2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

BASIC PRINCIPLES
1. ANGLE VS. DISTANCE
2. PLATE UMPIRE HAS TO MOVE
3. OUTFIELD COVERAGE
4. OVERTHROWS
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE

- **CF**: Center Field
- **U1**: 1st Base Umpire
- **PU**: Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
INFIELD CATCH COVERAGE

1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire
1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE

1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire
1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
COVERAGE FOR ALL PLAYS IN THE INFIELD

Ground Ball
Ground Ball
1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
COVERAGE IN INFIELD ON AN OVERTHROW
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD
• SINGLE
• DOUBLE

- Ground Ball
- Runner’s Path
- Single
- Base Runner
- 1st Base Umpire
- Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD
• TRIPLE

Runner’s Path
Ground Ball
BR Base Runner
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD - NO CATCH.

THE FIRST BASE UMPIRE GOES OUT ON THE PLAY & ALSO HAS THE PLAY AT THE PLATE.
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

INITIAL POSITIONS
OUTFIELD COVERAGE WITH

RUNNERS ON 1ST | 1ST & 3RD

RF Right Field
CF Center Field
LF Left Field
R1 Runner on 1st
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
INFIELD CATCH COVERAGE
WITH RUNNERS ON BASE

1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire
Runner on 1st
1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire

PU
U1
R1
R2
R3
R1
R2
R3
R1
R2
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE WITH RUNNERS ON

Home Plate Umpire
Runner on 1st
1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

COVERAGE ON A STEAL

IF THERE IS AN OVERTHROW U1 HAS THE PLAY AT 3RD BASE.

Steal

Runner on 1st

1st Base Umpire

Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
ALL PLAYS IN THE FIELD

- **Throw**
- **Runner’s path**
- **Ground Ball**
- **BR** Base Runner
- **R1** Runner on 1st
- **U1** 1st Base Umpire
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
PLAYS WITHIN THE INFIELD ON AN OVERTHROW

Wild Throw
Runner’s path
Ground Ball
Base Runner
Runner on 1st
1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
PLAYS WITHIN THE INFIELD - PLATE UMPIRE STAYS ON THE FOUL LINE
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
CLEAN *BASE HIT* TO THE OUTFIELD OR *NO CATCH*

- **Throw**
- **Runner’s path**
- **Base Hit** or **Fly Ball No Catch**

- **BR**: Base Runner
- **R1**: Runner on 1st
- **U1**: 1st Base Umpire
- **PU**: Home Plate Umpire

CLEAN BASE HIT TO THE
OUTFIELD OR NO CATCH
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD
LINE - NO CATCH

- Throw
- Runner’s path
- Fly Ball No Catch

BR: Base Runner
R1: Runner on 1st
U1: 1st Base Umpire
PU: Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
CLEAN HIT TO THE
OUTFIELD - OVERTHROW

- Overthrow
- Runner’s path
- Clean hit to the Outfield

BR Base Runner
R1 Runner on 1st
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
FLY BALL TO CENTER FIELD - CATCH

U1
PU
U1
R1

Runner's Path
Fly Ball CATCH
RF Right Field
CF Center Field
LF Left Field
R1 Runner on 1st
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire

U1 HAS THE PLAY BACK AT 1ST BASE.
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD - CATCH

Runner’s Path
Fly Ball CATCH
RF Right Field
CF Center Field
LF Left Field
R1 Runner on 1st
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD - NO CATCH

Runner’s Path
Fly Ball NO CATCH
RF Right Field
CF Center Field
LF Left Field
BR Base Runner
R1 Runner on 2nd
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE WITH RUNNERS ON BASE

- **RF**: Right Field
- **CF**: Center Field
- **LF**: Left Field
- **BR**: Base Runner
- **R1**: Runner on 1st
- **R2**: Runner on 2nd
- **U1**: 1st Base Umpire
- **PU**: Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
COVERAGE ON A STEAL

Steal

Runner on 1st

Runner on 2nd

1st Base Umpire

Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
PLAYS WITHIN THE INFIELD

- Throw
- Ground Ball
- Runner’s path

- Base Runner
- Runner on 1st
- Runner on 2nd
- 1st Base Umpire
- Home Plate Umpire
DOUBLE PLAY

Runner on 1st
Runner on 2nd
Base Runner
1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire

