

**MANUAL FOR THE
THREE-UMPIRE
SYSTEM**

60-FOOT DIAMOND

Section 1
60 Foot Diamond

No Runners on Base
Three-Umpire Mechanics

SECTION 1

NO RUNNERS ON BASE

- 1.1 The first base umpire will be positioned about 10-12 feet behind the first baseman with both feet in foul territory. The third base umpire should be in the same approximate position behind the third baseman.
- 1.2 On all ground balls, fly balls, and line drives to the infield the first base umpire will come into fair territory staying to the outside (outfield) of the infield and set up in a position to render a decision at first base if necessary. The first base umpire will be responsible for the batter-runner touching first and any play that may develop at first on the batter-runner. He/she will also be responsible for taking the batter-runner into second should a play develop there. The third base umpire will come into fair territory, staying to the outside of the infield, and take a position that will give him/her the best angle to observe the play and be able to offer any assistance that may be needed. The third base umpire will be responsible for any touch of third or any play that may develop at third on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught or an overthrow occur. On all fly balls and line drives, the home plate umpire will be responsible for the catch/no catch and will come into fair territory in front of the pitcher's mound and move into a position where he/she has the best view of the ball. On ground balls the home plate umpire will clear the catcher and trail the batter-runner up the first base line and will be responsible for any ball going into dead ball territory and to be able to assist, if asked, the first base umpire with a pulled foot; swipe tag; etc. The home plate umpire will also be responsible for any touch of home or any play that may develop at home plate.
- 1.3 On all fly balls and line drives to the outfield, (with the exception of "trouble" balls), the responsibility for the catch/no catch will belong to the home plate umpire. The first base umpire will pivot into the infield and will be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; for any play back into first and for taking the batter-runner into second if he/she should attempt to advance, if the ball is not caught. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield, keeping the ball in front of him/her and take a position that will offer the best angle to observe the play and to offer any assistance that may be needed. The third base umpire will be responsible for any play that may develop at third base on the batter-runner. The home plate umpire will come into fair territory in front of the pitcher's mound and move into a position where he/she has the best view of the ball. The home plate umpire will have the responsibility for the catch/no catch on the fly ball or line drive and will be responsible for any touch of home or any play that may develop at home plate.
- 1.4 On base hits to the outfield the first base umpire will pivot into the infield and will be responsible for the batter-runner touching first and for any play that may

- develop on the batter-runner continuing on to second or returning to first. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield, keeping the ball in front of him/her and take a position that will offer the best angle to observe the play and offer any assistance that may be needed. The third base umpire will be responsible for the touch of third and for any play that may develop at third on the batter-runner. The home plate umpire will come into fair territory in front of the pitcher's mound and move into a position where he/she has the best view of the play. The home plate umpire will be responsible for any touch of home or any play that may develop at home plate.
- 1.5 If the first base umpire goes out on a 'trouble' ball, the third base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the batter-runner touching first, any play back into first, and for the touch or any play that may develop at second or third on the batter-runner advancing should the ball not be caught. The home plate umpire will come out from behind home plate going a few feet into foul territory and a few feet down the third base line to observe the play and be ready to offer any assistance that may be needed. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the touch and any play that may develop at home plate. Once an umpire has gone out, he/she will stay out until the play has ended. The umpire should wait until all action has ceased before running to his/her position.
- 1.6 If the third base umpire goes out on a 'trouble' ball, you will revert back to the two umpire system. The first base umpire will pivot in and be responsible for the batter-runner touching first, second or third base and for any plays that may develop of the batter-runner. The home plate umpire will come into fair territory in front of the pitcher's mound to observe the ball and be ready to offer any assistance that may be required. The home plate umpire will be responsible for any touch of home or any play that may develop at home plate.

