

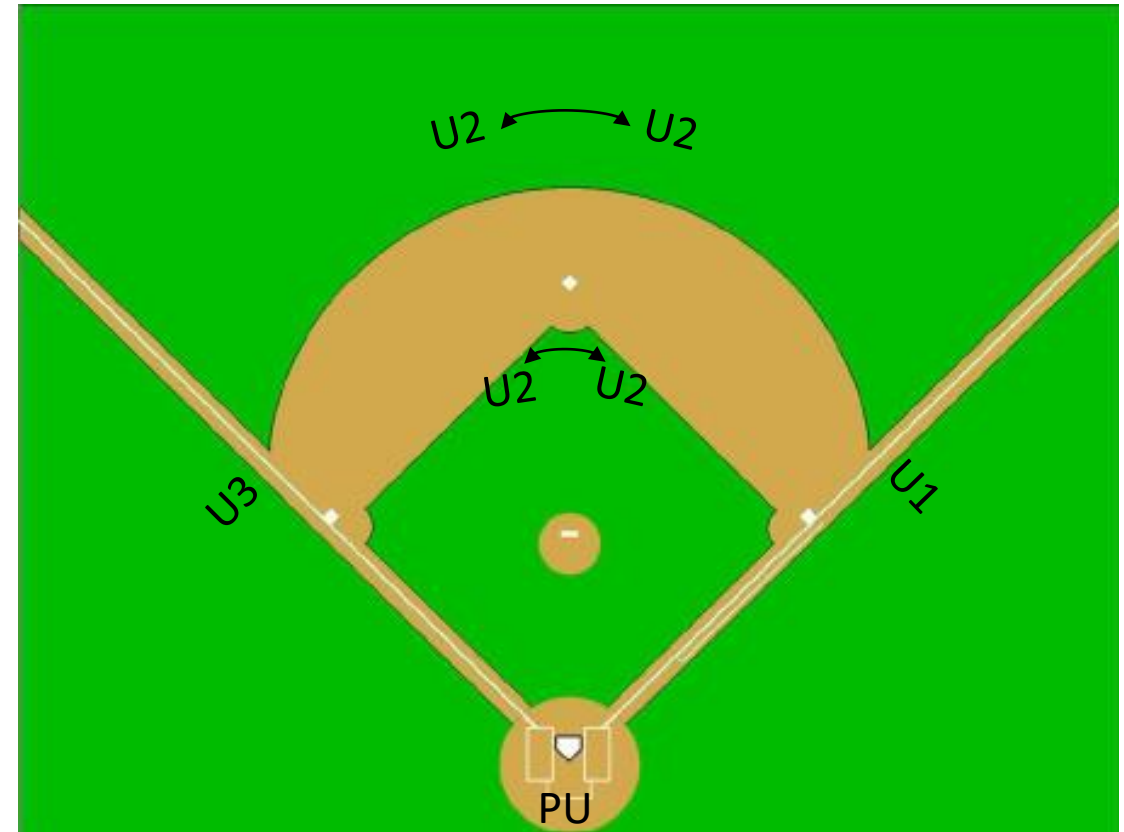
# 2022 CBUA 4-Man Mechanics



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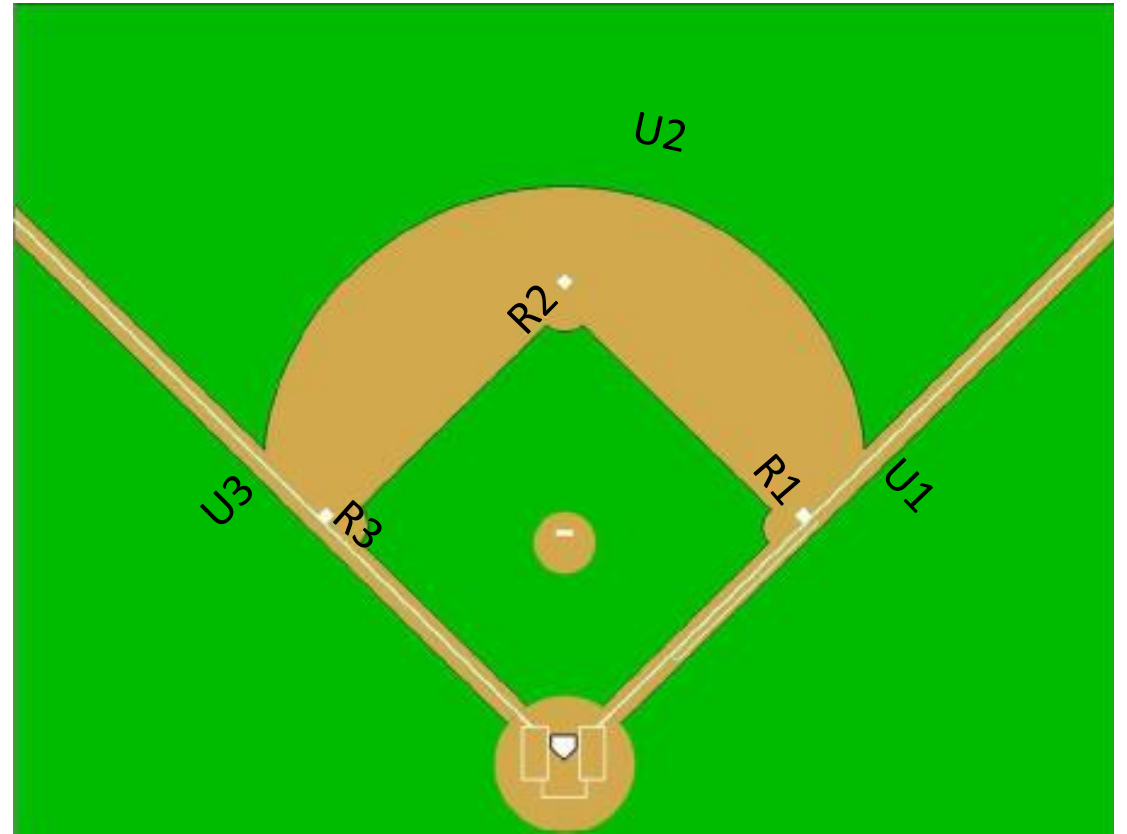
## *General Points of Emphasis*

- Going out
  - An umpire will go out on ALL FLY BALLS AND LINE DRIVES to the outfield, as well as on all batted balls that have potential for trouble (“if in doubt, go out”)
  - **U2** is the quarterback when outside; **U1** is the quarterback when **U2** is inside
  - If you go out, your movement should leave no doubt that you have left the infield; do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - Upon completion of a play where an umpire has gone out on a ball, the covering umpire should not release until the umpire who went out has returned and assumed responsibility of the runner
- Whenever runner(s) are on base (other than a runner on third base only), **U2** will set up inside at second base
  - **U2** may work on either side of second base
  - When inside, **U2** has no outfield fly ball responsibility and will never cross the infield dirt
- Communication is Crucial:
  - Pre-pitch signal
  - You must know where your partners are and what they are doing in order to function as a unit



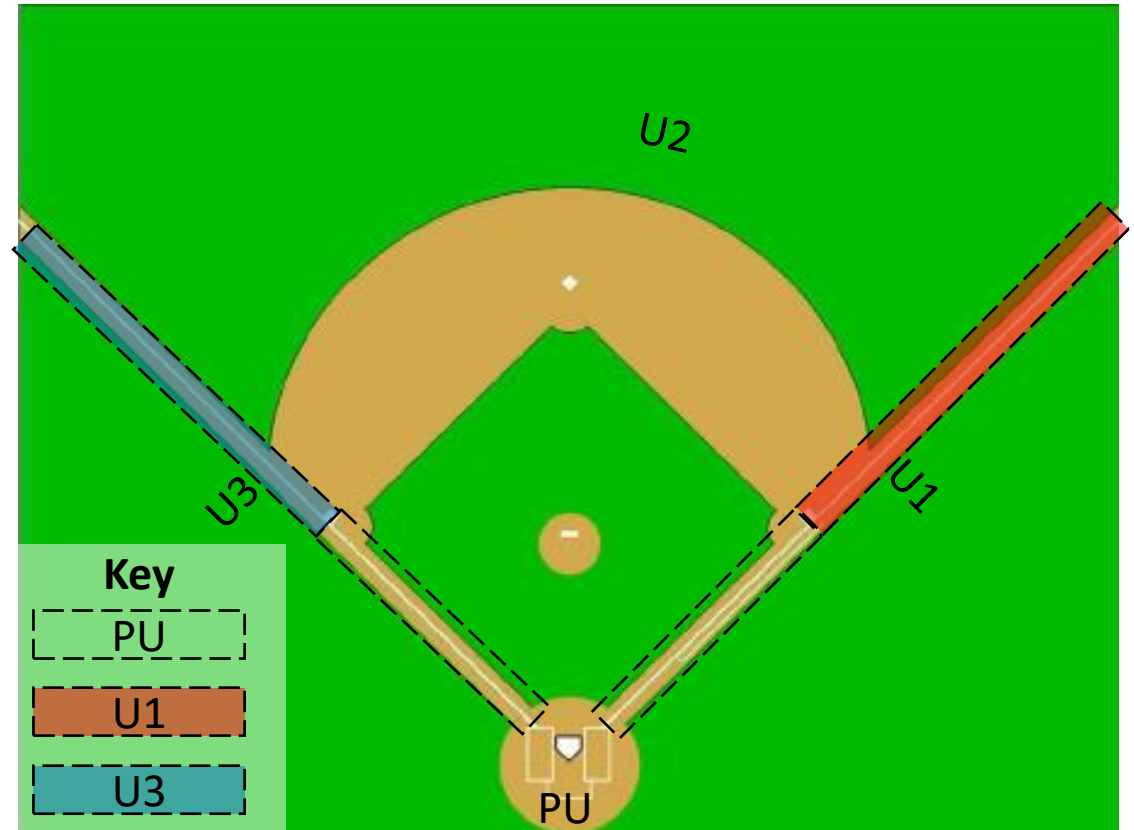
# General Terminology

- PU: Plate Umpire
- U1: first Base Umpire
- U2: second Base Umpire
- U3: third Base Umpire
- R1: Runner on first
- R2: Runner on second
- R3: Runner on third



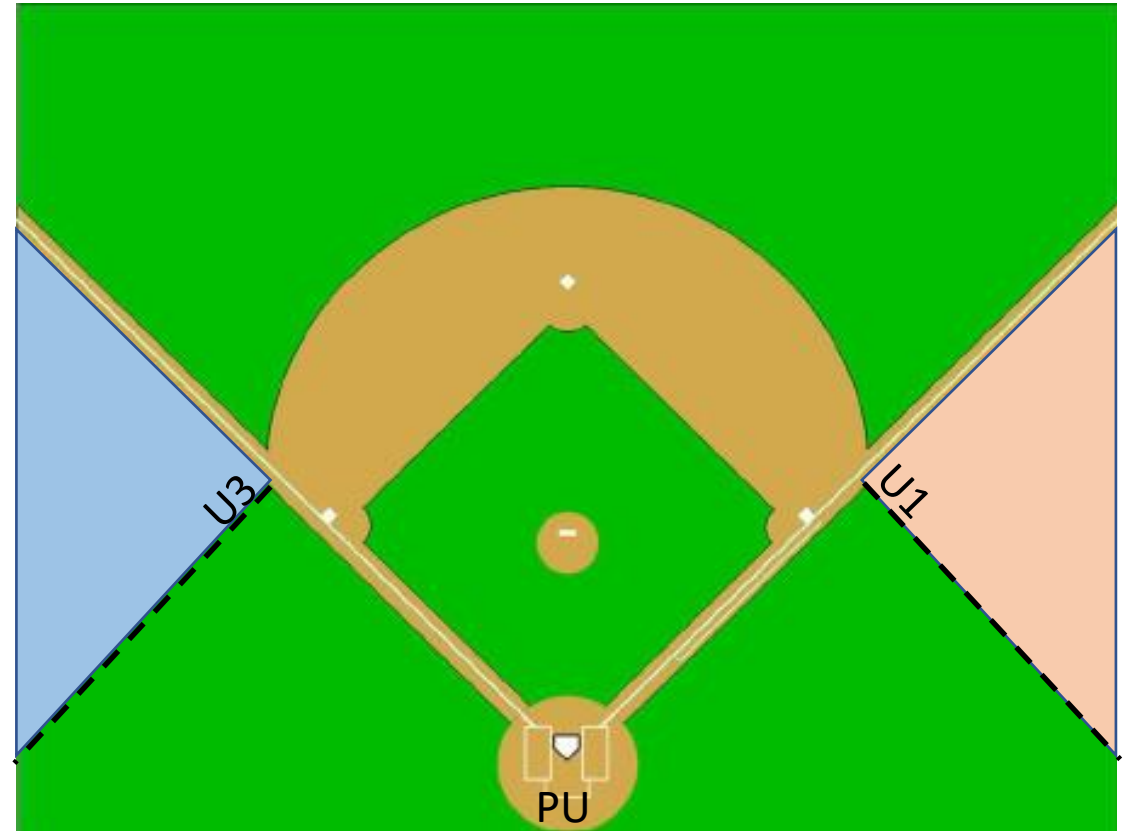
# Fair/Foul Responsibility

- **PU:**
  - Responsible for: All fair/foul decision on batted balls that are first touched or have stopped moving up to the front edge of first base or third base (to the “pane of glass”)
  - Assumes responsibility for entire foul line when **U1** or **U3** abandons the foul line
- **U1:**
  - Responsible for: All fair/decisions on batted balls from the front edge of first base (from the “pane of glass”) to the right field foul pole
- **U2:**
  - Has no fair/foul responsibility
- **U3:**
  - Responsible for: All fair/foul decisions on batted balls from the front edge of third base (from the “pane of glass”) to the left field foul pole



# Overthrow Responsibility

- **At home base:**  
PU (or U1 if there is a rotation to home) has responsibility on all overthrows to home base
- **At first base (towards home base):**  
PU has primary responsibility of all overthrows
- **At first base (towards the outfield):**  
U1 (or any umpire rotating to first base) has primary responsibility of all overthrows
- **At third base (towards home base):**  
PU (or U1 if there is a rotation to home) has primary responsibility for overthrows
- **At third base (towards the outfield):**  
U3 (or any umpire rotating to third base) has primary responsibility for overthrows

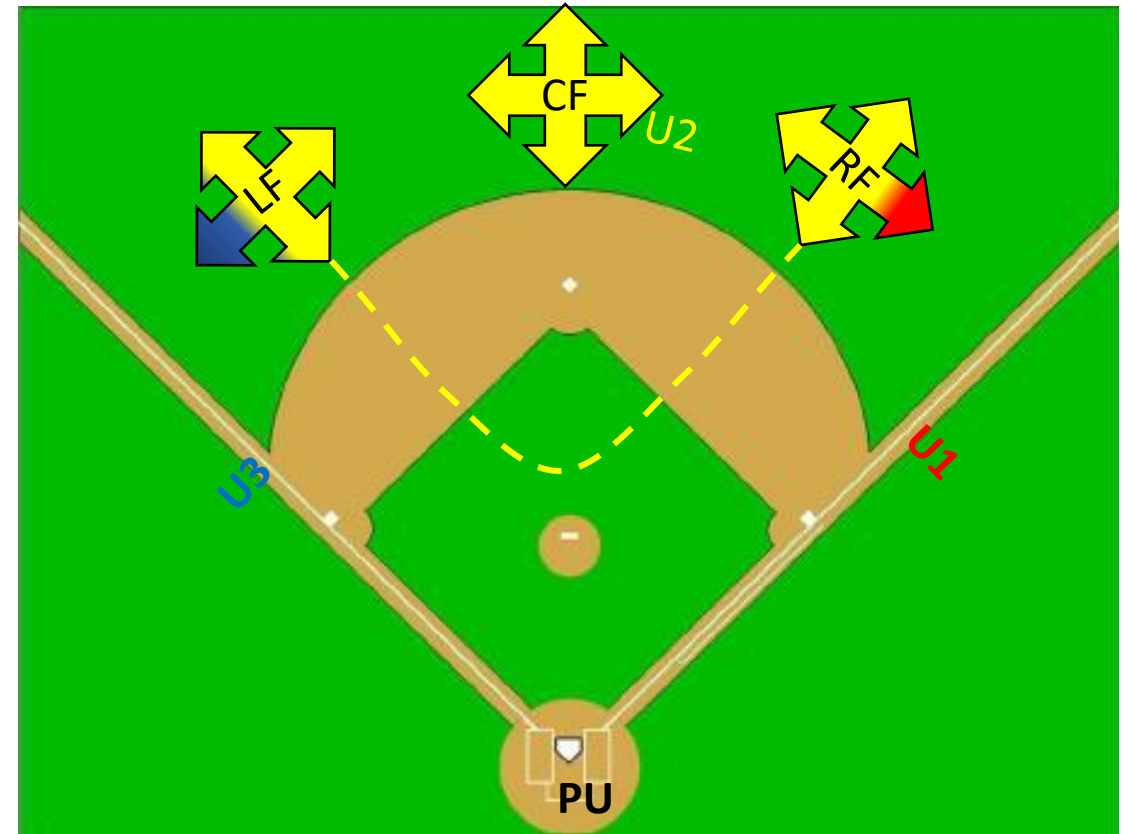


# NO RUNNERS ON BASE / RUNNER ON THIRD BASE ONLY

## *Outfield Fly Ball Coverage*

### U2 POSITIONED IN OUTFIELD

- **PU:**
  - Has no outfield fly ball responsibility
- **U2:** Responsible for:
  - Dictates the coverage (i.e., the Quarterback)
  - Everything in the "U"
  - LF: Going In, Back, and to Left
  - CF: Going In, Back, Left, and to Right
  - RF: Going In, Back, and to Right
- **U1:**
  - Responsible for: RF moving to the right field line
- **U3:**
  - Responsible for: LF moving to the left field line

