

# ASHAA 2 Official Baseball Umpire Mechanics



**5 minutes prior to the start game  
U1 conducts pre-game conference**

**Both teams shall remain in their dugout/bench or bullpen area  
until pre-game conference has concluded**

**Discussion:**

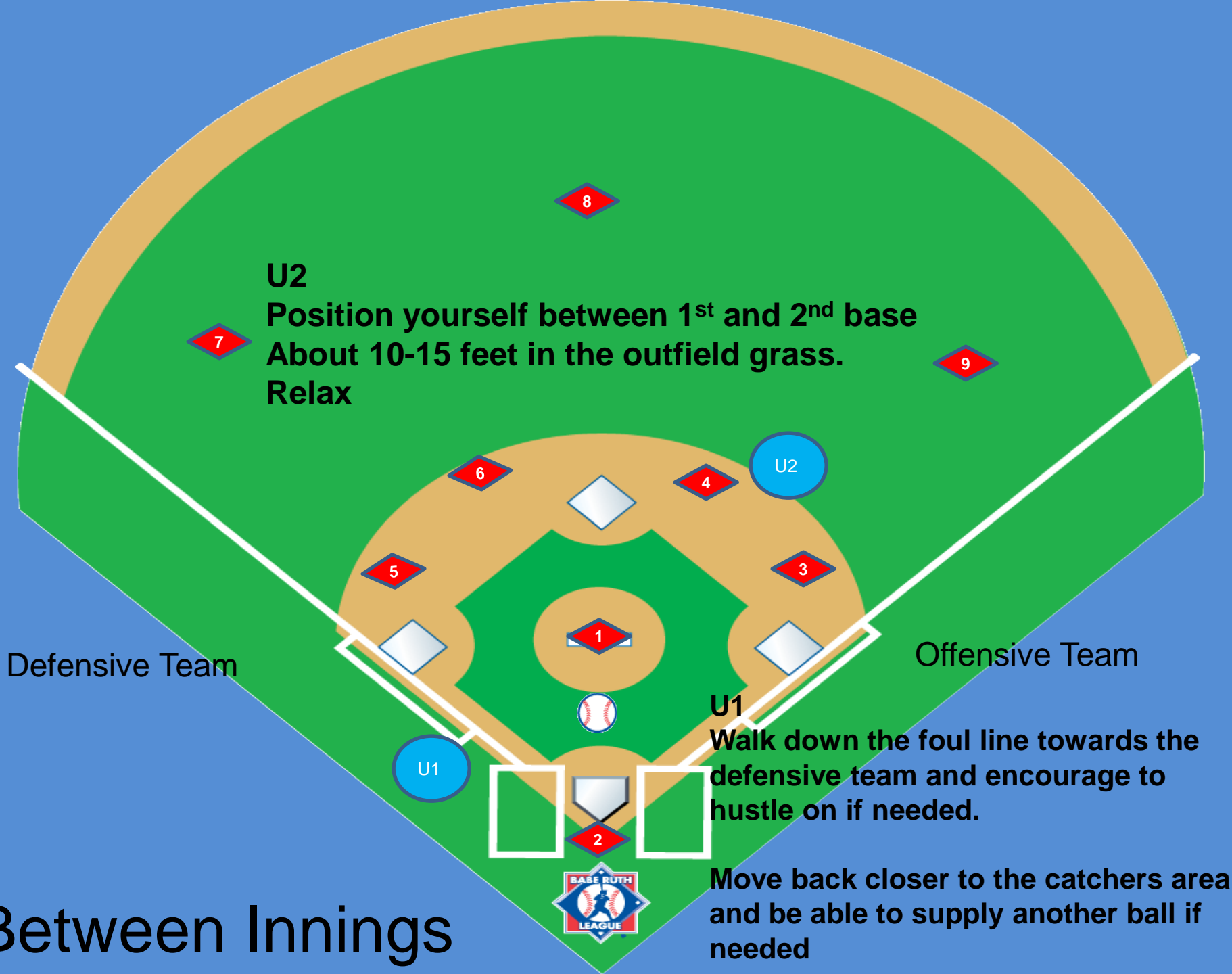
- Verify Line-up Cards (Home team 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Ask if using designated hitter
- Verify players are legally equipped
- Discuss ground rules- home team coach should inform unless playing on a neutral site, then U1 will explain the ground rules.

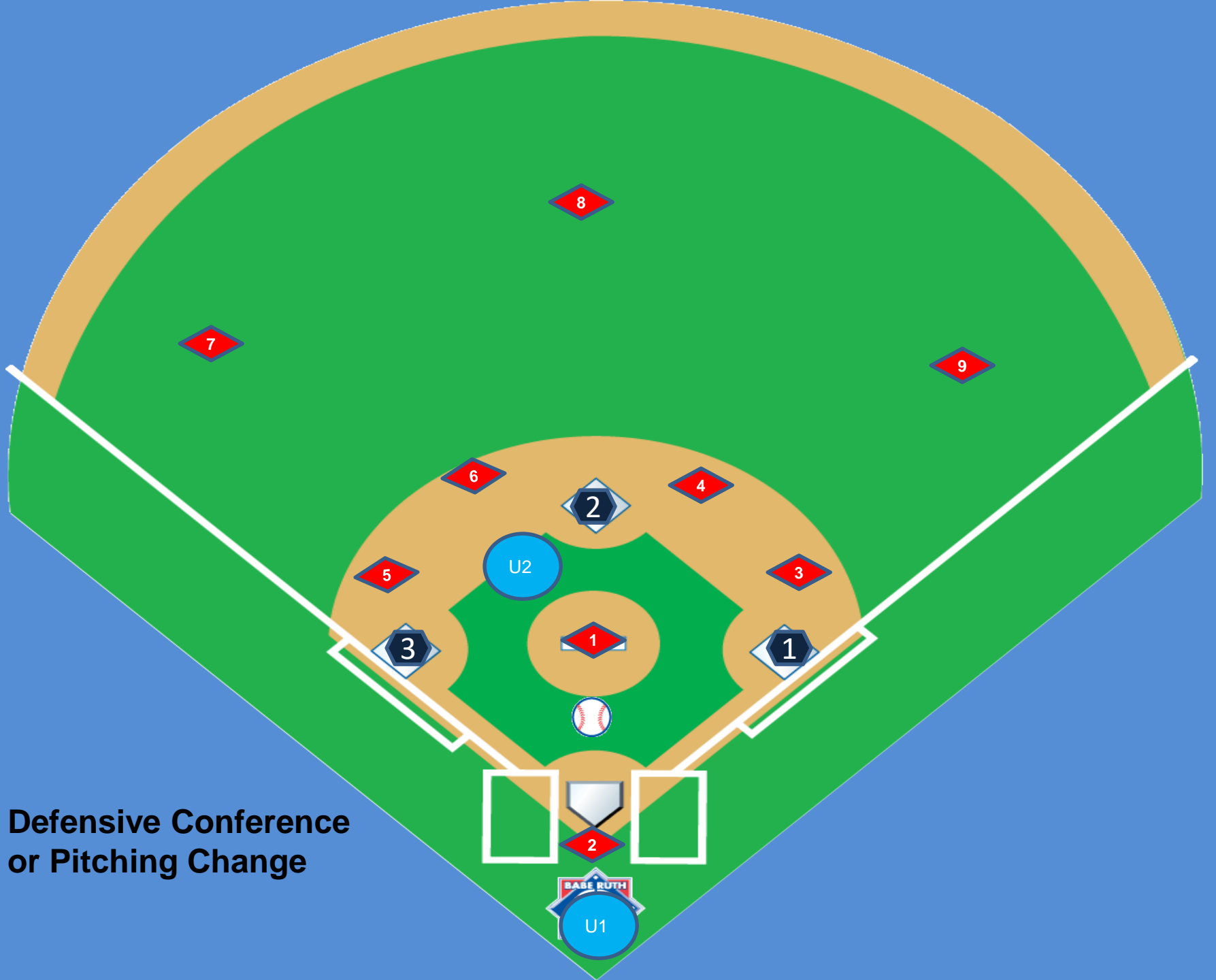
**Make sure coach's ground rules do not violate  
any book rules.**