SECTION 2

RUNNER ON FIRST BASE ONLY

- 2.1 The first base umpire will be positioned 10-12 feet behind the first baseman with both feet in foul territory. The third base umpire will be positioned between the second baseman and the second base bag approximately 20 to 30 feet from second base on the outside of the infield.
- 2.2 On all ground balls, line drives and fly balls to the infield, the first base umpire will come into fair territory staying to the outside (outfield) of the infield and set up in a position to render a decision at first base, if necessary. The first base umpire will have responsibility of the batter-runner touching first; any play at first on the batter-runner; the batter-runner passing the runner on first; the tag up of the runner on first; and any play back into first on the runner on first. The third base umpire will take a drop step to open up his/her field of vision and step and turn with the ball facing the fielder as the ball is being fielded. The third base umpire will let the ball take him/her to the play and by only taking a step or two in any direction will be in a good, initial position for any play(s) that may develop at second. The third base umpire will be responsible for any play at second on the runner from first. The third base umpire will also be responsible for the touch of second by the runner on first. He/she will also be responsible for the touch of and any play that may develop at second or third by the batter-runner should an overthrow occur and he/she continues to advance. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the catch/no catch of all fly balls and line drives and will come out from behind home plate into fair territory in front of the pitcher's mound and move into a position where he/she has the best angle/view of the play/ball to make the call. On ground balls the home plate umpire will move toward the first base line and take a position to be able to observe the play at first and offer any assistance that may be needed. If the play is at first base only or the runner is safe at second, the home plate umpire will come out from behind home plate and move down the third base line in foul territory and communicate with his/her partners "I've got third if he/she comes." This will alert his/her partners to the possibility of a play at third and that he/she has it covered. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the touch or any play at third on the runner from first and also for any touch of home plate or any play that may develop at home plate.
- 2.3 On all fly balls and line drivers to the outfield (with the exception of 'trouble' balls), the responsibility for the catch/no catch will belong to the home plate umpire. The first base umpire will pivot into the infield and be responsible for the tag up of the runner on first; the batter-runner touching first; any play that may develop at or back into first by either runner and for any play at second on the batter-runner if the ball is not caught. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield and be responsible for the runner from first touching second if the ball is not caught and for any play at second on the runner advancing from first. The third base umpire will also be responsible for any play at or touch of third by the runner from first or the batter-runner. The home plate umpire will come into fair territory in front of the pitcher's mound and move into a position where he/she has the best angle/view of the play/ball. The home plate umpire will have the responsibility for the catch/no catch on the fly ball or line drive;

- to be able to offer any assistance if needed and to be responsible for any touch of home and any play that may develop at home plate.
- 2.4 On base hits to the outfield the first base umpire will pivot into the infield and be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; and for any plays that may develop on the batter-runner continuing on to second or returning to first. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield and will be responsible for any plays that may develop on the runner from first base touching second; continuing on to third or returning to second; and for any touch or play at third at the batter-runner. The home plate umpire will come out from behind home plate going a few feet into foul territory and a few feet down the third base line to observe the play and be ready to offer any assistance that may be needed. The home plate umpire will be responsible for any touch of home and any plate that may develop at home plate.
- 2.5 If the first base umpire goes out on a ‘trouble’ ball, the umpires will revert to the two man system. The third base umpire will pivot into the working area and will be responsible for the tag up of the runner on first; any play back into first on the runner and for the touch or any play that may develop at second on the runner from first. He/she will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; any play back into first on the batter-runner and for the touch or any play that may develop at second or third on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught. The home plate umpire will come out from behind home plate going a few feet into foul territory and a few feet down the third base line and communicate with his/her partner “I’ve got third if he/she comes” to alert him/her that should a play develop that it is covered. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the touch and any play that may develop at third on the runner from first. He/she will also be responsible for the touch or any play that may develop at home plate. The umpires would let the ball take them to the play and be careful to not over commit to any base.
- 2.6 If the third base umpire goes out on a “trouble” ball the first base umpire will pivot into the working area. The first base umpire will be responsible for the runner for first if the ball is not caught and for any play at second on the runner from first. The first base umpire is also responsible for the batter-runner touching first and for any plays that may develop on the batter-runner at first, second, or third. The first base umpire must let the ball take him/her to the play and not over commit to either base. The home plate umpire will come out from behind home plate and move down the third base line in foul territory and communicate with his partner “I’ve got third if he/she comes.” This will alert his/her partner that should a play at third develop it is covered. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the touch of third by the runner from first; for any possible plays that may develop at third on the runner from first and for any touch of and/or play that may develop at home plate. Once an umpire has gone out, he/she will stay out until the play has ended. The umpire should wait until all action has ceased before returning to his/her position.

