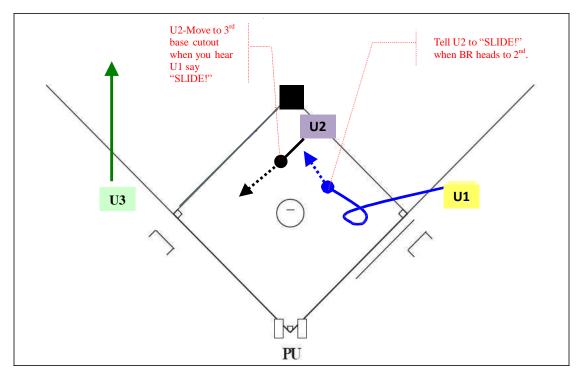


Diagram 14

## R2 ONLY, Fly Ball to U3's AOR

### **SLIDE PLAY**

SLIDE PLAY			
PU	U1	U2	U3
Clear the catcher to the left and observe play from foul territory.	Read U3 going out on a NON-CATCHABLE ball.	Step up, turn, and face the ball from the working area on the C Side.	Goes out on a NON-CATCHABLE ball.
Responsible for: R2 at home, and BR at home.	Pivot into area at 1 <sup>st</sup> base cut-out to see BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> .  When BR heads to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , communicate to U2 "SLIDE!"  You now have all calls at 2 <sup>nd</sup> base.	Read U3 going out on a <b>NON-CATCHABLE</b> ball. You have all plays at 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> until told to "SLIDE" by U1.  If U1 communicates, "SLIDE", move to 3 <sup>rd</sup> base cutout for all plays at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Responsible for: Ball being fielded and thrown back into infield.  Stays out until the play has ended.
	Responsible for:  BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> ,  BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> ,  After SLIDE  BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and  BR back into 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Responsible for: R2 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , R2 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> , BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and BR back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> .  Note: You also have BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> if U1 does NOT tell you to SLIDE!	

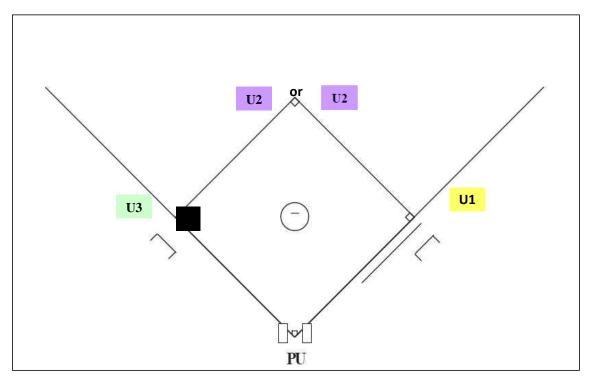


Diagram 15

## **R3 ONLY, Starting Positions**

PU	U1	U2	U3
	Set up square to the plate, both feet in foul territory, the right foot just off of the foul line, and 10-12 feet behind 1st baseman when in normal playing position.  If 1st baseman moves up, you move up, but never closer than 10-12 feet from bag.  If 1st baseman moves back reduce distance, but always stay 1-2 steps behind 1st baseman.	Can set in "B" or "C" position.  B - Set up square to the plate, between 2 <sup>nd</sup> base and 2 <sup>nd</sup> baseman, on the outside of the infield, approximately 10 feet into the outfield grass.  C - Set up square to the plate, between 2 <sup>nd</sup> base and Short Stop, on the outside of the infield, approximately 10 feet into the outfield grass.	Move 1-2 steps closer to 3rd base for possible pick-off plays.

## 70/90 Foot

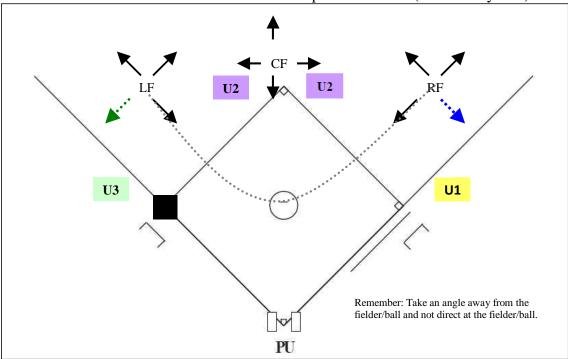


Diagram 16

## R3 ONLY, Outfield Fly Ball Responsibilities

PU	U1	<b>U2</b>	U3
None	Responsible for:	Responsible for:	Responsible for:
	<b>RF</b> - Moving toward	Everything in the "U"	LF - Moving toward
	the line	LF – Going In, Back, & to Left	the line
		CF – Going In, Back, Left, & Right	
		RF - Going In, Back, & to Right	

