3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

Mechanics Concepts:

• With no runners on base, U1 or U3 will go out on **ALL** fly balls and line drives that are his/her responsibility.
• With one runner on base, the wing umpire will go out on **ALL** fly balls and line drives to the outfield that are his/her responsibility.
• With multiple runners, umpires will only go out on fly balls and line drives to the outfield that are **trouble**.
• The guideline here is based on the play most likely to happen.
• The crew needs to communicate and work together at all times.
• WBSC umpires do not work together an entire season. Therefore mechanics are kept simple and consistent all over the world.
• The practice of “rimming” (moving on the outside of the base line) is an acceptable practice for WBSC umpires.
• In many cases umpires have to split the difference and react.
• Most important is trust your instincts.
BASIC PRINCIPLES

1. BOX THEM IN
2. COMMUNICATION IS VERY IMPORTANT
3. INFIELD UMPIRES MAY GO OUT
4. BALK CONCENTRATION
5. BASIC OUTFIELD COVERAGE
6. OVERTHROWS

Position A
Position B
Position C
Position D

3rd Base Umpire
1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE.

THE FIRST BASE UMPIRE IS KEY FOR OUTFIELD COVERAGE. HE/SHE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CENTERFIELDER STRAIGHT IN OR WHEN HE/SHE TURNS TO HIS LEFT AND GOES STRAIGHT BACK.

- **CF**: Center Field
- **U3**: 3rd Base Umpire
- **U1**: 1st Base Umpire
- **PU**: Home Plate Umpire
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
INFIELD CATCH COVERAGE

THIS IS SUGGESTED CATCH COVERAGE. HOWEVER EYE CONTACT BETWEEN UMPIRES IS IMPORTANT.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD.

- Hit
- Runner’s path
- BR: Base Runner
- U3: 3rd Base Umpire
- U1: 1st Base Umpire
- PU: Home Plate Umpire

**U3** HAS ALL PLAYS ON **BR** AT 2ND BASE.

**U1** WATCHES **BR** TOUCH 1ST BASE & BEGINS TO MOVE TOWARDS HOME.

UNTIL **BR** REACHES 2ND BASE.

WHEN **BR** COMMITS TO 3RD BASE.

**PU** HAS ANY PLAY ON **BR** AT 3RD BASE.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD - NO CATCH.

WHEN BR COMMITS TO 3RD BASE THE PLATE UMPIRE RETREATS.

U1 GOES OUT ON THE PLAY.
FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD - NO CATCH.

U1 HAS ANY PLAY ON BR AT 1ST, 2ND OR 3RD.

PU HAS ANY PLAY ON BR AT HOME.

U3 GOES OUT ON THE PLAY.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE.

U3 HAS ALL ROUTINE BALLS IN THIS AREA, WHILE U1 AS ALL TROUBLE BALLS.

U3 INITIAL POSITION CAN BE EITHER IN “C” OR “B”.

Center Field (CF)
Runner on 1st (R1)
3rd Base Umpire (U3)
1st Base Umpire (U1)
Home Plate Umpire (PU)
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
INFIELD CATCH COVERAGE

THIS IS SUGGESTED CATCH COVERAGE. HOWEVER EYE CONTACT BETWEEN UMPIRES IS IMPORTANT.

- 3rd Base Umpire
- 1st Base Umpire
- Home Plate Umpire
- Runner on 1st
- 3rd Base Umpire
- 1st Base Umpire
- Home Plate Umpire
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE

1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire
3rd Base Umpire
Runner on 1st
1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD.

U3 WATCHES THE TOUCH AT 2ND AND THEN MOVES TOWARDS 1ST FOR POSSIBLE PLAY.

U1 WATCHES BR TOUCH 1ST BASE & BEGINS TO MOVE TOWARDS HOME.

UNTIL R1 REACHES 2ND BASE.

WHEN R1 COMMITS TO 3RD BASE.

PU HAS ANY PLAY ON R1 AT 3RD BASE.

PU HAS ANY PLAY ON R1 AT 3RD BASE.

U1 WATCHES BR TOUCH 1ST BASE & BEGINS TO MOVE TOWARDS HOME.

UNTIL R1 REACHES 2ND BASE.

WHEN R1 COMMITS TO 3RD BASE.