SECTION 3 RUNNER ON SECOND BASE ONLY

- 3.1 The first base umpire will be positioned midway between the second baseman and the second base bag approximately halfway (30 to 40 feet) between first and second base and on the outside of the infield. The third base umpire will be 10-12 feet behind the third baseman with both feet in foul territory.
- 3.2 On all ground balls, fly balls and line drives to the infield the first base umpire will take a drop step to open up his/her field of vision and then step and turn with the ball facing the fielder as the ball is being fielded. The first base umpire will let the ball take him/her to the play and by only taking a step or two in any direction will be in a good position for any play(s) that may develop at second or third base. The first base umpire will be responsible for any play or tag up at second on the runner on second and for the batter-runner touching first; for any play at first on the batter-runner; and for any play that may develop at second on the batter-runner if the ball is not caught. The third base umpire will come into fair territory, staying to the outside of the infield, and will be responsible for any play at or touch of third on the runner advancing from second. The third base umpire will also be responsible for any play or touch of third on the batter-runner advancing to third should the fly ball or line drive not be caught or an overthrow occur. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the catch/no catch of all fly balls and line drives and will come out into fair territory in front of the pitcher's mound and move into a position where he/she has the best view of the ball to make the call. If the ball is not caught the home plate umpire will return to a position behind the point of home plate and be responsible for any touch of and/or plate that may develop at home plate. On ground balls the home plate umpire will move out to a position, in foul territory, on the first base line extended to observe the play at first base. The home plate umpire will be in a good position to see the whole field and to be able to offer any assistance that may be needed by either umpire. The home plate umpire will also be responsible for the touch of home or any play that may develop at home plate.
- 3.3 On all fly balls and line drives to the outfield (with the exception of 'trouble' balls), the responsibility for the catch/no catch will belong to the home plate umpire. The first base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the tag up of the runner on second and for any play that may develop at second on the runner. The first base umpires is also responsible for the batter-runner touching first base; any play back into first on the batter-runner; and for any play that may develop on the batter-runner at second, including the touch of second, if the ball is not caught. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield and be responsible for any play at or touch of third base by the runner advancing from second. The third base umpire will also be responsible for any play at or touch of third base by the batter-runner should the fly ball or line drive not be caught. The home plate umpire will come out into fair territory in front of the pitcher's mound and move into a position where he/she has the best angle/view of the play/ball to make the call. If the ball is not caught the home plate umpire will return to a position behind the point of home plate and be responsible for the touch of home and for any play that may develop at home plate.

- 3.4 On base hits to the outfield the first base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; for any play that may develop on the batter-runner continuing on to second or returning to first; and for any play back into second on the runner on second. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield and be responsible for any play at or touch of third by the runner advancing from second. The third base umpire will also be responsible for any play at or touch of third by the batter-runner. The home plate umpire will come out from behind home plate going a few feet down the third base line to observe the play and to be ready to offer any assistance that may be needed and will also be responsible for any touch of home or any play that may develop at home plate.
- 3.5 If the first base umpire goes out on a ‘trouble’ ball, the third base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; any play back into first on the batter-runner and for any touch or play that may develop on the batter-runner at second or third should the ball not be caught. He/she will also be responsible for any play back into second on the runner on second. The home plate umpire will come out from behind home plate going a few feet into foul territory and a few feet down the third base line and communicate with his/her partner “I’ve got third if he/she comes” to alert him/her that should a play develop there that it is covered. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the tag up of the runner on second and for any play or touch at third on the runner from second. The home plate umpire will also be responsible for the touch or any play that may develop at home plate.
- 3.6 If the third base umpire goes out on a ‘trouble’ ball the first base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for any play back into second on the runner on second. The first base umpire will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; any play back into first on the batter-runner; and for any play at or touch of second or third by the batter-runner should the ball not be caught. The home plate umpire will come out from behind home plate and move down the third base line in foul territory and communicate with his partner “I’ve got third if he/she comes.” This will alert his/her partner to the possibility of a play at third and that he/she has it covered. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the tag up at second and any play at or touch of third by the runner from second. The home plate umpire will also be responsible for any touch of and/or play that may develop at home plate if the ball is not caught. Once an umpire goes out, he/she will stay out until the play has ended. The umpire should wait until all action has ceased before returning to his/her position.