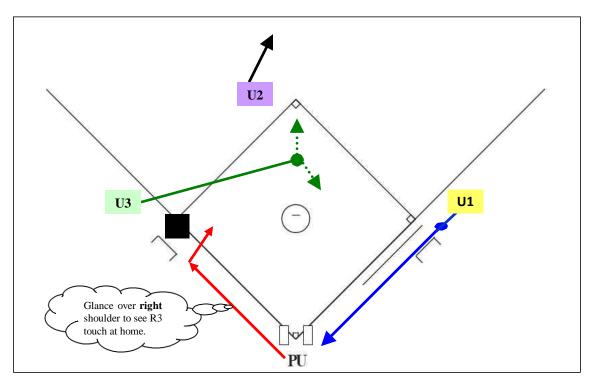


Diagram 17
R3 ONLY, Fly Ball to U2's AOR, NON-CATCHABLE BALL
ROTATION # 4

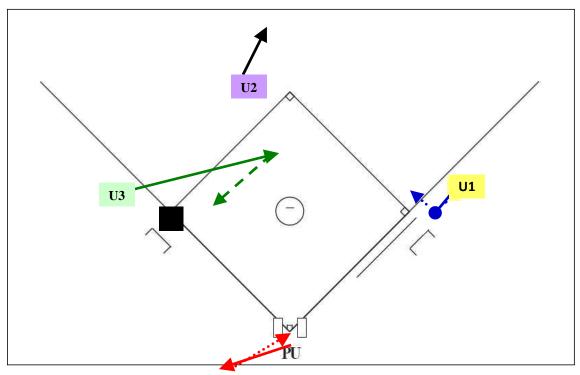


Diagram 18

## R3 ONLY, Fly Ball to U2's AOR, <u>CATCHABLE BALL</u>

PU	<b>U1</b>	U2	U3
Clear the catcher to	Move a 1-2 steps toward 1 <sup>st</sup>	Goes out on a	Move into the working
the left. Move	base in foul territory to see	CATCHABLE BALL.	area behind pitcher's
deeper into foul	BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> .		mound on C side.
territory to line up a		<b>Responsible for:</b>	
possible tag up of	Move 1-2 steps into fair	Catch/no catch call.	Responsible for:
R3 at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	territory for any play at 1st.		If ball is not caught
		Must see ball fielded	BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,
Then move to the	Responsible for:	and thrown back to	BR back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,
point of plate for	If ball is not caught	infield.	BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and
any play that may	BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> , and		BR back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
develop at home.	BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Stays out until the	
		play has ended.	
<b>Responsible for:</b>			
R3 tag up at 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,			
R3 at home, and			
If ball is not caught			
BR at home.			

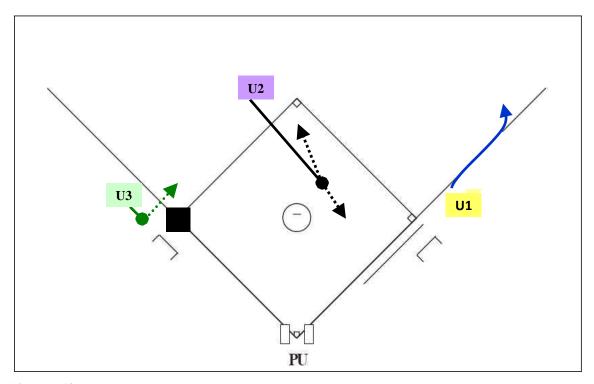


Diagram 19

## R3 ONLY, Fly Ball to U1's AOR

PU	U1	<b>U2</b>	<b>U3</b>
Clear the catcher to	Goes out on the ball.	Move into working area	Move a 1-2 steps toward
the left and observe		on B Side.	3 <sup>rd</sup> base in foul territory to
play from foul	<b>Responsible for:</b>		line up tag up of R3 with
territory.	Catch/no catch	Responsible for:	ball/fielder.
Responsible for: R3 at home, and BR at home.	call.  Must see ball fielded and thrown back to infield.  Stays out until the play has ended.	If ball is not caught BR touch of 1st,	Move 1-2 steps into fair territory for any play at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .  Responsible for: R3 tag up at 3 <sup>rd</sup> , R3 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> , If ball is not caught BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and BR back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> .

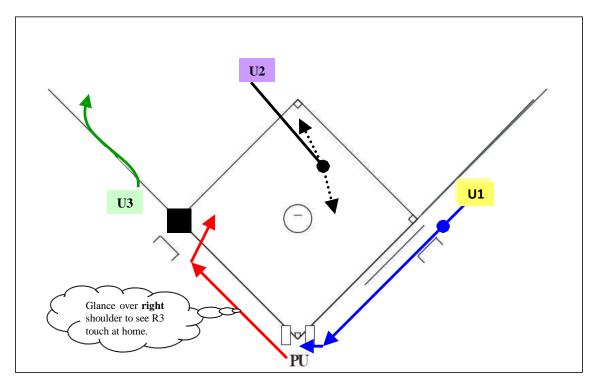


Diagram 20

# R3 ONLY, Fly Ball to U3's AOR, NON-CATCHABLE BALL ROTATION # 5 $\,$

PU	U1	U2	U3
Clear the catcher to the	Move toward 1st base in	Move into working	Goes out on a
left. Read U3 going	foul territory to see BR	area on B Side.	NON-CATCHABLE
out.	touch of 1st base.		BALL.
Move toward 3 <sup>rd</sup> base in foul territory reading the ball as you travel down the line.  Glance back to see R3 touch at home.	Pause to read forward progress of BR.  When BR commits to 2nd, read movement of PU down the 3rd baseline, then move to point of the plate to set	Responsible for: BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> after release from U1, BR to 2nd, and BR back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> .  Must take any play at 1 <sup>st</sup> after U1 has gone to the plate.	Responsible for: Seeing ball fielded and thrown back into infield.  Stays out until the play has ended.
Move into the 3 <sup>rd</sup> base cutout for any play at	up for any play.	gone to the plane.	
3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Responsible for: BR touch of 1 <sup>st,</sup>		
Responsible for:	BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> , and		
R3 touch of home, BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and	BR at the plate.		
BR back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Communicate to U2,		
Communicate to partners, "I've Got 3rd!"	"Going Home!"		