PU HAS ANY PLAY ON R1 AT 3RD BASE.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
ROUTINE FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD - CATCH

CF Center Field
RF Right Field
LF Left Field

Fly Ball CATCH
Runner’s path

R1 Runner on 1st
U3 3rd Base Umpire
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire

U3 DOES NOT GO OUT ON THE PLAY.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD - NO CATCH

- **RF**: Right Field
- **CF**: Center Field
- **LF**: Left Field
- **FLY BALL NO CATCH**
- **Runner’s path**
- **BR**: Base Runner
- **U3**: 3rd Base Umpire
- **R1**: Runner on 1st
- **U1**: 1st Base Umpire
- **PU**: Home Plate Umpire

**PU HAS ANY PLAY ON R1 AT 3RD BASE. IF R1 TRIES TO ADVANCE TO HOME THE PU MUST RETREAT TO HOME.**

**U1 GOES OUT ON THE PLAY.**
**3 UMPIRE MECHANICS**

**FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD - CATCH**

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

Fly Ball **CATCH**

- **U1** 1st Base Umpire
- **U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire
- **R1** Runner on 1st

**NOTE:** IF THE BALL WAS NOT CAUGHT **PU** WOULD TAKE THE PLAY AT 3RD BASE.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD - NO CATCH

RF Right Field
CF Center Field
LF Left Field

Base Hit
Runner’s path

BR Base Runner
R1 Runner on 1st
U3 3rd Base Umpire
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire

U1 watches BR touch 1st base & begins to move towards home.

Until R1 reaches 2nd base.

When R1 commits to 3rd base.

PU has any play on R1 at 3rd base.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
DEEP FLY BALL TO LEFT CENTER FIELD - NO CATCH

**RF** Right Field  
**CF** Center Field

**LF** Left Field  
**Base Hit**

**BR** Base Runner  
**R1** Runner on 1st

**U3** 3rd Base Umpire  
**U1** 1st Base Umpire

**PU** Home Plate Umpire

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**DEEP FLY BALL TO LEFT CENTER FIELD, NO CATCH, U3 GOES OUT.**

AS SOON AS U3 GOES OUT U1 HAS ALL PLAYS AT 1ST, 2ND & 3RD.

**PU** HAS ANY PLAY ON **R1** AT 3RD BASE. IF **R1** ON 1ST TRIES TO ADVANCE TO HOME **PU** MUST RETREAT.

**NOTE:** IF THE BALL IS WAS CAUGHT **PU** WOULD STAY AT HOME.
INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE.

U3 HAS ALL ROUTINE BALLS IN THIS AREA, WHILE U1 AS ALL TROUBLE BALLS.
1st Base Umpire

Home Plate Umpire

Runner on 2nd

Runner on 2nd

3rd Base Umpire

1st Base Umpire

Home Plate Umpire
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

Hit

Runner’s Path

BR Base Runner
R1 Runner on 2nd
R2 Runner on 2nd
U3 3rd Base Umpire
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire

PU OBSERVES R2 THEN MOVES INTO POSITION FOR A POSSIBLE PLAY.

U1 CAN GO ON THE OUTSIDE OR INSIDE.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD - NO CATCH

- **RF** Right Field
- **CF** Center Field
- **LF** Left Field
- **U1** 1st Base Umpire
- **U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire
- **BR** Base Runner
- **R1** Runner on 1st
- **R2** Runner on 2nd

**Fly Ball NO CATCH**

- **U3** is responsible for all plays on the bases. If the ball is caught, he/she has the tag ups of **R1** & **R2**.

**Runner’s path**

**PU** stays at home. If the ball is caught, he/she has the play at 3rd base if **R2** tries to advance.

**U1 goes out on the play.**
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD - CATCH

- **RF** Right Field
- **CF** Center Field
- **LF** Left Field
- **Fly Ball CATCH**
- **Runner’s path**

**R2** Runner on 2nd
**R1** Runner on 1st
**U3** 3rd Base Umpire
**U1** 1st Base Umpire
**PU** Home Plate Umpire

**U1** WATCHES THE RUNNERS & HAS ANY PLAYS AT HOME PLATE.

**PU** IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RULING ON FAIR & FOUL / CATCH & NO CATCH, AND ALSO READS THE RUNNERS FOR A POSSIBLE PLAY AT 3RD BASE.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
DEEP FLY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER FIELD - NO CATCH

- LF: Left Field
- CF: Center Field
- RF: Right Field
- BR: Base Runner
- R1: Runner on 1st
- R2: Runner on 2nd
- U3: 3rd Base Umpire
- U1: 1st Base Umpire
- PU: Home Plate Umpire

DEEP FLY BALL TO LEFT CENTER FIELD, NO CATCH, U3 GOES OUT.

