

## Bunt to Third with Bases Empty

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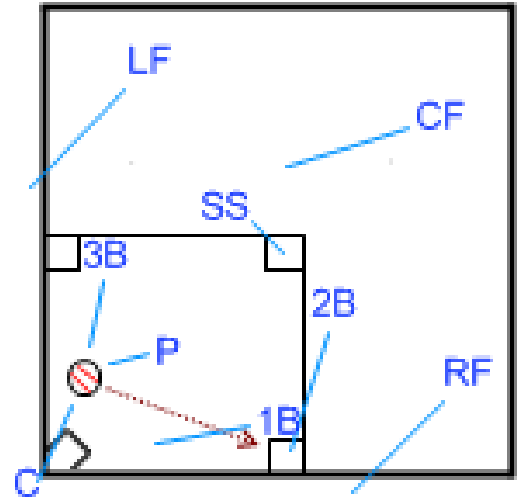
Bunt to third with bases empty, the play goes to first.

### **Play:**

Situation: Bases empty

Offense: Bunt to third

Defense: Play goes to first



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and throw to first base

Catcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and throw to first base

1st base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and throw to first base

2nd base: Cover first base

3rd base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and throw to first base

Shortstop: Cover second base

Left: Move toward third base for back up or cover third base if the third baseman does not return to her position if a throwing error occurred

Center: Move toward second base for back up make sure you go to left field side.

Right: Back up the throw to first base

Note: The infielders do not have time to attempt to field the bunt and cover the base. Therefore, the infielders either focus on fielding the bunt or covering the base, but not both. Don't forget on a very slow roller, pick up the ball with your throwing hand.

## Bunt to Third with Runner on Base

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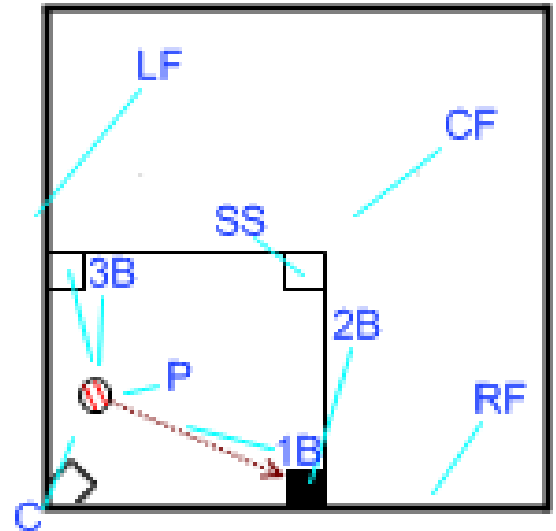
Bunt to third with runner on base (sacrifice bunt), the play goes to first base (get the out!). Watch for the runner going on to third base.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on base (sacrifice bunt)

Offense: Bunt to third

Defense: Play goes to first base



### **Player Responsibilities:**

**Pitcher:** Move to the ball to possibly field it and throw to first base (If you determine that the 3<sup>rd</sup> base is going to make play continue on to cover 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

**Catcher:** Move to the ball to possibly field it and throw to first base then direct the rest of the play (Note 2)

**1st base:** Move to the ball to possibly field it and throw to first base

**2nd base:** Cover first base and be prepared to either throw to third if runner continues on or to possibly throw to 2<sup>nd</sup> and catch runner rounding the base.(Note 2)

**3rd base:** Move to the ball to possibly field it and throw to first base (Note 2)

**Shortstop:** Cover second base

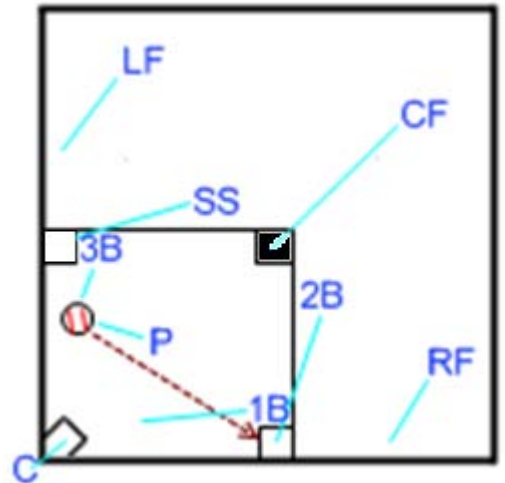
**Left:** Move toward third base for back up or to cover if runner continues on to 3<sup>rd</sup> base (Note 2)

**Center:** Back up the throw to second base

**Right:** Back up the throw to first base

**Note 1:** If you bobble the play (especially with fast runner) and suspect the runner will beat out the play then fake your throw to first and try to catch the runner off of second.

**Note 2:** A common play with a runner on first base is to sacrifice bunt and have the runner on first keep running all the way to third. In this case, third base has to quickly return to third to cover the base (another



option is to have the left fielder cover third).

### Bunt to Third with Runner on Second

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Bunt to third with runner on second based on the catcher's directions.

#### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on second

Offense: Bunt to third

Defense: Play is based on the catcher's direction to either third or first base

#### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catcher's directions on where to throw the ball

Catcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and direct the rest of the play for the fielder to either throw home or to first base

1st base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catcher's directions on where to throw the ball

2nd base: Cover first base

3rd base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catcher's directions on where to throw the ball

Shortstop: Cover third base in case the runner gets too far of the base and gets into a pickle

Left: Move toward third base for back up  
Center: Cover second base  
Right: Back up the throw to first base  
Note: If you bobble the ball, or mishandle the ball (especially with fast runner) continue on as if you are throwing to 1<sup>st</sup> (fake) and look to catch the runner off of 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

## Bunt to Third with Runner on Third

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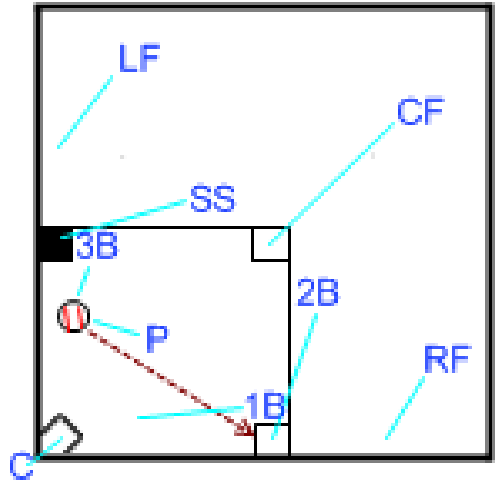
Bunt to third with runner on third (potential squeeze bunt), the play is based on the catcher's directions.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on third (potential squeeze play)

Offense: Bunt to third

Defense: Play is based on the catcher's direction to either home or first base



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catcher's directions on where to throw the ball

Catcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it. If you do not field the bunt you need to return to cover home and direct the rest of the play for the fielder to either throw home or to first base

1st base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catcher's directions on where to throw the ball or if catcher is fielding the ball you need to cover home or back up home.

2nd base: Cover first base receive the ball and throw to home.

3rd base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catcher's directions on where to throw the ball

Shortstop: Cover third base in case the runner gets too far of the base and gets into a pickle

Left: Move toward third base for back up

Center: Cover second base

Right: Back up the throw to first base

Note: If you bobble the ball, or mishandle the ball (especially with fast runner) continue on as if you are throwing to 1<sup>st</sup> (fake) and look to catch the runner off of 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

## Bunt to Third with Runner on First and Third

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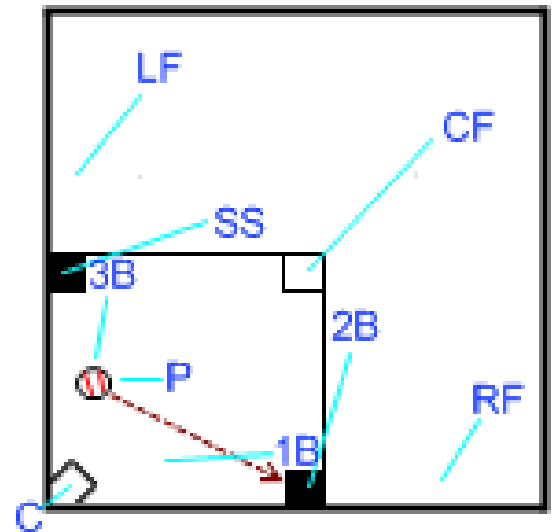
Bunt to third with runner on first and third (potential squeeze bunt), the play is based on the catcher's directions.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on first and third (potential squeeze play)

Offense: Bunt to third

Defense: Play is based on the catcher's direction to either home or first base



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catcher's directions on where to throw the ball (Note 2)

Catcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it. If you do not field the bunt you need to return to cover home and direct the rest of the play for the fielder to either throw home or to first base (Note 2)

1st base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catcher's directions on where to throw the ball or if the catcher fields the ball cover home or backup home. (Note 2)

2nd base: Cover first base receive the ball and throw to home.

3rd base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catcher's directions on where to throw the ball (Note 2)

Shortstop: Cover third base in case the runner gets too far off the base and gets into a pickle

Left: Move toward third base for back up

Center: Cover second base

Right: Back up the throw to first base

Note 1: If you bobble the ball, or mishandle the ball (especially with fast runner) continue on as if you are throwing to 1<sup>st</sup> (fake) and look to catch the runner off of 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

Note 2: Hold the runner at third as long as possible before throwing to first,

but make sure you get an out if there are less than two outs. With two outs get the out right away at first.

## Bunt to Third with Runner on Second and Third

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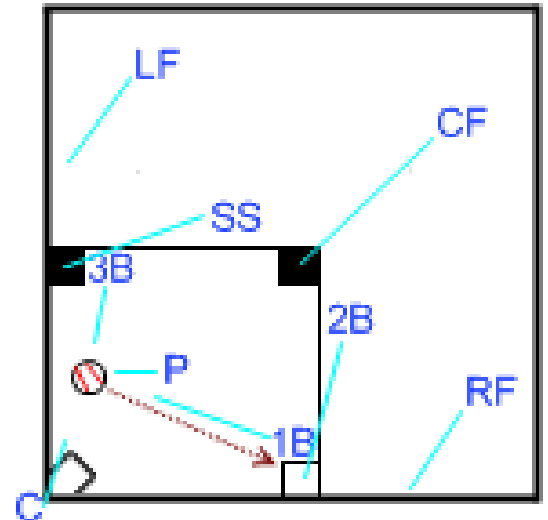
Bunt to third with runner on second and third (potential squeeze bunt), the play is based on the catchers directions.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on second and third (potential squeeze play)

Offense: Bunt to third

Defense: Play is based on the catchers direction to either home or first base



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catchers directions on where to throw the ball (Note 2)

Catcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and direct the rest of the play for the fielder to either throw home or to first base (Note 2)

1st base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catchers directions on where to throw the ball or if the catcher fields the ball cover home or backup home.(Note 2)

2nd base: Cover first base receive the ball and throw to home.

3rd base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catchers directions on where to throw the ball (Note 2)

Shortstop: Cover third base in case the runner gets too far of the base and gets into a pickle

Left: Move toward third base for back up

Center: Cover second base

Right: Back up the throw to first base

Note 1: If you bobble the ball, or mishandle the ball (especially with fast runner) continue on as if you are throwing to 1<sup>st</sup> (fake) and look to catch the runner off of 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

Note 2: Hold the runner at third for as long as possible before making the throw to first (but make sure you get an out!) with two outs no need to hold runners.

## Bunt to First with Bases Empty

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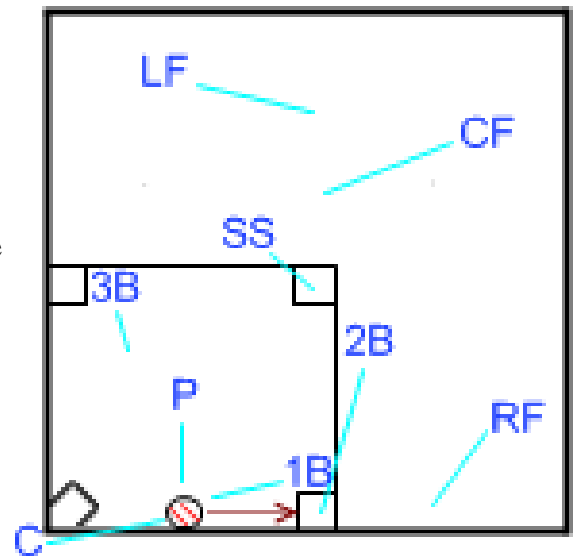
Bunt to first with bases empty, the play goes to first.