SECTION 4

RUNNER ON THIRD BASE ONLY

- 4.1 The first base umpire will be positioned 10-12 feet behind the first baseman with both feet in foul territory. The third base umpire will be 10-12 feet behind the third baseman with both feet in foul territory.
- 4.2 On all ground balls, fly balls and line drives to the infield the first base umpire will come into fair territory, staying to the outside of the infield and set up in a position to render a decision at first if necessary. The first base umpire will be responsible for the batter-runner touching first and for any play that may develop at first on the batter-runner. He/she will also be responsible for the touch of second and for taking the batter-runner into second should a play develop there. The third base umpire, depending on the location of the ball, will move a few feet either into foul or fair territory and set up in a position to have a good look at the play/ball. The third base umpire will be responsible for any tag at third on the runner; and for any play that may develop at third on the runner. The third base umpire will also be responsible for any touch of and/or play at third on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught or an overthrow occur. The home plate umpire will move out to a position in foul territory on the first base line extended to get the best view of the field, ball and play. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the catch/no catch of all fly balls and line drives and for any touch of and/or play at home plate by the runner at third or the batter-runner if the ball should not be caught or an overthrow occur. The home plate umpire will also be in a good position to see clearly down the first base line and to be able to offer any assistance, if requested.
- 4.3 On all fly balls, line drive (with the exception of 'trouble' balls) and base hits to the outfield the responsibility of the catch/no catch of the ball will belong to the home plate umpire. The first base umpire will pivot into the infield and will be responsible for the batter-runner touching first and for any play back into first on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught. He/she will also be responsible for the touch of second and for taking the batter-runner into second should a play develop there. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield and will be responsible for the tag up of the runner on third and for any play back into third on the runner. He/she will also be responsible for the touch of third and any play on the batter-runner at third should the ball not be caught. The home plate umpire will come out a few feet into foul territory and move into a position that will give him/her the best angle/view of the field, ball and play while still getting back to home plate for any possible play. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the catch/no catch of the ball and for any touch of and/or play that may develop at home plate on the runner from third or the batter-runner continuing to advance if the ball is not caught.
- 4.4 If the first base umpire goes out on a 'trouble' ball, the third base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; any play back into first on the batter-runner and for the touch or any play that may develop on the batter-runner at second or third base should the ball not be caught. The home plate umpire will come out from behind home plate going a few feet into foul territory and a few feet down the third base line and will be responsible for the tag up of the runner

- on third and for any play back into third on the runner. He/she will also be responsible for any touch or play that may develop at home plate.
- 4.5 If the third base umpire goes out on a 'trouble' ball the first base umpire will pivot into the infield and be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; for any play back into first on the batter-runner and for any touch of or play at second or third on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught. The home plate umpire will come out into foul territory a few feet towards third to be in a good position to line up and any play back into third on the runner on third and for the touch of or any play that may develop at home plate.

SECTION 5

RUNNERS ON FIRST AND SECOND

- 5.1 The first base umpire will be positioned midway between the second baseman and the second base bag approximately halfway (30 to 40 feet) between first and second base and on the outside of the infield. The third base umpire will be 10-12 feet behind the third baseman with both feet in foul territory.
- 5.2 On all ground balls, line drives and fly balls to the infield the first base umpire will take a drop step to open up his/her field of vision. He/she will step and turn with the ball facing the fielder as the ball is being fielded. The first base umpire will let the ball take him/her to the play and by only taking a step or two in any direction will be in a good initial position for any play(s) that may develop at second or first. The first base umpire will be responsible for the tag up of the runner on first and the touch of and any play at second that may develop on the runner from first. The first base umpire will be responsible for the batter-runner touching first base; for the batter-runner passing the runner; for any play that may develop at first on the batter-runner and for any touch or play at second on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught or an overthrow occur. The third base umpire will come into fair territory, staying to the outside of the infield, and establish a good position/angle to the ball. He/she will be responsible for the tag up of the runner on second; for any play back into second on the runner on second; and any play at third that may develop on the runner at second. The third base umpire will also be responsible for the catch/no catch of the ball. On ground balls the home plate umpire will be moved to a position in foul territory, on the first base line extended, to get the best angle/view of the field, ball and play. The home plate umpire will be responsible for any play at home plate that may develop on the runners from second or first and on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught or an overthrow occur. The home plate umpire will also be in a good position to see clearly down the first base line to be able to offer any assistance, if request.
- 5.3 On all fly balls and line drives (with the exception of 'trouble' balls) to the outfield the responsibility of the catch/no catch will belong to the home plate umpire. The first base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for any play back into second on the runner; for the tag up of the runner at first and for any play at second or first base on the runner from first advancing. The first base umpire will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; for any play back into first on the batter-runner; and any touch or play at second that may develop on the batter-runner. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield and be responsible for the tag up of the runner at second; and for any touch or play at third that may develop on the runners from second or first and the batter-runner should the ball not be caught.
- 5.4 On base hits to the outfield the first base umpire will pivot into the infield and be responsible for the touch of and any play at second that may develop on the runner on first. He/she will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; for any play back into first on the batter-runner; for the batter-runner touching second and for any play at second that may develop on the batter-runner. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield and be responsible for the touch of third by the runner from second; for any play back into third on the runner; and for any touch or play at third