AS SOON AS THE 3RD BASE UMPIRE GOES OUT U1 HAS ALL PLAYS AT 1ST, 2ND & 3RD.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

DEEP FLY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER FIELD - CATCH

**RF** Right Field  **CF** Center Field

**LF** Left Field

Fly Ball **CATCH**

Runner’s path

**BR** Base Runner

**R1** Runner on 1st  **R2** Runner on 2nd

**U3** 3rd Base Umpire

**U1** 1st Base Umpire

**PU** Home Plate Umpire

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**PU** HAS ANY PLAY ON **R2** AT 3RD BASE. IF THE BALL IS CAUGHT, AND THEN MUST RETREAT TO HOME IF THE RUNNERS TRY TO ADVANCE.

AS SOON AS **U3** GOES OUT **U1** ENTERS THE INFIELD & HAS POTENTIAL TAG UPS AT 1ST & 2ND & ALL PLAYS AT 1ST, 2ND & 3RD.

**U3** GOES OUT AT 3RD BASE. IF THE BALL IS CAUGHT, AND THEN MUST RETREAT TO HOME IF THE RUNNERS TRY TO ADVANCE.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
FLY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER FIELD - NO CATCH

- **RF**: Right Field
- **CF**: Center Field
- **LF**: Left Field
- **PU**: Home Plate Umpire
- **BR**: Base Runner
- **U1**: 1st Base Umpire
- **U3**: 3rd Base Umpire
- **R1**: Runner on 1st
- **R2**: Runner on 2nd

Fly Ball **CATCH**

Runner’s path

**U3** **DOES NOT GO OUT ON THE PLAY.**
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

- Runner’s path
- Hit

BR: Base Runner
R1: Runner on 2nd
R2: Runner on 2nd
R3: Runner on 3rd
U3: 3rd Base Umpire
U1: 1st Base Umpire
PU: Home Plate Umpire

U1 CAN GO ON THE OUTSIDE OR INSIDE.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD LINE - CATCH

- **RF** Right Field
- **CF** Center Field
- **LF** Left Field
- **Fly Ball CATCH**
- **Runner's path**
- **R1** Runner on 1st
- **R2** Runner on 2nd
- **R3** Runner on 3rd
- **U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- **U1** 1st Base Umpire
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire

**U3** watches for the tag up with **R2** & has all plays at 2nd and 3rd.

**PU** moves up for best possible view for fair/foul call, & has responsibility for the tag up with **R3**.

**U1** can go on the outside or inside.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD - CATCH

U3 HAS TO SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE AND HAS THE POTENTIAL TAG UPS AT 1ST & 2ND BASE.

U1 GOES OUT ON THE PLAY.

PU MOVES FOR THE BEST VIEW FOR THE TAG UP OF R3.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
DEEP FLY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER FIELD - CATCH

- **RF** Right Field
- **CF** Center Field
- **LF** Left Field
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire
- **U1** 1st Base Umpire
- **U2** 2nd Base Umpire
- **U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- **R1** Runner on 1st
- **R2** Runner on 2nd
- **R3** Runner on 3rd

**Fly Ball CATCH**
- **CF** Center Field, CATCH, U3 GOES OUT.
- **U1** ENTERS THE INFIELD & HAS POTENTIAL TAG UPS AT 1ST & 2ND & ALL PLAYS AT 1ST, 2ND & 3RD.
- PU MOVES FOR THE BEST VIEW FOR THE TAG UP OF R3.

- DEEP FLY BALL TO LEFT CENTER FIELD, CATCH, U3 GOES OUT.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER FIELD - CATCH

- **RF** Right Field
- **CF** Center Field
- **LF** Left Field
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire
- **U1** 1st Base Umpire
- **U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- **R1** Runner on 1st
- **R2** Runner on 2nd
- **R3** Runner on 3rd

**Action:** Fly Ball CATCH

- **U3** is responsible for catch/no catch, & has the tag up of **R2** as well as all plays at 2nd base or 3rd base.
- **U1** can go on the outside or inside & has the potential tag up of **R1**.
- **PU** moves for the best view for the tag up of **R3** & has all possible plays at the plate.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE.