### **Play:**

Situation: Bases empty

Offense: Bunt to first

Defense: Play goes to first



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and throw to first base

Catcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and throw to first base

1st base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and tag the runner or throw to first base

2nd base: Cover first base

3rd base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and throw to first base

Shortstop: Cover second base

Left: Move toward third base for back up or cover third base if the third baseman does not return to her position if a throwing error occurred

Center: Move toward second base for back up on left field side of base.

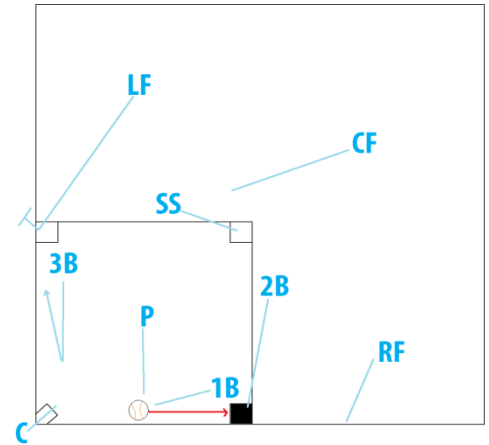
Right: Back up the throw to first base

Note: The infielders do not have time to attempt to field the bunt and cover the base. Therefore, the infielders either focus on fielding the bunt or covering the base, but not both. Don't forget on a very slow roller, pick up the ball with your throwing hand.

## Bunt to First with Runner on First

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Bunt to first with runner on third (potential squeeze bunt), the play is based on the catcher's directions.



### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on first (sacrifice)

Offense: Bunt to first

Defense: Play is based on the catcher's direction to either second or first base

### **layer Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catcher's directions on where to throw the ball

Catcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it or return to cover home and direct the rest of the play for the fielder to either throw home or to first base

1st base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catcher's directions on where to throw the ball

2nd base: Cover first base receive ball and throw to 3B if running is going, throw to 2B if runner just rounded too much.

3rd base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catcher's directions on where to throw the ball if you do not field the ball you need to return to cover 3B, expect runner from 1<sup>st</sup> to continue on.

Shortstop: Cover 2<sup>nd</sup> Base and watch for runner continuing on to 3<sup>rd</sup> and let infield know. If runner rounds the base too much expect a throw to pick off the runner.

Left: Move to third base to cover base, let 3B cover if they get there in time and take back up position.

Center: Backup 2<sup>nd</sup> base, make sure to get in line with a throw from 1<sup>st</sup> base, that would put you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> base side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Base.

Right: Back up the throw to first base

Note: If you bobble the ball, or mishandle the ball (especially with fast runner) continue on as if you are throwing to 1<sup>st</sup> (fake) and look to

catch the runner off of 2<sup>nd</sup> base.

### Bunt to First with Runner on Second

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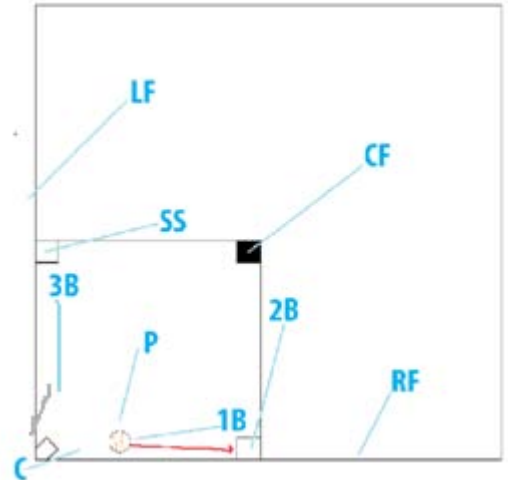
Bunt to first with runner on third (potential squeeze bunt), the play is based on the catchers directions.

#### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on second (sacrifice)

Offense: Bunt to first

Defense: Play is based on the catchers direction to either third or first base



#### **layer Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catchers directions on where to throw the ball

Catcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it or return to cover home and direct the rest of the play for the fielder to either throw home or to first base

1st base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catchers directions on where to throw the ball

2nd base: Cover first base receive ball and throw to 3B if runner rounds the base too much. Or run toward home to keep runner on 3B.

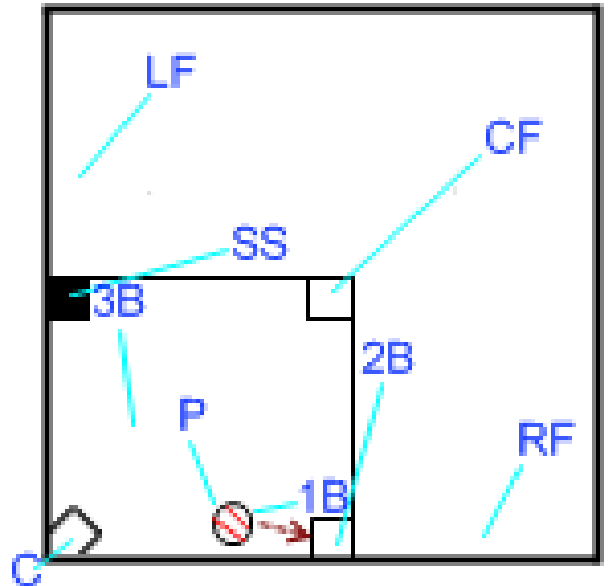
3rd base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catchers directions on where to throw the ball if you do not field the ball you should make sure home is covered.

Shortstop: Cover 3<sup>rd</sup> Base. If runner rounds the base too much expect a throw to pick off the runner.

Left: Move to backup 3B cover if SS does not get there.

Center: Cover 2<sup>nd</sup> Base. If runner is safe at first she may continue on to second to draw a throw to score the runner from 3<sup>rd</sup>. Be prepared and ready to receive the ball and possibly throw home.

Right: Back up the throw to first base



Note: If you bobble the ball, or mishandle the ball (especially with fast runner) continue on as if you are throwing to 1<sup>st</sup> (fake) and look to catch the runner rounding 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

### Bunt to First with Runner on Third

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Bunt to first with runner on third (potential squeeze bunt), the play is based on the catchers directions.

#### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on third (potential squeeze play)

Offense: Bunt to first

Defense: Play is based on the catchers direction to either home or first base

#### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catchers directions on where to throw the ball

Catcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it or return to cover home and direct

the rest of the play for the fielder to either throw home or to first base

- 1st base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catchers directions on where to throw the ball
- 2nd base: Cover first base receive ball and throw to home.
- 3rd base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catchers directions on where to throw the ball or if catcher is fielding ball cover home or back up home.
- Shortstop: Cover third base in case the runner gets too far of the base and gets into a pickle
- Left: Move toward third base for back up
- Center: Cover second base
- Right: Back up the throw to first base
- Note: If you bobble the ball, or mishandle the ball (especially with fast runner) continue on as if you are throwing to 1<sup>st</sup> (fake) and look to catch the runner off of 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

## Bunt to First with Runner on First and Third

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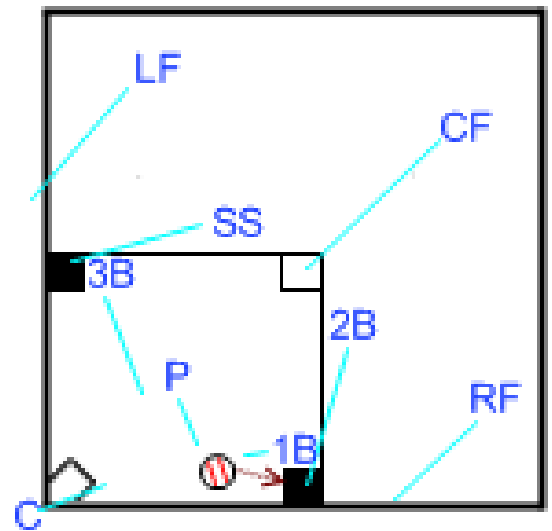
Bunt to first with runner on first and third (potential squeeze bunt), the play is based on the catchers directions.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on first and third (potential squeeze play)

Offense: Bunt to first

Defense: Play is based on the catchers direction to either home or first base



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catchers directions on where to throw the ball (Note 2)

Catcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and direct the rest of the play for the fielder to either throw home or to first base (Note 2)

1st base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catchers directions on where to throw the ball (Note 2)

2nd base: Cover first base receive ball and throw to home.

3rd base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catchers directions on where to throw the ball if catcher is fielding the ball cover home or back up home.(Note 2)

Shortstop: Cover third base in case the runner gets too far of the base and gets into a pickle

Left: Move toward third base for back up

Center: Cover second base

Right: Back up the throw to first base

Note 1: If you bobble the ball, or mishandle the ball (especially with fast runner) continue on as if you are throwing to 1<sup>st</sup> (fake) and look to catch the runner off of 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

Note 2: Hold the runner at third as long as possible before throwing to first, but make sure you get an out! With two outs no need to hold runner.

## Bunt to First with Runner on Second and Third

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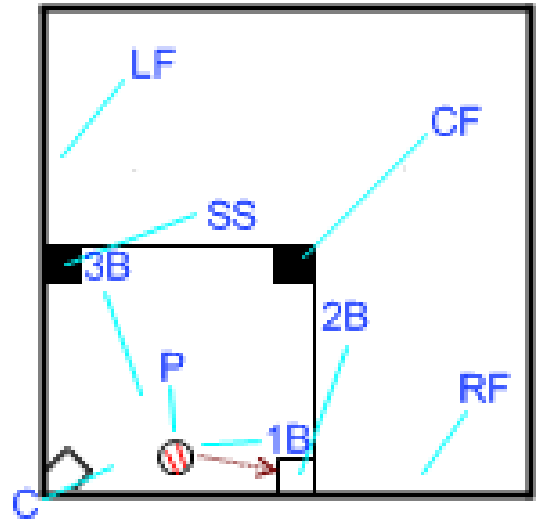
Bunt to first with runner on second and third (potential squeeze bunt), the play is based on the catchers directions.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on second and third (potential squeeze play)

Offense: Bunt to first

Defense: Play is based on the catchers direction to either home or first base



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catchers directions on where to throw the ball (Note 2)

Catcher: Move to the ball to possibly field it and direct the rest of the play for the fielder to either throw home or to first base (Note 2)

1st base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catchers directions on where to throw the ball (Note 2) (Note 3)

2nd base: Cover first base receive ball and throw home.

3rd base: Move to the ball to possibly field it and listen to the catchers directions on where to throw the ball (Note 2)

Shortstop: Cover third base be ready for throw.

Left: Move toward third base for back up

Center: Cover second base

Right: Back up the throw to first base

Note 1: If you bobble the ball, or mishandle the ball (especially with fast runner) continue on as if you are throwing to 1<sup>st</sup> (fake) and look to catch the runner off of 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

Note 2: Hold the runner at third for as long as possible before making the throw to first (but make sure you get an out!)

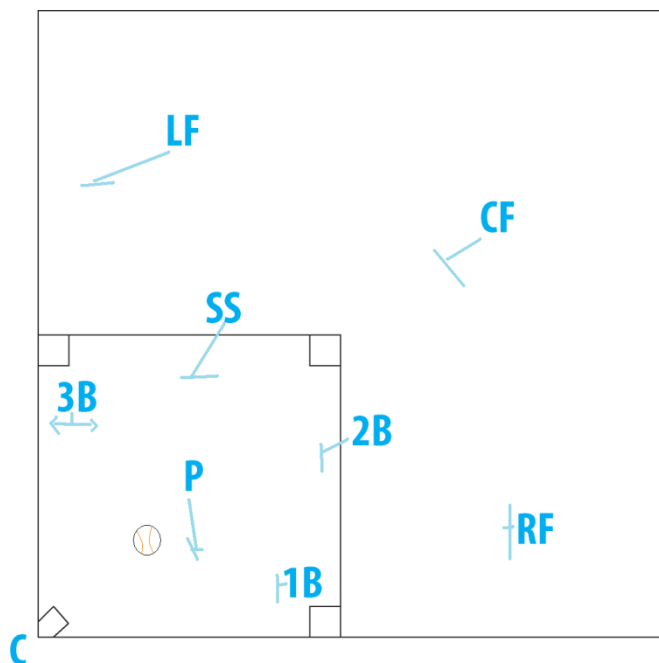
Note 3: If the first baseman fields the bunt and the batter/runner has not passed them on the baseline, then the first baseman should hold the ball with both hands and tag the batter/runner out.