- that may develop on the runner on first or the batter-runner. The home plate umpire will be responsible for any touch or play that may develop at home plate on either runner or batter-runner.
- 5.5 If the first base umpire goes out on a ‘trouble’ ball, the third base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the tag up of the runner on first and any play back into first on the runner on first. He/she will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; any play back into first on the batter-runner and for the touch or any play that may develop at second or third on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught. The third base umpire will also be responsible for any play back into second of the runner on second. The third base umpire must let the ball take him/her to the play and not over commit to any base. The home plate umpire will come out from behind home plate going a few feet into foul territory and a few feet down the third base line and communicate with his/her partner “I’ve got third if he/she comes” to alert him/her that should a play develop there that it is covered. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the tag up of the runner on second and for any play or touch at third on the runners from second and first advancing. He/she will also be responsible for any touch or play that may develop at home plate.
- 5.6 If the third base umpire goes out on a ‘trouble’ ball the first base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the tag up at first by the runner; for any play back into first on the runner; for any play back into second on the runner on second; for any touch or play at second on the runner advancing from first; for the batter-runner touching first; for any play back into first on the batter-runner and for any touch of or play at second or third on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught. The home plate umpire will come out from behind home plate and move down the third base line in foul territory and communication with his/her partner “I’ve got third if he/she comes.” This will alert his/her partners that he/she has third covered for any possible play that may develop there. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the tag up of the runner at second and for any touch of play at third on the runner from second. The home plate umpire will also be responsible for any touch of home and for any play at home plate or third base on the runners from second or first and on the batter-runner at home plate should the ball not be caught. Once an umpire has gone out, he/she will stay out until the play has ended. The umpire should wait until all action has ceased before returning to his/her position.

SECTION 6

RUNNERS ON FIRST AND THIRD

- 6.1 The first base umpire will be positioned midway between the second baseman and the second base bag approximately halfway (30 to 40 feet) between first and second base and on the outside of the infield. The third base umpire will be 10-12 feet behind the third baseman with both feet in foul territory.
- 6.2 On all ground balls, line drives and fly balls to the infield the first base umpire will take a drop step to open up his/her field of vision, and turn with the ball facing the fielder as the ball is being fielded. The first base umpire will let the ball take him/her to the play and by only taking a step or two in any direction will be in a good position for any play(s) that may develop at second or first. The first base umpire will be responsible for the tag up of the runner on first; for any play back into first on the runner and the touch of or any play that may develop at second. The first base umpire will be responsible for the tag up of the runner on first; for any play back into first on the runner and the touch of or any play that may develop at second. The first base umpire will be responsible for the batter-runner touching first base; the batter-runner passing the runner on first; for any play that may develop at first on the batter-runner and for any touch or play at second on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught or any overthrow occur. The third base umpire, depending on the location of the ball, will move a few feet either into foul or fair territory and set up in a position to have a good look at the ball/play. The third base umpire will be responsible for any tag up at third on the runner at third and for any play that may develop at third on the runner. The third base umpire will also be responsible for any touch or play at third on the runner at first and the batter-runner should the ball not be caught or an overthrow occur. The home plate umpire will move out to a position in foul territory on the first base line extended to get the best angle/view of the field, ball and play. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the catch/no catch on all fly balls and line drives and for any touch or play that may develop at home plate on the runners from third and first and the batter-runner should the ball not be caught or an overthrow occur. The home plate umpire will also be in a good position to clearly see down the first base line and to be able to offer any assistance, if requested.
- 6.3 On all fly balls and line drives to the outfield (with the exception of 'trouble' balls) the responsibility of the catch/no catch will belong to the home plate umpire. The first base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the tag up of the runner on first and for any touch or play at second on the runner from first advancing. The first base umpire will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; for the batter-runner passing the runner; for any play back into first on the runner or the batter-runner; and for any touch of or play at second that may develop on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield and be responsible for the tag up of the runner on third and for any play back into third on the runner. The third base umpire will also be responsible for the touch or play that may develop at third on the runner from first of the batter-runner if the ball is not caught. The home plate umpire will come out into foul territory, going a few feet down the third base line to a position that will allow him/her the best view of the field, ball and play. From this position the home plate umpire must be able to get