**Pre-game Conference**

# Between Innings





**Defensive Conference  
or Pitching Change**

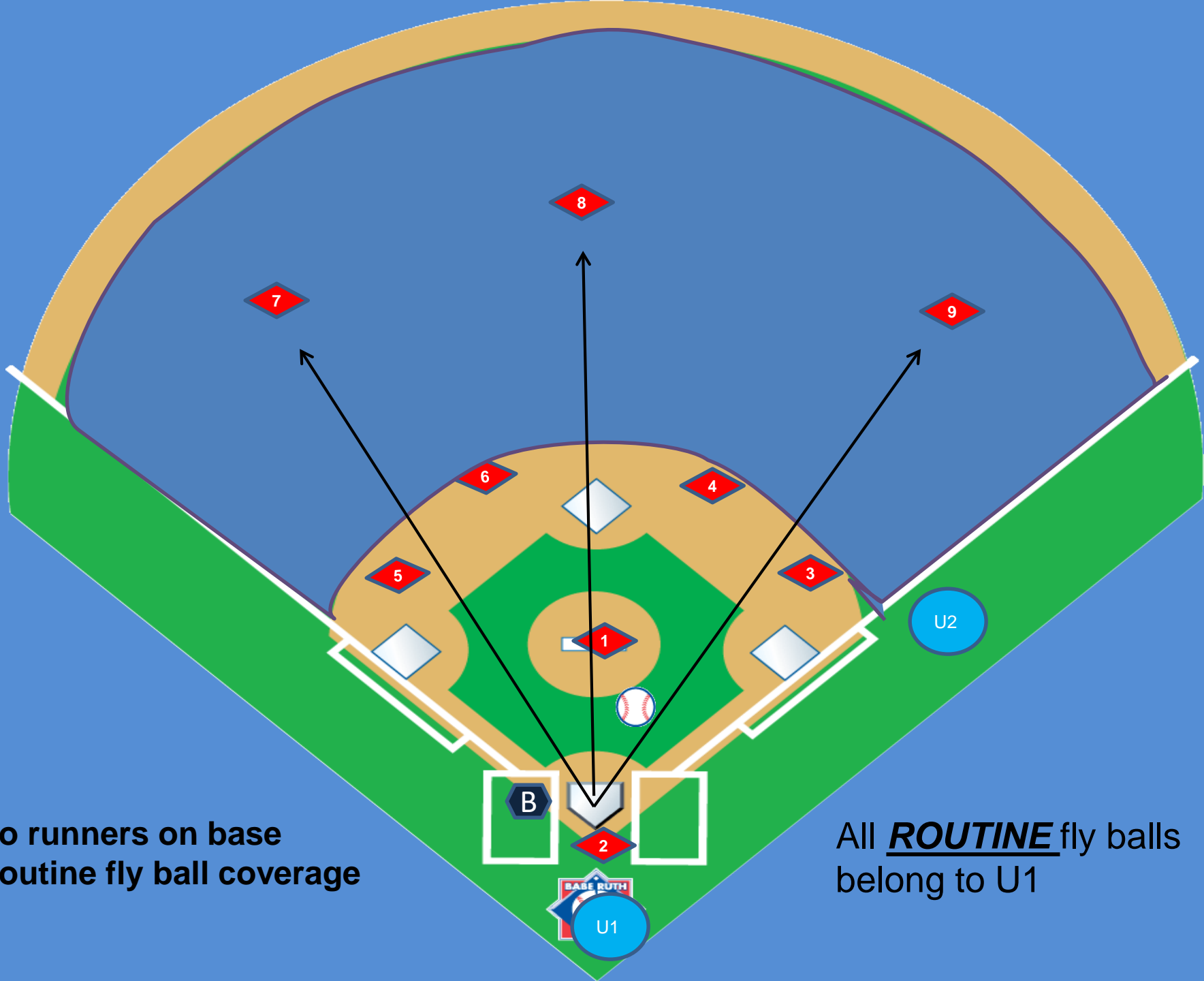


**U2**  
Position yourself about  
10-15 feet in the outfield  
grass on the side that  
you will return to



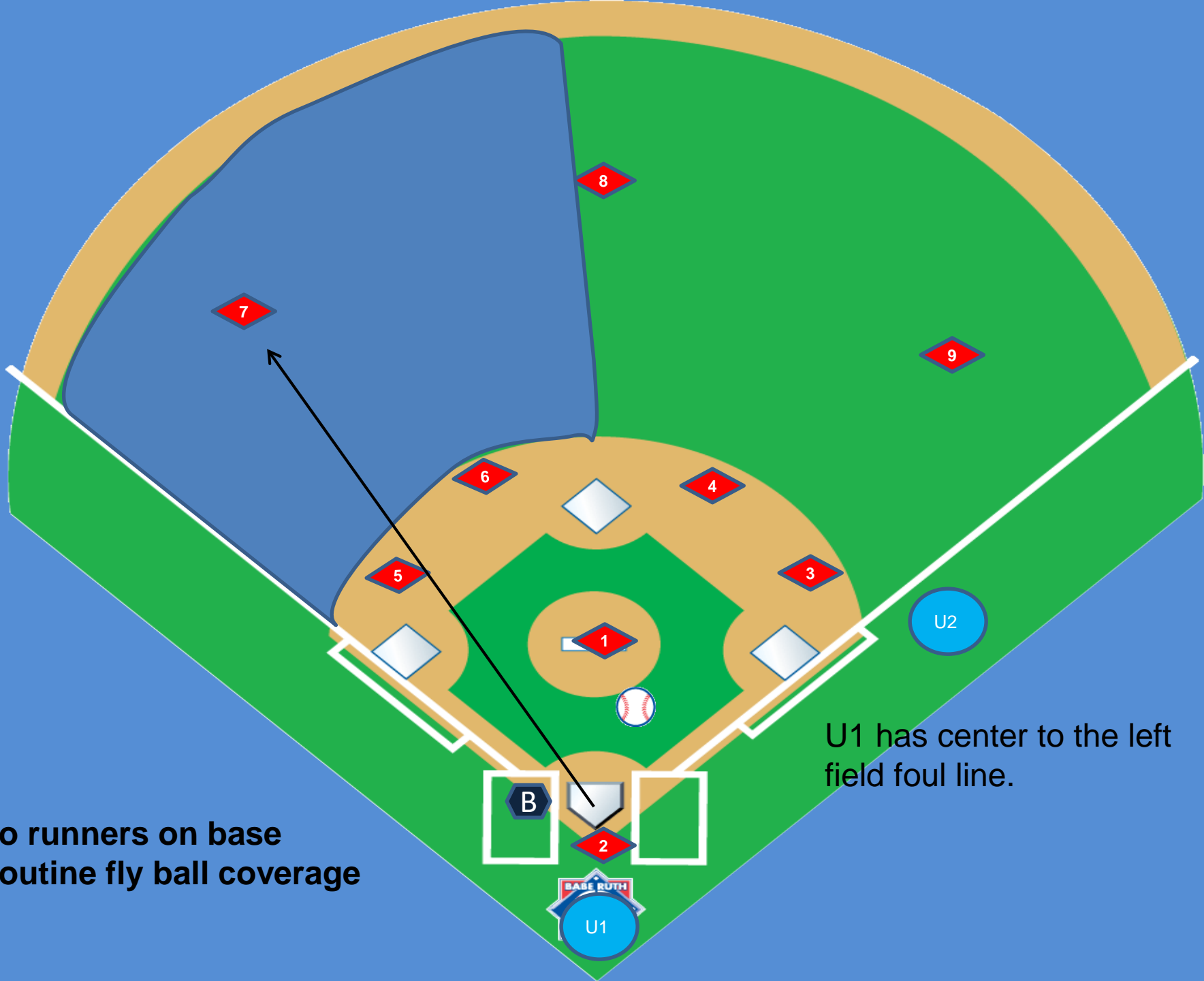
**Defensive Conference  
or Pitching Change**

**U1**  
Should go to the 45  
foot line of the  
offensive team



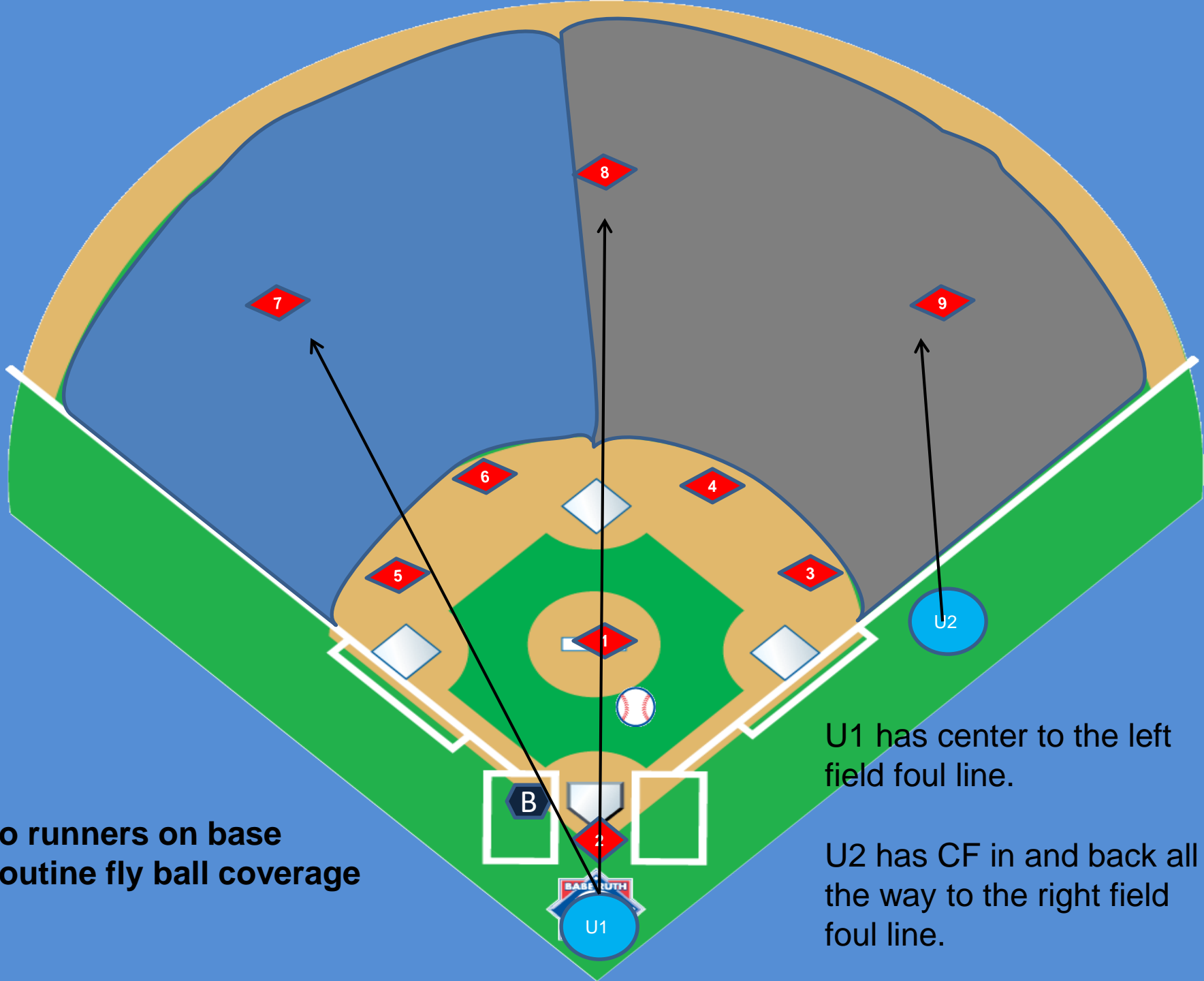
No runners on base  
Routine fly ball coverage

All **ROUTINE** fly balls  
belong to U1



No runners on base  
Routine fly ball coverage

U1 has center to the left  
field foul line.