## Slap Defense

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Slap defense is fluid. Your setup will depend on the types of pitches being thrown. One strategy will be to start the batter out with outside pitch in hopes that they chase it. The only pitches that will be thrown for strikes will be inside. Inside and high is a good strike out pitch.

### **Play:**



Situation: All situations

Offense: Slap Hitter

Defense: Play is based on the pitchers signals (type of pitch being thrown)

### **Player Responsibilities:**

**Pitcher:** Your pitches will determine how effective the Slap hitter will be. If you keep it inside, the likelihood of the Slap hitter being able to hit with power to the 3B side of the field will be diminished. Most good slap hitters will hit the pitch where it is pitched: Inside pitch will be hit to the 1B side of the field, middle goes middle and outside goes 3B side. If high pitches are hit they tend to hit them in the air. Good chance for pop outs. Rise ball works well on slappers. You have the first base side on bunts and drag bunts. 1B is covering 1B.

**Catcher:** Be prepared for soft slaps and drag bunts. Look for fake bunts. Pay attention to their feet. If batter steps out early let the pitcher know so you can work the outside.

**1st base:** Stay in front of first base. You have first base responsibilities. Pitcher covers the first base side on bunts and drag bunts.

**2nd base:** Move inside the baseline. Charge slow rollers. Communicate with 1B on bag coverage.

**3rd base:** Stay just inside the bag. Observe feet and hands of slapper. Look for signs of bunting or drag bunting. Remember Slap hitters are usually quick so if there are runners on base and you happen to bobble the

play, continue on and fake your throw and try to catch one of the other runners overrunning their base.

Shortstop: Move just inside the baseline. Observe hands and feet be aware of pitches being thrown.

Left: Move to shallow left field. Pay attention to pitches being thrown. As long as we are pitching inside you are safe to play shallow.

Center: Standard depth. Make adjustments based upon batter. Inside pitches will take you toward right field, outside pitches towards left field.

Right: Standard depth. Watch pitches, inside pitches should be hit to 1B side. Outside pitches should be hit to 3B side of the field. Low pitches hit down, high pitches hit in the air.

Note 1: If you bobble the ball, or mishandle the ball (especially with fast runner) continue on as if you are throwing to 1<sup>st</sup> (fake) and look to catch other base runners rounding the bases too far.

## Base Hit to Left with Bases Empty

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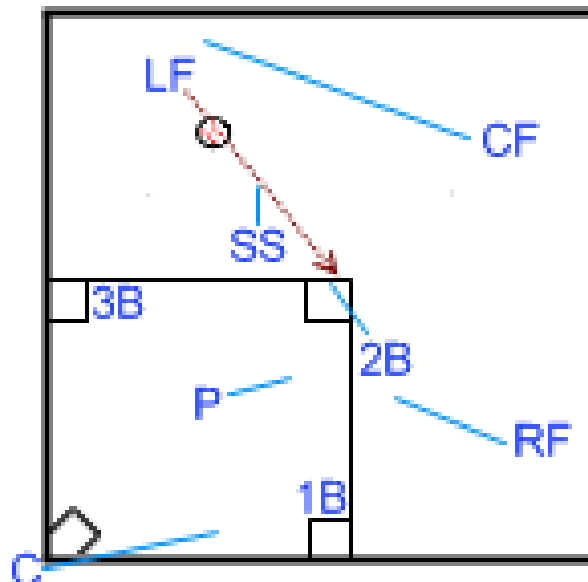
Base hit to left field with bases empty, the play goes to second

### **Play:**

Situation: Bases empty

Offense: Base hit to left field

Defense: Play goes to second base



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Back up cutoff man (SS) let 2<sup>nd</sup> base know if runner is coming.

Catcher: Move to back up position between first and home

1st base: Check that the runner touches first base and cover first base let 2<sup>nd</sup> base know if runner is coming.

2nd base: Cover second base and receive throw from cutoff (SS) or left fielder  
Tell SS to cut or let go.

3rd base: Covers third base

Shortstop: Moves into outfield to cutoff throw to second base

Left: Fields the ball and throws to second base (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep) Good time to build your **WALL** so ball will not get by you!

Center: Back up left field

Right: Back up throw to second base

Note: The throw to the cutoff only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to second base **through** the cutoff so it could be cutoff.

### Base Hit to Left with Runner(s) on First (and Third)

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Base hit to left field with a runner on first or runners on first and third, the play goes to third.

#### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on first or  
Runners on first and third

Offense: Base hit to left field

Defense: Play goes to third base

#### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Back up third

Catcher: Covers home

1st base: Check that the runner touches first base and cover first base

2nd base: Check that the runner touches second base and cover second base. Let 3B know if runner is coming.

3rd base: Covers third base and receive the throw from cutoff (SS) or left fielder. Tell SS to cut or let go.

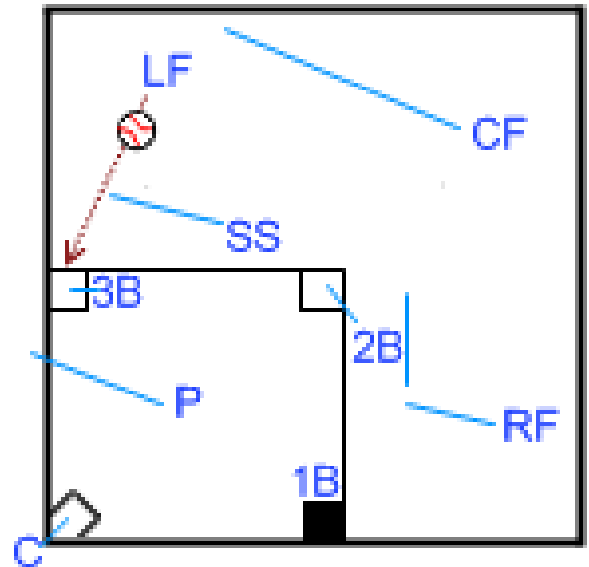
Shortstop: Moves into outfield to cutoff throw to third base

Left: Fields the ball and throws to third base (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep)

Center: Back up left field

Right: Back up second base

Note: The throw to the cutoff only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to third base **through** the cutoff so it could be cutoff.



## Base Hit to Left with Runners on First and Second (or Loaded)

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Base hit to left field with a runner on first and second or bases loaded, the play goes to home.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on first and second or  
Bases loaded

Offense: Base hit to left field

Defense: Play goes to home

### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Move across the infield to cutoff throw to home. If call is cut 3 then go to back up third base.

Catcher: Cover home call out play. If there is no play at home tell pitcher to cut or possible cut 3 if there is a play at 3<sup>rd</sup>.

1st base: Back up catcher, run around first base side so the catcher's view is unobstructed during the whole play

2nd base: Check that the runner touches second base and cover second base

3rd base: Check that the runner touches third base and cover third base

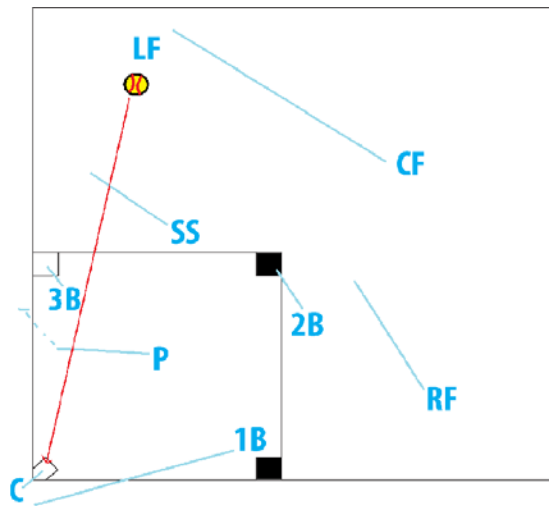
Shortstop: Move into the outfield to cutoff throw to third. The play becomes third if the ball is hit very deep

Left: Fields the ball and throws to home (or third, if the ball is hit deep)

Center: Back up left field

Right: Back up second base should the batter attempt to advance to second on a throw that went to home or third

Note: The throw to the cutoff only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to home **through** the cutoff so it could be cutoff if necessary.



## Base Hit to Left with Runner(s) on Second or Second and Third

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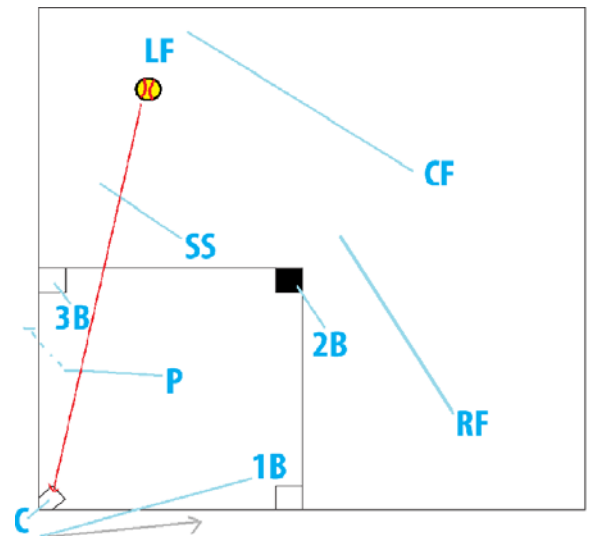
Base hit to left field with a runner(s) on second or second and third, the play goes to home.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on second or  
Runners on second and third

Offense: Base hit to left field

Defense: Play goes to home



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Move across the infield to cutoff throw to home

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Back up catcher, run around first base side so the catcher's view is unobstructed during the whole play. If ball is cut off and no play at home return to 1<sup>st</sup> base to catch runner rounding out too far.

2nd base: Check that the runner touches first base and cover 2<sup>nd</sup> base. Prepare to receive throw from cutoff. You may have to go home with the throw if runner from 3<sup>rd</sup> tries to advance.

3rd base: Check that the runner touches third base and cover third base

Shortstop: Check that the runner touches second base and cover second base. If ball is hit deep then become cutoff for 2<sup>nd</sup> base

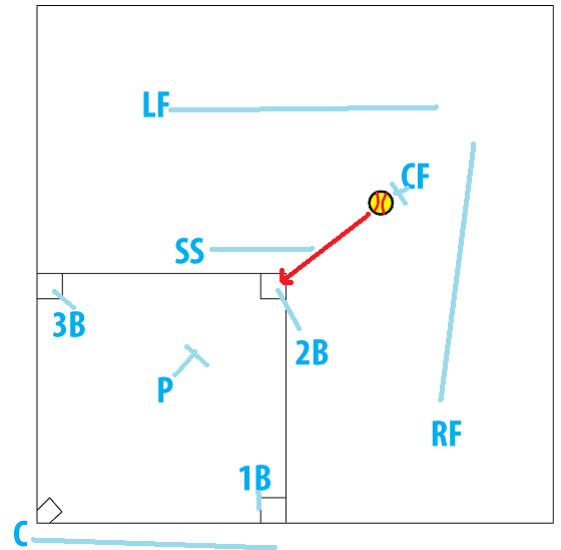
Left: Fields the ball and throws to home (or second, if the ball is hit deep)

Center: Back up left field

Right: Back up second base

Note: The throw to the cutoff only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to home **through** the cutoff so it could be cutoff if necessary.

Note: Many young youth teams will execute this situation similar to a base hit with bases empty. That is, the shortstop will move into the outfield to be the first (of two) cutoff men (double cut) to home or be the cutoff to second. Second baseman will cover second. First base



does not have a fielder covering the base.