U3 HAS ALL ROUTINE BALLS IN THIS AREA, WHILE U1 AS ALL TROUBLE BALLS.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

Runner’s path
Hit

BR Base Runner
R1 Runner on 2nd
R3 Runner on 3rd
U3 3rd Base Umpire
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire

U1 CAN GO ON THE OUTSIDE OR INSIDE.

PU STAYS AT HOME AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL PLAYS AT THE PLATE.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT | CENTER FIELD - CATCH

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

Fly Ball CATCH

- Runner’s path

- **U1** 1st Base Umpire
- **U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- **R1** Runner on 1st
- **R3** Runner on 3rd
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire

**U3 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CATCH/NO CATCH.**

**PU MOVES FOR THE BEST VIEW FOR THE TAG UP OF R3 & HAS ALL POSSIBLE PLAYS AT THE PLATE.**
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD - CATCH

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

Fly Ball CATCH

Runner’s path

R1: Runner on 1st
R3: Runner on 3rd
U3: 3rd Base Umpire
U1: 1st Base Umpire
PU: Home Plate Umpire

U3 OBSERVES R1’S POTENTIAL TAG UP, THEN MOVES INTO THE BEST POSITION FOR ALL PLAYS ON THE BASES.

U1 HAS THE CATCH/NO CATCH.

PU MOVES FOR THE BEST VIEW FOR THE TAG UP OF R3 & HAS ALL POSSIBLE PLAYS AT THE PLATE.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD LINE - NO CATCH

RF Right Field  CF Center Field
LF Left Field

Fly Ball NO CATCH

Runner’s path

BR Base Runner
R1 Runner on 1st  R3 Runner on 3rd
U3 3rd Base Umpire
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire

U1 CAN GO ON THE OUTSIDE OR INSIDE.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
DEEP FLY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER FIELD - CATCH

**RF** Right Field  
**CF** Center Field

**LF** Left Field

**Fly Ball CATCH**

**Runner’s path**

**R1** Runner on 1st  
**R3** Runner on 3rd

**U3** 3rd Base Umpire  
**U1** 1st Base Umpire

**PU** Home Plate Umpire

**DEEP FLY BALL TO LEFT CENTER FIELD, CATCH, U3 GOES OUT.**

As soon as U3 goes out, U1 enters the infield.

PU moves for the best view for the tag up of R3.
DEEP FLY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER FIELD - NO CATCH

**Graphical Representation:**
- **RF** Right Field
- **CF** Center Field
- **LF** Left Field
- **Fly Ball NO CATCH**
- **Runner's path**
- **BR** Base Runner
- **R1** Runner on 1st
- **R3** Runner on 3rd
- **U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- **U1** 1st Base Umpire
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire

**Game Scenario:**
- DEEP FLY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER FIELD, CATCH, U3 GOES OUT.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE LESS THAN 2 OUTS.

U3 HAS ALL TROUBLE BALLS IN THIS AREA, WHILE U1 AS ALL ROUTINE BALLS.

U1 HAS ALL TROUBLE BALLS IN THIS AREA

CF  Center Field
R2  Runner on 2nd
U3  3rd Base Umpire
U1  1st Base Umpire
PU  Home Plate Umpire
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE 2 OUTS.

PU HAS ALL TROUBLE BALLS IN THIS AREA
U3 HAS ALL ROUTINE BALLS IN THIS AREA, WHILE U1 AS ALL TROUBLE BALLS.
U1 HAS ALL TROUBLE BALLS IN THIS AREA
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
INFIELD CATCH COVERAGE

THIS IS SUGGESTED CATCH COVERAGE. HOWEVER EYE CONTACT BETWEEN UMPIRES IS IMPORTANT.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE WITH LESS THAN 2 OUTS

3rd Base Umpire
1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire
Runner on 2nd
3rd Base Umpire
1st Base Umpire
Home Plate Umpire
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE WITH 2 OUTS