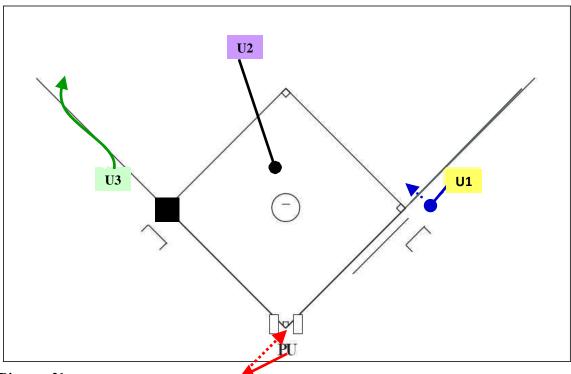


Diagram 21

## R3 ONLY, Fly Ball to U3's AOR, <u>CATCHABLE BALL</u>

PU	U1	U2	<b>U3</b>
Clear the catcher to the	Move a 1-2 steps toward	Moves into working	Goes out on
left. Move deeper into	1 <sup>st</sup> base in foul territory	area on C Side.	CATCHABLE BALL.
foul territory to line up	to see BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> .		
a possible tag up of R3		Responsible for:	Responsible for:
at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Move 1-2 steps into fair	R3 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Catch/no catch call.
	territory for any play at	If ball is not caught	
Then move to the point	1 <sup>st</sup> .	BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	Must see ball fielded
of plate for any play		BR back into	and thrown back to
that may develop at	Responsible for:	$2^{\text{nd}}$ , BR to $3^{\text{rd}}$ ,	infield.
home.	If ball is not caught	and BR back	
	BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> , and	into 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Stays out until the
Responsible for:	BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> .		play has ended.
R3 tag up at 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,			
R3 at home, and			
If ball is not caught			
BR at home.			

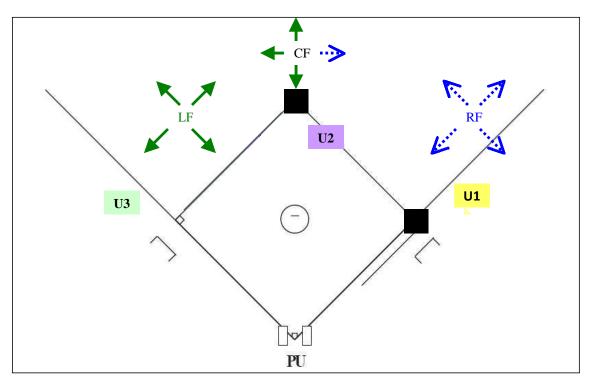


Diagram 22

## **R1 & R2, Starting Positions OUTFIELD FLY BALL RESPONSIBILITIES**

PU	U1	U2	U3
None	U1 has 40% of the "60/40 split".	None	U3 has 60% of the "60/40 split".
	RF - Going In, Back, to Left, & to Right		LF - Going In, Back, to Left, & to Right
	CF – Going Left		CF – Going In, Back, & to Right

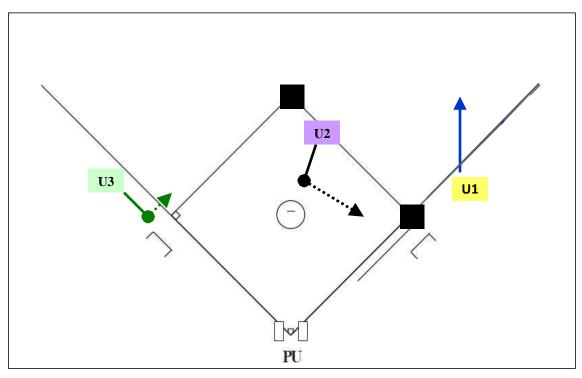


Diagram 23

## R1 & R2, Fly Ball to U1's AOR

PU	U1	U2	U3
Clear the catcher to the left and observe play from foul territory.  Responsible for: R1 at home, R2 at home, and If ball is not caught BR at home.	Goes out on the ball.  Responsible for: Catch/no catch call.  Must see ball fielded and thrown back to infield.  Stays out until the play has ended.	Step up, turn, and face the ball from the working area on the B Side.  Responsible for: R2 tag up at 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R1 tag up at 1 <sup>st</sup> , R2 back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R1 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R1 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R1 back into 1 <sup>st</sup> , R1 back into 1 <sup>st</sup> , BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> , BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> , BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and BR back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Move a 1-2 steps toward 3 <sup>rd</sup> base in foul territory to watch play develop.  Move 1-2 steps into fair territory for any play at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .  Responsible for:  R2 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,  R2 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,  R1 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,  R1 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,  If ball is not caught  BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and  BR back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
			Bit ouck into 3.