### Base Hit to Center with Bases Empty

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Base hit to center field with bases empty, the play goes to second

#### **Play:**

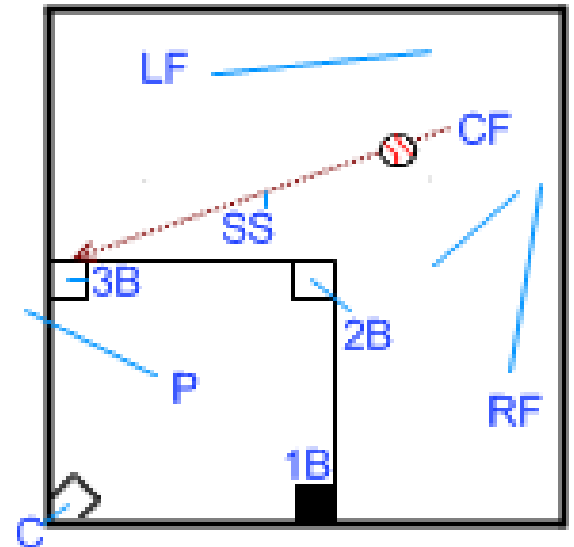
Situation: Bases empty  
 Offense: Base hit to center field  
 Defense: Play goes to second base

#### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Back up play at second base  
 Catcher: Back up first base for possible throw from 2<sup>nd</sup> base if runner rounds too far.  
 1st base: Check that the runner touches first base and cover first base let 2<sup>nd</sup> base know if runner took too big of a turn.  
 2nd base: Cover second base and receive throw from cutoff man (SS) or center fielder. Be prepared to throw to first.  
 3rd base: Covers third base  
 Shortstop: Moves into outfield to cutoff throw to second base  
 Left: Back up center field

Center: Fields the ball and throws to second base (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep) Good time to build your **WALL** to make sure the ball does not get by you!

Right: Back up center field



Note: The throw to the cutoff only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to second base. Always be aware of runners taking too big of a turn on the bases and be prepared to throw them out.

### Base Hit to Center with Runner(s) on First (and Third)

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Base hit to center field with a runner on first or runners on first and third, the play goes to third.

#### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on first or  
Runners on first and third

Offense: Base hit to center field

Defense: Play goes to third base

#### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Back up third

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Check that the runner touches first base and cover first base

2nd base: Check that the runner touches second base and cover second base. Let 3B know if runner rounds 2<sup>nd</sup> base too much. Be prepared to receive throw from 3<sup>rd</sup>.

3rd base: Covers third base and receive the throw from cutoff man (SS) or center fielder

Shortstop: Moves into outfield to cutoff throw to third base

Left: Back up center field

Center: Fields the ball and throws to third base (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep)

Right: Back up center field and then back up second base should the batter attempt to advance to second

Note: The throw to the cutoff only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to third base **through** the cutoff so it could be cutoff if necessary.

## Base Hit to Center with Runners on First and Second (or Loaded)

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Base hit to center field with a runner on first and second or bases loaded, the play goes to home.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on first and second or  
Bases loaded

Offense: Base hit to center field

Defense: Play goes to home

### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Be cut off listen to catcher to call out play. Cut 3, Cut 4 or let it go.

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Back up home. If it is cut then make your way back to 1<sup>st</sup> base.

2nd base: Check that the runner touches second base and cover second base

3rd base: Check that the runner touches third base and cover third base

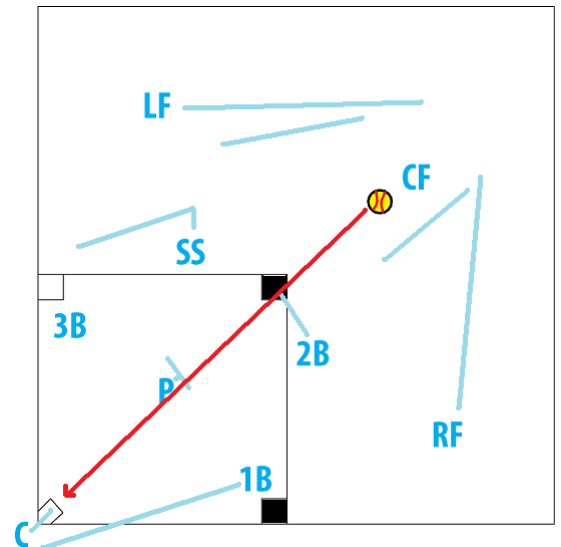
Shortstop: Move into the outfield to cutoff throw to third. The play becomes third if the ball is hit very deep. If throw is coming home roll over to back up 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

Left: Back up center field then go to back up 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Center: Fields the ball and throws to home (or third, if the ball is hit deep)

Right: Back up center field and then back up second base should the batter attempt to advance to second on a throw that went to third

Note: The throw to the cutoff only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to home **through** the cutoff so it could be cutoff if necessary



## Base Hit to Center with Runner(s) on Second or Second and Third

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Base hit to center field with a runner(s) on second or second and third, the play goes to home.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on second or  
Runners on second and third

Offense: Base hit to center field

Defense: Play goes to home

### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Be cut off and listen for catcher to call out play cut, cut 3 cut 4 cut 1.

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Back up home

2nd base: Check that the runner touches first base and cover first base

3rd base: Check that the runner touches third base and cover third base

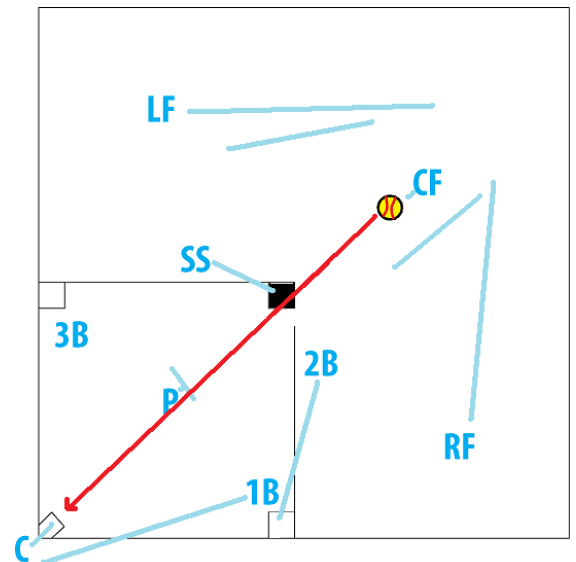
Shortstop: Check that the runner touches second base and cover second base

Left: Back up center field then come back for back up of 3<sup>rd</sup>

Center: Fields the ball and throws to home (or second, if the ball is hit deep)

Right: Back up center field then come back for back up of 2<sup>nd</sup>

Note: The throw to the cutoff only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to home **through** the cutoff so it could be cutoff if necessary



## Base Hit to Right with Bases Empty

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

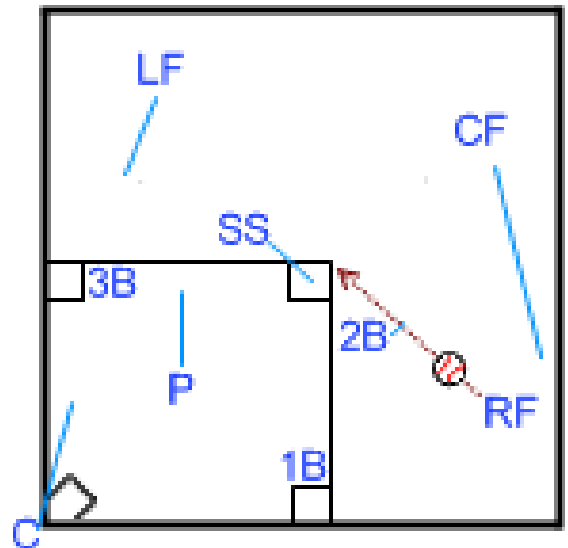
Base hit to right field with bases empty, the play goes to second.

### **Play:**

Situation: Bases empty

Offense: Base hit to right field

Defense: Play goes to second base



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Back up cutoff (2B) Cover the infield in case of bad throw.

Catcher: Move to back up position between third and home

1st base: Check that the runner touches first base and cover first base be prepared for a throw from RF if hard hit ball fielded quickly

2nd base: Moves into outfield to cutoff throw to second base

3rd base: Covers third base

Shortstop: Covers second base and receive throw from cutoff (2B) or right fielder then throw to first to catch runner rounding first base.

Left: Back up second base

Center: Back up right field

Right: Fields the ball and throws to second base or possible first base if hard hit ball fielded quickly (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep) Good time to build you **WALL** to make sure the ball does not get by you!

Note: The throw to the cutoff man only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to second base

## Base Hit to Right with Runner (s) on First (and Third)

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Base hit to right field with a runner on first or runners on first and third, the play goes to third.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on first or  
Runners on first and third

Offense: Base hit to right field

Defense: Play goes to third base

### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Back up third

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Check that the runner touches first base and cover first base

2nd base: If ball is hit deep then you will become the cut off, if fielded in front of Right Fielder then cover second base make sure runner touches 2<sup>nd</sup> base.

3rd base: Covers third base and receive the throw from cutoff (SS) or right fielder let the cut off know if they should cut or let go.

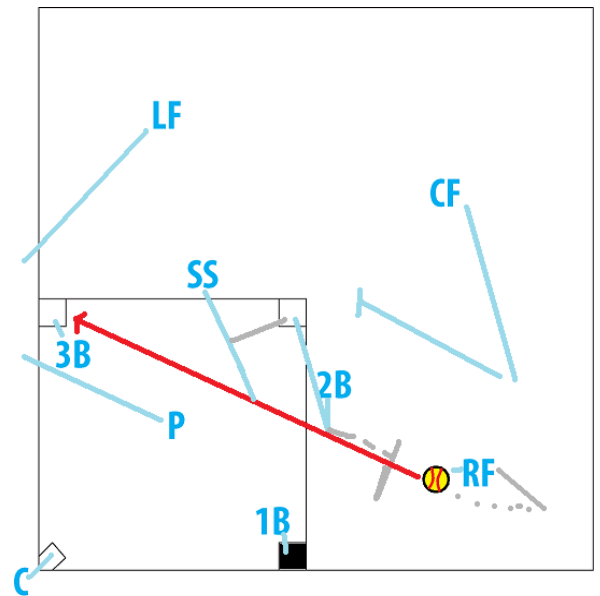
Shortstop: Moves into position to cutoff throw to third base If the ball is hit to deep right field, then 2<sup>nd</sup> base will be cut off and you will need to cover 2<sup>nd</sup> base.

Left: Back up third

Center: Back up right field and then back up second base should the batter attempt to advance to second

Right: Fields the ball and throws to third base (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep)

Note: The throw to the cutoff man only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to third base



## Base Hit to Right with Runners on First and Second (or Loaded)

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Base hit to right field with a runner on first and second or bases loaded, the play goes to home.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on first and second or  
Bases loaded

Offense: Base hit to right field

Defense: Play goes to home

### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Go between third and home to back up catcher if the throw is to home or back up third if the throw is to third

Catcher: Cover home call play let go, cut, cut home, cut 3.

1st base: Move across the infield to cutoff throw to home listen for catcher to make call cut 3 cut home.

2nd base: Cover 1<sup>st</sup> base but if ball gets by right fielder move into the outfield to cutoff throw to third. The play becomes third if the ball is hit very deep (see Note 2)

3rd base: Check that the runner touches third base and cover third base

Shortstop: Check that the runner touches second base and cover second base (see Note 2)

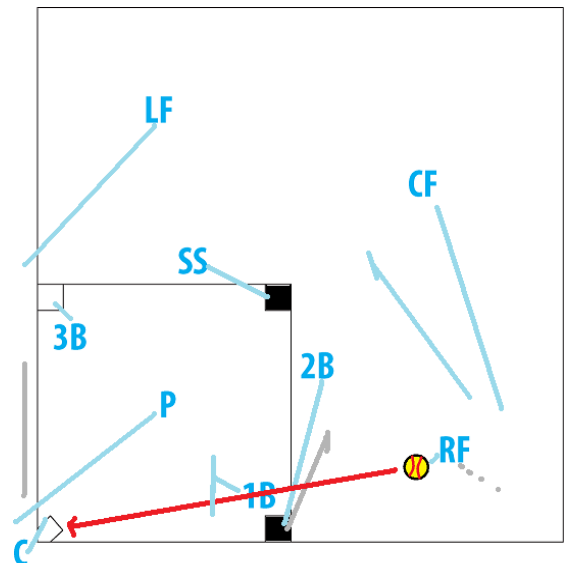
Left: Back up third

Center: Back up right field and then back up second base should the batter attempt to advance to second on a throw to home or third

Right: Fields the ball and throws to home (or third, if the ball is hit deep)

Note: The throw to the cutoff only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to home **through** the cutoff.