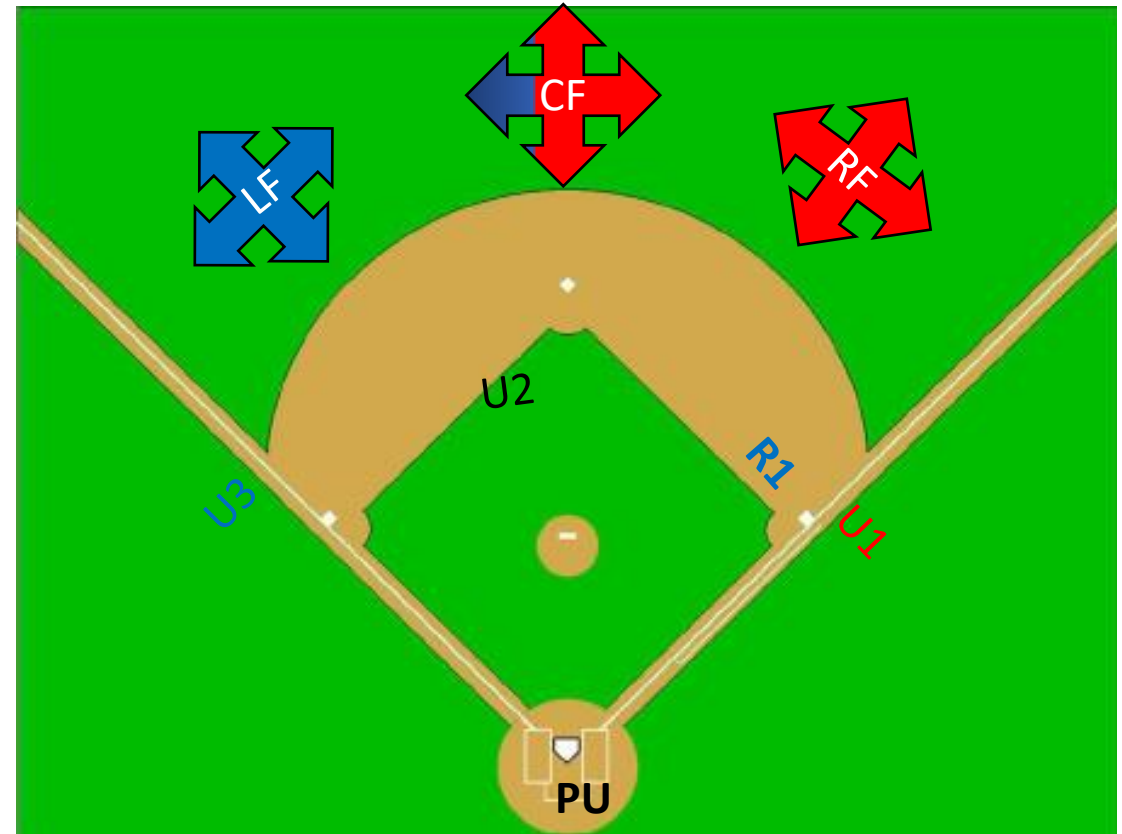


# RUNNER(S) ON BASE (EXCEPT THIRD BASE ONLY)

## *Outfield Fly Ball Coverage*

### U2 POSITIONED IN THE **INFIELD**

- **PU:** Has no outfield fly ball responsibility
- **U1:** Responsible for:
  - All balls to RF
  - All balls to CF going in, back, or towards RF
- **U2:** Has no outfield fly ball responsibility and will never cross the infield dirt
- **U3:** Responsible for:
  - All balls to LF
  - All balls to CF towards LF



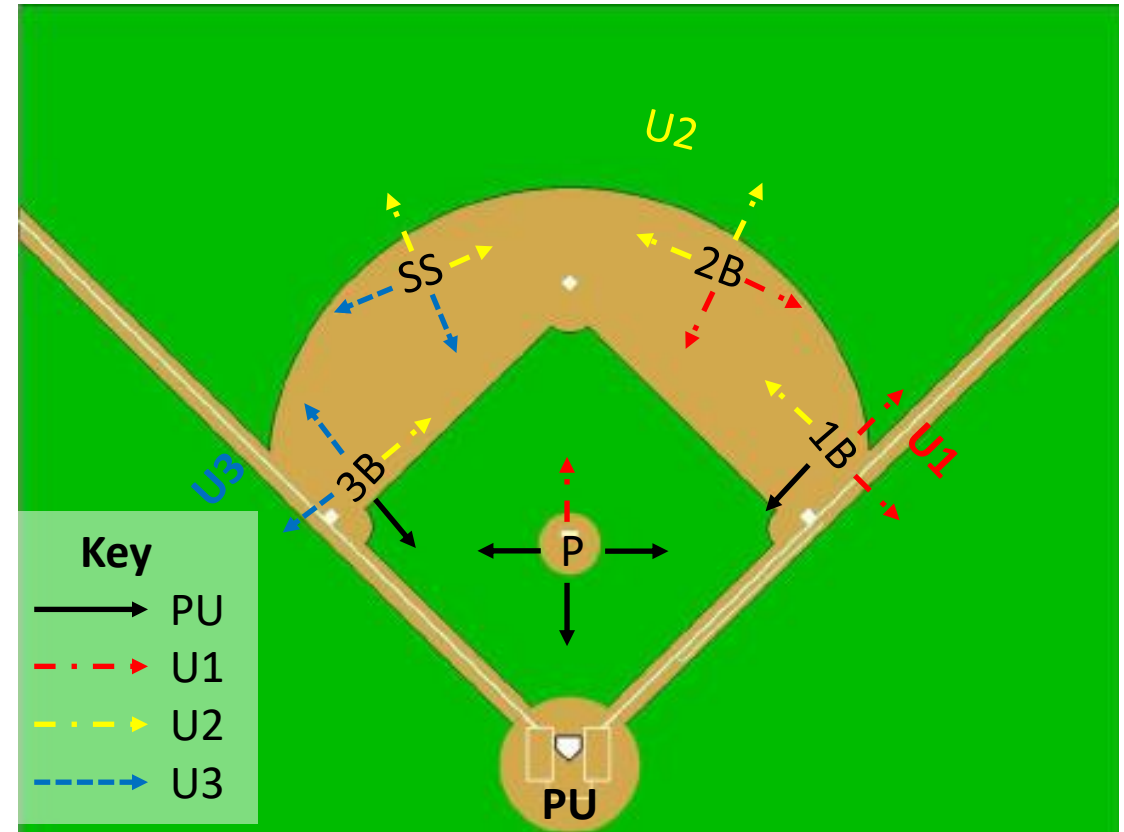


# NO RUNNERS ON BASE or RUNNER ON THIRD BASE

## *Infield Catch Responsibility*

- **PU responsible for catches when:**
  - P moving in, left, or right
  - 1B or 3B moving significantly in
- **U1 responsible for catches when:**
  - P moving back
  - 1B moving back or towards the foul line
  - 2B moving forward or towards first base
- **U2 responsible for catches when:**
  - 1B moving to their right
  - 2B moving back or towards second base
  - SS moving back or towards second base
  - 3B moving to their left
- **U3 responsible for catches when:**
  - SS moving forward or towards third base
  - 3B moving back or towards the foul line

### U2 POSITIONED IN OUTFIELD



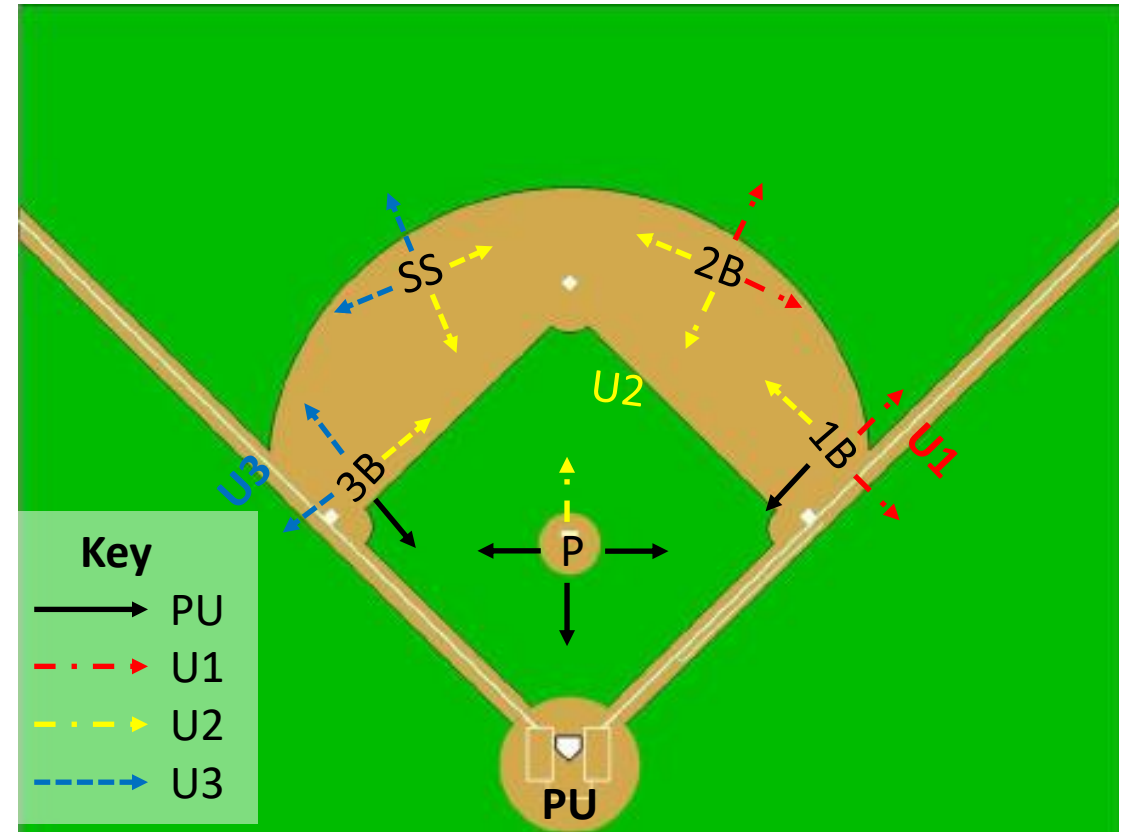


# RUNNER(S) ON BASE (EXCEPT THIRD BASE ONLY)

## *Infield Catch Responsibility*

- **PU responsible for catches when:**
  - P moving in, left, or right
  - 1B or 3B moving in
- **U1 responsible for catches when:**
  - 1B moving back or towards the foul line
  - 2B moving back or towards first base
- **U2 responsible for catches when:**
  - P moving back
  - 1B moving towards second base
  - 2B moving in or towards second base
  - SS moving in or towards second base
  - 3B moving towards second base
- **U3 responsible for catches when:**
  - SS moving back or towards the foul line
  - 3B moving back or towards the foul line

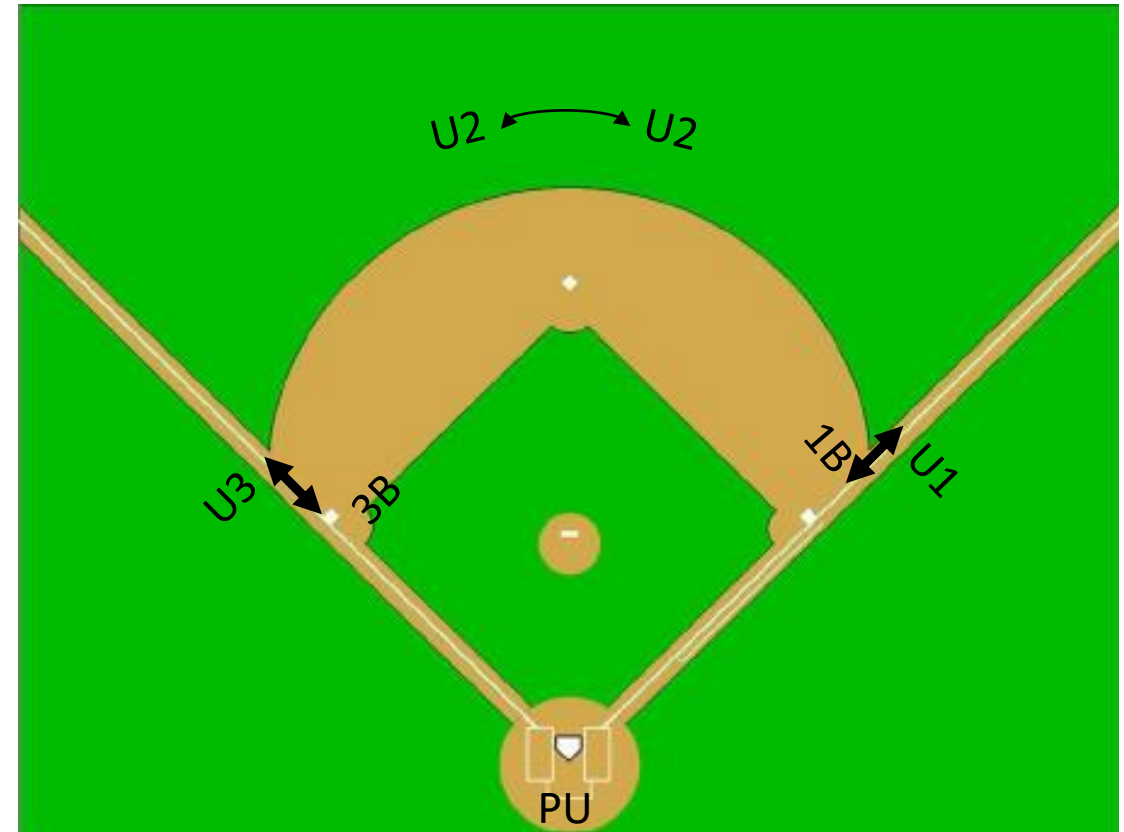
### U2 POSITIONED IN INFIELD



# NO RUNNERS ON BASE

## *Positioning*

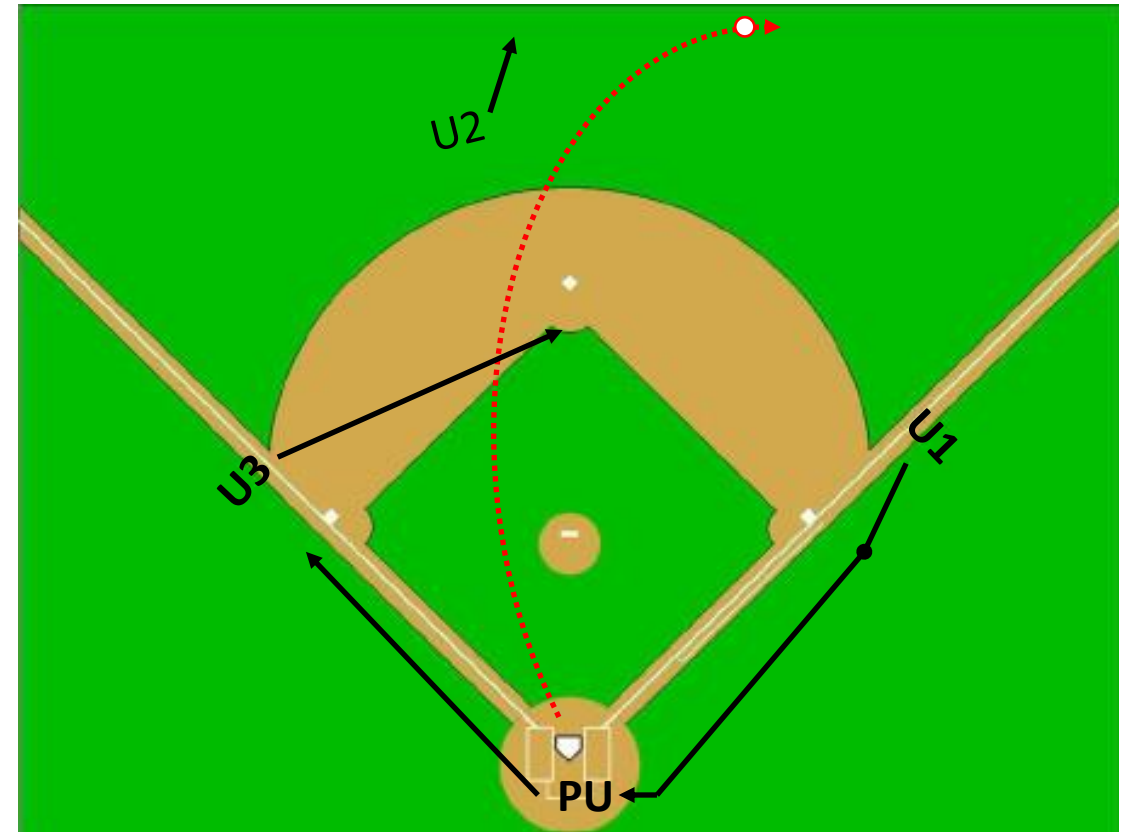
- **U1** and **U3** :
  - in foul territory with the inside foot just off the foul line
  - 6-8 feet behind the fielder
  - If the fielder is playing deep, reduce distance, but always stay 1-2 steps behind the fielder to avoid the fielder stepping or diving on a line drive.
  - Never closer than 10 feet from the base
- **U2** shall be in fair territory in either the B or C position
  - B: Set up square to home, between second base and second baseman, on the outside of the infield, approximately 10 feet into the outfield grass
  - C: Set up square to home, between second base and shortstop, on the outside of the infield, approximately 10 feet into the outfield grass