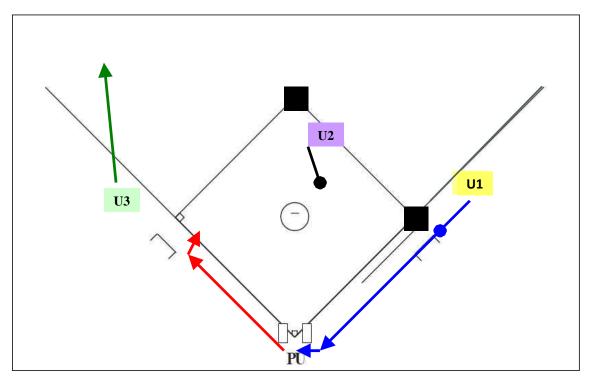


Diagram 24

R1 & R2, Fly Ball to U3's AOR, <u>LESS THAN 2 OUTS - CATCHABLE BALL</u> ROTATION #  $6\,$ 

PU	U1	U2	U3
Clear the catcher to the	Move toward 1st base in	Step up, turn, and face	Goes out on the
left. Read U3 going	foul territory to see BR	the ball from the	CATCHABLE BALL.
out.	touch of 1st base.	working area on the B	
Move toward 3 <sup>rd</sup> base in foul territory reading the ball as you travel down the line.  Move into the 3 <sup>rd</sup> base cutout for any play at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Pause to read forward progress of BR.  When BR commits to 2nd, read movement of PU down the 3rd baseline, then move to point of the plate to set up for any play.	Responsible for: R2 tag up at 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R2 back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R1 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R1 back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> , If ball is not caught BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> after	Responsible for: Catch/no catch call.  Must see ball fielded and thrown back to infield.  Stays out until the play has ended.
Responsible for:	Responsible for:	release from U1, BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and	
$R2 \text{ to } 3^{\text{rd}}$	R1 tag up at 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	BR back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	
R2 Back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,	R1 back into 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	BR buck into 2 .	
R1 to $3^{rd}$ ,	R2 at home,	Must take any play at	
R1 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,	BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	1 <sup>st</sup> after U1 has gone	
If ball is not caught	If ball is not caught	to the plate.	
BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and	BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> , and	F	
BR back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	BR at home		
Communicate to partners, "I've Got 3rd!"	Communicate to U2, "Going Home!"		

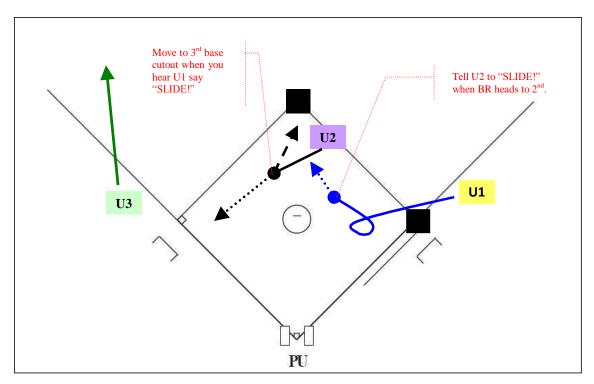


Diagram 25

## R1 & R2, Fly Ball to U3's AOR, NON-CATCHABLE BALL

### **SLIDE PLAY**

SLIDE PLAY			
PU	U1	<b>U2</b>	U3
Clear the catcher to the left and observe play from	Read U3 going out on a <b>NON-CATCHABLE</b> ball.	Step up, turn, and face the ball from the working area on the C Side.	Goes out on a <b>NON-CATCHABLE</b> ball.
Responsible for: R2 at home, R1 at home, and BR at home.	Pivot into area at 1 <sup>st</sup> base cut-out to see BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> .  When BR heads to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , communicate to U2 "SLIDE!"	Read U3 going out on a <b>NON-CATCHABLE</b> ball. You have all plays at 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> until told to "SLIDE" by U1.  If U1 communicates, "SLIDE", move to 3 <sup>rd</sup> base cutout for all plays at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Responsible for: Ball being fielded and thrown back into infield.  Stays out until the play has ended.
	You now have all calls at 2 <sup>nd</sup> base.	Responsible for: R2 back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	
	Responsible for: R1 back into 1 <sup>st</sup> , BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> , BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> , and After SLIDE BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and BR back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	R2 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , R1 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R1 back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R1 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> .  Note: You also have BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> if U1 does NOT tell you to SLIDE!	

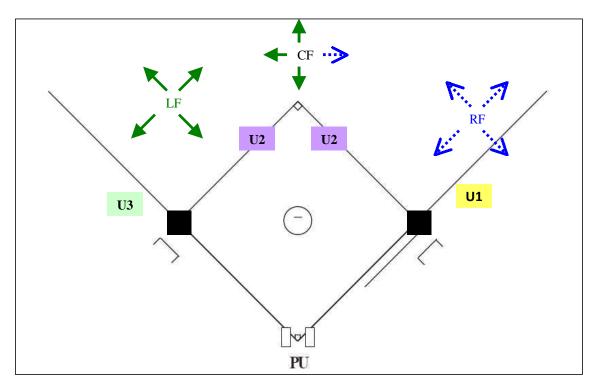


Diagram 26

## **R1 & R3, Starting Positions OUTFIELD FLY BALL RESPONSIBILITIES**

PU	<b>U1</b>	<b>U2</b>	U3
None	U1 has 40% of the "60/40 split".	None	U3 has 60% of the "60/40 split".
	RF - Going In, Back, to Left, & to Right		LF - Going In, Back, to Left, & to Right
	<b>CF</b> – Going Left		CF – Going In, Back, & to Right