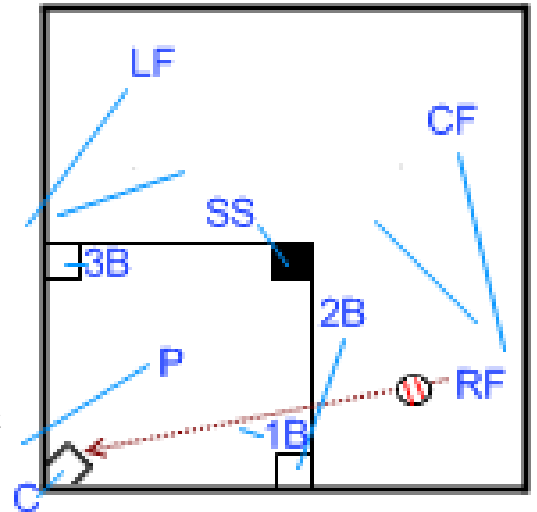
Note 2: If ball gets by the right fielder 2<sup>nd</sup> base will have to go out to be cut off .



## Base Hit to Right with Runner(s) on Second or Second and Third

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Base hit to right field with a runner(s) on second or second and third, the play goes to home with less than 2 outs. With 2 outs right fielder needs to determine if the runner can be thrown out at first base.



**Play:** Runner on second or Runners on second and

**Situation:** third

**Offense:** Base hit to right field

**Defense:** Play goes to home

### **Player Responsibilities:**

**Pitcher:** Back up catcher, run around either first base side for left center hits or the third base side for right center hits so the catcher's view is unobstructed during the whole play

**Catcher:** Cover home

**1st base:** Move across the infield to cutoff throw to home unless it is a sharply hit ball and there is a possible play at first base. Usually with two outs.

**2nd base:** Check that the runner touches first base and cover first base

**3rd base:** Check that the runner touches third base and cover third base

**Shortstop:** Check that the runner touches second base and cover second base

**Left:** Back up third base and then back up second base on a deep hit ball should the batter attempt to advance to second on a throw from right field

**Center:** Back up right field and then back up second base should the batter attempt to advance to second on the throw home

**Right:** Fields the ball and throws to home (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep)

**Note:** The throw to the cutoff man only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to home **through** the cutoff so it could be cutoff if necessary. If there is less than two outs the play will usually go home, but there are times even with less than two outs we might go to first on sharply hit ball.

## Double or Triple to Left Field Line with Bases Empty

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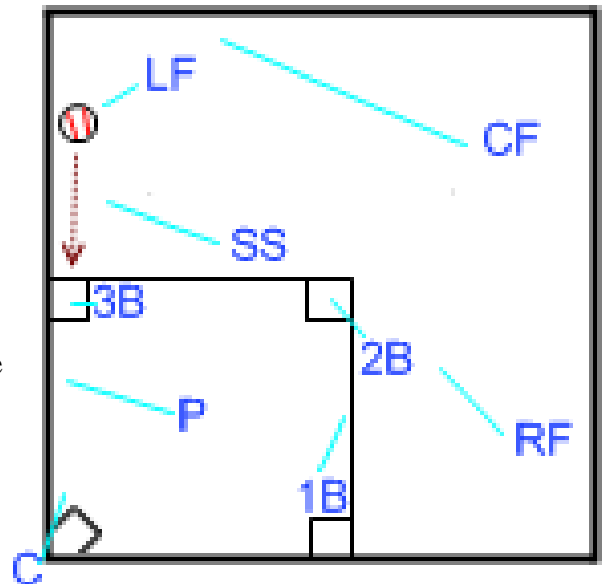
Double or triple down the left field line with bases empty, the play goes to third.

### **Play:**

Situation: Bases empty

Offense: Double or triple down the left field line

Defense: Play goes to third base



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Backup third base

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Check that the runner touches first base and trail behind the runner to about halfway between first and second base.

2nd base: Cover second base, check that the runner touches second base, then trail behind the runner and stop about 20 feet behind the cutoff man (SS)

3rd base: Cover third base

Shortstop: Moves into outfield to cutoff throw to either third (or second) base

Left: Fields the ball and throws to base in front of the runners current position (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep)

Center: Back up left field

Right: Back up the throw to second base

Note: The throw to the cutoff man only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to the base in front of the runner (either second or third base).

## Double or Triple to Left Field Line with Runner on Base

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Double or triple down the left field line with runners on base, the play goes to home.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runners on base

Offense: Double or triple down the left field line

Defense: Play goes to third base

### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Backup 3<sup>rd</sup>

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Check that the runner touches first base and backup home.

2nd base: Cover second base, check that the runner touches second base, then trail behind the runner and stop about 20 feet behind the cutoff man (SS)

3rd base: Cover third base call play to SS

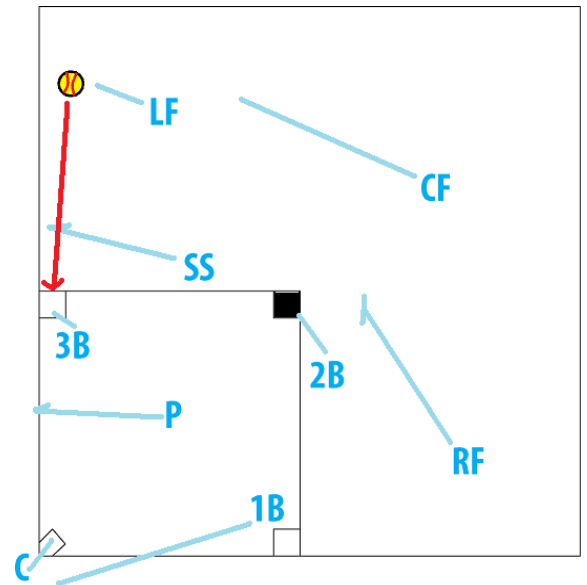
Shortstop: Moves into outfield to cutoff throw to third base

Left: Fields the ball and throws home (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep)

Center: Back up left field

Right: Back up second base

Note: The throw to the cutoff man only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to third base.



## Double or Triple to Left Center Gap with Bases Empty

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Double or triple to the left center gap with bases empty, the play goes to third.

### **Play:**

Situation: Bases empty

Offense: Double or triple to the left center gap

Defense: Play goes to third base

### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Backup third base

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Check that the runner touches first base and trail behind the runner to about halfway between first and second base.

2nd base: Cover second base, check that the runner touches second base, then trail behind the runner and stop about 20 feet behind the cutoff man (SS)

3rd base: Cover third base

Shortstop: Moves into outfield to cutoff throw to either second or third base

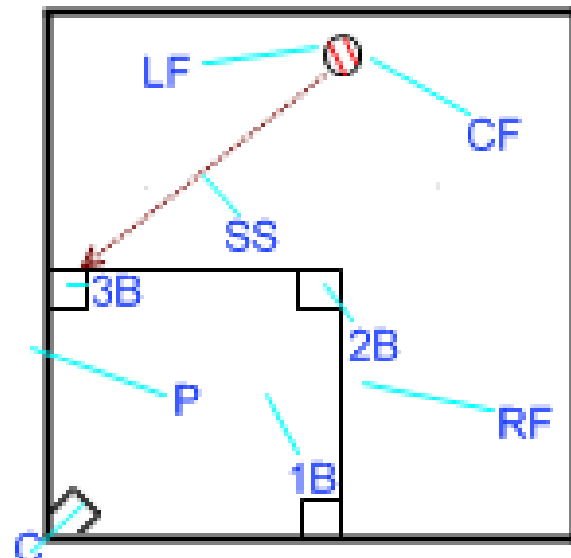
Left: Fields the ball and throws to base in front of the runners current position (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep) (see Note 2)

Center: Fields the ball and throws to base in front of the runners current position (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep) (see Note 2)

Right: Back up the throw to second base

Note 1: The throw to the cutoff man only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to the base in front of the runner (either second or third base).

Note 2: The center fielder should field any ball that he can get and the left fielder backs up the center fielder. If the center fielder can not get to the ball earlier or at the same time as the left fielder, then the left fielder should field the ball and the center fielder backs up the left fielder.





## Double or Triple to Left Center Gap with Runner First Base

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

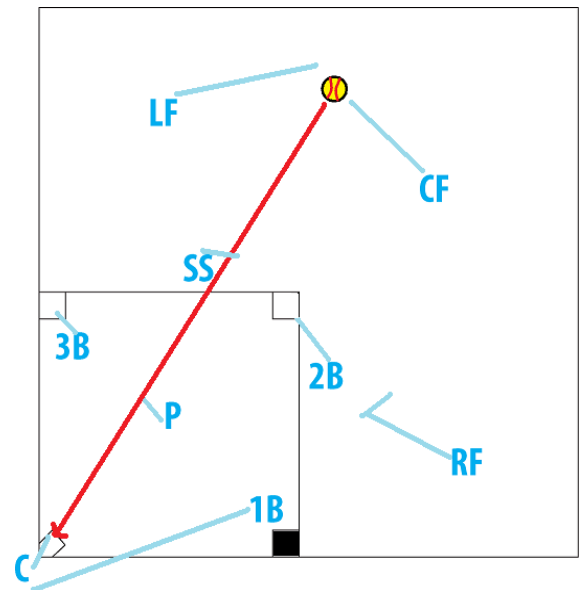
Double or triple into the left center gap with runners on base, the play goes to home.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runners on base

Offense: Double or triple into the left center gap

Defense: Play goes to home



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Cut off listen to catcher for call cut, cut home, cut 2 or cut 3.

Catcher: Cover home make the call, cut, cut home, cut 2 or cut 3.

1st base: Back up home. If ball is cut and not play at home go back to first.

2nd base: Cover second base, check that the runner touches second base, then trail behind the runner and stop about 20 feet behind the cutoff man (SS)

3rd base: Cover third base no backup you cannot let the ball get by you.

Shortstop: Moves into outfield to cutoff throw to home

Left: Fields the ball and throws home (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep) (see Note 2)

Center: Fields the ball and throws home (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep) (see Note 2)

Right: Back up second base

Note 1: The throw to the cutoff man only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to home.

Note 2: The center fielder should field any ball that he can get and the left fielder backs up the center fielder. If the center fielder can not get to the ball earlier or at the same time as the left fielder, then the left fielder should field the ball and the center fielder backs up the left fielder.

## Double or Triple to Left Center Gap with Runner on Base

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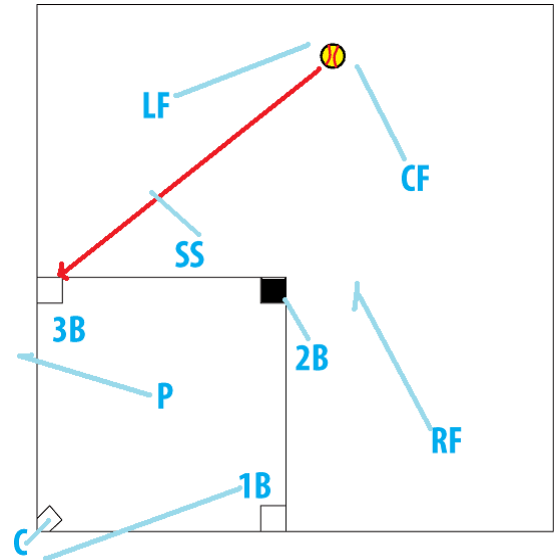
Double or triple into the left center gap with runners on base, the play goes to third base.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runners on base

Offense: Double or triple into the left center gap

Defense: Play goes to third base



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Back up third base.

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Back up home. If ball cut then go back to 1<sup>st</sup> base.

2nd base: Cover second base, check that the runner touches second base, then trail behind the runner and stop about 20 feet behind the cutoff man (SS)

3rd base: Cover third base call play, cut, cut 2 cut 3.