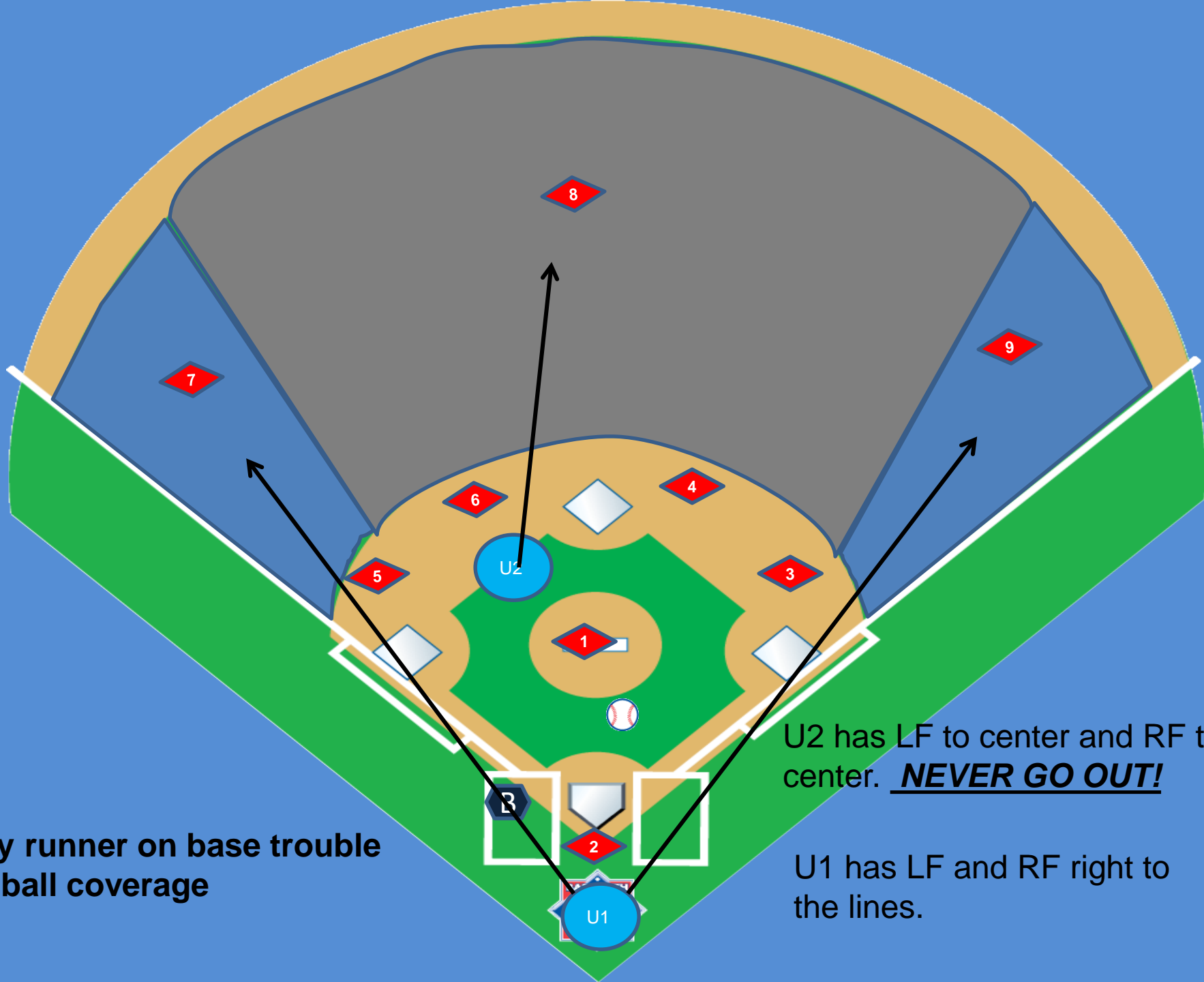


No runners on base  
Routine fly ball coverage

U1 has center to the left  
field foul line.

U2 has CF in and back all  
the way to the right field  
foul line.





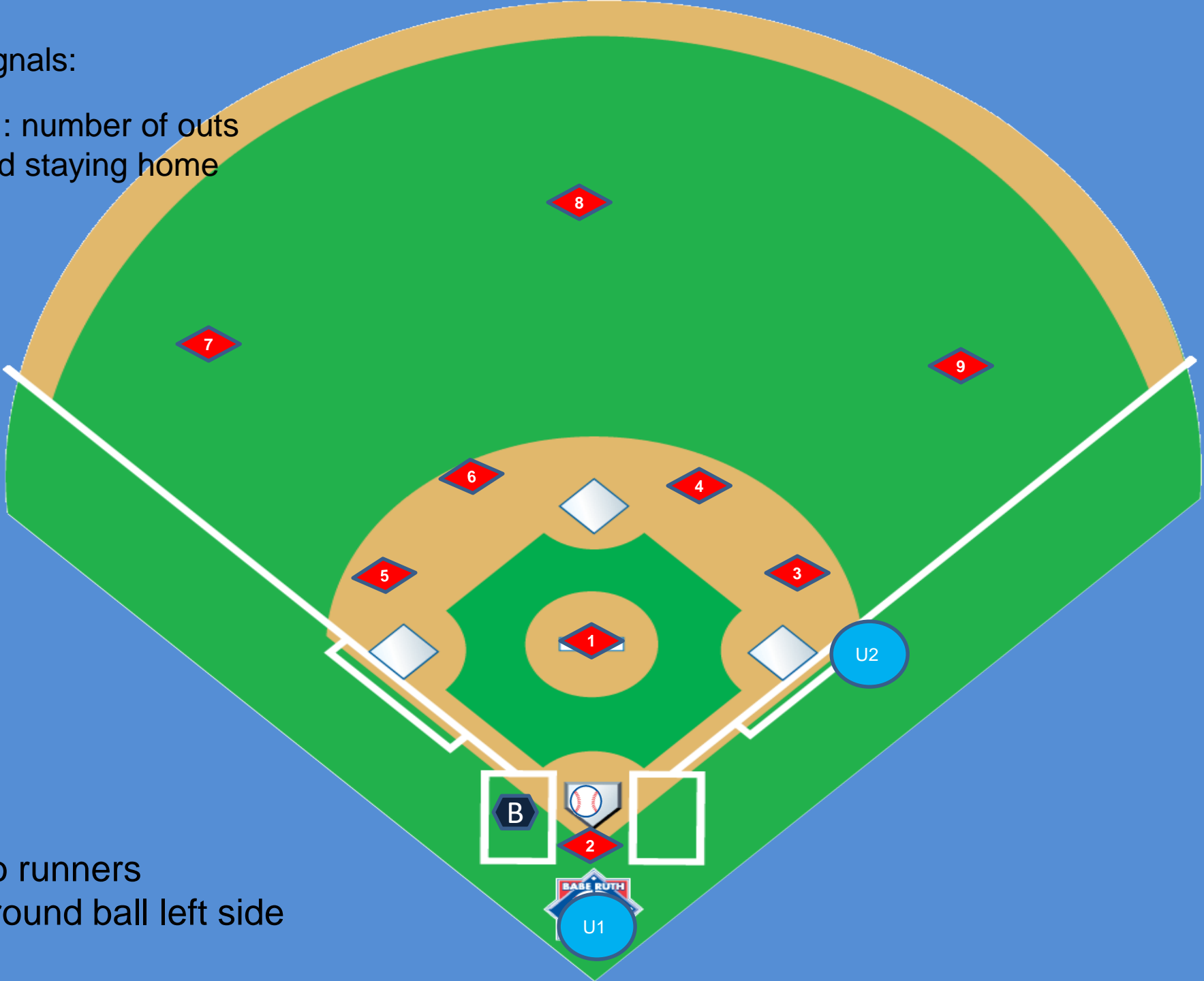
Any runner on base trouble fly ball coverage

U2 has LF to center and RF to center. **NEVER GO OUT!**

U1 has LF and RF right to the lines.

Signals:

U1: number of outs  
and staying home



No runners  
Ground ball left side

Signals:

U1: number of outs  
and staying home



No runners  
Ground ball left side

Signals:

U1: number of outs  
and staying home



No runners  
Ground ball right side

Signals:

U1: number of outs and staying home

All routine catches belong to U1



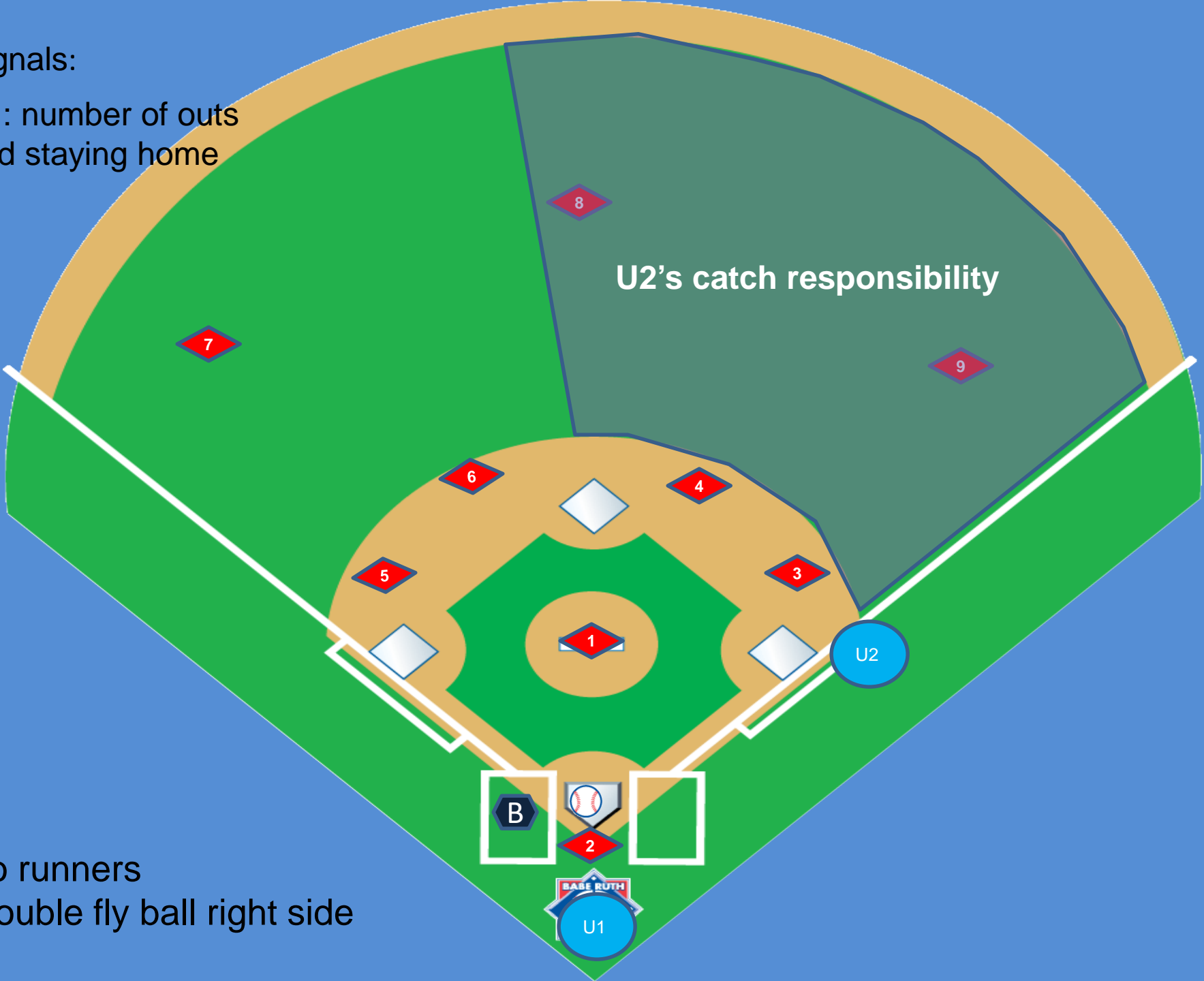
No runners  
Routine fly ball left side

U2 will pivot with the runner and lead him to second base



Signals:

U1: number of outs  
and staying home



No runners  
Trouble fly ball right side

Signals:

U1: number of outs  
and rotate



Runner at first  
Ground ball right side

Signals:

U1: number of outs  
and rotate

Runners try to advance  
two bases!

Runner at first  
Ground ball through left side





Signals:

U1: number of outs  
and rotate

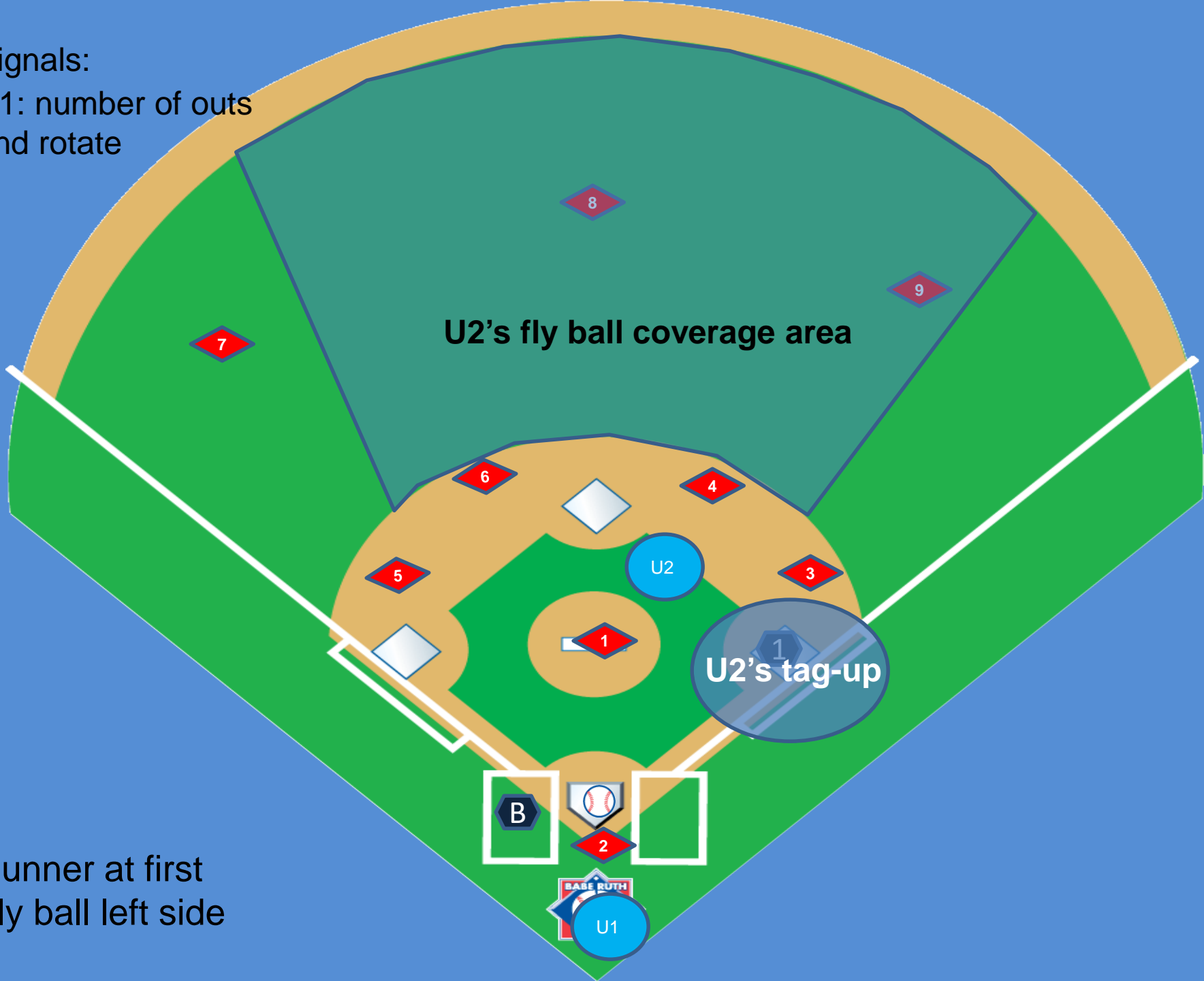
Runners try to advance  
two bases!

Runner at first  
Ground ball through left side



Signals:

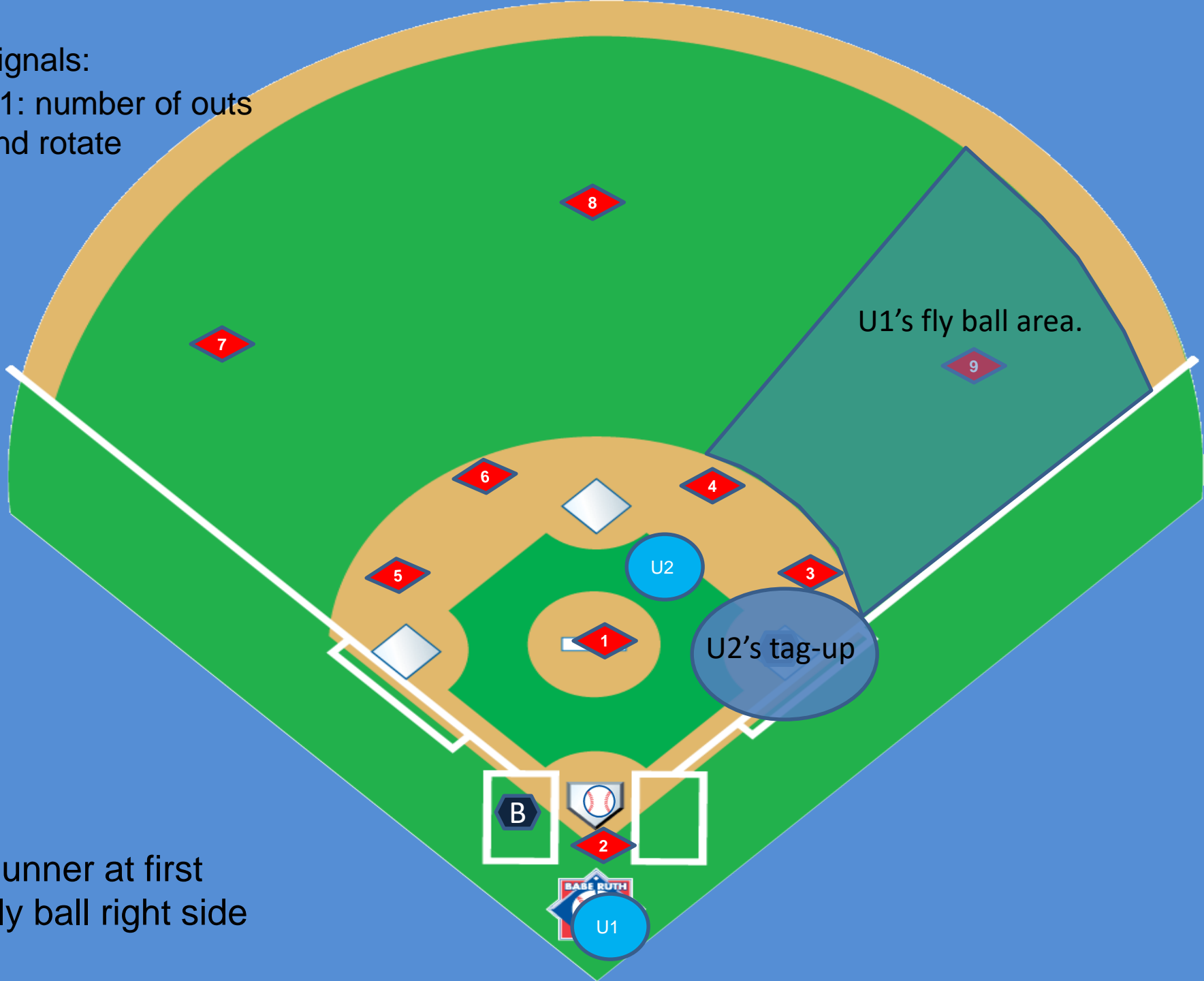
U1: number of outs  
and rotate



Runner at first  
Fly ball left side

Signals:

U1: number of outs and rotate



U1's fly ball area.