# NO RUNNERS ON BASE

## *Fly Ball to U2's Area of Responsibility*

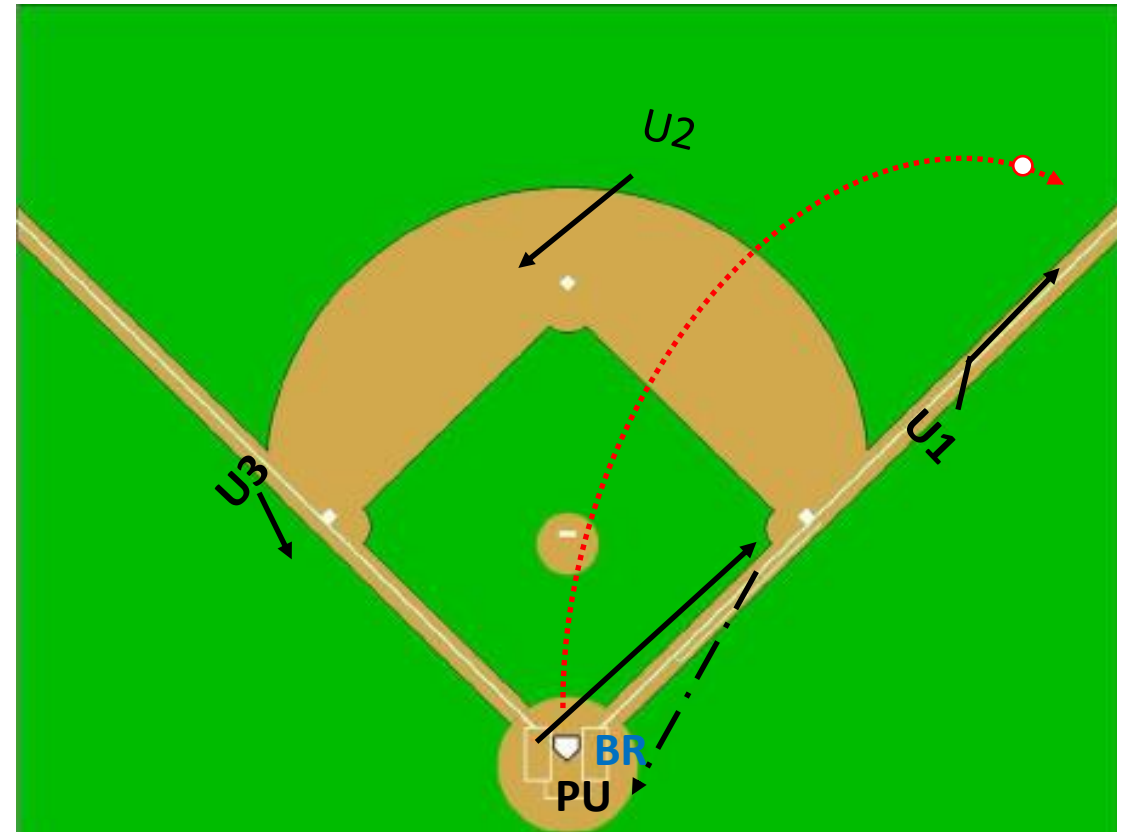
- **PU**
  - Read **U2** going out and **U3** moving into second base cutout
  - Move toward third base in foul territory reading the ball as you travel down the line
  - If a play develops at third base, move to a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play as it develops
  - Responsible for: BR at third base
- **U1**
  - Move toward first base in foul territory to see BR touch of first base
  - Pause to read forward progress of BR
  - When BR commits to third base, move to home base in a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play as it develops
  - Responsible for: All plays at first base, obstruction when rounding first base, and BR at home base
- **U2**
  - Go out on the ball. You should move parallel to the path of the ball.
  - Responsible for: Catch/no catch
- **U3**
  - Move into a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play as it develops
  - Responsible for: BR at second base



# NO RUNNERS ON BASE

## *Fly Ball to U1's Area of Responsibility*

- **PU**
  - Read **U1** going out, and move up the first base line in fair territory
  - Head back to home when BR touches second base
  - **Responsible for:** All plays at first base, obstruction when rounding first base, and BR at home base
- **U1**
  - Go out on the ball. If there is potential for a fair/foul decision, you must be on the foul line to make a judgement; otherwise, you should move parallel to the path of the ball
  - Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - **Responsible for:** Fair/Foul and Catch/No catch
- **U2**
  - Move into a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play as it develops; it is preferred that U2 takes the play from the outfield side of second base
  - **Responsible for:** BR at second base
- **U3**
  - Move several steps toward third base in foul territory at point of potential play into third base
  - **Responsible for:** BR at third base



# NO RUNNERS ON BASE

## *Fly Ball to U3's Area of Responsibility (1 of 2)*

### ▪ PU

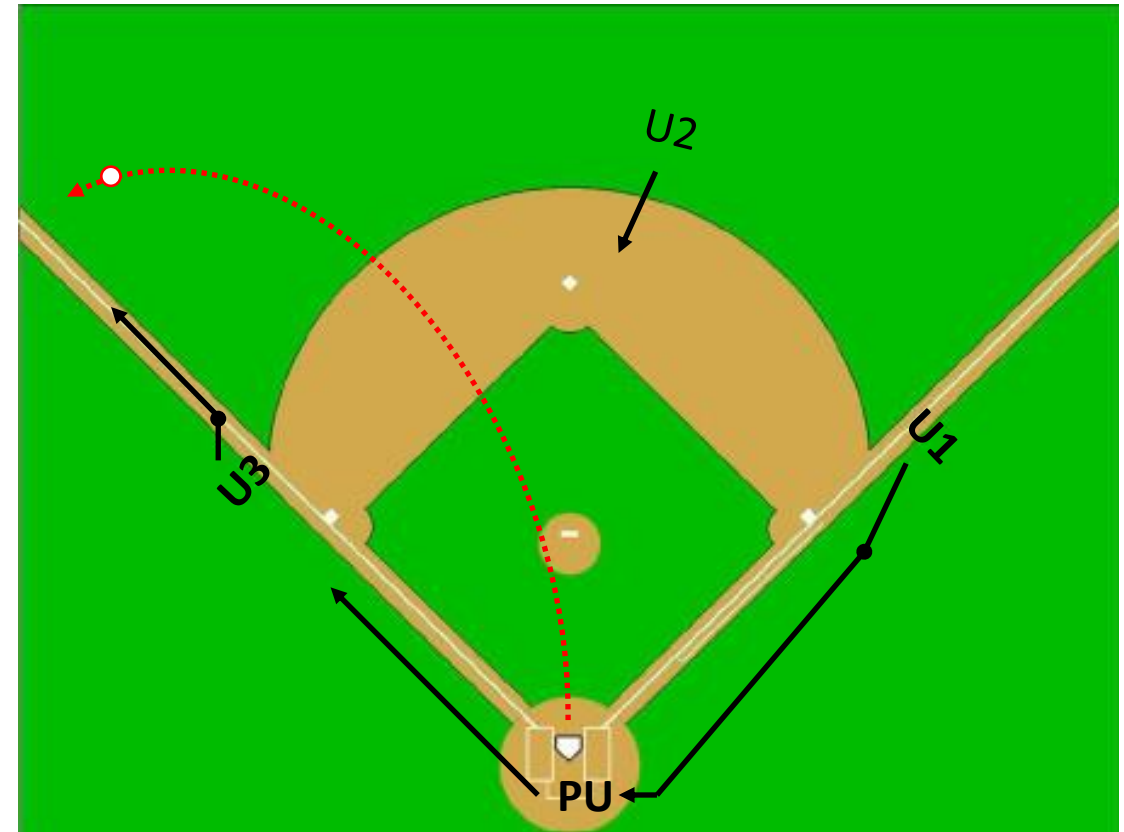
- Read **U3** going out, and move up the third base line in foul territory
- Move toward third base in foul territory reading the ball as you travel down the line
- If a play develops at third base, move to a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play as it develops

▪ Responsible for: BR at third base

### ▪ U1

- Move toward first base in foul territory to see BR touch of first base
- Pause to read forward progress of BR
- When BR commits to third base, move to home base in a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play as it develops

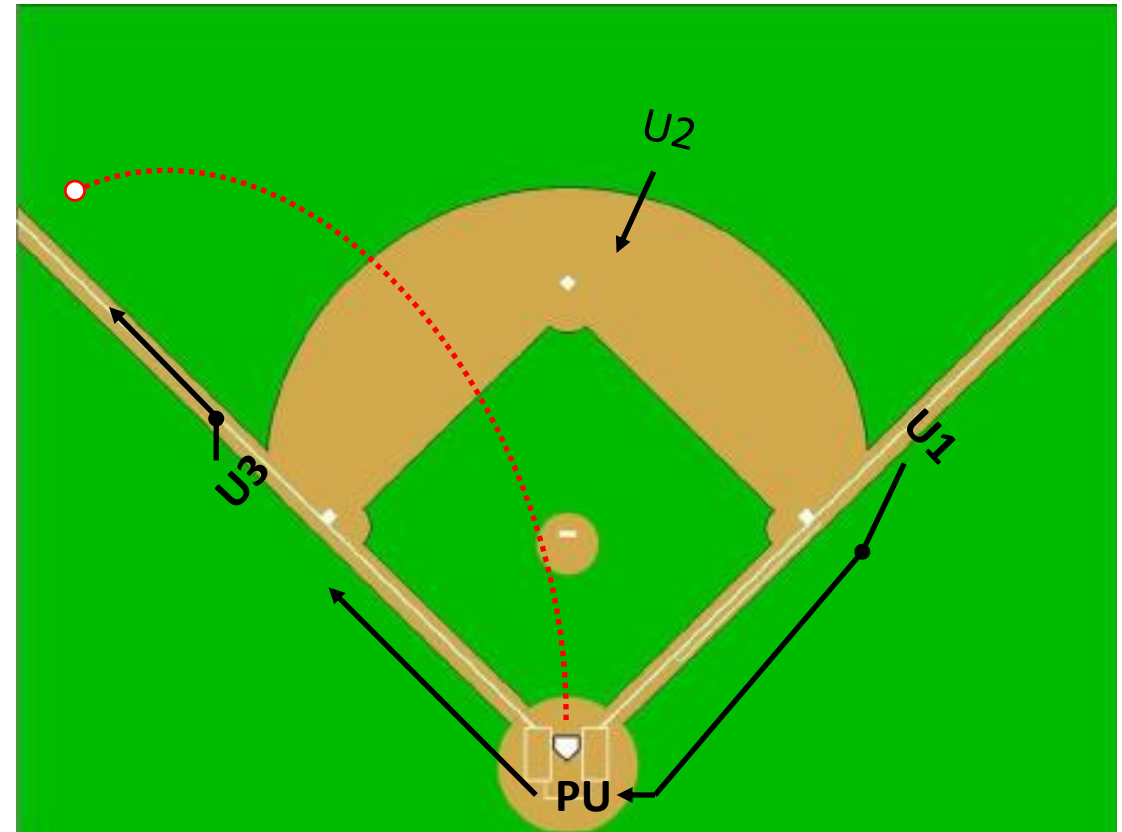
▪ Responsible for: All plays at first base, obstruction when rounding first base, and BR at home base



# NO RUNNERS ON BASE

## *Fly Ball to U3's Area of Responsibility (2 of 2)*

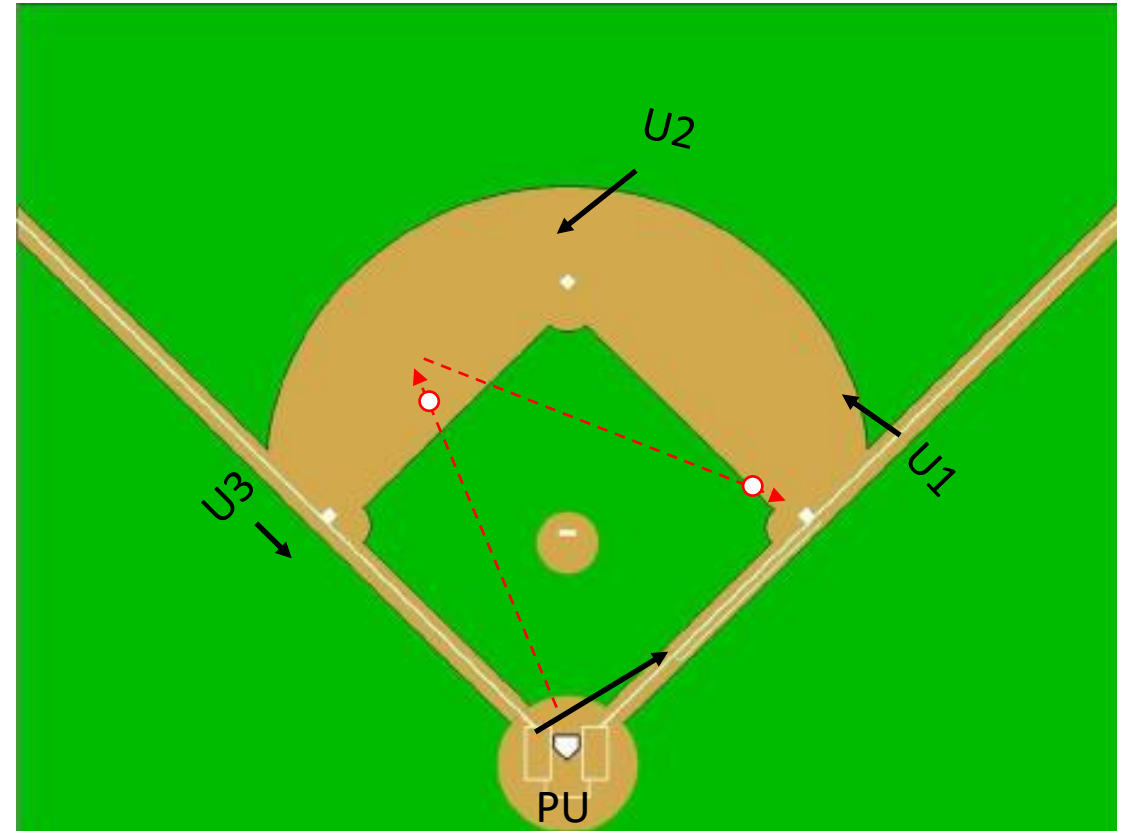
- **U2**
  - Move into a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play as it develops; it is preferred that U2 takes the play from the outfield side of second base
  - Responsible for: BR back into first base after release from U1 and BR at second base
- **U3**
  - Go out on the ball. If there is potential for a fair/foul decision, you must be on the foul line to make a judgement; otherwise, you should move parallel to the path of the ball
  - Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - Responsible for: Fair/Foul and Catch/No catch



# NO RUNNERS ON BASE

## *Plays Within the Infield*

- **PU:**
  - Trail the runner towards first base (expectation is 30-45 feet up the line)
  - **Primary responsibility:** Rule on interference and obstruction up to first base. Be prepared to offer help on any contact or collision at or beyond first base
  - **Secondary responsibility:** Assist **U1** if asked on swipe tag or pulled foot
- **U1:**
  - Move to the best position to rule on plays at first base
  - **Responsible for:** BR safe/out, all plays at first base, and obstruction when rounding first base
- **U2:**
  - Move into a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play as it develops; it is preferred that U2 takes the play from the outfield side of second base
  - **Responsible for:** All plays at second base
- **U3:**
  - Observe the play at first base and must be prepared to offer any assistance if asked by **U1**
  - **Responsible for:** All plays at third base