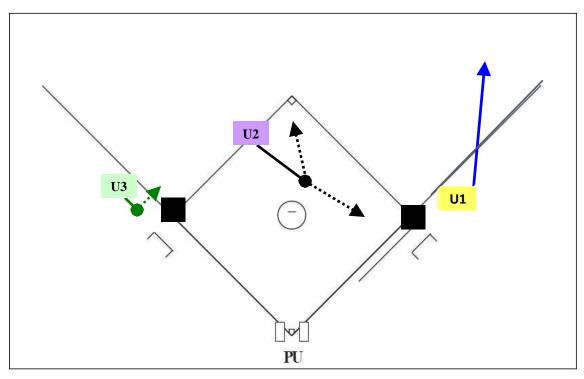


Diagram 27

## R1 & R3, Fly Ball to U1's AOR

PU	U1	U2	U3
PU Clear the catcher to the left and observe play from foul territory.  Responsible for: R3 at home, R1 at home, and If ball is not caught BR at home.	Goes out on the ball.  Responsible for: Catch/no catch call.  Must see ball fielded and thrown back to infield.  Stays out until the play has ended.	Step up, turn, and face the ball from the working area on the B Side.  Responsible for: R1 tag up at 1 <sup>st</sup> , R1 back into 1 <sup>st</sup> , R1 back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R1 back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> , BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> , BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> , BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and	Move a 1-2 steps toward 3 <sup>rd</sup> base in foul territory to line up tag up of R3 with ball/fielder.  Move 1-2 steps into fair territory for any play at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .  Responsible for: R3 tag up at 3 <sup>rd</sup> , R3 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> , R1 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , R1 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,
		BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and BR back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	R1 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,  If ball is not caught  BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and  BR back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> .

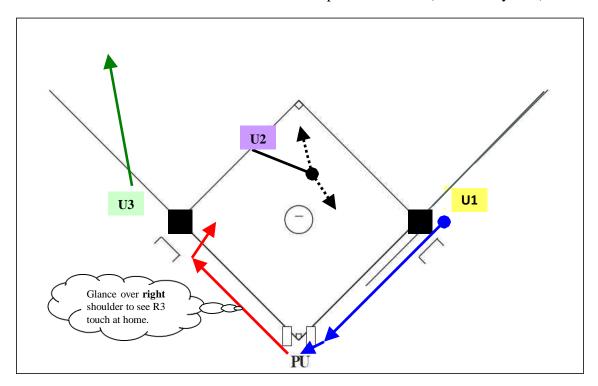


Diagram 28

R1 & R3, Fly Ball to U3's AOR, <u>NON-CATCHABLE BALL</u>

ROTATION # 7

ROTATION # 7			
PU	U1	U2	U3
Clear the catcher to the	Move toward 1st base	Step up, turn, and face	Goes out on a
left. Read U3 going	in foul territory to see	the ball from the	NON-CATCHABLE
out.	BR touch of 1st base.	working area on the B	BALL.
Move toward 3 <sup>rd</sup> base in foul territory reading the ball as you travel down the line.  Glance back to see R3 touch at home.  Move into the 3 <sup>rd</sup> base cutout for any play at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .  Responsible for: R3 touch of home, R1 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , R1 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and BR back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> .  Communicate to partners, "T've Got 3rd!"	Pause to read forward progress of BR.  When BR commits to 2nd, read movement of PU down the 3rd baseline, then move to point of the plate to set up for any play.  Responsible for: BR touch of 1 <sup>st,</sup> BR back into 1 <sup>st,</sup> R1 at home, and BR at the home.  Communicate to U2, "Going Home!"	Side.  Responsible for: R1 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R1 back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> , BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> after release from U1, BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and BR back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> .  Must take any play at 1 <sup>st</sup> after U1 has gone to the plate.	Responsible for: Seeing ball fielded and thrown back into infield.  Stays out until the play has ended.

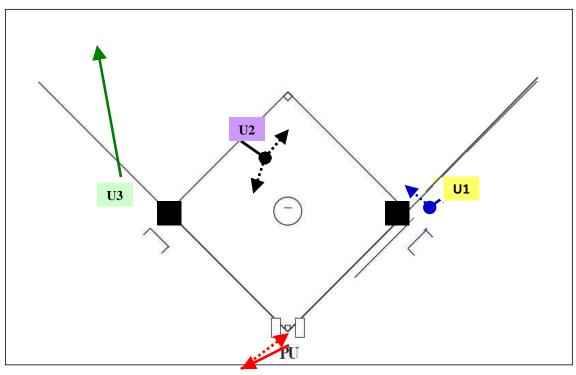


Diagram 29

R1 & R3, Fly Ball to U3's AOR, <u>CATCHABLE BALL</u>

PU	U1	<b>U2</b>	<b>U3</b>
Clear the catcher to the left. Move deeper into foul territory to line up a possible tag up of R3 at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Move a 1-2 steps toward 1 <sup>st</sup> base in foul territory to line up to line up tag up of R1 with ball/fielder.	Step up, turn, and face the ball from the working area on the C Side.	Goes out on  CATCHABLE BALL.  Responsible for: Catch/no catch call.
Then move to the point of plate for any play that may develop at home.  Responsible for: R3 tag up at 3 <sup>rd</sup> , R3 at home, and R1 at home, and If ball is not caught BR at home	Then see BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> .  Move 1-2 steps into fair territory for any play at 1 <sup>st</sup> Responsible for: R1 tag up at 1 <sup>st</sup> , R1 back into 1 <sup>st</sup> , If ball is not caught BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> , and BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Responsible for: R3 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> , R1 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R1 back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R1 to3 <sup>rd</sup> , and If ball is not caught BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Must see ball fielded and thrown back to infield.  Stays out until the play has ended.