U2's tag-up

Runner at first  
Fly ball right side



Signals:

U1: number of outs  
and staying home  
if 2 outs, timing play



Runner at second  
Ground ball left side

Signals:

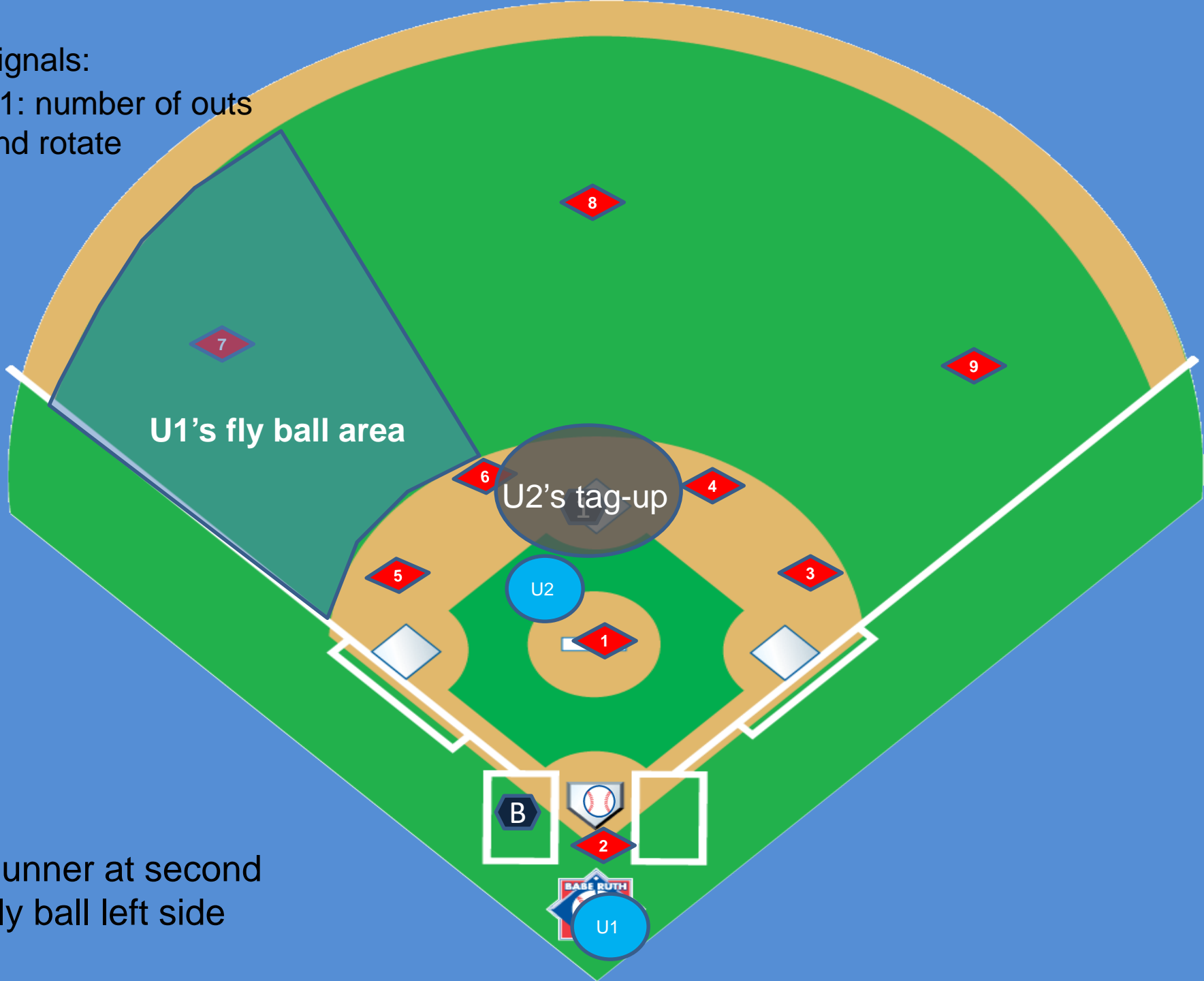
U1: number of outs  
and staying home  
if 2 outs, timing play



Runner at second  
Ground ball right side

Signals:

U1: number of outs  
and rotate



Runner at second  
Fly ball left side

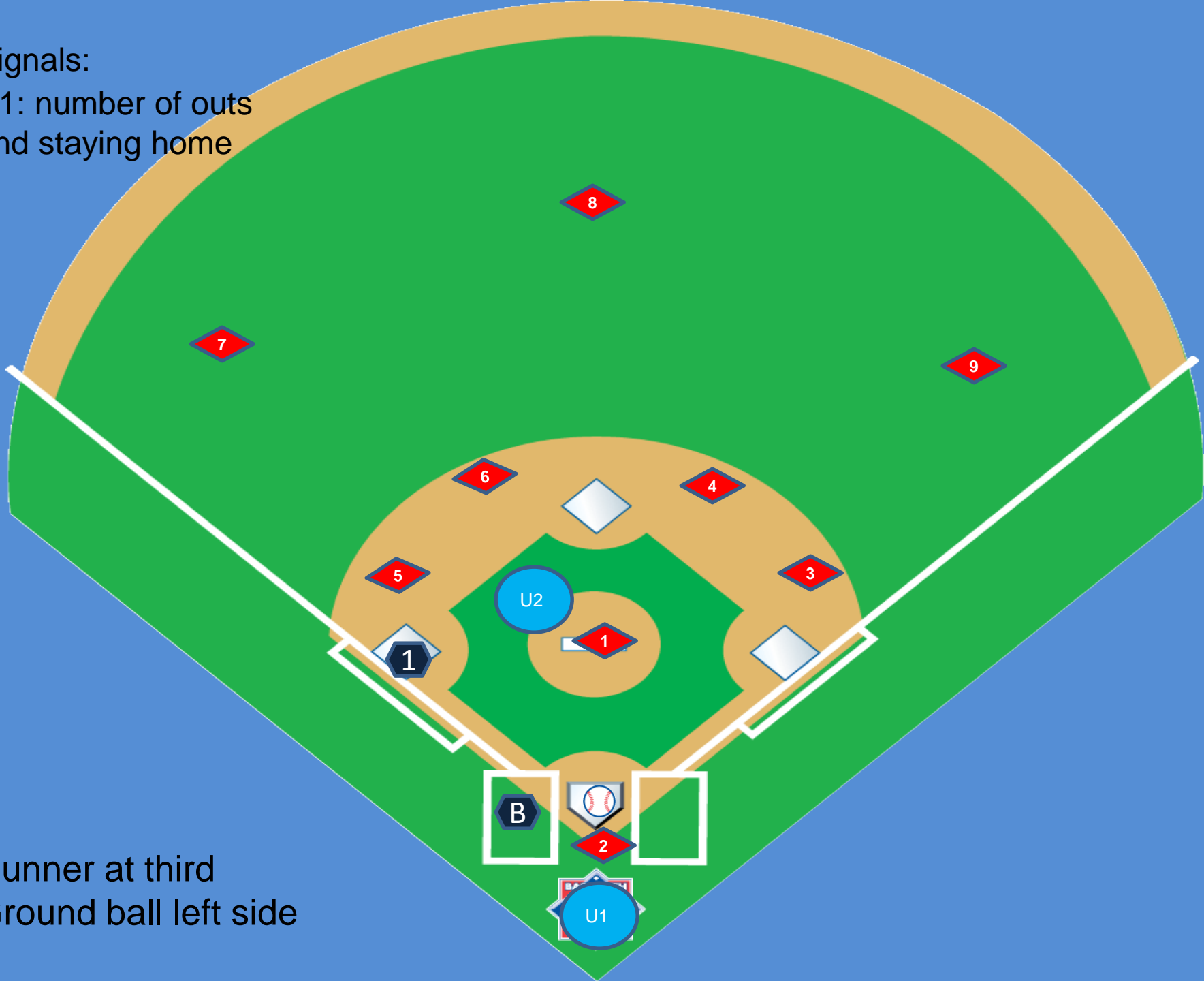
Signals:

U1: number of outs and staying home if 2 outs, timing play



Runner at second  
Fly ball center

Signals:  
U1: number of outs  
and staying home



Runner at third  
Ground ball left side



Signals:

U1: number of outs  
and staying home



Runner at third  
Fly ball right side

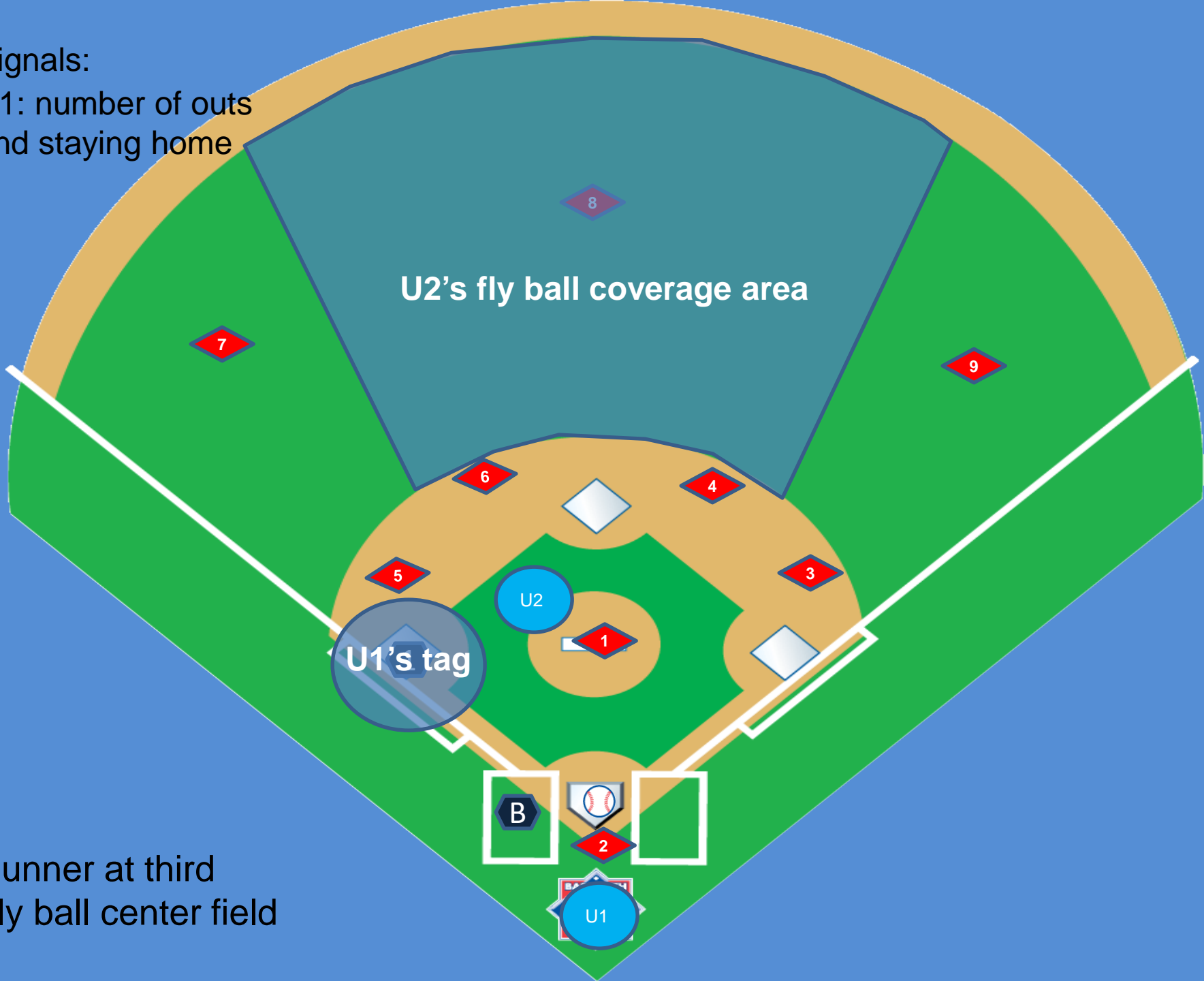
Signals:

U1: number of outs  
and staying home

U2's fly ball coverage area

U1's tag

Runner at third  
Fly ball center field



Signals:

U1: number of outs and staying home if less than 2 outs, infield fly and double tag if 2 outs, timing play



Runner at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Ground ball left side

Signals:

U1: number of outs and staying home if less than 2 outs, infield fly and double tag if 2 outs, timing play



Runner at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Ground ball right side

Signals:

U1: number of outs and staying home if less than 2 outs, infield fly and double tag if 2 outs, timing play



Runner at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Fly ball left side

Signals:

U1: number of outs and staying home if less than 2 outs, infield fly and double tag if 2 outs, timing play



Runner at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Fly ball left side

Signals:

U1: number of outs and staying home if less than 2 outs, infield fly and double tag if 2 outs, timing play

U2's fly ball coverage area

U2's tag

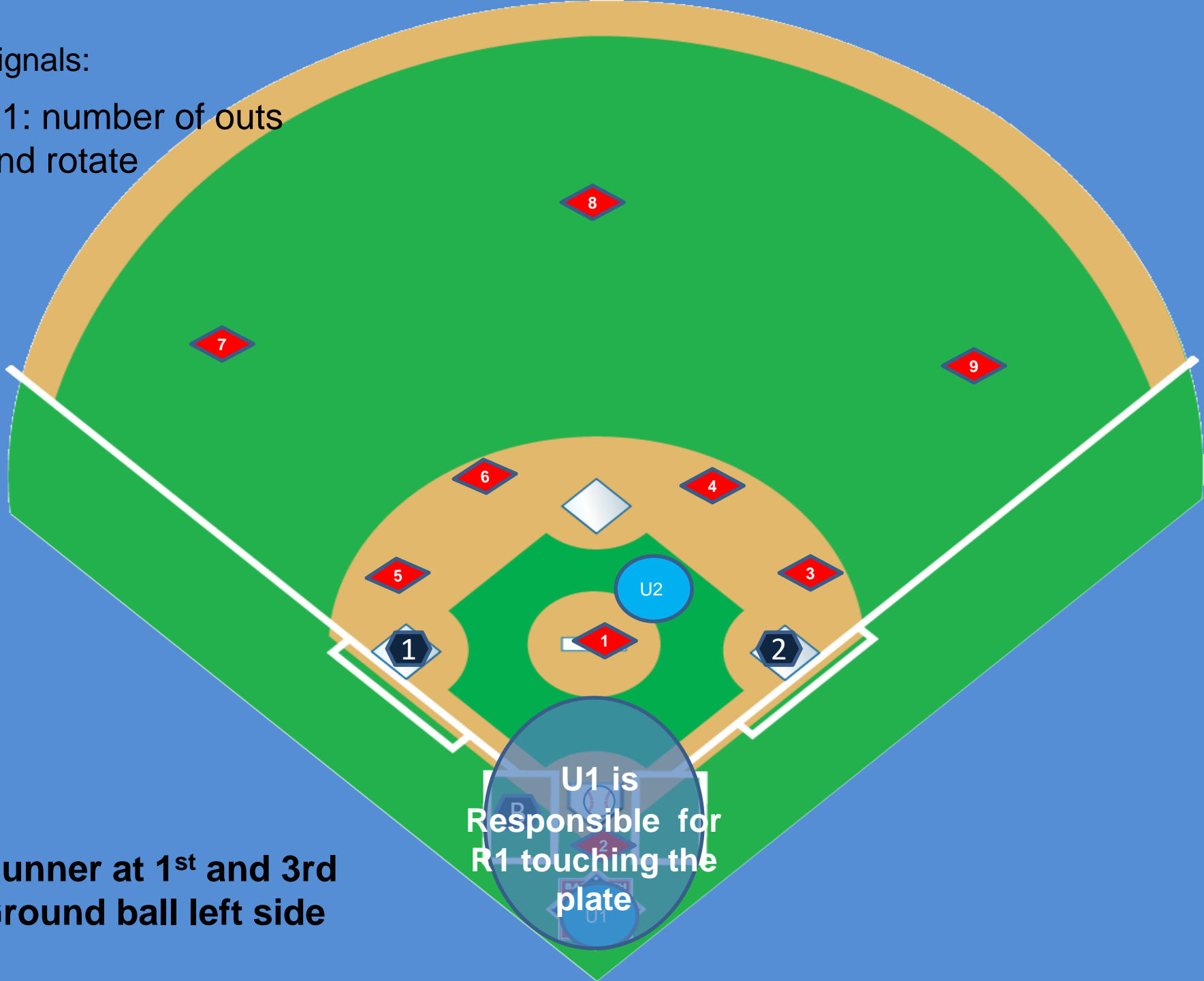
U2's tag

Runner at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Fly ball center



Signals:

U1: number of outs  
and rotate



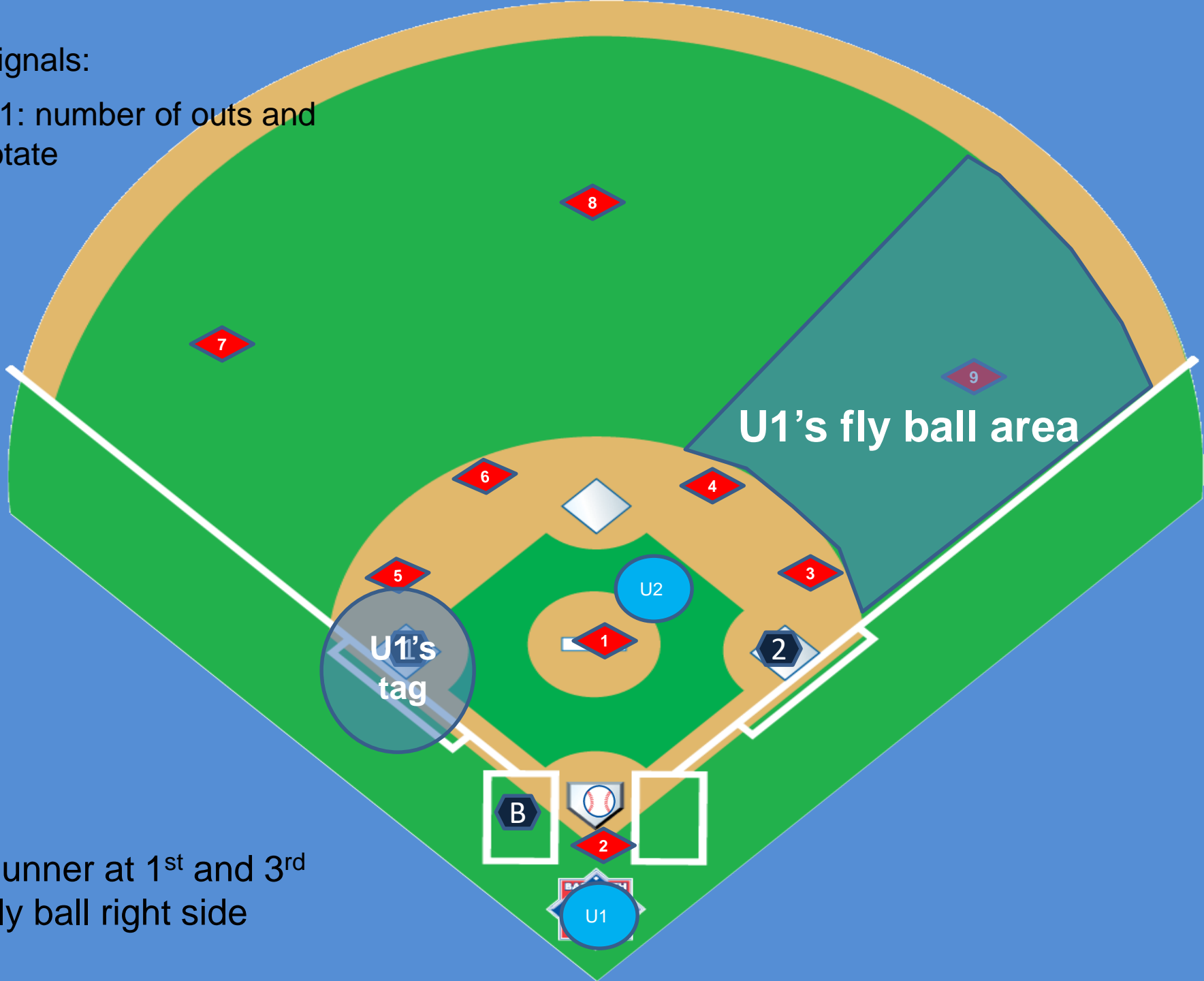
Runner at 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Ground ball left side

U1 is  
Responsible for  
R1 touching the  
plate



Signals:

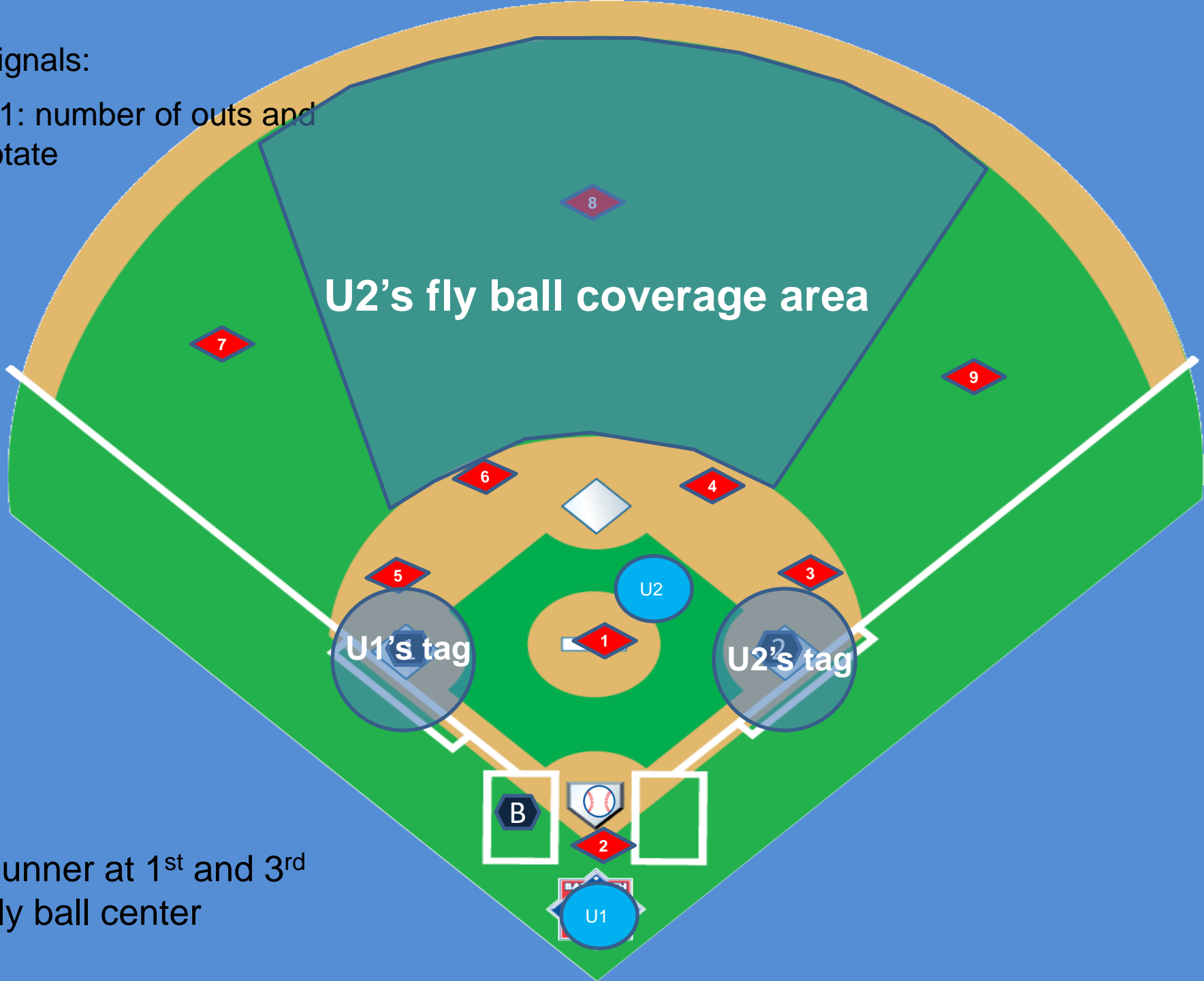
U1: number of outs and rotate



Runner at 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Fly ball right side

Signals:

U1: number of outs and rotate



U2's fly ball coverage area

U1's tag

U2's tag

B

U1

U2

Runner at 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Fly ball center

Signals:

U1: number of outs and  
staying home if 2 outs  
timing play



Runner at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Ground ball left side

Signals:

U1: number of outs and staying home if 2 outs timing play



Runner at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Fly ball right side

Signals:

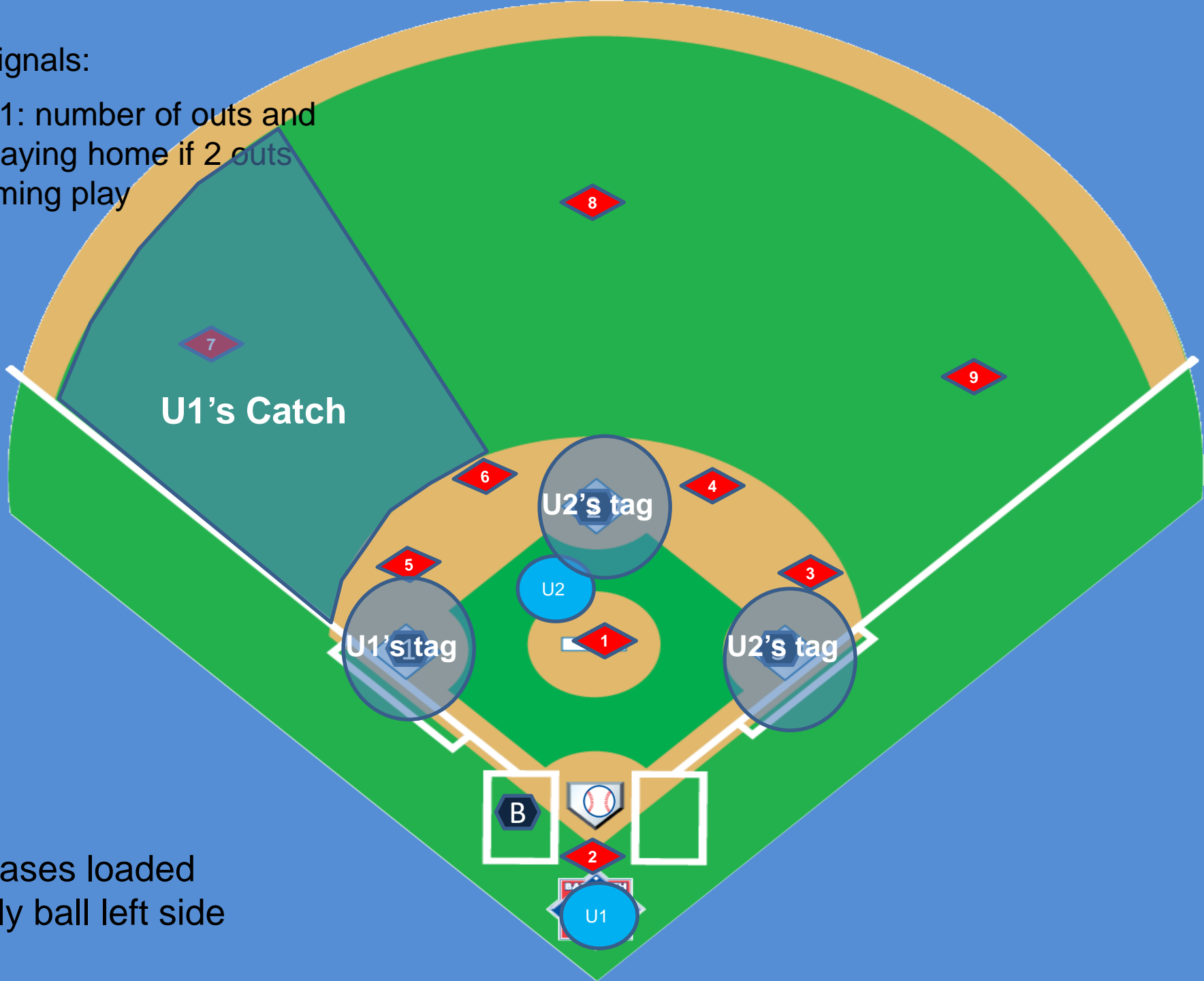
U1: number of outs and  
staying home if 2 outs  
timing play



Bases loaded  
Ground ball left side

Signals:

U1: number of outs and staying home if 2 outs timing play



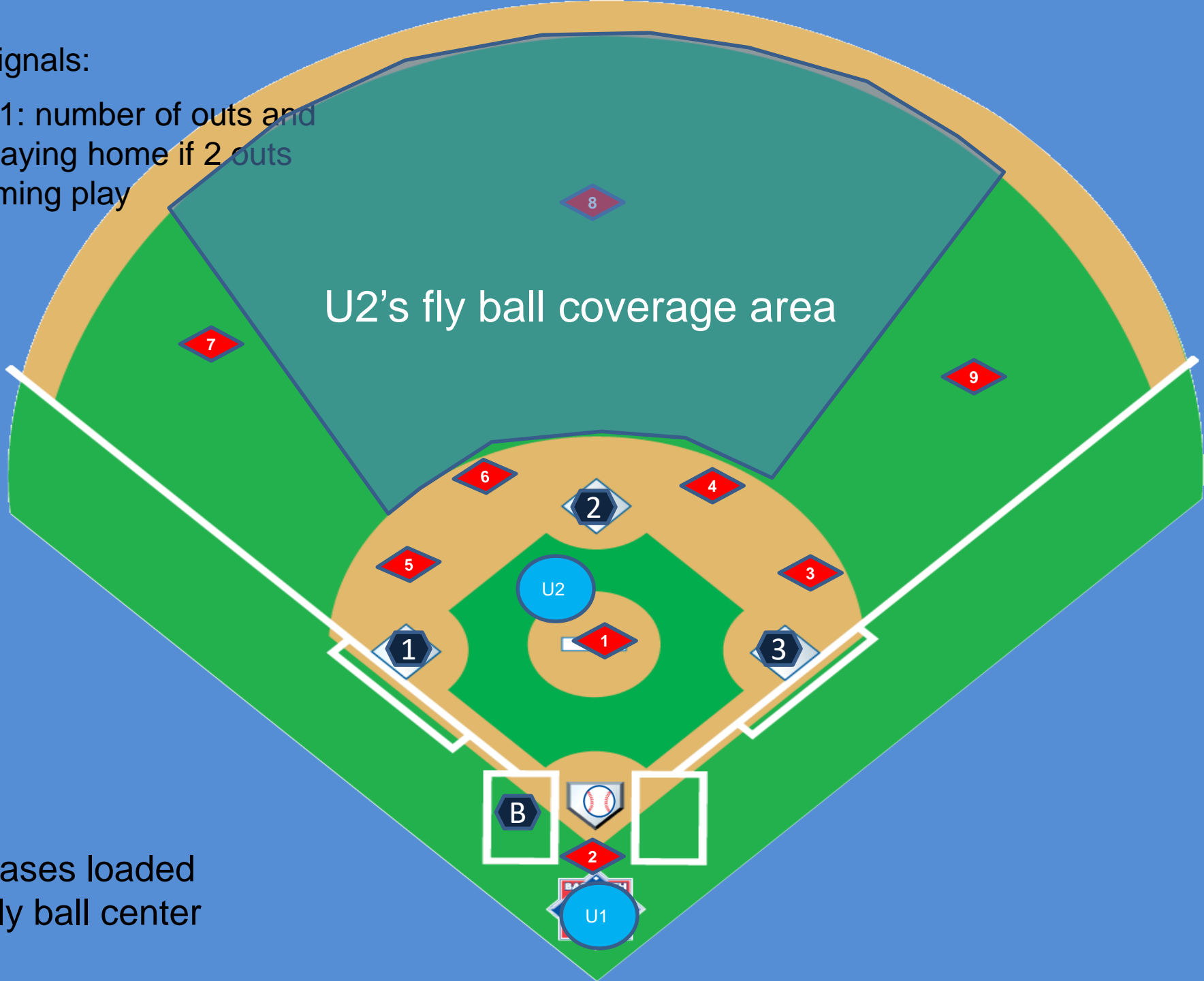
Bases loaded  
Fly ball left side

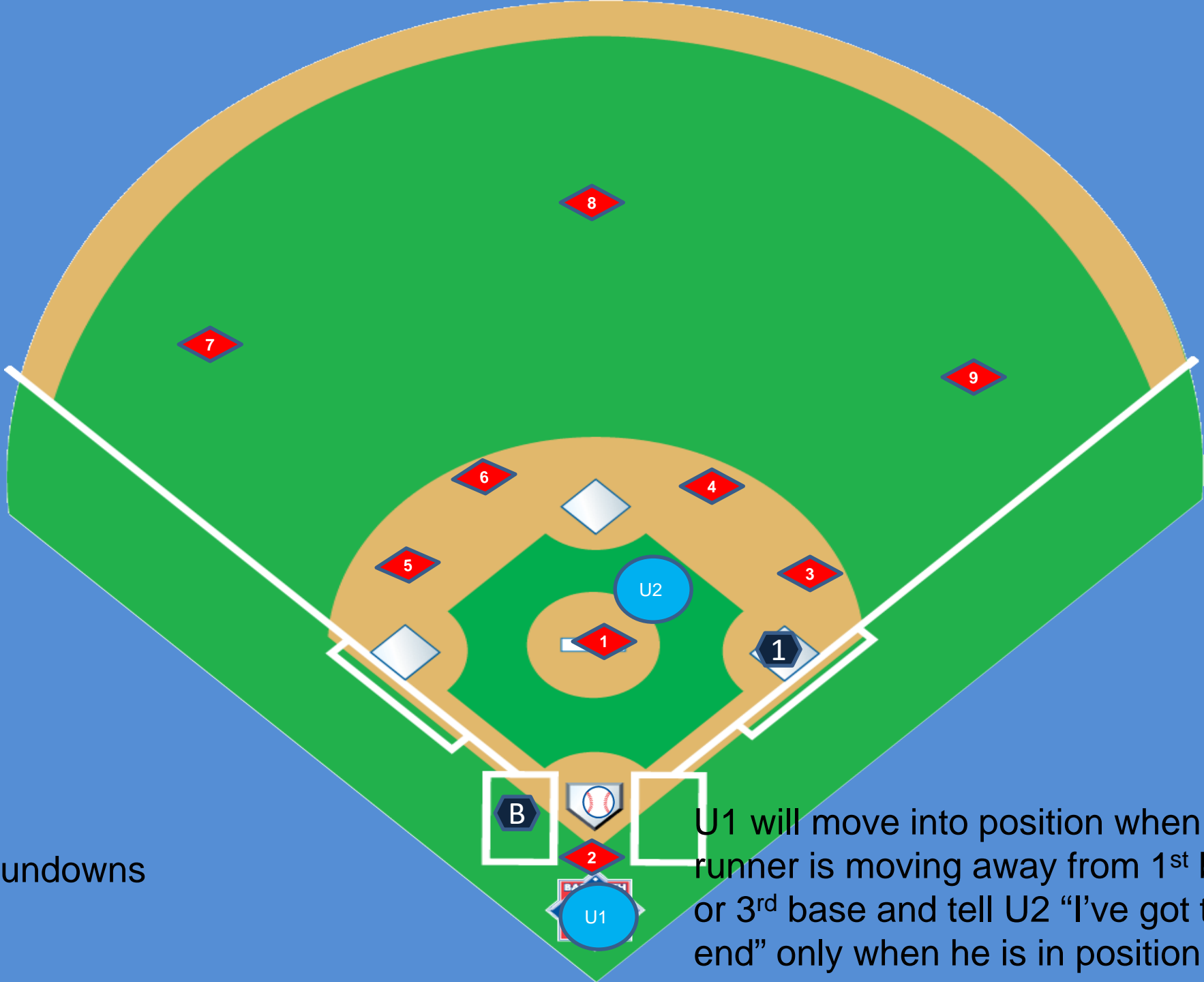
Signals:

U1: number of outs and staying home if 2 outs timing play

U2's fly ball coverage area

Bases loaded  
Fly ball center

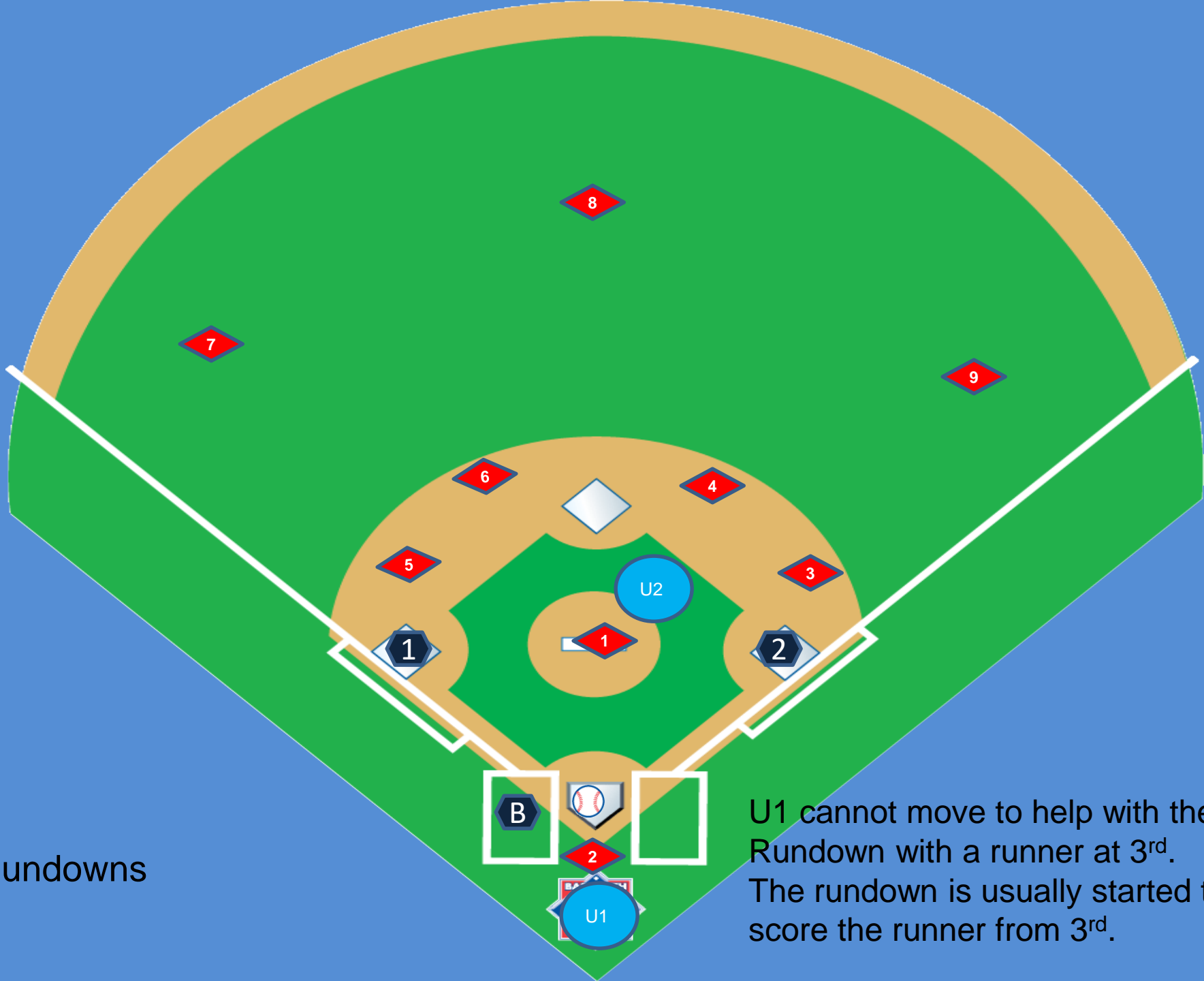




Rundowns

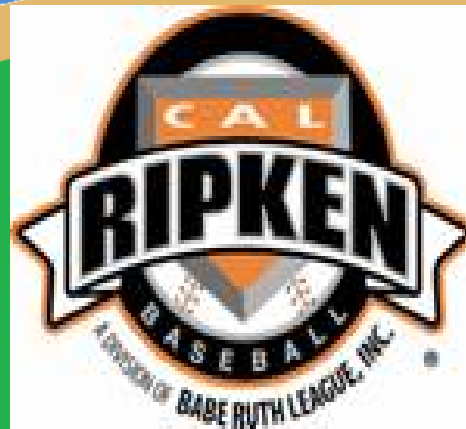
U1 will move into position when the runner is moving away from 1<sup>st</sup> base or 3<sup>rd</sup> base and tell U2 "I've got this end" only when he is in position.





Rundowns

U1 cannot move to help with the Rundown with a runner at 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
The rundown is usually started to score the runner from 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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