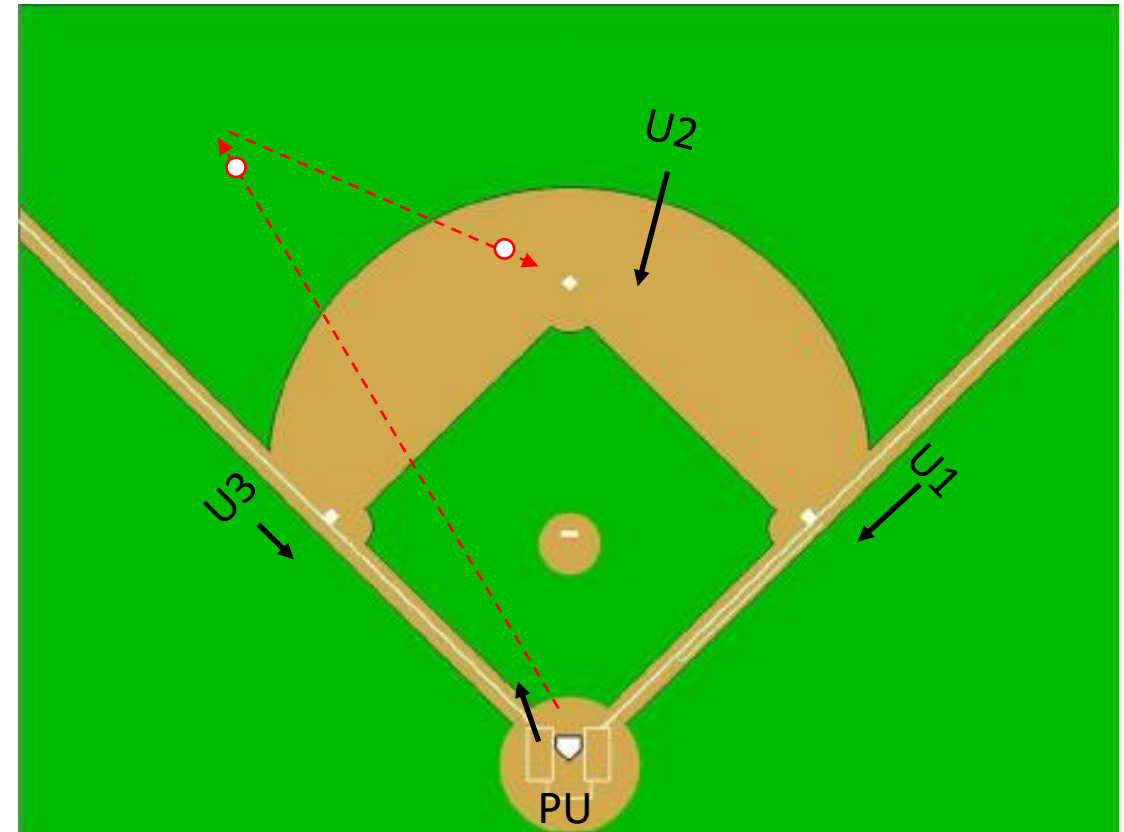




# NO RUNNERS ON BASE

## *Clean Hit to the Outfield*

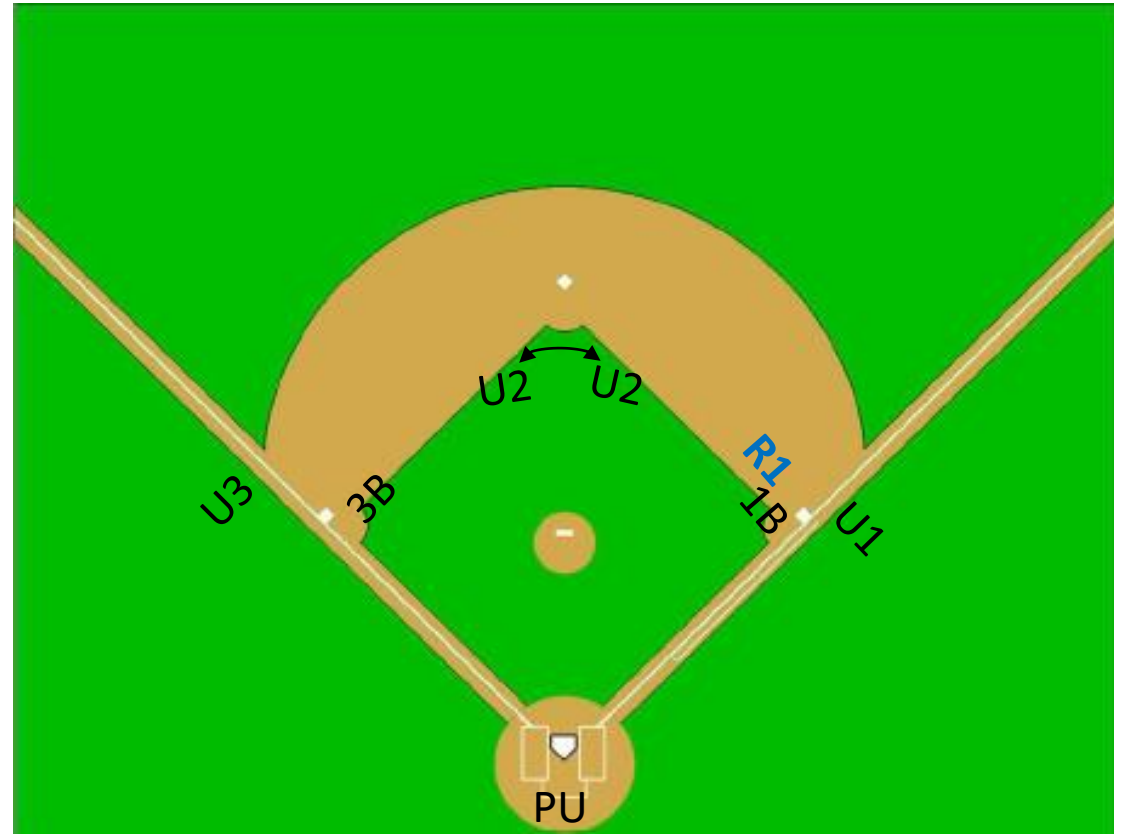
- **PU:**
  - Observes
  - Responsible for: All plays at home base
- **U1:**
  - Move toward first base in foul territory to see BR touch of first base
  - Responsible for: All plays at first base and obstruction when rounding first base
- **U2:**
  - Move into a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play as it develops; it is preferred that U2 takes the play from the outfield side of second base
  - Responsible for: All plays at second base
- **U3:**
  - Move into a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play if it develops at third base
  - Responsible for: All plays at third base



# RUNNER ON FIRST BASE

## *Positioning*

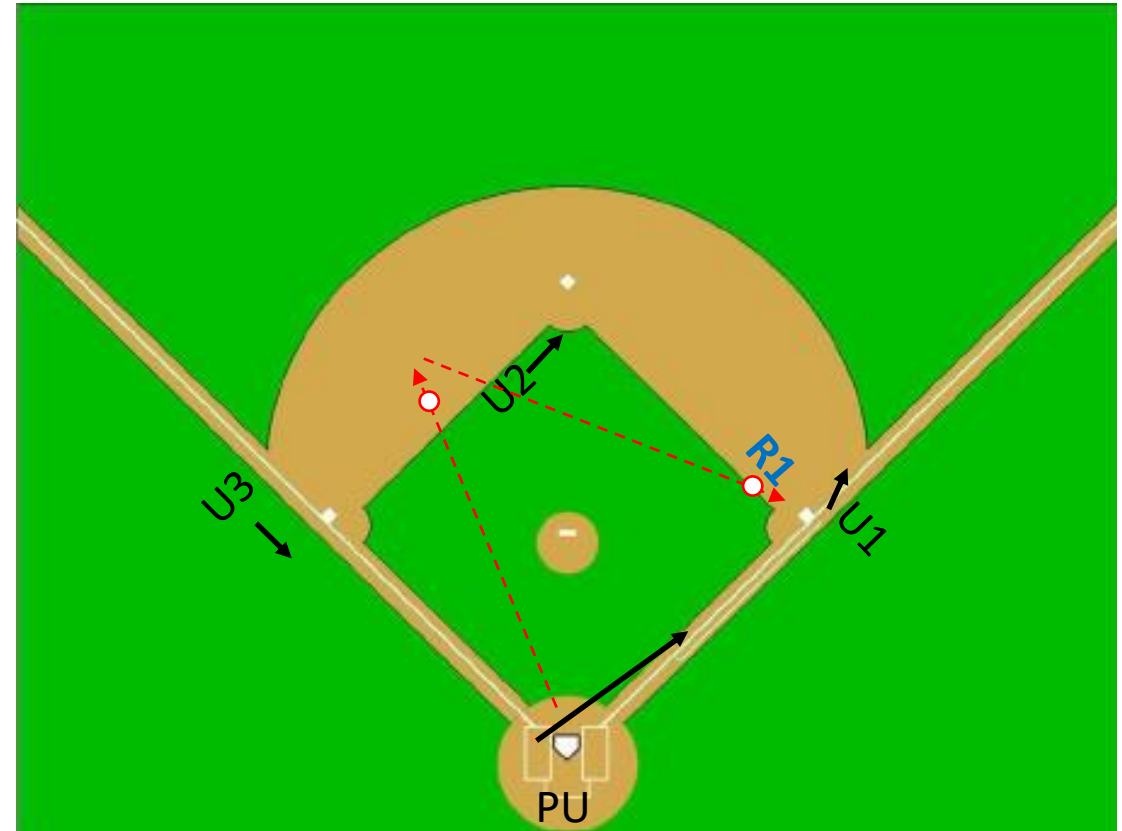
- **U1:**
  - 6-10 feet from first base, in foul territory (inside foot next to foul line).
  - Pickoffs from pitcher should be taken from this position hands-on-knees set. On “back-picks” from the catcher, the angle to the swipe tag should be improved by taking an aggressive step into FOUL territory.
  - If first-baseman is not holding runner, positioning should be 6-8 behind the fielder.
- **U2:**
  - Can set up in the “Deep B” or “Deep C” position
  - When inside, you have no outfield fly ball responsibility and will never cross the infield dirt
- **U3:**
  - in foul territory with the inside foot just off the foul line
  - 6-8 feet behind the fielder
  - If the fielder is playing deep, reduce distance, but always stay 1-2 steps behind the fielder to avoid the fielder stepping or diving on a line drive.
  - Never closer than 10 feet from the base



# RUNNER ON FIRST BASE

## *Plays Within the Infield*

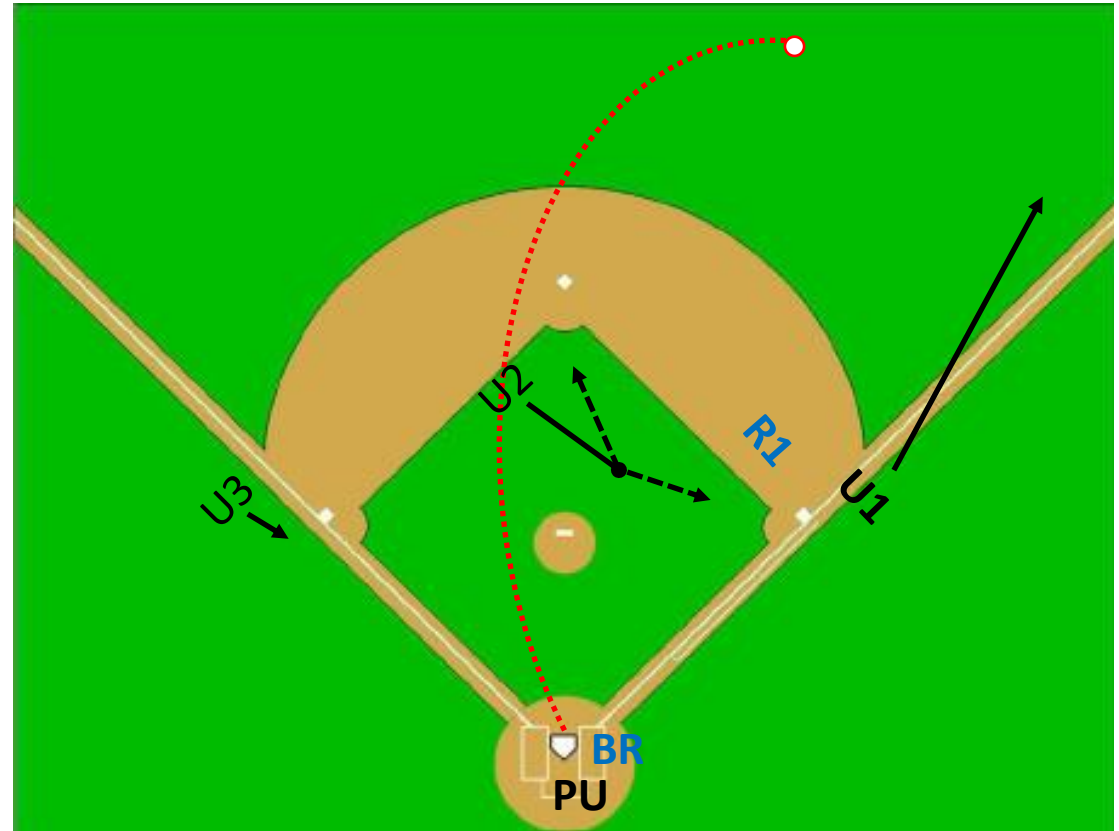
- **PU:**
  - Trail the runner towards first base (expectation is 30-45 feet up the line)
  - **Primary responsibility:** Rule on interference and obstruction up to first base. Be prepared to offer help on any contact or collision at or beyond first base
  - **Secondary responsibility:** Assist **U1** if asked on swipe tag or pulled foot
- **U1:**
  - Move to the best position to rule on plays at first base. Be sure to improve your force-play calling distance since your initial positioning is only 6-10 feet.
  - **Responsible for:** BR safe/out, all plays at first base, and obstruction when rounding first base
- **U2:**
  - Move into a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play as it develops
  - **Responsible for:** All plays at second base
- **U3:**
  - Move into a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play if it develops at third base
  - **Responsible for:** All plays at third base



# RUNNER ON FIRST BASE

## *Fly Ball to U1's Area of Responsibility*

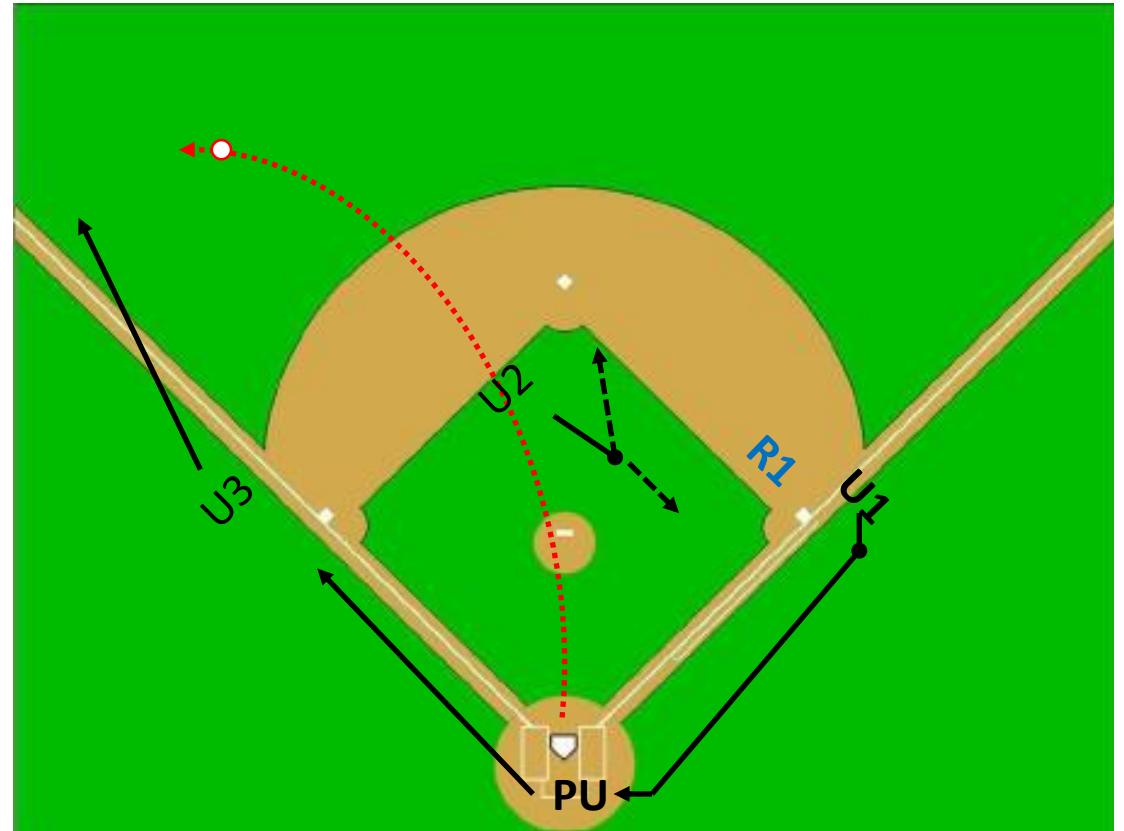
- **PU**
  - Observes play
  - Responsible for: All plays at home base
- **U1**
  - Go out on the ball. If there is potential for a fair/foul decision, you must be on the foul line to make a judgement; otherwise, you should move parallel to the path of the ball
  - Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - Responsible for: Fair/Foul and Catch/No catch
- **U2**
  - Read **U1** going out
  - Establish a working area between first and second base
  - Responsible for: All plays at first and second base
- **U3**
  - Move into a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play as it develops; it is preferred that you take the play from the foul side of the base
  - Responsible for: All plays at third base



# RUNNER ON FIRST BASE

## *Fly Ball to U3's Area of Responsibility*

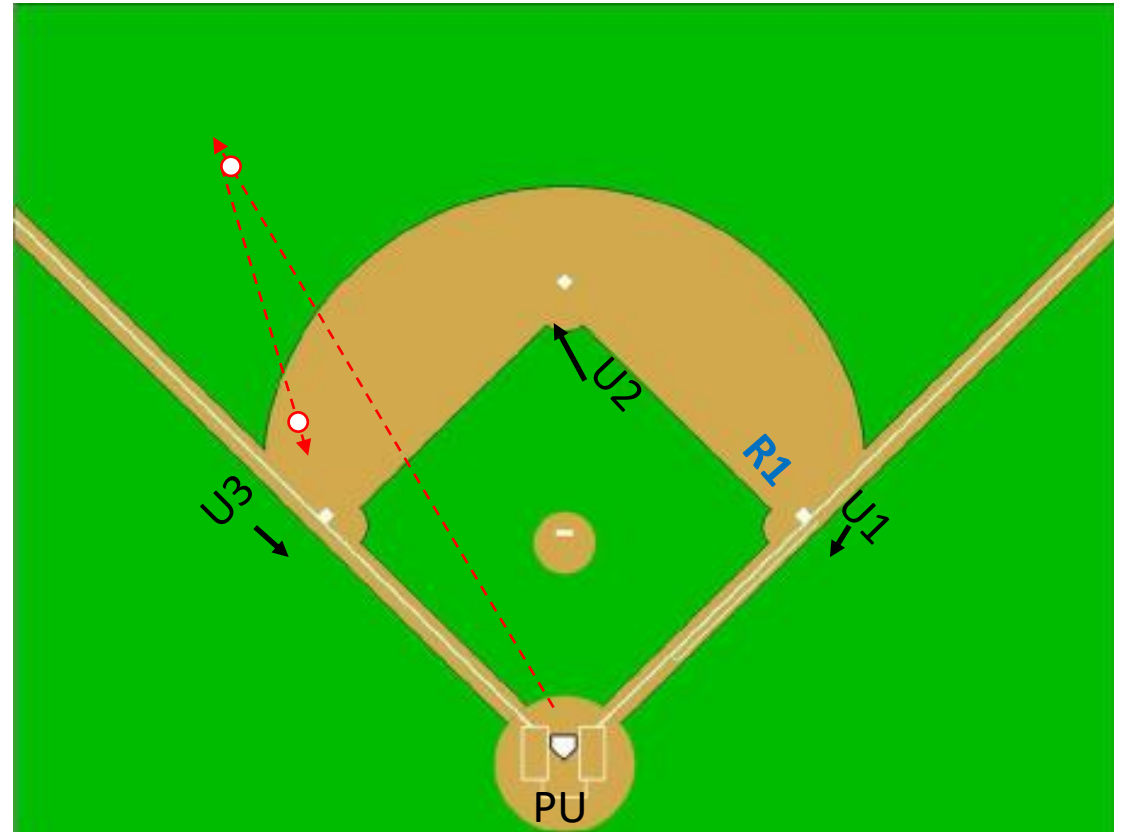
- **PU**
  - Read **U3** going out, and move up the third base line in foul territory
  - Move into a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and third base in front of you and adjust to the play as it develops; it is preferred that **PU** takes the play from the foul side of third base
  - Responsible for All plays at third base
- **U1**
  - Move toward first base in foul territory to see BR touch of first base
  - Pause to read forward progress of R1
  - When R1 commits to third base, move to point of home base
  - Responsible for: BR touch of first and all plays at home
- **U2**
  - Read **U3** going out
  - Establish a working area between first and second base
  - Responsible for: All plays at first after **U1** rotates home and all plays at second base
- **U3**
  - Go out on the ball. If there is potential for a fair/foul decision, U3 must be on the foul line to make a judgement; otherwise U3 should move parallel to the path of the ball
  - Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - Responsible for: Fair/Foul and Catch/No catch