- 3rd Base Umpire
- 1st Base Umpire
- Home Plate Umpire
- Runner on 2nd
- 3rd Base Umpire
- 1st Base Umpire
- Home Plate Umpire
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

- **Base Hit**
- **Runner’s path**
- **BR** Base Runner
- **U2** Runner on 2nd Base
- **U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- **U1** 1st Base Umpire
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire

Base Hit ➡️ Runner’s path ➡️ 3rd Base Umpire ➡️ Runner on 2nd Base ➡️ Home Plate Umpire
FLY BALL TO CENTER FIELD - CATCH

- **CF**: Center Field
- **RF**: Right Field
- **LF**: Left Field
- **U1**: 1st Base Umpire
- **U3**: 3rd Base Umpire
- **PU**: Home Plate Umpire
- **R2**: Runner on 2nd

**Diagram Notes**
- *U1 observes R2 tag up at 2nd base.*
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD - NO CATCH

- **RF**: Right Field
- **CF**: Center Field
- **LF**: Left Field
- **Fly Ball NO CATCH**
- **Runner’s path**
- **BR**: Base Runner
- **R2**: Runner on 2nd
- **U3**: 3rd Base Umpire
- **U1**: 1st Base Umpire
- **PU**: Home Plate Umpire

U1 watches the BR's touch of 1st base. If the ball is caught, U1 has the potential tag up of R2 & all plays at 2nd and 3rd base.

U3 goes out on the play.

PU stays at home and watches R2's touch of 3rd base.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELDERS LEFT - CATCH

- CF: Center Field
- RF: Right Field
- LF: Left Field
- Fly Ball CATCH
- Runner’s path
- R2: Runner on 2nd
- U3: 3rd Base Umpire
- U1: 1st Base Umpire
- PU: Home Plate Umpire

**PU HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAIR/FOUL & CATCH/NO CATCH. PU WILL THEN RETREAT TO HOME.**

**U3 MOVES INTO POSITION FOR A POSSIBLE PLAY AT 3RD BASE.**

**U1 MOVES INTO POSITION FOR A POSSIBLE TAG UP OF R2 AT 2ND BASE.**
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT | CENTER - CATCH

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

Fly Ball CATCH
Runner’s path

*R2* Runner on 2nd
*U3* 3rd Base Umpire
*U1* 1st Base Umpire
*PU* Home Plate Umpire

R2 enters the infield as soon as U1 goes out. He or she then moves into position for any play at 2nd or 3rd base.

U1 goes out on the play.

PU stays at home.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
FLY BALL TO RIGHT | CENTER - NO CATCH

- Right Field (RF)
- Center Field (CF)
- Left Field (LF)
- Fly Ball NO CATCH
- Runner’s path
- Base Runner (BR)
- Runner on 2nd (R2)
- 3rd Base Umpire (U3)
- 1st Base Umpire (U1)
- Home Plate Umpire (PU)

U1 goes out on the play.
U3 enters the infield as soon as U1 goes out. He or she watches for BR's touch of 1st base.
PU stays at home & has base touch of R2 at 3rd base.
CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD WITH 2 OUTS

- **Base Hit**
- **Runner’s path**
- **BR** Base Runner
- **R2** Runner on 2nd Base
- **U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- **U1** 1st Base Umpire
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire

**U3** has any potential plays at 2nd or 3rd base.

**PU** stays at home & has base touch of **R2** at 3rd base.

**U1** watches **BR**’s touch of 1st base.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE LESS THAN 2 OUTS

**INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE LESS THAN 2 OUTS**

- **R2** Runner on 2nd
- **R3** Runner on 3rd
- **U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- **U1** 1st Base Umpire
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire

**Key Points:**
- **U1** has all routine balls in this area, while **U3** has all trouble balls.
- **PU** has all trouble balls in this area.
- **U3** has all trouble balls in this area, while **U1** as all routine balls.