Ground Ball
Runner’s path
Throw
**2 UMPIRE MECHANICS**

**BASE HIT TO RIGHT FIELD**

- **Right Field (RF)**
- **Center Field (CF)**
- **Left Field (LF)**
- **Base Runner (BR)**
- **Runner on 1st (R1)**
- **Runner on 2nd (R2)**
- **1st Base Umpire (U1)**
- **Home Plate Umpire (PU)**

- **Base Hit**
- **Throw**
- **Runner’s path**
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO CENTER FIELD - CATCH

- **CF**: Center Field
- **RF**: Right Field
- **LF**: Left Field
- **Fly Ball CATCH**: The ball is caught by the fielder.
- **Throw**: The ball is thrown to the appropriate base.

- **R1**: Runner on 1st base
- **R2**: Runner on 2nd base
- **U1**: 1st Base Umpire
- **PU**: Home Plate Umpire

The diagram shows the positions and actions involved in catching a fly ball and making decisions based on the runners' paths.
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD - NO CATCH

RF Right Field
CF Center Field
LF Left Field

Fly Ball NO CATCH Throw

Runner’s path

BR Base Runner
R1 Runner on 1st
R2 Runner on 2nd
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD LINE - CATCH

CF Center Field
RF Right Field
LF Left Field

Fly Ball CATCH
Throw

Runner’s path

R1 Runner on 1st
R2 Runner on 2nd

U1 1st Base Umpire
U2 Home Plate Umpire

PU
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
BASE HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

RF Right Field  CF Center Field
LF Left Field
Base Hit
Throw
Runner’s path
BR Base Runner
R1 Runner on 1st
R2 Runner on 2nd  R3 Runner on 3rd
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER FIELD - CATCH

**CF** Center Field

**RF** Right Field

**LF** Left Field

Fly Ball **CATCH**

Runner’s Path

**U1** 1st Base Umpire

**PU** Home Plate Umpire

**R1** Runner on 1st

**R2** Runner on 2nd

**R3** Runner on 3rd

**R2** Runner on 2nd

**R3** Runner on 3rd

**R1** Runner on 1st

**CF** Center Field

**LF** Left Field

**RF** Right Field

Throw
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD LINE - CATCH

- RF: Right Field
- LF: Left Field
- CF: Center Field
- PU: Home Plate Umpire
- U1: 1st Base Umpire
- R1: Runner on 1st
- R2: Runner on 2nd
- R3: Runner on 3rd

Fly Ball CATCH → Throw
Runner’s Path

Diagram:
- RF -> LF -> CF
- R1 -> R2 -> R3
- U1, R1, PU, R2, R3

Diagram illustrates the positions of the players and umpires during a play involving a fly ball to the left field line and a catch.
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD LINE - CATCH

CF Center Field
RF Right Field
LF Left Field

Fly Ball CATCH
Throw

Runner’s path

R1 Runner on 1st
R2 Runner on 2nd
R3 Runner on 3rd

1st Base Umpire
U1 Home Plate Umpire

PU SHOULD STEP BACK TO SEE TAG AT 3RD BASE.
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
PLAYS WITHIN THE INFIELD ON AN OVERTHROW

- Wild Throw
- Runner’s path
- Ground Ball
- Base Runner
- Runner on 3rd
- Runner on 1st
- 1st Base Umpire
- Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
BASE HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

- **RF** Right Field
- **CF** Center Field
- **LF** Left Field
- **BR** Base Runner
- **R1** Runner on 1st
- **R3** Runner on 3rd
- **U1** 1st Base Umpire
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire

- **Base Hit**
- **Throw**
- **Runner’s path**
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL CENTER|RIGHT - CATCH

- **CF**: Center Field
- **RF**: Right Field
- **LF**: Left Field
- **R1**: Runner on 1st
- **R3**: Runner on 3rd
- **U1**: 1st Base Umpire
- **PU**: Home Plate Umpire

**Base Hit**: Direction of the base hit.

**Throw**: Direction of the throw.

**Runner’s Path**: Direction of the runner’s path.

Baseball Diagram with roles and their positions on the field.
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL LEFT FIELD LINE - CATCH

- **CF** Center Field
- **RF** Right Field
- **LF** Left Field

- **Base Hit**
- **Throw**
- **Runner’s Path**

- **R1** Runner on 1st
- **R3** Runner on 3rd
- **U1** 1st Base Umpire
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO THE RIGHT FIELD LINE - NO CATCH