# RUNNER ON FIRST BASE

## *Clean Hit to Outfield*

- **PU:**
  - Observes play
  - Responsible for: All plays at home base
- **U1:**
  - Move toward first base in foul territory to see BR touch of first base
  - Responsible for: All plays at first base, and obstruction when rounding first base
- **U2:**
  - Move into a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play as it develops
  - Responsible for: All plays at second base
- **U3:**
  - Move into a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play if it develops at third base
  - Responsible for: All plays at third base



# RUNNERS ON FIRST AND SECOND BASE

- **U1:**
  - 6-10 feet from first base, in foul territory (inside foot next to foul line).
  - Pickoffs from pitcher should be taken from this position hands-on-knees set. On “back-picks” from the catcher, the angle to the swipe tag should be improved by taking an aggressive step into FOUL territory.
  - If first-baseman is not holding runner, positioning should be 6-8 behind the fielder.
- **U2:**
  - Can set up in the “Deep B” or “Deep C” position
  - When inside, you have no outfield fly ball responsibility and will never cross the infield dirt
- **U3:**
  - in foul territory with the inside foot just off the foul line
  - 6-8 feet behind the fielder
  - If the fielder is playing deep, reduce distance, but always stay 1-2 steps behind the fielder to avoid the fielder stepping or diving on a line drive.
  - Never closer than 10 feet from the base





# RUNNERS ON FIRST AND SECOND BASE

## *Fly Ball to U3's Area of Responsibility*

### ▪ PU

#### \*\*\* IF CAUGHT, DOUBLE-TAG SITUATION\*\*\*

- Read **U3** going out, and move up the third base line in foul territory reading the ball as you travel down the line
- If ball is caught, and R2 tags, and a play develops at third base, moves to a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play as it develops
- Responsible for: R2 at third base

#### \*\*\* IF NOT CAUGHT, REVERSE ROTATION\*\*\*

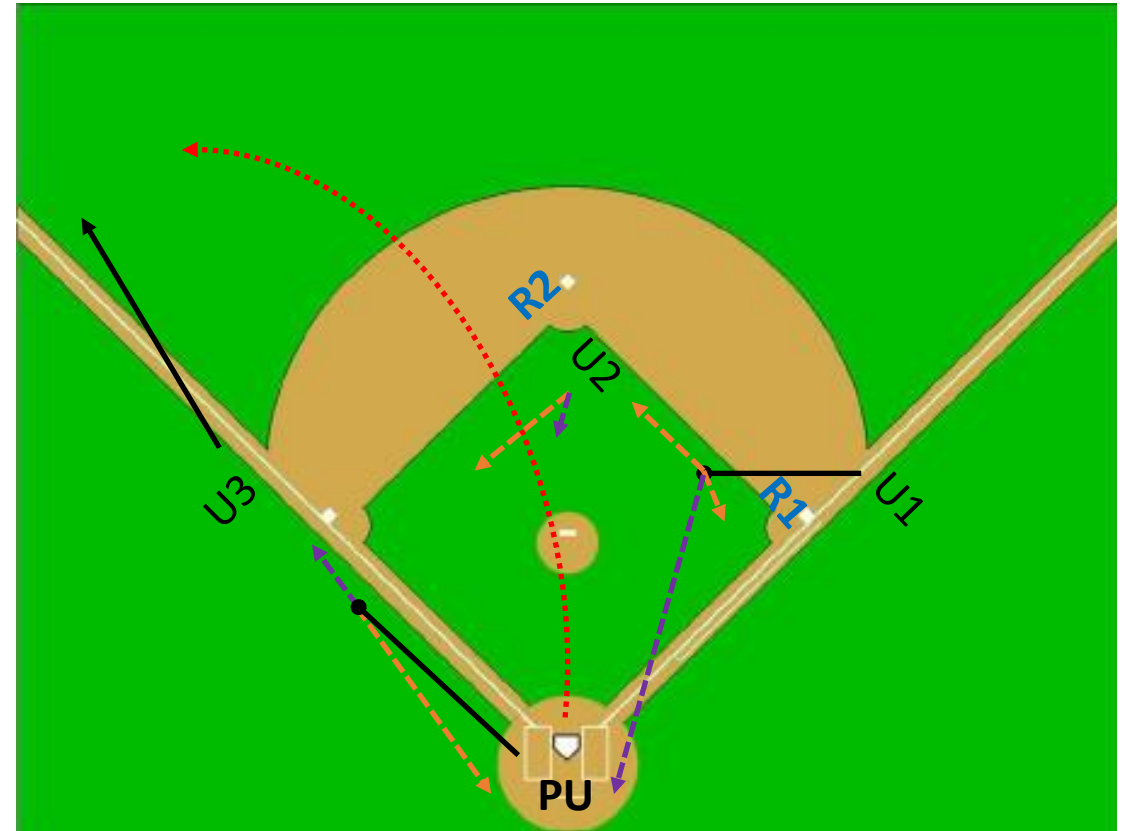
- Read **U3** going out, and move up the third base line in foul territory reading the ball as you travel down the line
- If the ball is uncaught, or there is no tag, return home.
- Responsible for: All plays at home

### ▪ U1

#### \*\*\* IF CAUGHT, DOUBLE-TAG SITUATION\*\*\*

- Read **U3** going out, and enter the infield.
- If ball is caught, and R2 tags, and R2 commits to third base, rotates to home to a position that keeps the ball, the defender, and the base in front of you and adjust to the play as it develops.
- Responsible for: Tag-up of R1 (this will likely be an over-your-right-shoulder look – must do the best they can), all plays at the plate.

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# RUNNERS ON FIRST AND SECOND BASE

## *Fly Ball to U3's Area of Responsibility*

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### ▪ U1

#### \*\*\* IF NOT CAUGHT, REVERSE ROTATION\*\*\*

- Reads **U3** going out, and enter the infield.
- If ball is not caught, takes batter-runner into second base if necessary.
- Responsible for: Batter-runner at first-base and second-base.

### ▪ U2

#### \*\*\* IF CAUGHT, DOUBLE-TAG SITUATION\*\*\*

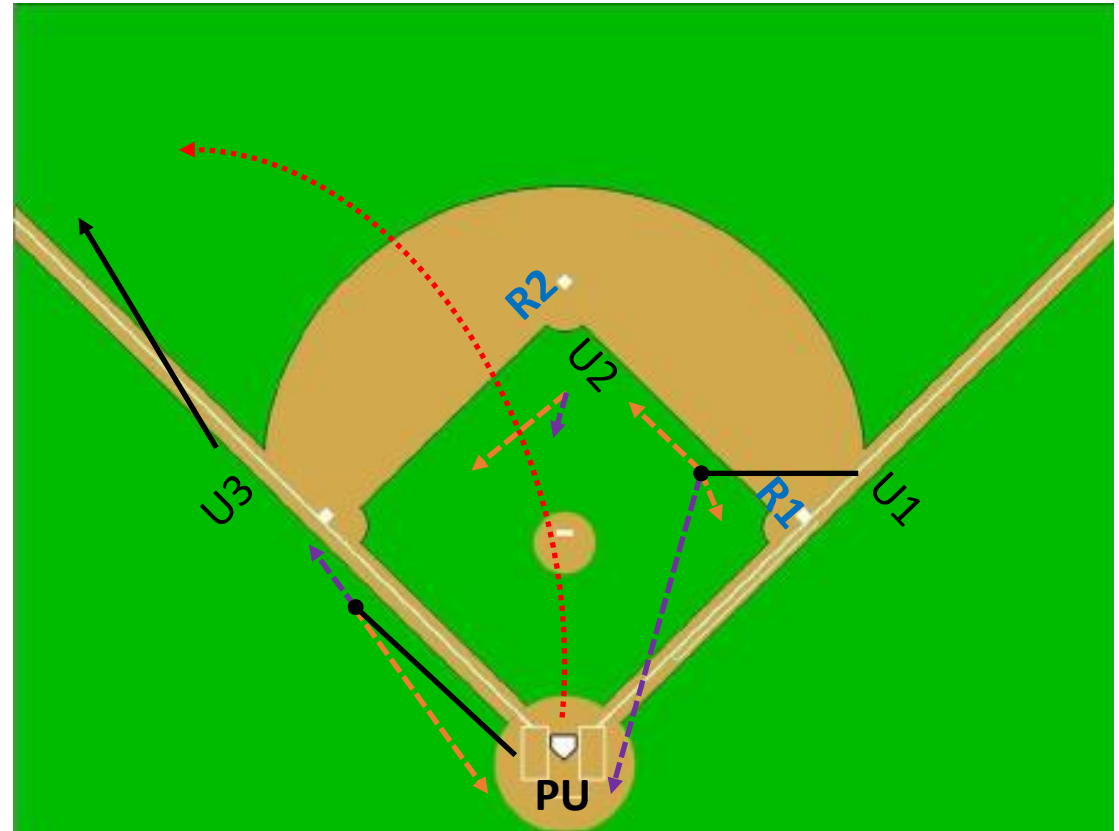
- Reads **U3** going out, and improve tag-up angle.
- If ball is caught, and R2 tags, and R2 commits to third-base, reads **U1** going home and establishes a working area between first and second base for all plays on R1
- Responsible for: Tag-up of R2, R1 at first or second base.

#### \*\*\* IF NOT CAUGHT, REVERSE ROTATION\*\*\*

- Reads **U3** going out, and establishes a working area between second and third base.
- Responsible for: All plays at second at third base except batter runner at second base (take R1 all the way to third base)

### ▪ U3

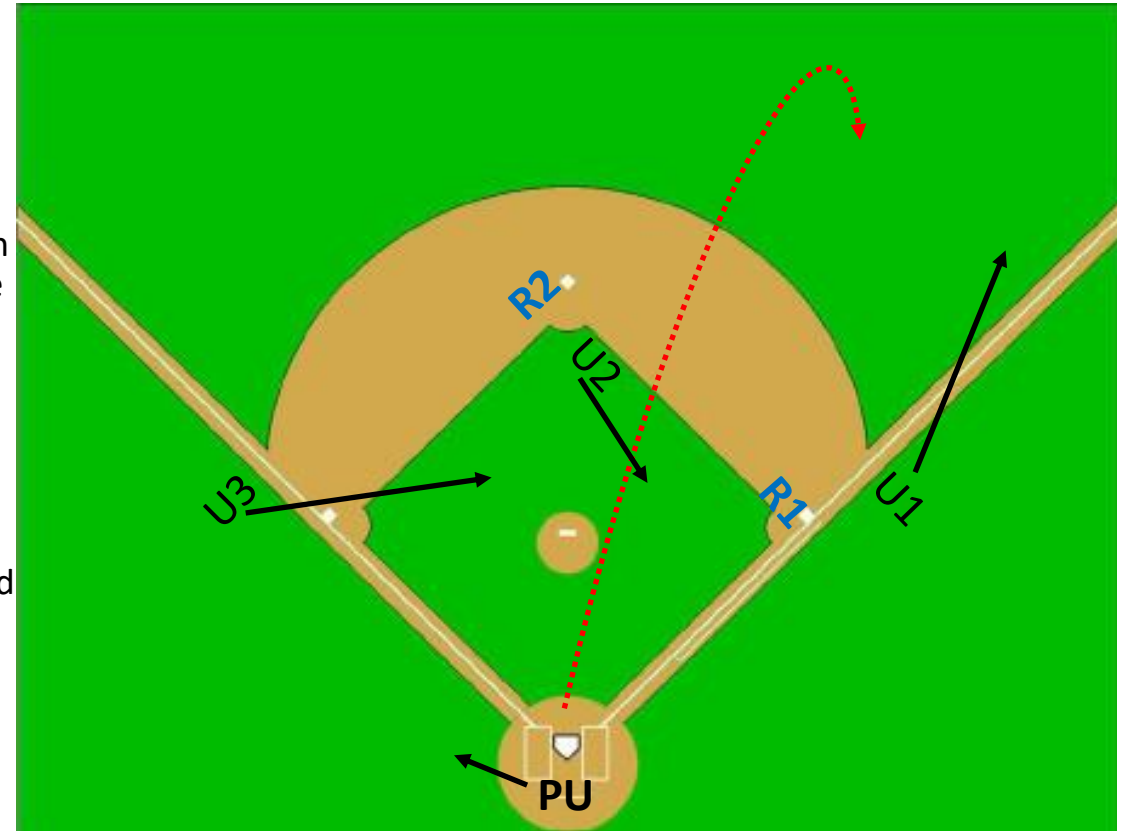
- Go out on the ball. If there is potential for a fair/foul decision, U3 must be on the foul line to make a judgement; otherwise U3 should move parallel to the path of the ball
- Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
- Responsible for: Fair/Foul and Catch/No catch



# RUNNERS ON FIRST AND SECOND BASE

## *Fly Ball to U1's Area of Responsibility*

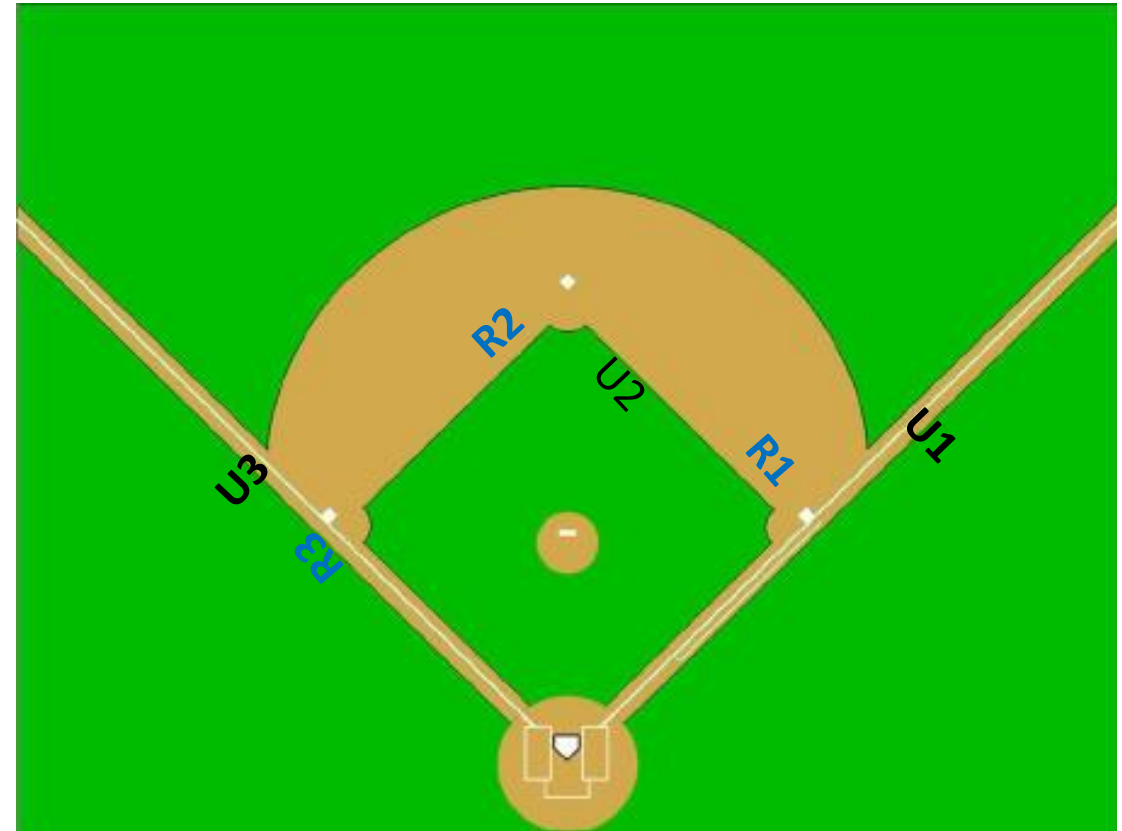
- **PU:**
  - Observes play
  - Responsible for: All plays at home
- **U1**
  - Go out on the ball. If there is potential for a fair/foul decision, U1 must be on the foul line to make a judgement; otherwise U1 should move parallel to the path of the ball
  - Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - Responsible for: Fair/Foul and Catch/No catch
- **U2**
  - Reads **U1** going out, and establishes a working area between first and second base while improving your tag-up angle on R1.
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R1, R1 at first and second base.
- **U3**
  - Reads **U1** going out, and improve your tag-up angle on R2.
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R2, R2 at second, all plays at third.