- back to home plate for any possible play that may develop at home plate. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the catch/no catch of the ball and for any touch or play that may develop at home plate on the runner at third advancing. He/she will also be responsible for any touch or play at home plate on the runners; and the batter-runner continuing to advance if the ball is not caught.
- 6.4 On base hits to the outfield the first base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the touch or play at second that may develop on the runner on first. The first base umpire will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; for any play back into first on the batter-runner; and for any play at second that may develop on the batter-runner. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield and be responsible for the touch or any play at third on the runner on first of the batter-runner continuing to advance. The home plate umpire will come out into foul territory going a few feet down the third base line. He/she will move into a position that will allow for the best angle/view of the field, ball and play; and still allow coverage of home plate for any possible play that may develop at home plate. The home plate umpire will be responsible for any touch or of any play at home plate that may develop on the runner at third; first or the batter-runner.
- 6.5 If the first base umpire goes out on a ‘trouble’ ball, the third base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the tag up of the runner on first; the batter-runner touching first; and any play back into first on either the runner or batter-runner. He/she will also be responsible for the touch or any play that may develop at second on the runner from first advancing. The third base umpire will also be responsible for the touch and any play that may develop at second or third on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught. The home plate umpire will come out from behind home plate going a few feet into foul territory and a few feet down the third base line and will be responsible for the tag up of the runner on third and for any play back into third on the runner. He/she will also be responsible for the touch and any play that may develop on the runner from first advancing and will communicate to his/her partner “I’ve got third if he/she come” to alert him/her that should a play develop there that it is covered. The home plate umpire will also be responsible for any touch or play that may develop at home plate.
- 6.6 If the third base umpire goes out on a ‘trouble’ ball, the umpires will revert to the two man system. The first base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the tag up of the runner on first; any play back into first on the runner on first; for any touch or play that may develop at second on the runner at first. The first base umpire will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; any play back into first on the batter-runner and for the touch of or any play that may develop at second or third on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught. The home plate umpire will come out into foul territory going a few feet down the third base line. The home plate umpire will move into a position that will allow for the best angle/view of the field, ball and play. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the tag up of the runner on third; any play back into third on the runner and for any play at home plate should the runner on third attempt to advance. He/she will also be responsible for any touch or play that may develop at third on the runner on first. After observing the runner from third touch home plate, the home plate umpire will move down the third base line and communicate with his/her partners “I’ve got third if he/she comes.”

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This will alert his/her partners that should a play develop at third it is covered. He/she will also be responsible for any touch of home plate and any play that may develop at home plate.