Shortstop: Moves into outfield to cutoff throw to home

Left: Fields the ball and throws to third (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep) (see Note 2)

Center: Fields the ball and throws to third (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep) (see Note 2)

Right: Back up second base

Note 1: The throw to the cutoff man only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to third base.

Note 2: The center fielder should field any ball that he can get and the left fielder backs up the center fielder. If the center fielder can not get to the ball earlier or at the same time as the left fielder, then the left fielder should field the ball and the center fielder backs up the left fielder

## Double or Triple to Right Center Gap with Bases Empty

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Double or triple to the right center gap with bases empty, the play goes to third.

### **Play:**

Situation: Bases empty

Offense: Double or triple to the right center gap

Defense: Play goes to third base

### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Backup third base

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Check that the runner touches first base and trail behind the runner to about halfway between first and second base.

2nd base: Cover second base, check that the runner touches second base.

3rd base: Cover third base

Shortstop: Move into position for cutoff if the ball is hit to deep right center field, then the shortstop will need to deeper into the outfield

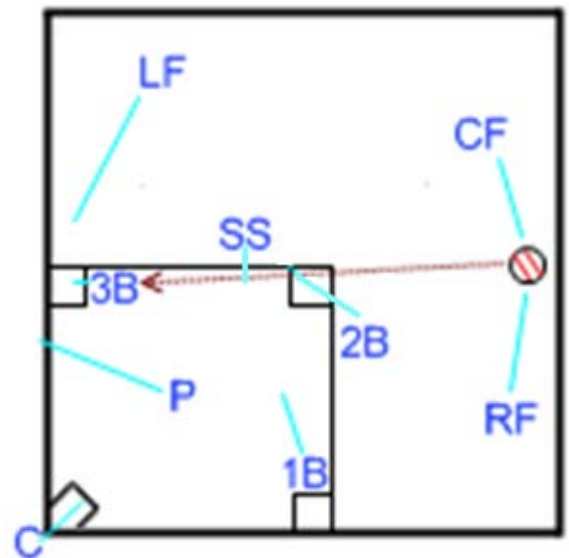
Left: Back up the throw to third (or second) base

Center: Fields the ball and throws to base in front of the runners current position (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep) (see Note 2)

Right: Fields the ball and throws to base in front of the runners current position (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep) (see Note 2)

Note 1: The throw to the cutoff only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to the base in front of the runner (either second or third base).

Note 2: The center fielder should field any ball that he can get and the right fielder backs up the center fielder. If the center fielder can not get to the ball earlier or at the same time as the right fielder, then the right fielder should field the ball and the center fielder backs up the right fielder.



## Double or Triple to Right Center Gap with Runner on Base

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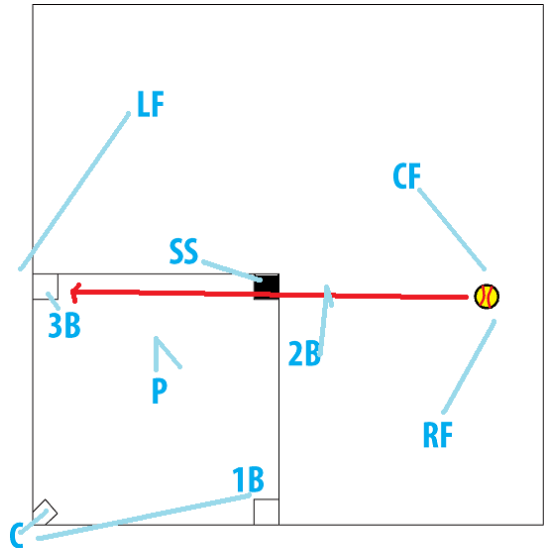
Double or triple into the right center gap with runners on base, the play goes to home.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runners on base

Offense: Double or triple into the right center gap

Defense: Play goes to home



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: You are be prepared for bad throw in.

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Back up home. If cut then go back to 1<sup>st</sup> base.

2nd base: Moves into outfield to cutoff throw to home

3rd base: Cover third base make call cut, cut 2 , or cut 3.

Shortstop: Cover second base and check that the runner touches second base

Left: Back up the throw to second or third base

Center: Fields the ball and throws third (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep) (see Note 2)

Right: Fields the ball and throws third (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep) (see Note 2)

Note 1: The throw to the cutoff man only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to home.

Note 2: The center fielder should field any ball that he can get and the right fielder backs up the center fielder. If the center fielder can not get to the ball earlier or at the same time as the right fielder, then the right fielder should field the ball and the center fielder backs up the right fielder.

## Double or Triple to Right Field Line with Bases Empty

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Double or triple down the right field line with bases empty, the play goes to third.

### **Play:**

Situation: Bases empty

Offense: Double or triple down the right field line

Defense: Play goes to third base

### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Secondary backup in case of bad throw or if ball gets by right fielder.

Catcher: Cover home call play cut 3 cut 2

1st base: Check that the runner touches first base and trail behind the runner to about halfway between first and second base.

2nd base: Moves into outfield to cutoff throw to either second or third base

3rd base: Cover third base

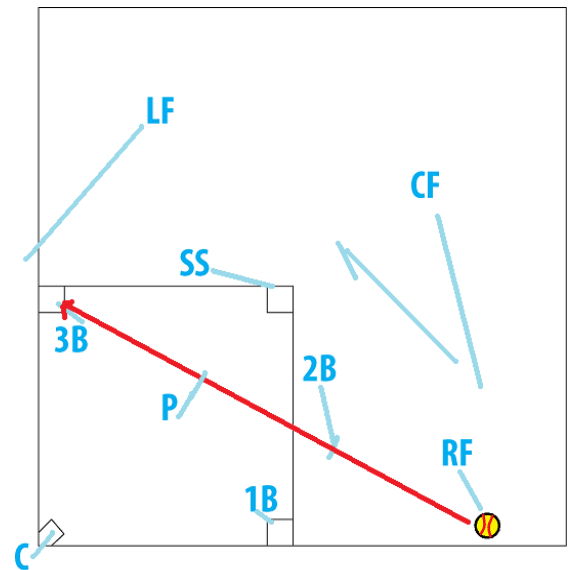
Shortstop: Cover second base, check that the runner touches second base. If the ball is hit to deep right center field, then the shortstop will need to become the second (of two) cutoff men (double cut)

Left: Back up the throw to third (or second) base

Center: Back up right field

Right: Fields the ball and throws to base in front of the runner's current position (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep)

Note: The throw to the cutoff only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to the base in front of the runner (either second or third base).



## Double or Triple Down Right Field Line with Runner on Base

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Double or triple into the right field line with runners on base, the play goes to third

### **Play:**

Situation: Runners on base

Offense: Double or triple down the right field line

Defense: Play goes to third

### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Backup home

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Check that the runner touches first be second cut off to home. Listen for catcher's call.

2nd base: Moves into outfield to cutoff throw to home. Listen for catcher's call.

3rd base: Cover third base call play, cut, cut 2 cut 3.

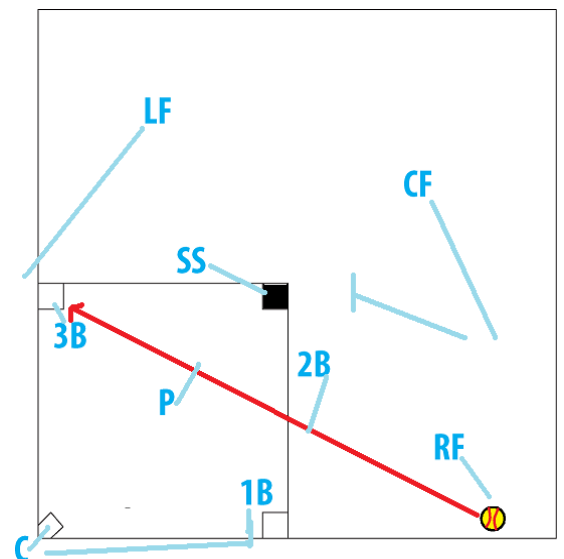
Shortstop: Cover second base and check that the runner touches second base

Left: Back up the throw to second or third base

Center: Back up right field then second base.

Right: Fields the ball and throws to third (or cutoff, if the ball is hit deep)

Note: The throw to the cutoff man only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to home.



## **Fly Ball Fielding Priority**

Without fielders knowing who has the fielding priority to call the other player off, one of two things can happen: 1) a collision between two determined and aggressive players, or 2) the ball dropping between two overcautious and timid players. In either of these situations, a routine fly ball can turn into a costly game changing play. The solution to this dilemma is setting up a system covering all fly balls and pop-ups. The two fielders involved immediately know who has prime responsibility, whose call takes precedence, and who should back away.

### **Quick Review of Fly Ball Fielding Rules**

1. Players must aggressively go after all fly balls within their area until someone calls them off of it. They should not assume that someone else will catch it.
2. Every fly ball must be called for by a player, no matter how obvious it may be who should catch the ball.
3. Wait until the ball starts its decent before calling for it. Calling the ball too soon may lead to a player with a better catching angle backing off the ball.
4. Know where the sun is and what type of fly ball can get lost in the sunlight. If an outfielder loses sight of the ball, another player who hustles to back them up may have a different angle on the ball and can make the catch.
5. Every fly ball has at least one player backing up the fielder in case the original fielder misjudges the ball, loses it in the sun, or a swirling wind moves the ball away from them.

### **Fly Ball Fielding Principals**

1. It is easier for an outfielder to come forward to catch a fly ball than for an infielder to go back because the ball is moving toward the outfield and away from the infield. Also, the outfielder is moving in on the play and will end up in a better throwing position if a base runner is tagging and trying to advance.
2. It is easier for a shortstop or circle behind a third baseman or a second baseman to circle behind a first baseman than it is for the corner infielders to go backwards. This is because the middle infielders usually start deeper and have a better angle on the ball.
3. It is easier for a first or third baseman to come in on a pop-up rather than for a catcher to go out since the ball is moving toward the infielders and away from the catcher.
4. It is easier for a pitcher to catch a shallow pop up than for a catcher to go out to catch a ball moving away from them.

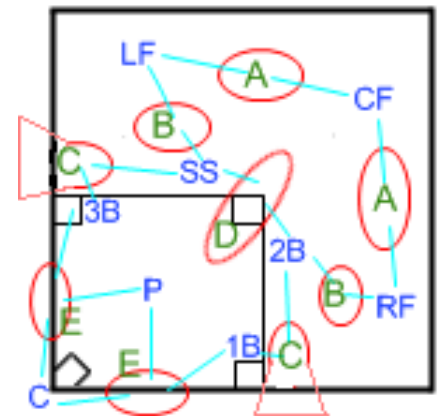
## Fly Ball Fielding Priorities listed from highest priority to lowest priority.

1. Center fielder – center fielder always has the best angle on the ball and can call off any other fielder.
2. Left or Right fielder – left or right fielder should call off any infielders going out to make a catch if they can make the catch.
3. Shortstop – shortstop has priority over all the infielders on balls hit behind the base line between second and third, and over second baseman on balls hit up the middle.
4. Second base – has priority over the first baseman on balls hit behind the base line between first and second and behind first base.
5. Third base – has priority over all of the infielders, pitcher and catcher on balls hit in front of the base line (fair or foul)
6. First base – has priority over second base, pitcher and catcher on balls hit in front of the base line first to second (fair or foul)
7. Pitcher – has priority over the catcher on all shallow pop ups in front of home plate.
8. Catcher – catcher should go after every ball until someone calls them off.

### Trouble Spots

The areas marked in RED are the trouble spots. These are locations where extra care needs to be taken and more importantly extra communication is needed.

1. Location A – both outfielders are running at full speed trying to make this play. In this case center fielder has priority over other outfielders
2. Location B – infielders will be running out while outfielders will be running in. Infielders should stay tracking the ball until an outfielder calls them off. Outfielder has priority. Infielder should veer off and let outfielder know they are safe to make the play. Infielder becomes backup if outfielder does not make the play.
3. Location C – these are balls that are hit just over 1st or 3rd base fair or foul. The middle infielders second and shortstop typically have a better angle on these balls and have priority. 1st and 3rd should continue after these balls until they are called off.
4. Location D – balls hit over pitcher towards second base. Shortstop has priority over second.
5. Location E – foul balls down the first or third base line; corner infielders 1st and 3rd are running in on these balls, the pitcher is running across the field. The catcher is running out. The corner infielders have priority, second to them will be the pitcher. Catcher should continue after these balls until they are called off.