**Legend:**
- **CF** Center Field
- **U3** Runner on 3rd
- **U1** 3rd Base Umpire
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

- **Base Hit**
- **Runner's path**
- **BR**: Base Runner
- **R2**: Runner on 2nd
- **R3**: Runner on 3rd
- **U3**: 3rd Base Umpire
- **U1**: 1st Base Umpire
- **PU**: Home Plate Umpire
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD - CATCH

**RF** Right Field

**CF** Center Field

**LF** Left Field

Fly Ball **CATCH**

Runner’s path

**R2** Runner on 2nd

**R3** Runner on 3rd

**U3** 3rd Base Umpire

**U1** 1st Base Umpire

**PU** Home Plate Umpire

**U1** moves into position to watch potential tag up by **R2** & has all plays on the bases.

**U3** goes out on the play.

**PU** stays at home and watches **R2**’s touch of 3rd base.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD LINE - CATCH

RF Right Field  
CF Center Field  
LF Left Field  

Fly Ball CATCH  
Runner’s path  

R2 Runner on 2nd  
R3 Runner on 3rd  
U3 3rd Base Umpire  
U1 1st Base Umpire  
PU Home Plate Umpire  

U3 OBSERVES POTENTIAL TAG UP OF R3 AT 3RD BASE.

PU HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAIR/FOUL & CATCH/NO CATCH. PU WILL THEN RETREAT TO HOME.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
FLY BALL TO RIGHT|CENTER FIELD
- CATCH

RF Right Field  CF Center Field
LF Left Field

Fly Ball CATCH

Runner’s path

R2 Runner on 2nd
R3 Runner on 3rd
U3 3rd Base Umpire
U1 1st Base Umpire
PU Home Plate Umpire

U3 ENTERS THE INFIELD AS SOON AS U1 GOES OUT. U3 HAS THE TAG UP OF R2 AT 2ND BASE HAS ALL LAYS ON THE BASES.

U1 GOES OUT ON THE PLAY.

PU OBSERVES POTENTIAL TAG UP OF R3 AT 3RD BASE & HAS PLAY AT THE PLATE.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT|CENTER FIELD
- NO CATCH

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Fly Ball NO CATCH

Runner’s path

BR enters the infield as soon as U1 goes out & has all plays on the bases.

U1 goes out on the play.
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
FLY BALL TO RIGHT|CENTER FIELD
- NO CATCH

RF Right Field  CF Center Field
LF Left Field
Fly Ball NO CATCH
Runner’s path
BR Base Runner  R2 Runner on 2nd  R3 Runner on 3rd
U3 3rd Base Umpire  U1 1st Base Umpire  PU Home Plate Umpire
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD WITH 2 OUTS

- **Base Hit**
- **Runner's path**
- **BR** Base Runner
- **R2** Runner on 2nd
- **R3** Runner on 3rd
- **U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- **U1** 1st Base Umpire
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire

**U3 HAS R2 GOING INTO 3RD BASE.**

**U1 WATCHES THE TOUCH BY BR AT 1ST BASE. U1 CAN REVERSE ROTATE TAKE BR INTO 2ND BASE.**
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS
CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

- Base Hit
- Runner’s path
- Base Runner
- Runner on 3rd
- 3rd Base Umpire
- 1st Base Umpire
- Home Plate Umpire

U3 ENTERS THE INFIELD & HAS ALL PLAYS ON THE BR.
PU STAYS AT HOME.
**3 UMPIRE MECHANICS**

**FLY BALL TO RIGHT LINE - CATCH**

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

Fly Ball **CATCH**

- Runner on 2nd
- Runner on 3rd
- 3rd Base Umpire
- 1st Base Umpire
- Home Plate Umpire

**U3 ENTERS THE INFIELD AS SOON AS U1 GOES OUT. IF THE BALL IS NOT CAUGHT, U3 HAS ALL PLAYS ON THE BASES.**

**U1 GOES OUT ON THE PLAY.**

**PU HAS THE POTENTIAL TAG UP OF R3 AT 3RD BASE & ANY PLAY AT HOME.**
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT LINE - CATCH

- **CF** Center Field
- **RF** Right Field
- **LF** Left Field
- **Fly Ball CATCH**
- **Runner on 2nd**
- **R3** Runner on 3rd
- **U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- **U1** 1st Base Umpire
- **PU** Home Plate Umpire

**U3 GOES OUT ON THE PLAY.**

**U1 ENTERS THE INFIELD AS SOON AS U3 GOES OUT.** IF THE BALL IS NOT CAUGHT, **U1** HAS ALL PLAYS ON THE BASES.

**PU HAS THE POTENTIAL TAG UP OF R3 AT 3RD BASE & ANY PLAY AT HOME.**