

Three Man Pre-Game

- Communicate! Between batters as well as during play!
- In most situations, if a base umpire goes out, revert to 2 man mechanics.

Fair/Foul:

If you are on the line, your call at the base and beyond, otherwise HPU.

Check Swing:

Right handed hitter - 1BU

Left handed hitter - 3BU

Tag Ups / Touches:

Watch base you are at or going to, plate umpire scan corner bases!

After each batter or situation think about:

1) *OF/IF Fly ball coverage*

2) *Rotations/Reverse Rotations*

3) *Check Swing*

4) *Watch the pitcher!*

Infield Catch: HPU has catches in the box (pitcher in and to the side; infielders moving hard toward the plate while in the grass).

3BU inside has the V. 1BU has 2B toward him and 1B.

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1BU and 3BU on the lines: 1BU has SS toward him, 2B and 1B. 3BU has 2B toward him, SS and 3B.

OF Coverage: Whether you go out or not, you are responsible for catches in your area!

Go out on balls to the wall, balls caught below the waist, balls when OF'ers converge to make a catch and balls that may be a fair/foul call.

1BU and 3BU on the lines: Split the OF, 1BU has fly ball to straight CF.

3BU inside: 1BU has CF to RF line, 3BU inside has CF to LF, HPU has LF to the line.

If 1BU does not go out, 3BU has entire V.

1BU inside: 3BU has CF to LF line, 1BU inside has CF to RF, HPU has RF to the line.

If 3BU does not go out, 1BU has entire V.

Umpire inside may go out on deep balls to his ½ of the V – talk! Umpire on the line must get inside quickly!

Initial positions

If a runner is on 1B, 3BU is inside, positioned in deep C except for runners on 1st and 2nd. With a runner on 1st only, 3BU may be positioned in deep C or deep B.

Runners on 2nd or 2nd and 3rd: 1BU inside in deep B.

Runner at 3rd only, both base umpires on the lines.

Rotations

If no base umpire goes out:

Runners at 1st or runners at 1st and 3rd : HPU rotates to 3rd on a base hit (to OF). Do NOT read the runners to decide to rotate. We rotate automatically. 1BU will drop to plate. Mirror the runner going from 1st to 3rd as he runs from 2nd to 3rd. *With two outs, 3BU takes the entire V, as the 1BU will immediately rotate home in a rotation, to be in position for a play at the plate.*

Runners at 1st and 2nd: HPU rotates for play at 3rd for runner tagging at 2nd. 1BU will drop to plate after watching tag at 1st.

With no runners on, HPU rotates to 3rd on a triple, if not trailing to 1st.

With no runners on, if 1BU goes out, HPU trails batter/runner to 1st.

With both umpires on lines, 3BU will either go out on ball, or come into 2nd base (including with runner on 3rd only!)

Reverse Rotations

Runners on 1st and 2nd or 1st, 2nd and 3rd: HPU stays at the plate, 1BU pivots inside to take batter/runner to 2nd base, as well as any secondary play at 2nd. 3BU has initial plays at 3rd and 2nd, except for the batter/runner at 2nd.