# BASES LOADED

## *Positioning*

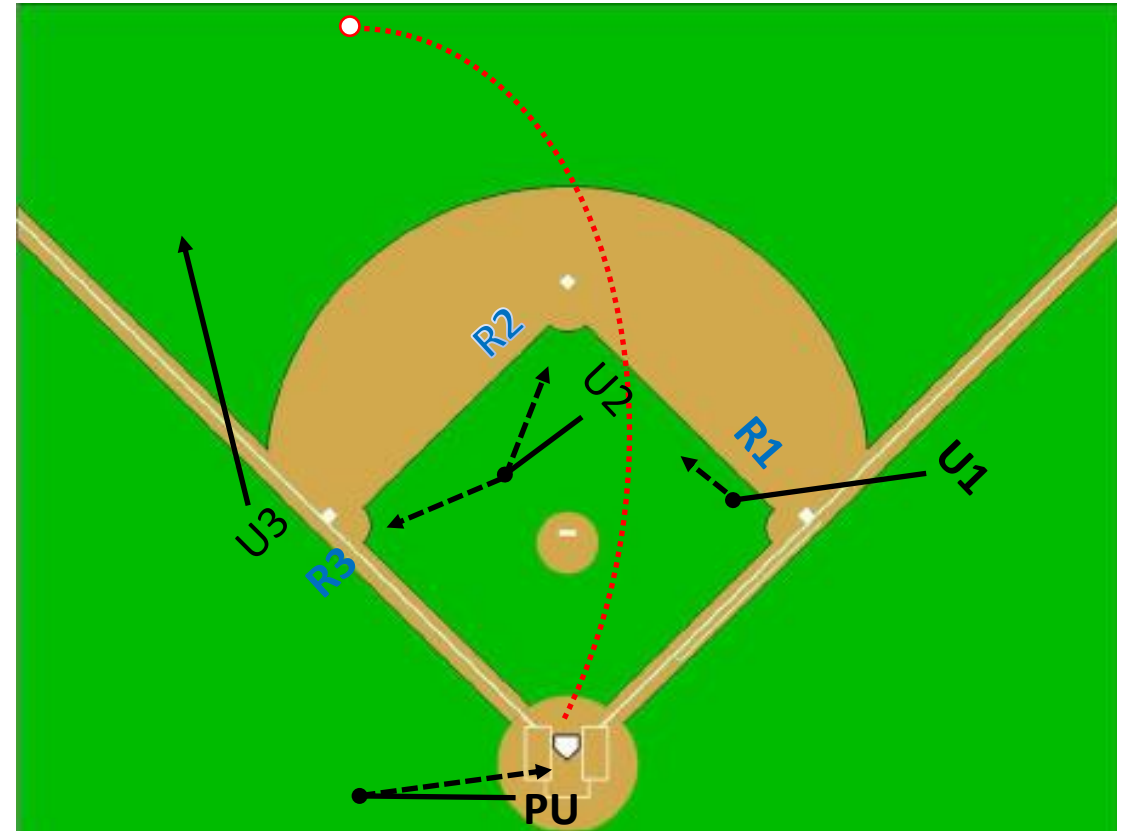
- **U1:**
  - 6-10 feet from first base, in foul territory (inside foot next to foul line).
  - Pickoffs from pitcher should be taken from this position hands-on-knees set. On “back-picks” from the catcher, the angle to the swipe tag should be improved by taking an aggressive step into FOUL territory.
  - If first-baseman is not holding runner, positioning should be 6-8 behind the fielder.
- **U2:**
  - Can set up in the “Deep B” or “Deep C” position
  - When inside, you have no outfield fly ball responsibility and will never cross the infield dirt
- **U3:**
  - in foul territory with the inside foot just off the foul line
  - 6-8 feet behind the fielder
  - If the fielder is playing deep, reduce distance, but always stay 1-2 steps behind the fielder to avoid the fielder stepping or diving on a line drive.
  - Never closer than 10 feet from the base



# BASES LOADED

## *Fly Ball to U3's Area of Responsibility*

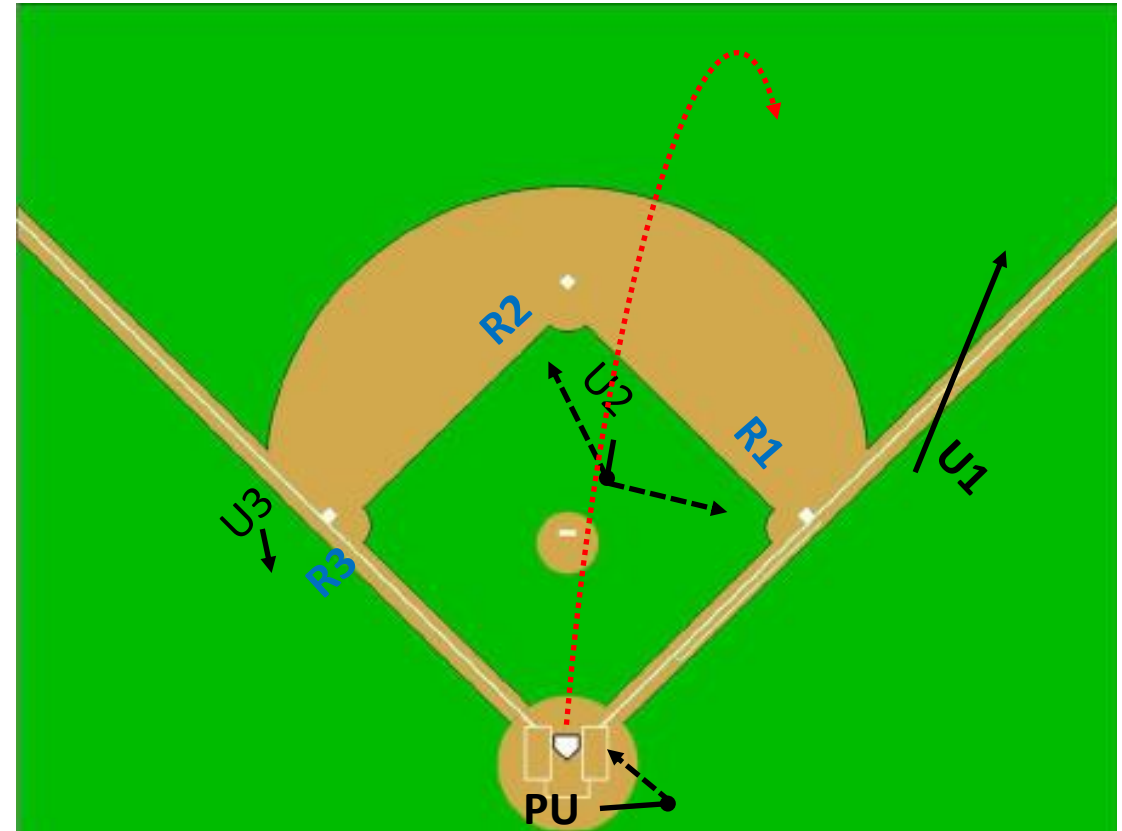
- **PU:**
  - Reads **U3** going out, and improves tag-up angle. Returns home for play.
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R3 All plays at home
- **U1**
  - Reads **U3** going out, and enters the infield.
  - Takes batter-runner into second base if necessary (REVERSE ROTATION)
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R1, R1 at first, batter-runner at first and second base.
- **U2**
  - Read **U3** going out, and establish a working area between second and and third base.
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R2, R1 and R2 at second base, all runners at third base.
- **U3**
  - Go out on the ball. If there is potential for a fair/foul decision, U3 must be on the foul line to make a judgement; otherwise U3 should move parallel to the path of the ball
  - Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - Responsible for: Fair/Foul and Catch/No catch



# BASES LOADED

## *Fly Ball to U1's Area of Responsibility*

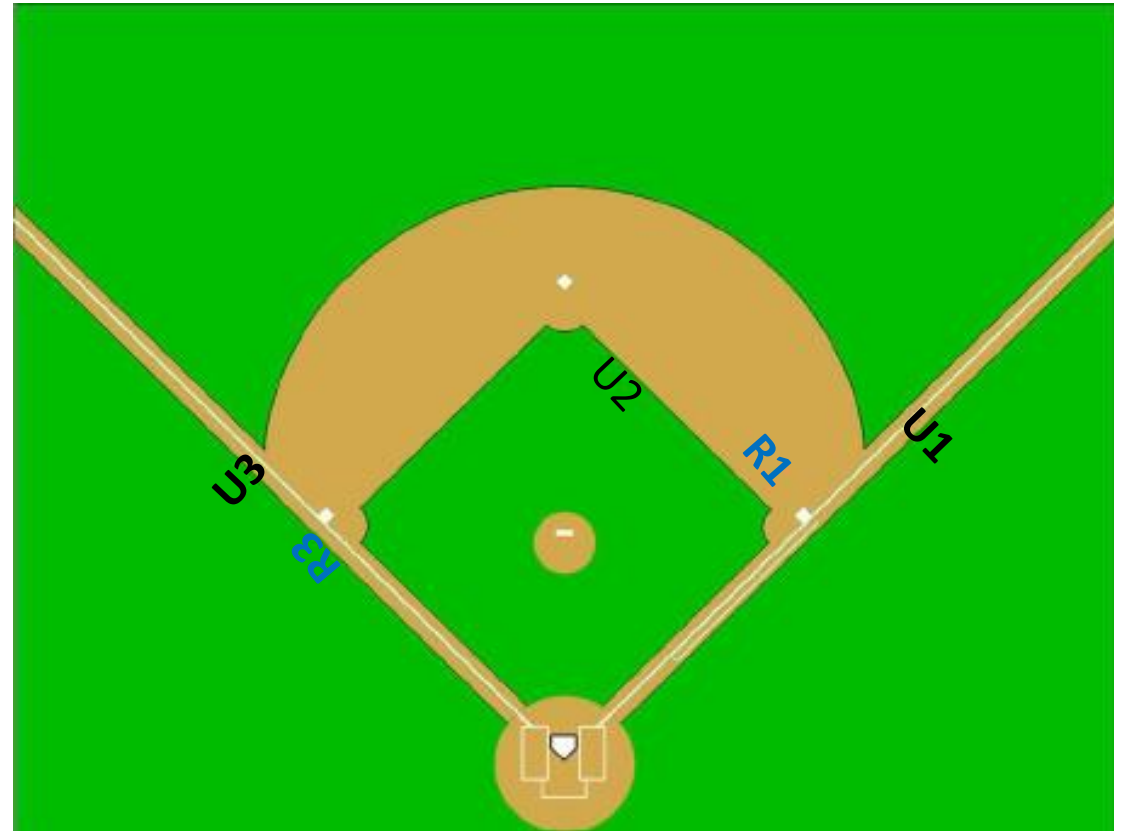
- **PU:**
  - Observes play
  - Responsible for: All plays at home
- **U1**
  - Go out on the ball. If there is potential for a fair/foul decision, U1 must be on the foul line to make a judgement; otherwise U1 should move parallel to the path of the ball
  - Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - Responsible for: Fair/Foul and Catch/No catch
- **U2**
  - Reads **U1** going out, and establishes a working area between first and second base while improving tag up angles for R1 and R2.
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R1 and R2, all plays at first and second base.
- **U3**
  - Reads **U1** going out, and enters the infield improves tag up angles for R3.
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R3, all plays at third base.



# RUNNERS ON FIRST AND THIRD BASE

## *Positioning*

- **U1:**
  - 6-10 feet from first base, in foul territory (inside foot next to foul line).
  - Pickoffs from pitcher should be taken from this position hands-on-knees set. On “back-picks” from the catcher, the angle to the swipe tag should be improved by taking an aggressive step into FOUL territory.
  - If first-baseman is not holding runner, positioning should be 6-8 behind the fielder.
- **U2:**
  - Can set up in the “Deep B” or “Deep C” position
  - When inside, you have no outfield fly ball responsibility and will never cross the infield dirt
- **U3:**
  - in foul territory with the inside foot just off the foul line
  - 6-8 feet behind the fielder
  - If the fielder is playing deep, reduce distance, but always stay 1-2 steps behind the fielder to avoid the fielder stepping or diving on a line drive.
  - Never closer than 10 feet from the base

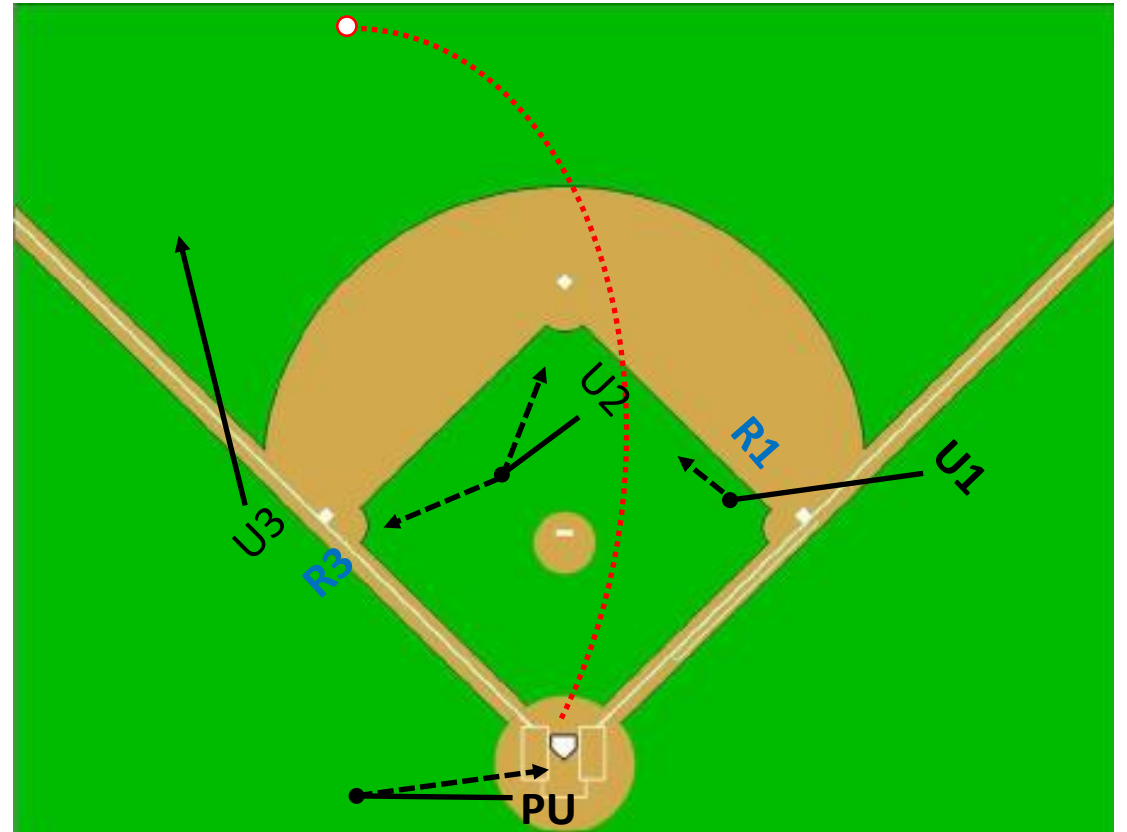




# RUNNERS ON FIRST AND THIRD BASE

## *Fly Ball to U3's Area of Responsibility*

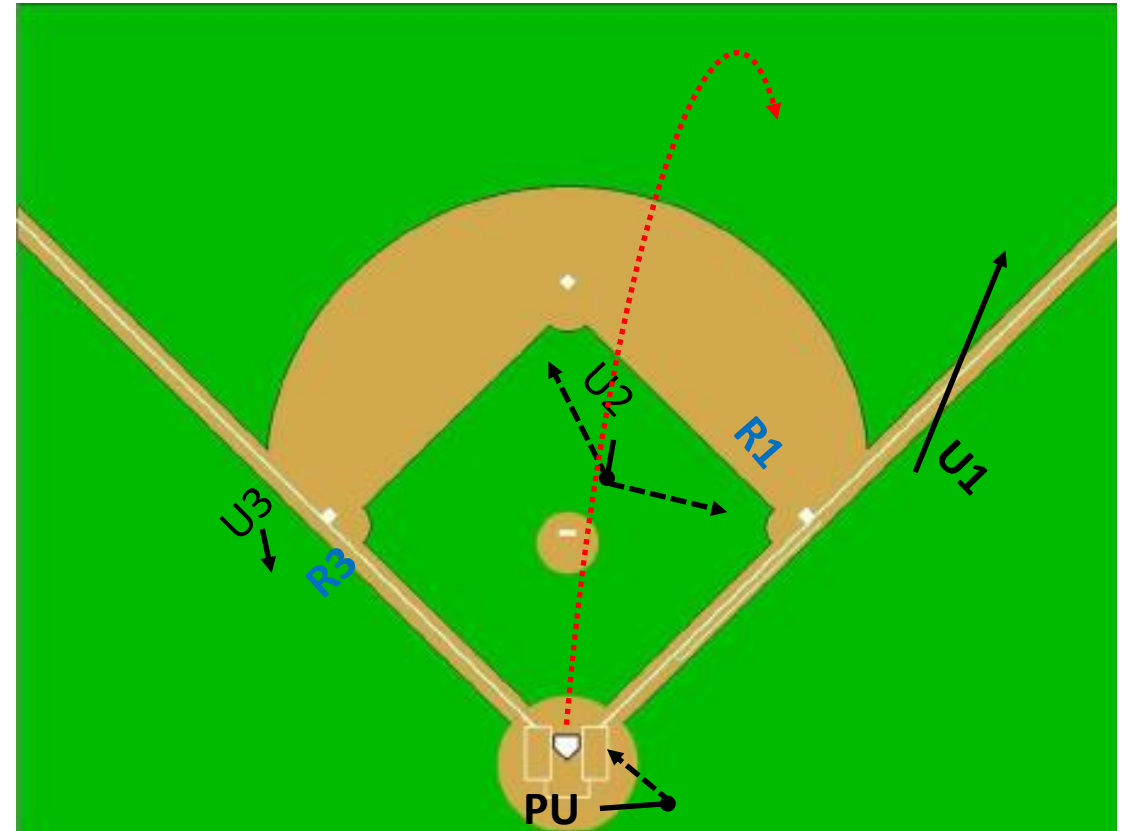
- **PU:**
  - Reads **U3** going out, and improves tag-up angle. Returns home for play.
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R3 All plays at home
- **U1**
  - Reads **U3** going out, and enters the infield.
  - Takes batter-runner into second base if necessary (REVERSE ROTATION)
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R1, R1 at first, batter-runner at first and second base.
- **U2**
  - Read **U3** going out, and establish a working area between second and third base.
  - Responsible for: R1 and R2 at second base, all runners at third base.
- **U3**
  - Go out on the ball. If there is potential for a fair/foul decision, U3 must be on the foul line to make a judgement; otherwise U3 should move parallel to the path of the ball
  - Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - Responsible for: Fair/Foul and Catch/No catch