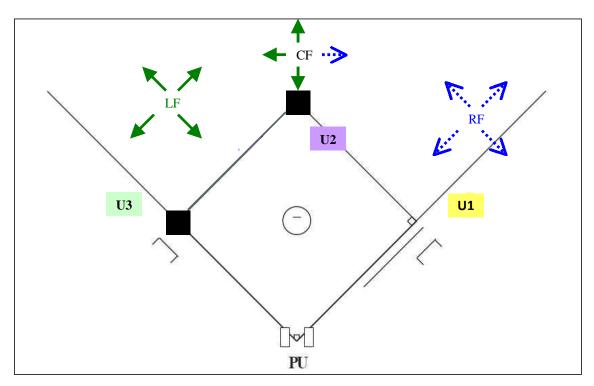


Diagram 30

## **R2 & R3, Starting Positions OUTFIELD FLY BALL RESPONSIBILITIES**

PU	U1	U2	U3
None	U1 has 40% of the "60/40 split".	None	U3 has 60% of the "60/40 split".
	RF - Going In, Back, to Left, & to Right		LF - Going In, Back, to Left, & to Right
	CF – Going Left		CF – Going In, Back, & to Right

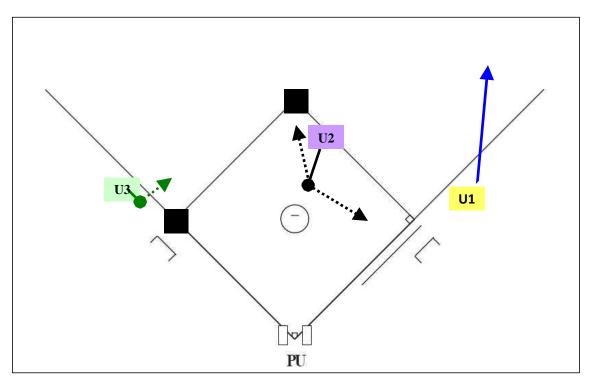


Diagram 31

## R2 & R3, Fly Ball to U1's AOR

U1	U2	<b>U3</b>
Goes out on the ball.	Step up, turn, and face	Move a 1-2 steps toward
	the ball from the	3 <sup>rd</sup> base in foul territory
<b>Responsible for:</b>	working area on the B	to line up tag up of R3
Catch/no catch call.	Side.	with ball/fielder.
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Must see ball fielded	Has tag up at 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Move 1-2 steps into
and thrown back to		fair territory for any
infield.	Responsible for:	play at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
	R2 tag up at 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	
Stays out until the	R2 back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	Responsible for:
play has ended.	If ball is not caught	R3 tag up at 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,
	BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	R3 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,
	BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	R2 to $3^{rd}$ ,
		R2 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,
	BR back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	If ball is not caught
		BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and
		BR back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
	Goes out on the ball.  Responsible for: Catch/no catch call.  Must see ball fielded and thrown back to infield.  Stays out until the	Goes out on the ball.  Responsible for: Catch/no catch call.  Must see ball fielded and thrown back to infield.  Stays out until the play has ended.  Step up, turn, and face the ball from the working area on the B Side.  Has tag up at 2 <sup>nd</sup> .  Responsible for: R2 tag up at 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R2 back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> , If ball is not caught BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> ,

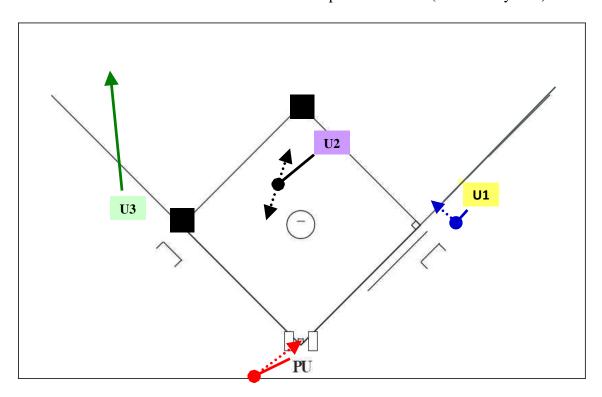


Diagram 32

R2 & R3, Fly Ball to U3's AOR

PU	U1	U2	U3
Clear the catcher to the	Move a 1-2 steps	Step up, turn, and face	Goes out on
left. Move deeper into	toward 1 <sup>st</sup> base in foul	the ball from the	BALL THAT CAN BE
foul territory to line up	territory to see BR	working area on the C	CAUGHT.
a possible tag up of R3	touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Side.	
at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .			Responsible for:
	Move 1-2 steps into fair	Responsible for:	Catch/no catch call.
Then move to the point	territory for any play at	R3 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,	
of plate for any play	1 <sup>st</sup>	R2 tag up at 2nd,	Must see ball fielded
that may develop at		R2 back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	and thrown back to
home.	Responsible for:	R2 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,	infield.
	If ball is not caught	R2 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,	
Responsible for:	BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> , and	If ball is not caught	Stays out until the play
R3 tag up at 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,	BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> .	BR to 2nd,	has ended.
R3 at home, and		BR back into 2nd,	
R2 at home, and		BR to 3rd, and	
If ball is not caught		BR back into 3rd	
BR at home			