SECTION 7

RUNNERS ON SECOND AND THIRD

- 7.1 The first base umpire will be positioned midway between the second baseman and the second base bag approximately halfway (30 to 40 feet) between first and second base and on the outside of the infield. The third base umpire will be 10-12 feet behind the third baseman with both feet in foul territory.
- 7.2 On all ground balls, fly balls and line drives to the infield, the first base umpire will take a drop step to open his/her field of vision and then step and turn with the ball facing the fielder as the ball is being fielded. The first base umpire will let the ball take him/her to the play and by only taking a step or two in any direction will be in a good position for any play(s) that may develop at second or first. The first base umpire will be responsible for the tag up at second on any play at second on the runner at second. The first base umpire will also be responsible for any play at first on the batter-runner; for the batter-runner touching first and any touch or play that may develop at second on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught or an overthrow occurs. The third base umpire, depending on the location of the ball, will move a few feet into foul or fair territory, staying to the outside of the infield, and set up in a position to have a good look at the ball or play. The third base umpire will be responsible for the tag up at third of the runner; and for any play back into third. He/she will also be responsible for the touch of third or any play that may develop at third on the runner coming from second; and for any touch of or play at third on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught or an overthrow occurs. The home plate umpire will move out to a position in foul territory on the first base line extended to get the best view of the field, ball and play. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the catch/no catch of all fly balls and line drives. The home plate umpire will also be responsible for any touch of home and any play(s) that may develop at home plate on the runners from third and second and on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught or an overthrow occurs. He/she will be in a good position to see the whole field and especially the play at first on ground balls, and to be able to offer any assistance, if requested.
- 7.3 On all fly balls and line drives to the outfield (with the exception of 'trouble' balls), the responsibility for the catch/no catch will belong to the home plate umpire. The first base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the tag up of the runner on second and for any play back into second on the runner. He/she will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first base; any play back into first on the batter-runner; and for the touch or any play that may develop at second on the batter-runner if the ball is not caught. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield and be responsible for the tag up of the runner on third and for any play back into third on the runner on third. He/she will also be responsible for the touch of third and for any play that may develop at third on the runner from second and the batter-runner should the ball not be caught. The home plate umpire will come out a few feet into foul territory down the third base line and move up a positioned that will give him/her the best view of the field, the ball and any play while still being able to get back to home plate for any possible play that may develop. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the catch/no catch of the ball and for the touch of home or any

- plays that may develop at home plate on the runners from third and second. The home plate umpire will also be responsible for touch of home by or play on the batter-runner continuing to advance to home plate if the ball is not caught.
- 7.4 On base hits to the outfield the first base umpire will pivot into the working area and will be responsible for any play back into second on the runner on second. He/she will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first, for any play back into first on the batter-runner; and for the touch of second or any play that may develop on the batter-runner continuing on to second. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield and be responsible for any play back into third on the runner at third. He/she will also be responsible for the touch of third or any play that may develop at third on the runner at second and the batter-runner. The home plate umpire will come out a few feet into foul territory down the third base line and move to a position that will give him/her the best view of the field, ball and play. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the touch of home and any subsequent play that may occur at home plate.
- 7.5 If the first base umpire goes out on a ‘trouble’ ball, the third base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the tag up of the runner on second and for any play back into second on the runner on second. He/she will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; any play back into first on the batter-runner and for the touch or any play that may develop at second or third on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught. The home plate umpire will come out from behind home plate going a few feet into foul territory and a few feet down the third base line and will be responsible for the tag up of the runner on third and for any play back into third on the runner. He/she will also be responsible for the touch and any play that may develop at third on the runner from second advancing and will communicate to his/her partner “I’ve got third if he/she come” to alert him/her that should a play develop there that it is covered. The home plate umpire will also be responsible for any touch or play that may develop at home plate and must let the ball take him/her to the play and not over commit to either base.
- 7.6 If the third base umpire goes out on a ‘trouble’ ball, you will revert back to the two-man system. The first base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the tag up at second on the runner on second and for any play back into second on the runner. The first base umpire will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; any play back into first on the batter-runner and for the touch or any play that may develop at second or third on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught. The home plate umpire will come out into foul territory, going a few feet down the third base line. He/she will move into a position that will allow the best view of the field, ball and play. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the tag up of the runner on third; any play back into third on the runner and the touch of home by any runner and also for any play at home plate should the runner on third attempt to advance. The home plate umpire will also be responsible for the touch of or any play that may develop at third on the runner from second. After observing the runner on third touch home plate, the home plate umpire will move down the third base line and communicate with his/her partner “I’ve got third if he/she comes.” This will alert the other umpires that should a play develop at third, it is covered. He/she

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will also be responsible for the touch of home and any other play that may develop at home plate.