**Communication is the key to fielding these trouble spots. With good communication the fielder can go after these balls with assurance that the other fielders will yield to their priority. This will increase every fielders range.**

### Infield Fly on the Left Side

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Infield fly to the left side with bases empty or runners on base, the play is to make the catch and hold the runners.

#### **Play:**

Situation: Bases empty or runners on base with less than two outs

Offense: Infield fly to the left side

Defense: Play is to make the catch and hold the runners

#### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Direct the infield players so everyone knows who is making the catch

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Cover first base

2nd base: Cover second base

3rd base: Go hard to the ball to make the catch (has first priority)

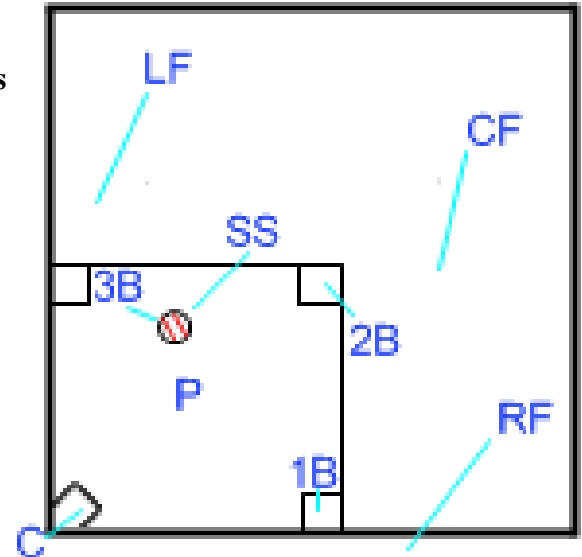
Shortstop: Go hard to the ball to make the catch until third base calls the catch (has second priority)

Left: Moves toward third base

Center: Back up second base

Right: Back up first base

Note: Third and shortstop need to go hard to the ball to attempt to make the catch. On fly balls inside the baseline, third base has priority over shortstop on making the catch.



## Infield Fly in the Middle

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Infield fly to the middle of the infield with bases empty or runners on base, the play is to make the catch and hold the runners.

### **Play:**

Situation: Bases empty or runners on base with less than two outs

Offense: Infield fly to the middle of the infield

Defense: Play is to make the catch and hold the runners

### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Direct the infield players so everyone knows who is making the catch

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Cover first base

2nd base: Go hard to the ball to make the catch until shortstop calls the catch (has second priority)

3rd base: Cover third base

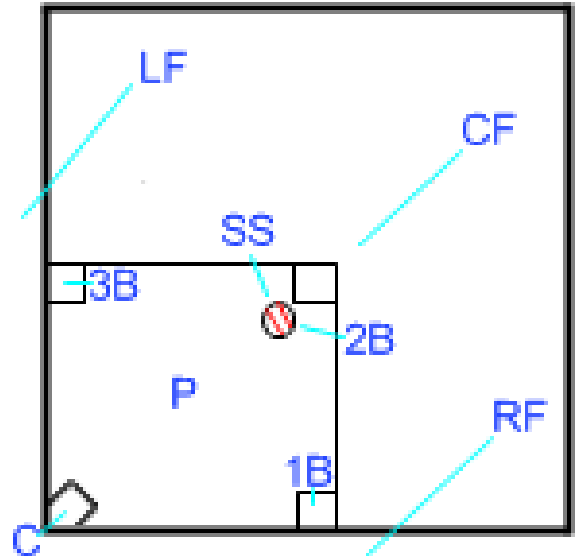
Shortstop: Go hard to the ball to make the catch (has first priority)

Left: Back up third base

Center: Back up second base

Right: Back up first base

Note: Shortstop and second baseman need to go hard to the ball to attempt to make the catch. On fly balls in the middle of the infield, shortstop has priority over second base on making the catch.



## Infield Fly on the Right Side

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

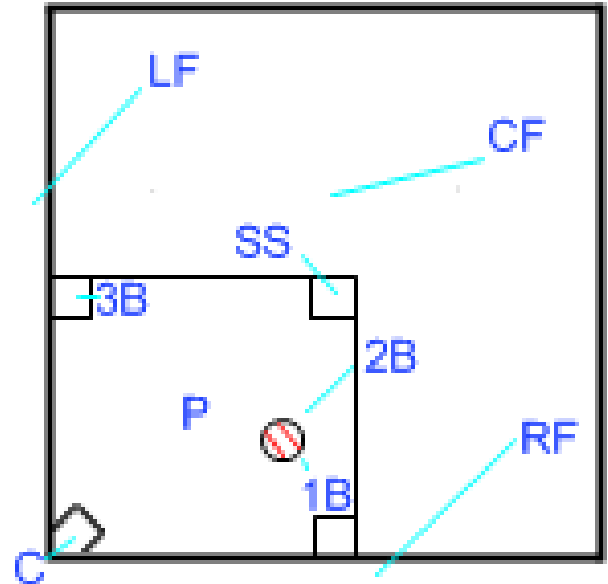
Infield fly to the right side with bases empty or runners on base, the play is to make the catch and hold the runners.

### **Play:**

Situation: Bases empty or runners on base with less than two outs

Offense: Infield fly to the right side

Defense: Play is to make the catch and hold the runners



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Direct the infield players so everyone knows who is making the catch

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Go hard to the ball to make the catch (has first priority)

2nd base: Go hard to the ball to make the catch until first base calls the catch (has second priority)

3rd base: Cover third base

Shortstop: Cover second base

Left: Back up third base

Center: Back up second base

Right: Back up first base

Note: First and second need to go hard to the ball to attempt to make the catch. On fly balls inside the baseline, first base has priority over second base on making the catch.

## Outfield Fly to Left with Bases Empty

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

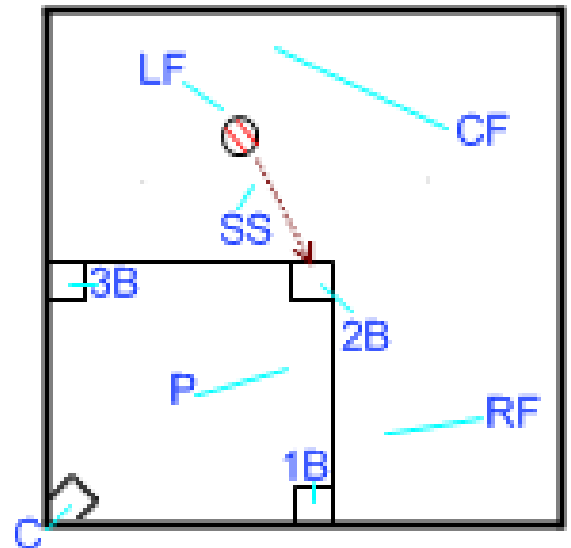
Outfield fly to left with bases empty, the play is to make the catch and hold the runners.

### **Play:**

Situation: Bases empty with less than two outs

Offense: Outfield fly to left field

Defense: Play is to make the catch or field the ball and throw to second



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Back up the throw to shortstop or second base

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Cover first base

2nd base: Cover second base

3rd base: Cover third base

Shortstop: Go hard to the ball to make the catch until left field calls the catch (has second priority). If left makes the catch, then become the cutoff into first or second.

Left: Go hard to the ball to make the catch (has first priority)

Center: Back up left

Right: Move toward first base for possible back up

Note: Left and shortstop need to go hard to the ball to attempt to make the catch. On fly balls into shallow left, left field has priority over shortstop on making the catch.

## Outfield Fly to Left with Bases Empty

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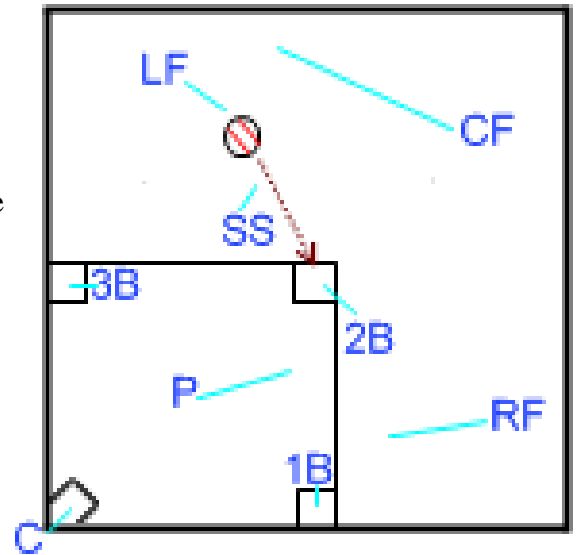
Outfield fly to left with bases empty, the play is to make the catch and hold the runners.

### **Play:**

Situation: Bases empty with less than two outs

Offense: Outfield fly to left field

Defense: Play is to make the catch or field the ball and throw to second



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Back up the throw to shortstop or second base

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Cover first base

2nd base: Cover second base

3rd base: Cover third base

Shortstop: Go hard to the ball to make the catch until left field calls the catch (has second priority). If left makes the catch, then become the cutoff into first or second.

Left: Go hard to the ball to make the catch (has first priority)

Center: Back up left

Right: Move toward first base for possible back up

Note: Left and shortstop need to go hard to the ball to attempt to make the catch. On fly balls into shallow left, left field has priority over shortstop on making the catch.

## Outfield Fly to Left with Runner on Second

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Outfield fly to left with runner on second, the play is to make the catch and throw to third.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on second with less than two outs

Offense: Outfield fly to left field

Defense: Play is to make the catch or field the ball and throw to third

### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Back up the throw to third base

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Cover first base

2nd base: Cover second base

3rd base: Cover third base

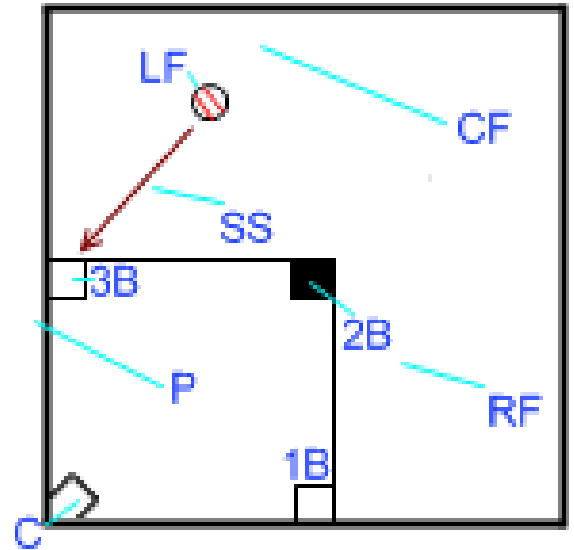
Shortstop: Move into outfield to cutoff throw to third base

Left: Go hard to the ball to make the catch and throw to third

Center: Back up left field

Right: Back up second base

Note: The throw to the cutoff man only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to third.



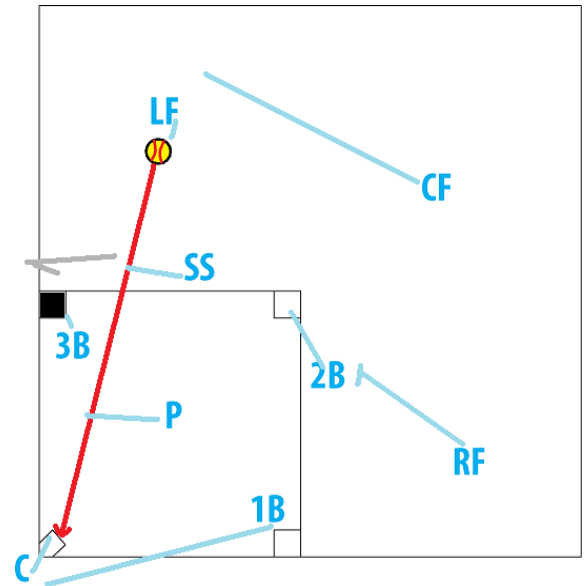
## Outfield Fly to Left with Runner on Third

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Outfield fly to left with runner on third, the play is to make the catch and throw to home.

