



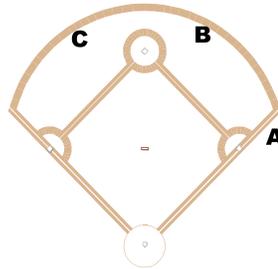
Basic Umpire Responsibilities (60')

Base Umpire (BU) Positions.

Position A. No runners. 10 to 12 feet behind F3 (1st Baseman) in foul territory. If F3 plays deep, keep him in front of you; but shorten up from the 10 to 12 feet.

Position B. Runner on 1st (R1). Two-thirds of the way towards 2nd and behind F4.

Position C. R1 & R2; R1, R2, & R3; R1 & R3; R2 & R3; R2; R3. Between 2nd & 3rd behind F6.



Base Umpire (BU) Responsibilities.

- All plays on the bases, with the exception, in a few cases, of plays at third.
- Ball hit to the outfield, moves into the infield and pivot. Chest squared to the ball, base, and runner.
- Touches (of bases) and plays at 1st & 2nd by all runners and batter runner (BR).
- Tag ups at 1st & 2nd with less than 2 outs.
- Assists PU, by calling "Time" if a pitched or batted ball comes in contact with the batter.
- Takes R1 to 3rd unless PU declares that he has 3rd.
- Entire rundown play unless PU declares he can help.
- Has primary responsibility for calling "Infield Fly" if the infielder moves back for the ball. Echoes PU's call.

Plate Umpire (PU) Responsibilities

- Responsible for all fly balls to the outfield, i.e., Fair, Foul; Catch, No Catch; Out of play.
- Ball hit to the outfield, come into the infield, at an angle to the ball, not further than a line from 1st to 3rd.
- R1 & R3: Touch at home & R1 to 3rd if there is a play. Return home on overthrow at 3rd.
- R1 & R2: Play at 3rd if there is a tag up at 2nd.
- R1, R2 & R3, 2 outs: Stay home for possible time play*.
- R3: Tag up on R3
- Rundown: Assist BU if single runner.
- Has primary responsibility for calling "Infield Fly" if the infielder moves in for the ball. Echoes BU's call.

*A time play is where run(s) may count depending upon whether the third out was recorded before or after a runner crossed the plate.

Important Notes:

Proper position is getting a good "Angle" on the play. "**Angle**" first; "**Distance**" second.

"**Timing**" is the amount of time required to gather all necessary information before making a decision (call).