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- 8.1 The first base umpire will be positioned midway between the second baseman and the second base bag approximately halfway (30 to 40 feet) between first and second base and on the outside of the infield. The first base umpire will be 10-12 feet behind the third baseman with both feet in foul territory.
- 8.2 On all ground balls, line drives and fly balls to the infield the first base umpire will take a drop step to open up his/her field of vision. He/she will step and turn with the ball facing the fielder as the ball is being fielded. The first base umpire will let the ball take him/her to the play and by only taking a step or two in any direction will be in a good, initial position for any play(s) that may develop at second or first. The first base umpire will be responsible for the tag up of and any play back into second on the runner on second. He/she will also be responsible for the tag up and any play back into first on the runner on first; and for any touch of second or play at second on the runner on first. The first base umpire will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; for any play that may develop at first on the batter-runner and for any touch or play at second on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught or an overthrow occur. The third base umpire, depending on the location of the ball, will move a few feet either into foul or fair territory and set up in a position to have a good look at the ball or play. The third base umpire will be responsible for the tag up of the runner on third and for any play back into third on that runner. He/she will also be responsible for the touch or any play at third by all base runners should the ball not be caught or an overthrow occur. The home plate umpire will move out to a position in foul territory on the first base line extended to get the best view of the field, the ball and the play. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the catch/no catch of all fly balls and line drives and for any touch of home or plays at home plate on all runners including the batter-runner should the ball not be caught or an overthrow occur. The home plate umpire will also be in a good position to see down the first base line and to be able to offer any assistance at first if needed or requested.
- 8.3 On all fly balls and line drives to the outfield (with the exception of 'trouble' balls) the responsibility of the catch/no catch will belong to the home plate umpire. The first base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the tag up of and any play back into first and for the touch of second or any play at second on the runner on first. He/she will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; for any play back into first on the batter-runner and for the touch of second or any play that may occur at second on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield and be responsible for the tag up of and any play back into second on the runner on second. He/she will also be responsible for the touch of third and any play that may develop at third on the runner on second; first and the batter-runner should the ball be caught. The home plate umpire will come out into foul territory going a few feet down the third base line. He/she will move into a position that will allow the best view of the field, ball and play and still be able to get back to home plate for any possible play that may develop there or to be able to move into a position to cover any play back into third. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the catch/no catch on all fly balls and line drives. He/she will also be

- responsible for the tag up at third on the runner on third; for the touch of home and any plays that may occur at home plate.
- 8.4 On base hits, the first base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the touch of second and for any play at second that may develop on the runner on first. He/she will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; for any play back into first on the batter-runner and for the touch of second and any play at second that may develop on the batter-runner continuing to advance. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield and be responsible for the touch of third and for any play that may develop at third on the runner on second, first and the batter-runner. The home plate umpire will come out into foul territory going a few feet down the third base line. He/she will move into a position that will allow him/her the best view of the field, ball and play; and still be able to get back to home plate for any possible play that may develop at home plate. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the touch of home and any play that may develop at home plate on the runner at third; second, first and the batter-runner and to be able to offer any assistance, if required.
- 8.5 If the first base umpire goes out on a ‘trouble’ ball, the third base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the tag up of the runners on first and second and for any play back into first or second on either runner. He/she will also be responsible for the touch or any play that may develop at second on the runner on first advancing. The third base umpire will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; any play back into first on the batter-runner and for the touch or any play that may develop at second or third on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught. The home plate umpire will come out from behind home plate going a few feet into foul territory and a few feet down the third base line and will be responsible for the tag up of the runner on third and for any play back into third on the runner. He/she will also be responsible for the touch and any play that may develop at third on the runner from second or first advancing and will communicate to his/her partner “I’ve got third if he/she comes” to alert him/her that should a play develop there that it is covered. The home plate umpire will also be responsible for the touch and any play that may develop at home plate and must let the ball take him/her to the play and not over commit to either base.
- 8.6 If the third base umpire goes out on a ‘trouble’ ball, you will revert back to the two-man system. The first base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the tag up of the runner on second and first. He/she will also be responsible for any play back into second or first on either runner and for the touch of second and any play that may develop at second on the runner on first. The first base umpire will also be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; for the batter-runner passing the runner; for any play back into first on the batter-runner and for the touch of second or third and for any play that may develop at second or third on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught. The home plate umpire will come out into foul territory going a few feet down the third base line and moving into a position that will allow him/her the best view of the field, ball and play. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the tag up of the runner on third; any play back into third on the runner and fro the touch of home and any plays that may develop at home plate. He/she will also be responsible for the touch of third and any play at third on the runner from second or first. After observing the runner(s) touch home plate, the home

plate umpire will move down the third base line and communication with his/her partners, "I've got third if he/she comes." This will alert his/her partners that should a play develop at third, it is covered. He/she will also be responsible for the touch and any play(s) that may develop at home plate.