# RUNNERS ON FIRST AND THIRD BASE

## *Fly Ball to U1's Area of Responsibility*

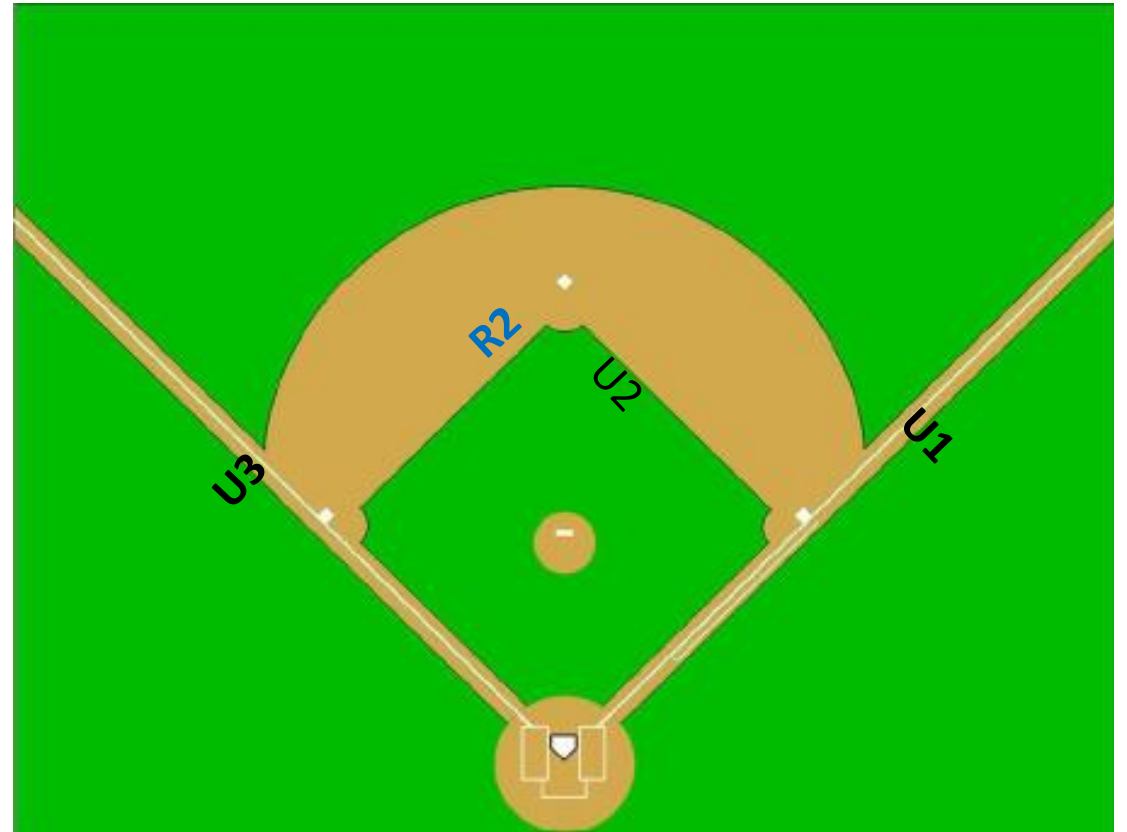
- **PU:**
  - Observes play
  - Responsible for: All plays at home
- **U1**
  - Go out on the ball. If there is potential for a fair/foul decision, U1 must be on the foul line to make a judgement; otherwise U1 should move parallel to the path of the ball
  - Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - Responsible for: Fair/Foul and Catch/No catch
- **U2**
  - Reads **U1** going out, and establishes a working area between first and second base while improving tag up angles for R1.
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R1, all plays at first and second base.
- **U3**
  - Reads **U1** going out, and enters the infield improves tag up angles for R3.
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R3, all plays at third base.



# RUNNER ON SECOND BASE

## *Positioning*

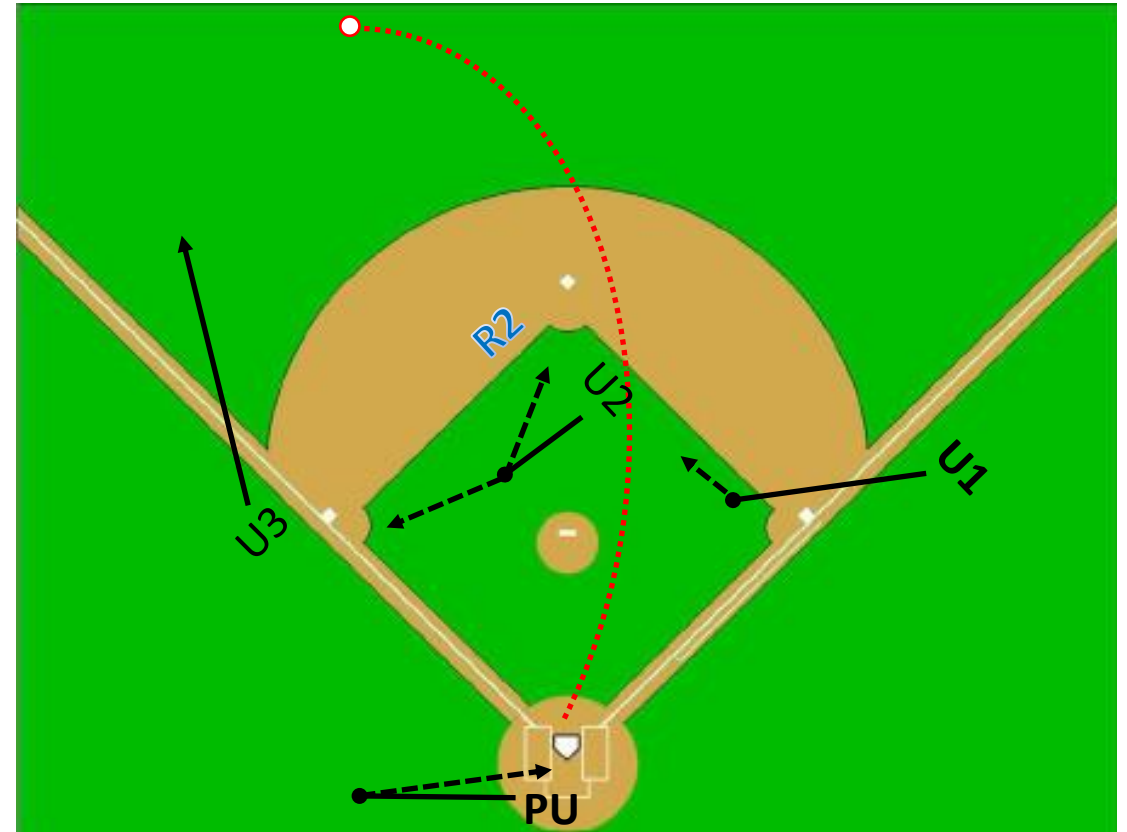
- **U1:**
  - 6-10 feet from first base, in foul territory (inside foot next to foul line).
  - Pickoffs from pitcher should be taken from this position hands-on-knees set. On “back-picks” from the catcher, the angle to the swipe tag should be improved by taking an aggressive step into FOUL territory.
  - If first-baseman is not holding runner, positioning should be 6-8 behind the fielder.
- **U2:**
  - Can set up in the “Deep B” or “Deep C” position
  - When inside, you have no outfield fly ball responsibility and will never cross the infield dirt
- **U3:**
  - in foul territory with the inside foot just off the foul line
  - 6-8 feet behind the fielder
  - If the fielder is playing deep, reduce distance, but always stay 1-2 steps behind the fielder to avoid the fielder stepping or diving on a line drive.
  - Never closer than 10 feet from the base



# RUNNER ON SECOND BASE

## *Fly Ball to U3's Area of Responsibility*

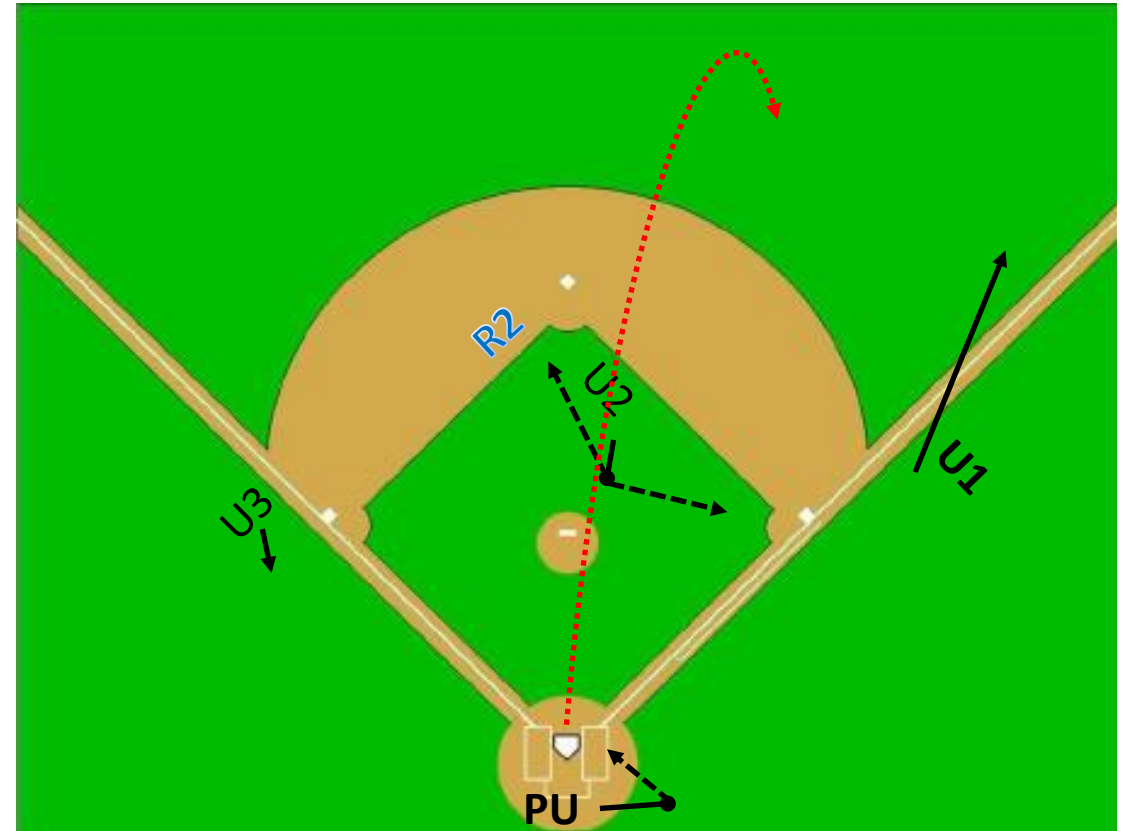
- **PU:**
  - Observes play.
  - Responsible for: All plays at home
- **U1**
  - Reads **U3** going out, and enter the infield.
  - Takes batter-runner into second base if necessary (REVERSE ROTATION)
  - Responsible for: Batter-runner at first and second base.
- **U2**
  - Read **U3** going out, and establish a working area between second and third base.
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R2, R2 at second base and third base, batter runner at third base.
- **U3**
  - Go out on the ball. If there is potential for a fair/foul decision, U3 must be on the foul line to make a judgement; otherwise U3 should move parallel to the path of the ball
  - Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - Responsible for: Fair/Foul and Catch/No catch



# RUNNER ON SECOND BASE

## *Fly Ball to U1's Area of Responsibility*

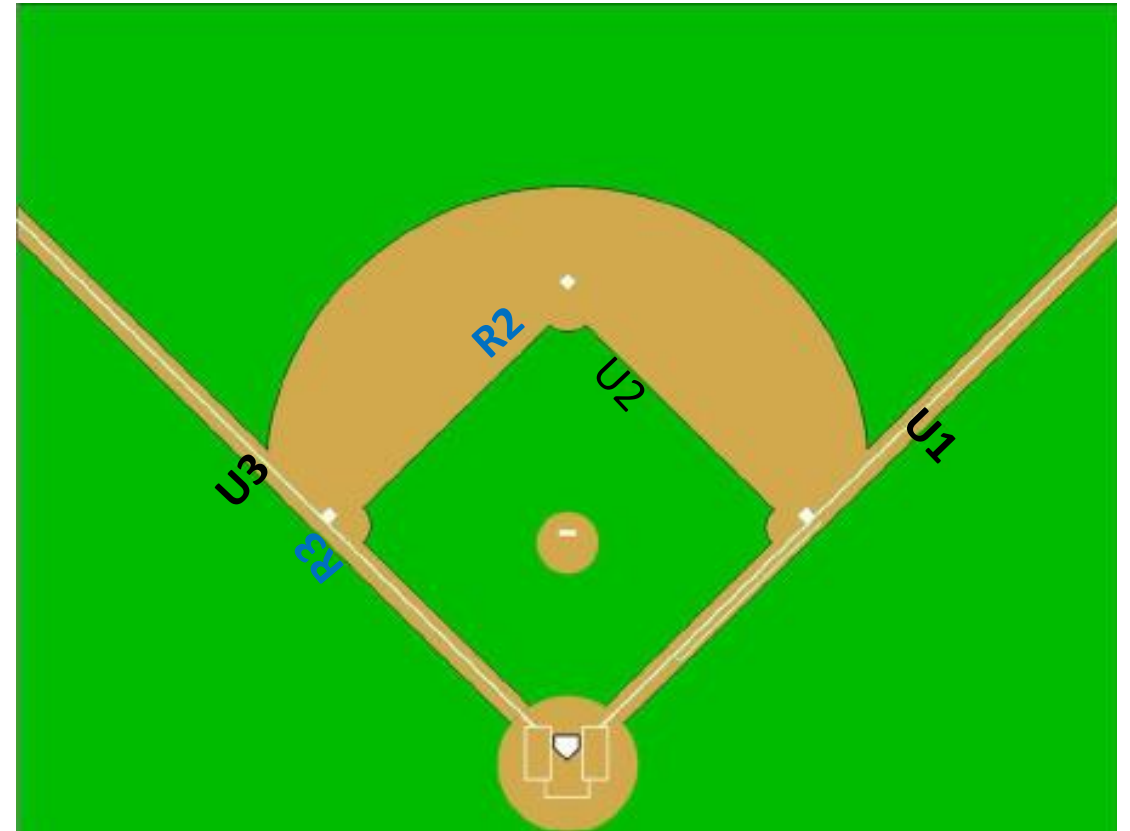
- **PU:**
  - Observes play.
  - Responsible for: All plays at home
- **U1**
  - Go out on the ball. If there is potential for a fair/foul decision, U1 must be on the foul line to make a judgement; otherwise U1 should move parallel to the path of the ball
  - Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - Responsible for: Fair/Foul and Catch/No catch
- **U2**
  - Reads **U1** going out, and establishes a working area between first and second base while improving your tag-up angle on R2.
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R2, All plays at first and second base.
- **U3**
  - Reads **U1** going out.
  - Responsible for: All plays at third base.