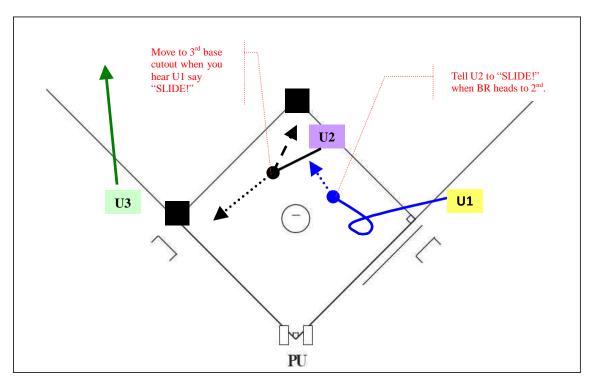
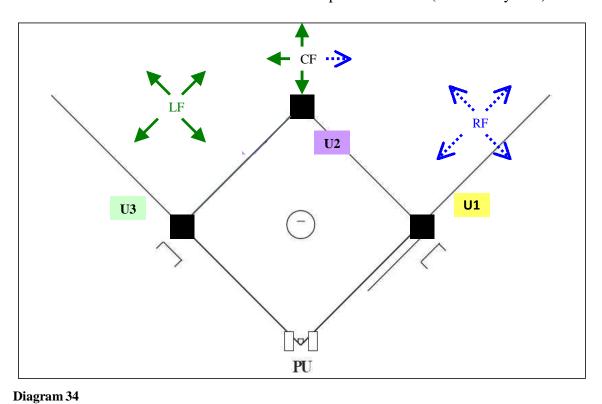


Diagram 33

## R2 & R3, Fly Ball to U3's AOR, NON-CATCHABLE BALL

#### **SLIDE PLAY** PU U2**U1** U3Step up, turn, and face the ball Clear the catcher Read U3 going out on a Goes out on a from the working area on the C to the left and **NON-CATCHABLE NON-CATCHABLE** Side. observe play from ball. ball foul territory. Read U3 going out on a NON-Pivot into area at 1<sup>st</sup> **Responsible for:** CATCHABLE ball. You have base cut-out to see Ball being fielded **Responsible for:** all plays at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> until told BR touch of 1<sup>st</sup>. and thrown back R3 at home, to "SLIDE" by U1. into infield. R2 at home, and When BR heads to BR at home. 2<sup>nd</sup>, communicate to If U1 communicates, "SLIDE", Stays out until the U2 "SLIDE!" move to 3<sup>rd</sup> base cutout for all play has ended. plays at 3<sup>rd</sup>. You now have all calls at 2<sup>nd</sup> base. **Responsible for:** R3 back into 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Responsible for:** R2 back into 2<sup>nd</sup>, BR touch of 1<sup>st</sup>, $R2 \text{ to } 3^{rd}$ , BR back into 1<sup>st</sup>. R2 back into 3<sup>rd</sup>. After SLIDE BR to 2<sup>nd</sup>, and BR to 3<sup>rd</sup>, and BR back into 2<sup>nd</sup>. BR back into 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Note:* You also have BR to 2<sup>nd</sup> if U1 does NOT tell you to SLIDE!



Runners on First, Second and Third Base, Starting Positions
OUTFIELD FLY BALL RESPONSIBILITIES

PU	U1	U2	U3
None	U1 has 40% of the "60/40 split".	None	U3 has 60% of the "60/40 split".
	RF - Going In, Back, to Left, & to Right		LF - Going In, Back, to Left, & to Right
	CF – Going Left		CF – Going In, Back, & to Right

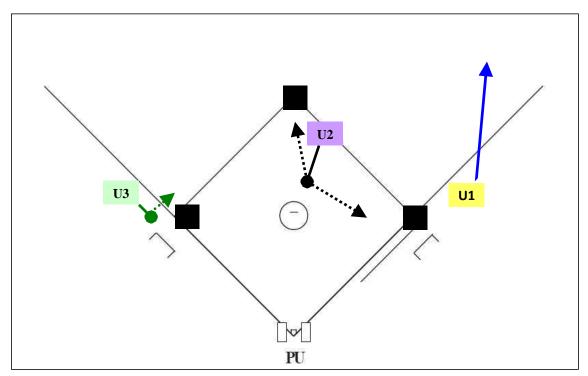


Diagram 35
Runners on First, Second and Third Base, Fly Ball to U1's AOR

PU	U1	U2	U3
Clear the catcher to the left and observe play from foul territory.  Responsible for: R3 at home, R2 at home, R1 at home, and If ball is not caught BR at home.	Responsible for: Catch/no catch call.  Must see ball fielded and thrown back to infield.  Stays out until the play has ended.	Step up, turn, and face the ball from the working area on the B Side.  Read U1 going out. You have all plays at 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> .  Responsible for: R2 tag up at 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R1 tag up at 1st, R2 back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R1 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , R1 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> , BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> , BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and BR back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Move a 1-2 steps toward 3 <sup>rd</sup> base in foul territory to line up tag up of R3 with ball/fielder.  Move 1-2 steps into fair territory for any play at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .  Responsible for: R3 tag up at 3 <sup>rd</sup> , R3 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> , R2 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , R2 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> , R1 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , R1 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> , R1 back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> , BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and BR to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and BR back into 3 <sup>rd</sup> .