- **RF**: Right Field
- **CF**: Center Field
- **LF**: Left Field

- **Base Hit**: Blue arrow
- **Throw**: Orange arrow

- **BR**: Base Runner
- **U1**: 1st Base Umpire
- **R1**: Runner on 1st
- **R3**: Runner on 3rd
- **PU**: Home Plate Umpire

**Runner’s path**

**Throw**
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
PLAYS WITHIN THE INFIELD

- **Throw**
- **Runner’s path**
- **Ground Ball**
- **BR**: Base Runner
- **R2**: Runner on 2nd
- **U1**: 1st Base Umpire
- **PU**: Home Plate Umpire

[Diagram of baseball field with players' positions and actions indicated]
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
BASE HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

- **RF** Right Field
- **CF** Center Field
- **LF** Left Field
- **Throw**
- **Ground Ball**
- **BR** Base Runner
- **R2** Runner on 2nd
- **U1** 1st Base Umpire
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire

Charts and diagrams illustrating the positions and movements of umpires and runners during a base hit to the outfield.
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO CENTER FIELD - CATCH

CF Center Field
RF Right Field
LF Left Field

→ Throw

→ Runner’s path

→ Fly Ball CATCH

R2 Runner on 2nd
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire

1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD LINE - CATCH

CF  Center Field
RF  Right Field
LF  Left Field

Throw
Runner’s path
Fly Ball CATCH
Runner on 2nd
1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD LINE - CATCH

CF  Center Field
RF  Right Field
LF  Left Field

- Throw
- Runner’s path
- Fly Ball CATCH

R2  Runner on 2nd
U1  1st Base Umpire
PU  Home Plate Umpire
PLAYS WITHIN THE INFIELD ON AN OVERTHROW
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
BASE HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

RF Right Field
CF Center Field
LF Left Field
BR Base Runner
R2 Runner on 2nd
R3 Runner on 3rd
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire

Base Hit
Throw
Runner’s path

R2 Runner on 2nd
U1 1st Base Umpire
BR Base Runner
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire
R3 Runner on 3rd
R2 Runner on 2nd
BR Base Runner
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire
R3 Runner on 3rd
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
FLY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER FIELD - CATCH

- CF: Center Field
- RF: Right Field
- LF: Left Field
- Fly Ball CATCH
- Throw
- Runner’s Path
- R1: Runner on 1st
- R2: Runner on 2nd
- U1: 1st Base Umpire
- PU: Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL LEFT FIELD LINE - CATCH

- CF: Center Field
- RF: Right Field
- LF: Left Field
- R2: Runner on 2nd
- R3: Runner on 3rd
- U1: 1st Base Umpire
- PU: Home Plate Umpire

Fly Ball CATCH → Throw
Runner’s Path
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD LINE - CATCH

CF Center Field
RF Right Field
LF Left Field

Fly Ball CATCH
Throw

Runner’s Path

R2 Runner on 2nd
R3 Runner on 3rd
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire

Runner on 3rd Base
1st Base Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER FIELD - CATCH

**CF** Center Field

**RF** Right Field

**LF** Left Field

**U1** 1st Base Umpire

**PU** Home Plate Umpire

**R3** Runner on 3rd

**Fly Ball CATCH**

**Runner’s Path**

**Throw**
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD LINE - CATCH

CF Center Field
RF Right Field
LF Left Field

Throw
Fly Ball CATCH
Runner’s Path

R3 Runner on 3rd
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD LINE - CATCH

CF Center Field
RF Right Field
LF Left Field

Throw
Fly Ball CATCH
Runner’s Path

R3 Runner on 3rd
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
BASE HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

CF Center Field
RF Right Field
LF Left Field

Fly Ball CATCH
Throw

Runner’s Path

BR Base Runner
R3 Runner on 3rd
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire

U1 HAS ALL THE PLAYS ON BR. PU STAYS AT HOME.
2 UMPIRE MECHANICS
BASE HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

- **CF**: Center Field
- **RF**: Right Field
- **LF**: Left Field
- **Fly Ball CATCH**: Runner’s Path
- **Throw**: Runner’s Path
- **BR**: Base Runner
- **R3**: Runner on 3rd
- **U1**: 1st Base Umpire
- **PU**: Home Plate Umpire

**U1 HAS ALL THE PLAYS ON BR. PU STAYS AT HOME.**