# RUNNERS ON SECOND AND THIRD BASE

## *Positioning*

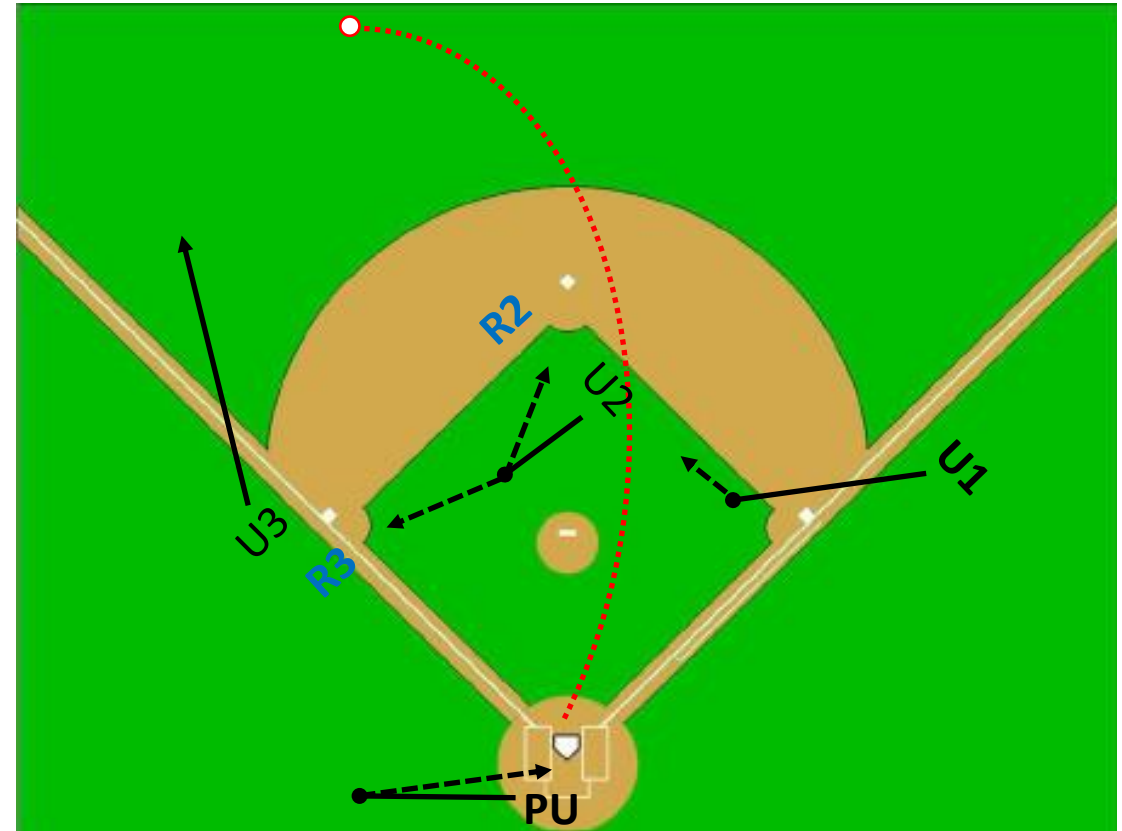
- **U1:**
  - 6-10 feet from first base, in foul territory (inside foot next to foul line).
  - Pickoffs from pitcher should be taken from this position hands-on-knees set. On “back-picks” from the catcher, the angle to the swipe tag should be improved by taking an aggressive step into FOUL territory.
  - If first-baseman is not holding runner, positioning should be 6-8 behind the fielder.
- **U2:**
  - Can set up in the “Deep B” or “Deep C” position
  - When inside, you have no outfield fly ball responsibility and will never cross the infield dirt
- **U3:**
  - in foul territory with the inside foot just off the foul line
  - 6-8 feet behind the fielder
  - If the fielder is playing deep, reduce distance, but always stay 1-2 steps behind the fielder to avoid the fielder stepping or diving on a line drive.
  - Never closer than 10 feet from the base



# RUNNERS ON SECOND AND THIRD BASE

## *Fly Ball to U3's Area of Responsibility*

- **PU:**
  - Reads **U3** going out, and improves tag-up angle. Returns home for play.
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R3 All plays at home
- **U1**
  - Reads **U3** going out, and enter the infield.
  - Takes batter-runner into second base if necessary (REVERSE ROTATION)
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R1, R1 at first, batter-runner at first and second base.
- **U2**
  - Read **U3** going out, and establish a working area between second and and third base.
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R2, R1 and R2 at second base, all runners at third base.
- **U3**
  - Go out on the ball. If there is potential for a fair/foul decision, U3 must be on the foul line to make a judgement; otherwise U3 should move parallel to the path of the ball
  - Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - Responsible for: Fair/Foul and Catch/No catch

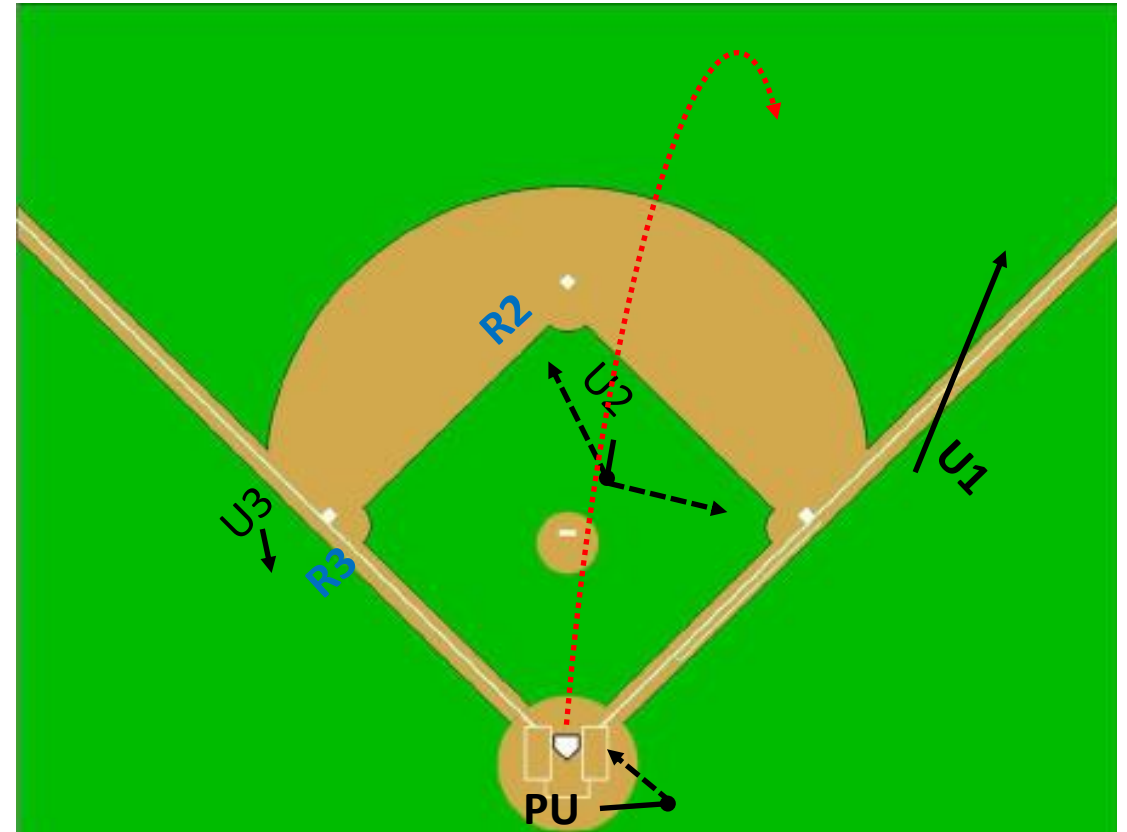




# RUNNERS ON SECOND AND THIRD BASE

## *Fly Ball to U1's Area of Responsibility*

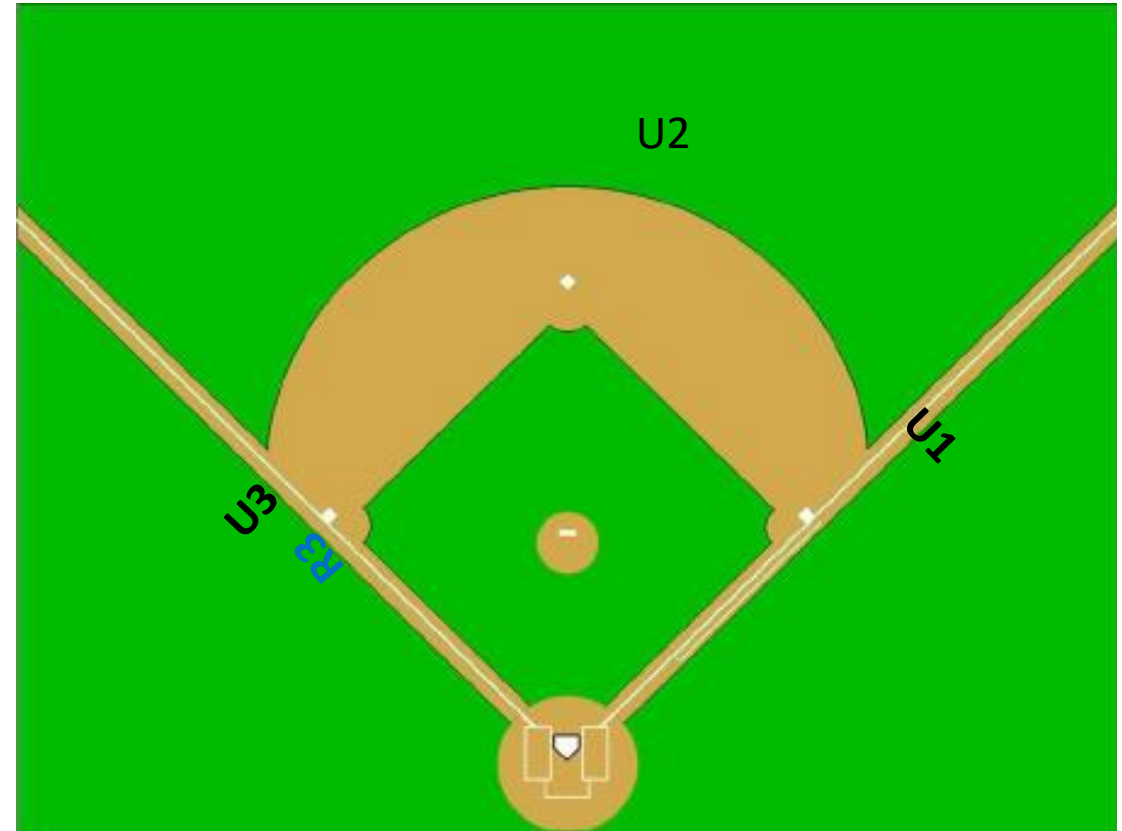
- **PU:**
  - Observes play
  - Responsible for: All plays at home
- **U1**
  - Go out on the ball. If there is potential for a fair/foul decision, U1 must be on the foul line to make a judgement; otherwise U1 should move parallel to the path of the ball
  - Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - Responsible for: Fair/Foul and Catch/No catch
- **U2**
  - Reads **U1** going out, and establishes a working area between first and second base while improving tag up angles for R2.
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R2, all plays at first and second base.
- **U3**
  - Reads **U1** going out, and enters the infield improves tag up angles for R3.
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R3, all plays at third base.



# RUNNER ON THIRD BASE

## *Positioning*

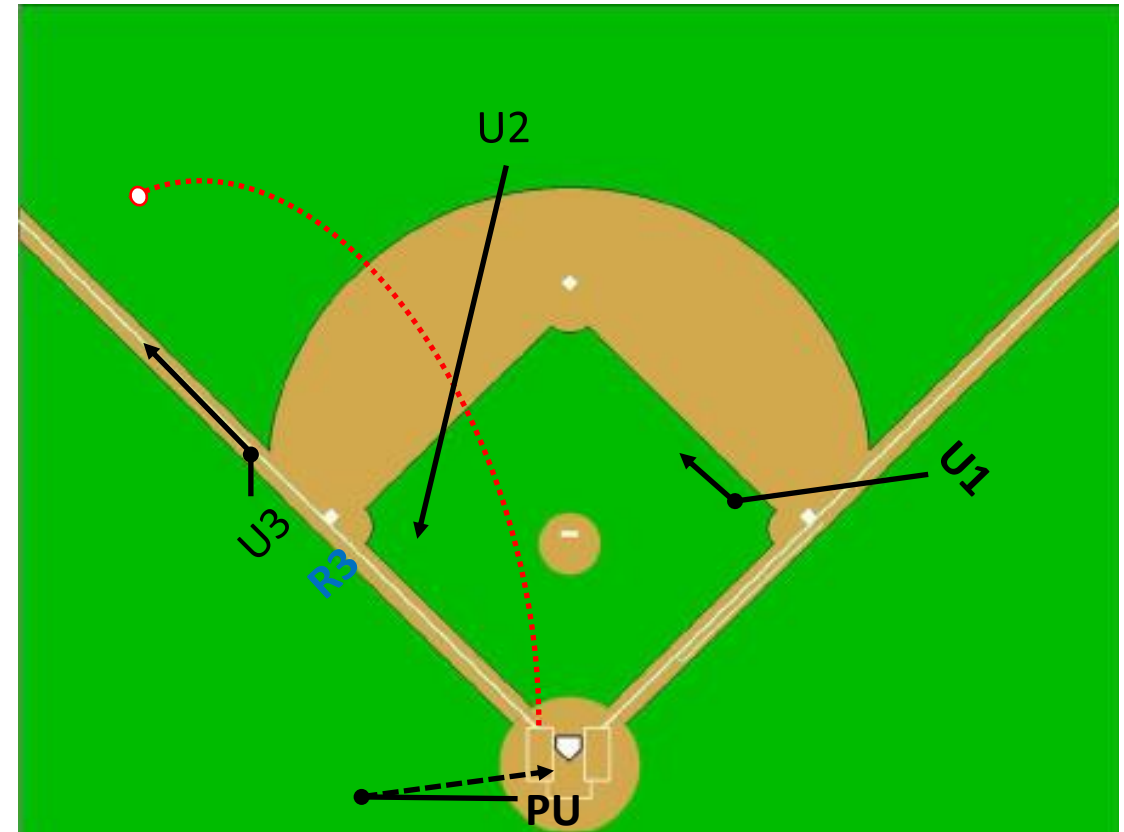
- **U1:**
  - 6-10 feet from first base, in foul territory (inside foot next to foul line).
  - Pickoffs from pitcher should be taken from this position hands-on-knees set. On “back-picks” from the catcher, the angle to the swipe tag should be improved by taking an aggressive step into FOUL territory.
  - If first-baseman is not holding runner, positioning should be 6-8 behind the fielder.
- **U2** shall be in fair territory in either the B or C position
  - B: Set up square to home, between second base and second baseman, on the outside of the infield, approximately 10 feet into the outfield grass
  - C: Set up square to home, between second base and shortstop, on the outside of the infield, approximately 10 feet into the outfield grass
- **U3:**
  - in foul territory with the inside foot just off the foul line
  - 6-8 feet behind the fielder
  - If the fielder is playing deep, reduce distance, but always stay 1-2 steps behind the fielder to avoid the fielder stepping or diving on a line drive.
  - Never closer than 10 feet from the base



# RUNNERS ON THIRD BASE

## *Fly Ball to U3's Area of Responsibility*

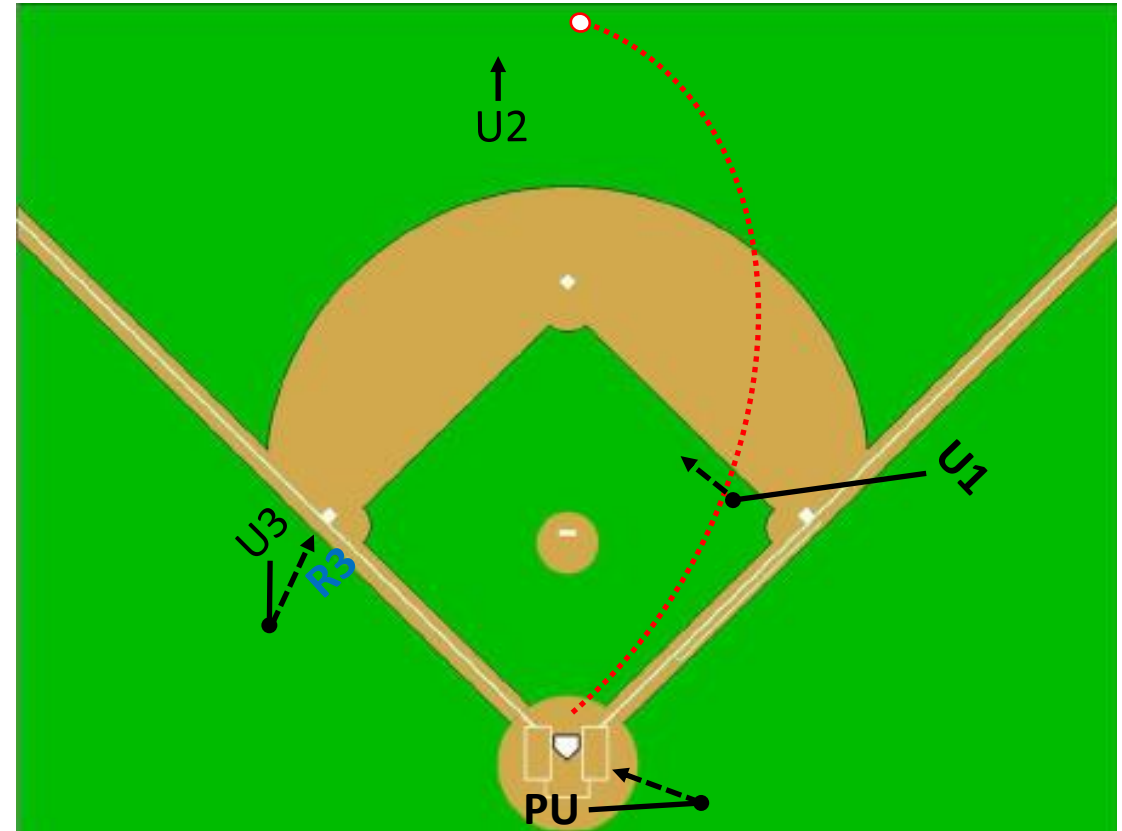
- **PU:**
  - Reads **U3** going out, and improves tag-up angle. Returns home for play.
  - Responsible for: Tag-up of R3, all plays at home
- **U1**
  - Reads **U3** going out, and enters the infield.
  - Takes batter-runner into second base if necessary
  - Responsible for: batter-runner at first and second base.
- **U2**
  - Read **U3** going out, and enters the infield to cover plays at third base.
  - Responsible for: all runners at third base.
- **U3**
  - Go out on the ball. If there is potential for a fair/foul decision, U3 must be on the foul line to make a judgement; otherwise U3 should move parallel to the path of the ball
  - Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - Responsible for: Fair/Foul and Catch/No catch



# RUNNERS ON THIRD BASE

## *Fly Ball to U2's Area of Responsibility*

- **PU:**
  - Observes play
  - Responsible for: All plays at home
- **U1**
  - Reads U2 going out, and enter the infield.
  - Take batter-runner into second base if necessary
  - Responsible for: batter-runner at first and second base.
- **U2**
  - Go out on the ball. U2 should move parallel to the path of the ball
  - Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - Responsible for: Catch/No catch
- **U3**
  - Read **U2** going out, and enters the infield to cover plays at third base.
  - Responsible for: all runners at third base.



# RUNNERS ON THIRD BASE

## *Fly Ball to U1's Area of Responsibility*

- **PU:**
  - Observes play
  - Responsible for: All plays at home
- **U1**
  - Go out on the ball. If there is potential for a fair/foul decision, U1 must be on the foul line to make a judgement; otherwise U1 should move parallel to the path of the ball
  - Do not return to the infield until the play is complete
  - Responsible for: Fair/Foul and Catch/No catch
- **U2**
  - Read U1 going out, and enters the infield to cover plays at first and second base.
  - Responsible for: all runners at first and second base.
- **U3**
  - Read U1 going out, and enters the infield to cover plays at third base.
  - Responsible for: all runners at third base.