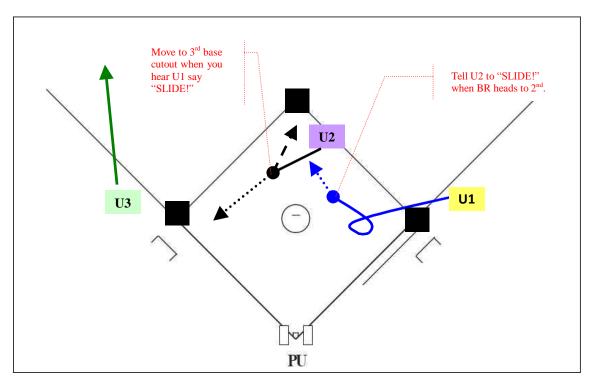


Diagram 36

Runners on First, Second and Third Base, Fly Ball to U3's AOR BALL NOT CAUGHT SLIDE PLAY

SLIDETLAT			
PU	U1	U2	U3
Clear the catcher	Read U3 going out on a	Step up, turn, and face the ball	Goes out on a
to the left and	NON-CATCHABLE	from the working area on the C	NON-CATCHABLE
observe play from	ball	Side.	ball.
observe play from foul territory.  Responsible for: R3 at home, R2 at home, R1 at home, and BR at home.	Pivot into area at 1 <sup>st</sup> base cut-out to see BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> .  When BR heads to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , communicate to U2 "SLIDE!"	Read U3 going out on a <b>NON-CATCHABLE</b> ball. You have all plays at 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> until told to "SLIDE" by U1.  If U1 communicates, "SLIDE", move to 3 <sup>rd</sup> base cutout for all plays at 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Responsible for: Ball being fielded and thrown back into infield.  Stays out until the play has ended.
	at 2 <sup>nd</sup> base.	Responsible for: R2 to 3rd,	
	Responsible for:	R2 back into 3rd,	
	BR touch of 1 <sup>st</sup> , BR back into 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	R1 to 2nd, R1 back into 2nd,	
	After SLIDE	R1 to 3rd,	
	BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and	R1 back into 3rd,	
	BR back into 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	BR to 3rd, and	
		BR back into 3rd.	
		<b>Note:</b> You also have BR to 2 <sup>nd</sup> if U1 does NOT tell you to SLIDE!	

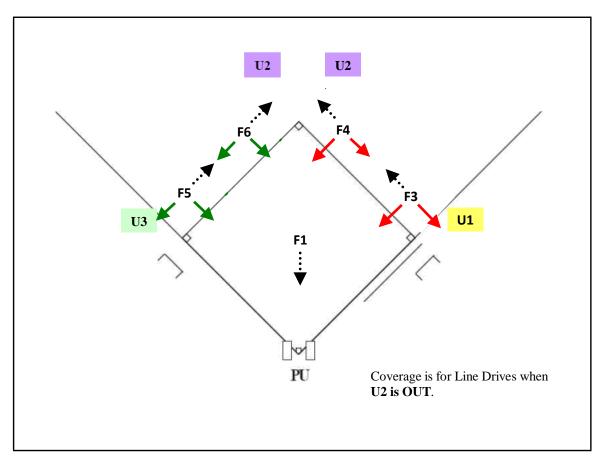


Diagram 37

Infield Line Drive and Pop Up Responsibilities U2 OUTSIDE			
POP-UPS			
PU	U1	U2	U3
Has all.	None	None	None

LINE DRIVES			
PU	U1	U2	U3
F1 - Going in  F3 - Going toward 2 <sup>nd</sup> F4 - Going toward 2 <sup>nd</sup> F5 - Going toward 2 <sup>nd</sup> F6 - Going toward 2 <sup>nd</sup>	F3 - Going in or toward line F4 - Going in or toward line	None	F5 - Going in or toward line F6 - Going in or toward line

**Note:** In most catch/no catch situations – the umpire who has the view of the ball going into the open glove will make the call. **DISCUSS AT THE PRE GAME CONFERENCE.** 

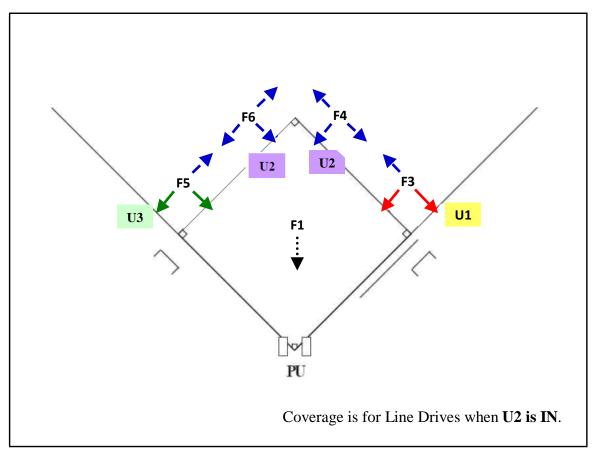


Diagram 38

Infield Line Drive and Pop Up Responsibilities U2 INSIDE				
POP-UPS				
PU	U1	U2	U3	
Pitcher and catcher, as well as fair/foul areas when popped up in that area.	None	All, except pitcher and catcher	None	

LINE DRIVES			
PU	U1	U2	U3
<b>F1</b> - Going in	<b>F3</b> - Going in or toward line	<b>F4</b> - Going In, to Left, & to Right <b>F6</b> - Going In, to Left, & to Right	F5 - Going in or toward line
		F3 - Going to toward 2 <sup>nd</sup> F5 - Going to toward 2 <sup>nd</sup>	

**Note:** In most catch/no catch situations – the umpire who has the view of the ball going into the open glove will make the call. **DISCUSS AT THE PRE GAME CONFERENCE**.