

## **JUST THE BASICS**

### **3 Man Mechanics**

- Check swings:** 1BU on all RH hitters and 3BU on all LH handers.
- Fair Foul:** Plate umpire to the bag, base umpire has bag and beyond. If base umpire is inside, plate umpire has the entire line. **NO DOUBLE CALLS!**
- IF coverage:** HPU: Has pitcher in and corner IF coming hard in. No base umpire on line, take that IF toward the line.  
1BU: If both base umpires on line; split field in half. Inside take IF V and 3BU on line take 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman toward him. HP takes other line.  
3BU: Both base umpires on line; split field in half. Inside take IF V and 1BU on line take 1<sup>st</sup> baseman toward him. HP takes other line.
- OF coverage:** Go out on balls that: 1) OF'ers are converging to make a catch 2) OF'er has to make a catch while running backwards 3) OF'er will have to make a catch below his waist 4) The batted ball is a possible fair/foul call.  
HPU: Has line if base umpire is inside.  
1BU: Both base umpires on line; split field in half. If inside, take the V and 3BU has line.  
3BU: Both base umpires on line; split field in half. If inside, take the V and other 1BU has line.

### **Home Plate Umpire**

No one on: Trail B/R to 1<sup>st</sup> if 1BU goes out. Take B/R at third on triple.  
Same rotations as two man, except that it is automatic. Do not read the runners, rotate when the ball is a base hit (or tag up with R1 and R2).

### **First Base Umpire**

Positioning: With no runners, set up same as in 2 man. With R1 and 1<sup>st</sup> baseman holding, move to position to see pitcher between R1 and 1<sup>st</sup> baseman, preparing for pick off.  
When inside (R2 or R23 only) stay in deep B.  
When on the line and in a rotation, walk the foul line and prepare to drop to the plate when R1 commits to 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
When on the line and not in a rotation, pivot inside on a base hit.  
When inside (R2 or R23) take all plays at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Third Base Umpire**

Positioning: With no runners, stay in foul onto OF grass. With R1, stay in deep B or deep C. With R13 and R123 stay in deep C. If a steal of 3<sup>rd</sup> is possible (R12) stay in normal C. R2 and R23, on line and closer to 3<sup>rd</sup> (15 ft) for pickoffs and steals. Set up in fair if needed to see batter.  
When on line: No one on; be prepared to go out on fly balls to LF and CF. Otherwise go to 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
When on line and R3 only: Go out on fly ball down line, or come inside quickly to 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> base.  
When inside: Calls at all infield bases unless U1 at first, or HPU rotates to 3<sup>rd</sup>.