### **Play:**

- Situation: Runner on third with less than two outs  
Offense: Outfield fly to left field  
Defense: Play is to make the catch or field the ball and throw to home



### **Player Responsibilities:**

- Pitcher: Cut off to home, listen for catcher's call, cut, cut 3  
Catcher: Cover home make call, cut, cut 3  
1st base: Back up home.  
2nd base: Cover second base  
3rd base: Cover third base  
Shortstop: Move into outfield to cutoff throw to home  
If the ball is hit to deep left field, then the shortstop will need to become the first (of two) cutoff men (double cut)  
Left: Go hard to the ball to make the catch and throw to home  
Center: Back up left field  
Right: Back up second base  
Note: The throw to the cutoff man only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to home keeping throw low enough to cut off if necessary.

## Outfield Fly to Center with Bases Empty

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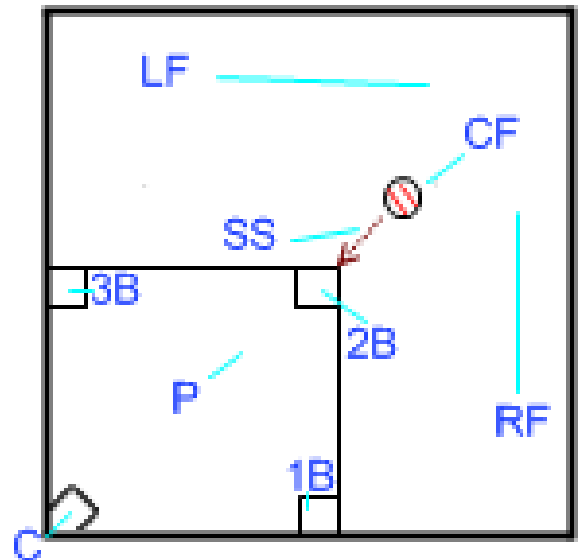
Outfield fly to center with bases empty, the play is to make the catch and hold the runners.

### **Play:**

Situation: Bases empty with less than two outs

Offense: Outfield fly to center field

Defense: Play is to make the catch or field the ball and throw to second



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Back up the throw to second base

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Cover first base

2nd base: Cover second base. If the ball is hit into the shallow outfield then go hard to the ball to make the catch until center field or shortstop calls the catch (has third priority).

3rd base: Cover third base

Shortstop: Go hard to the ball to make the catch until center field calls the catch (has second priority). If center makes the catch, then become the cutoff into first or second.

Left: Back up center field

Center: Go hard to the ball to make the catch (has first priority)

Right: Back up center field

Note: Center, shortstop, and second base need to go hard to the ball to attempt to make the catch. On fly balls into shallow center, center field has first priority, shortstop has second priority, and second base has third priority on making the catch.



## Outfield Fly to Center with Runner on Second

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

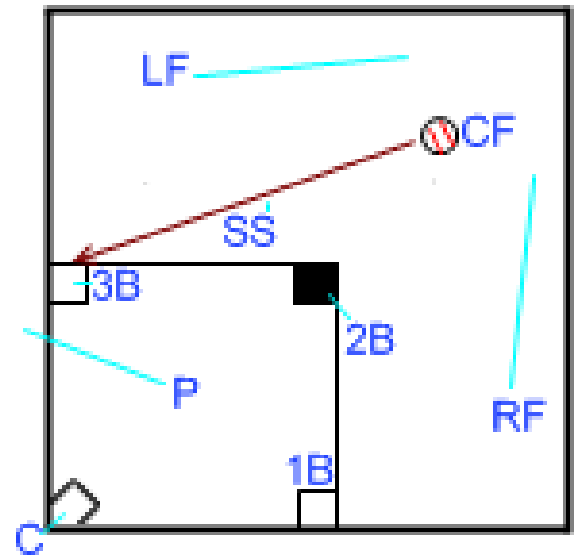
Outfield fly to center with runner on second, the play is to make the catch and throw to third.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on second with less than two outs

Offense: Outfield fly to center field

Defense: Play is to make the catch or field the ball and throw to third



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Back up the throw to third base

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Cover first base

2nd base: Cover second base

3rd base: Cover third base

Shortstop: Moves into outfield to cutoff throw to third base

Left: Back up center field

Center: Go hard to the ball to make the catch and throw to third

Right: Back up center field

Note: The throw to the cutoff man only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to third.

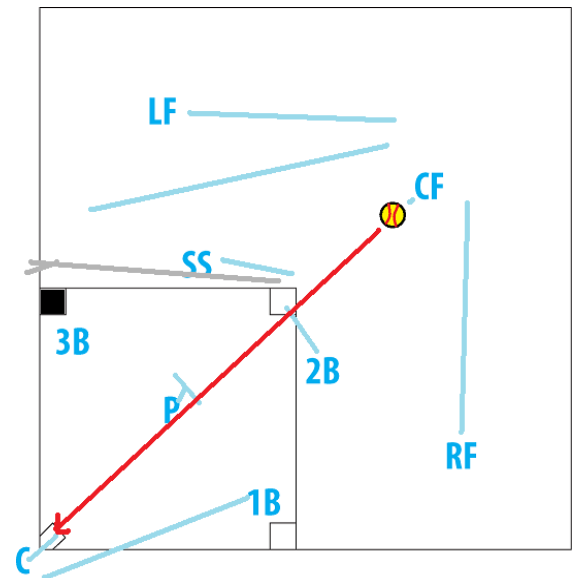
## Outfield Fly to Center with Runner on Third

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Outfield fly to center with runner on third, the play is to make the catch and throw to home.

### **Play:**

- Situation: Runner on third with less than two outs  
Offense: Outfield fly to center field  
Defense: Play is to make the catch or field the ball and throw to home



### **Player Responsibilities:**

- Pitcher: Cut off to home. Listen for catcher's call. Cut, cut 3.  
Catcher: Cover home make call cut, cut 3  
1st base: Back up home  
2nd base: Cover second base  
3rd base: Cover third base listen for catcher's call, cut 3.  
Shortstop: Move into outfield to cutoff throw to home  
If the ball is hit to deep center field, then the shortstop will need to become the first (of two) cutoff men (double cut) If not deep go back to back up 3<sup>rd</sup> base.  
Left: Back up center field if caught go back to left field line to back up 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Center: Go hard to the ball to make the catch and throw to home  
Right: Back up center field  
Note: The throw to the cutoff only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to home keep low enough to cut off if that is catcher's call.

## Outfield Fly to Right with Bases Empty

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

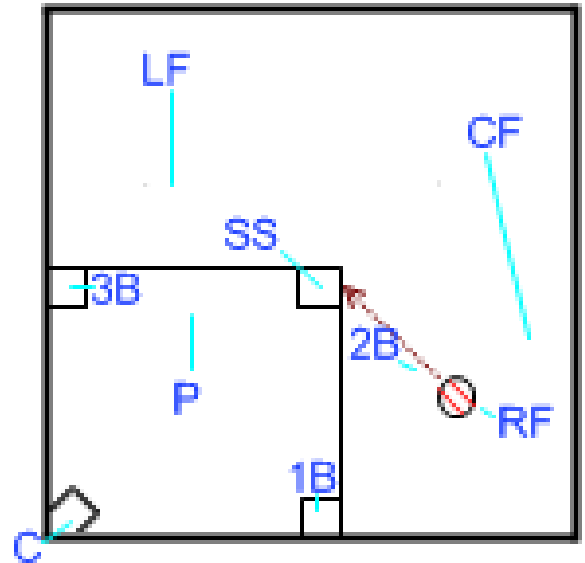
Outfield fly to right with bases empty, the play is to make the catch and hold the runners.

### **Play:**

Situation: Bases empty with less than two outs

Offense: Outfield fly to right field

Defense: Play is to make the catch or field the ball and throw to second



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Back up the throw to second base

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Cover first base

2nd base: Go hard to the ball to make the catch until right field calls the catch (has second priority). If right makes the catch, then become the cutoff into first or second.

3rd base: Cover third base

Shortstop: Cover second base

Left: Back up throw to second base

Center: Back up right field

Right: Go hard to the ball to make the catch (has first priority)

Note: Right and second base need to go hard to the ball to attempt to make the catch. On fly balls into shallow right, right field has first priority and second base has second priority on making the catch.

## Outfield Fly to Right with Runner on First

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

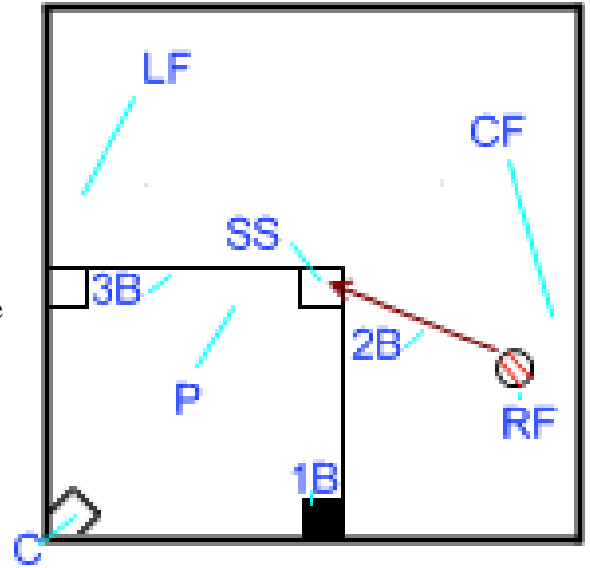
Outfield fly to right with runner on first, the play is to make the catch and throw to second.

### **Play:**

Situation: Runner on first with less than two outs

Offense: Outfield fly to right field

Defense: Play is to make the catch or field the ball and throw to second



### **Player Responsibilities:**

Pitcher: Back up the throw to second base

Catcher: Cover home

1st base: Cover first base

2nd base: Moves into outfield to cutoff throw to second base

3rd base: Move slightly toward second base to back up the throw

Shortstop: Cover second base

Left: Back up second or third base

Center: Back up right field

Right: Go hard to the ball to make the catch and throw to second

Note: The throw to the cutoff only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to second.

## Outfield Fly to Right with Runner on Second

All nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

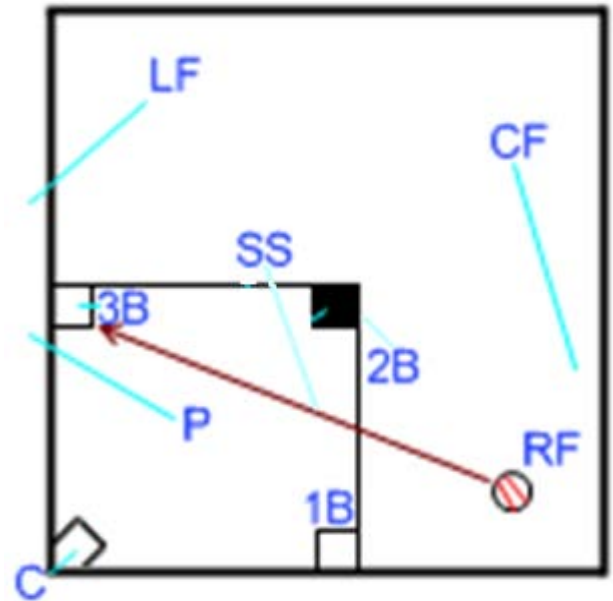
Outfield fly to right with runner on second, the play is to make the catch and throw to third.

### **Play:**

- Situation: Runner on second with less than two outs  
Offense: Outfield fly to right field  
Defense: Play is to make the catch or field the ball and throw to third

### **Player Responsibilities:**

- Pitcher: Back up the throw to third base  
Catcher: Cover home  
1st base: Cover first base  
2nd base: Cover second base  
3rd base: Cover third base  
Shortstop: Move into outfield to cutoff throw to third base  
If the ball is hit to deep right field, then the shortstop will need to adjust their positioning.  
Left: Back up third base  
Center: Back up right field  
Right: Go hard to the ball to make the catch and throw to third  
Note 1: The throw to the cutoff only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to third.



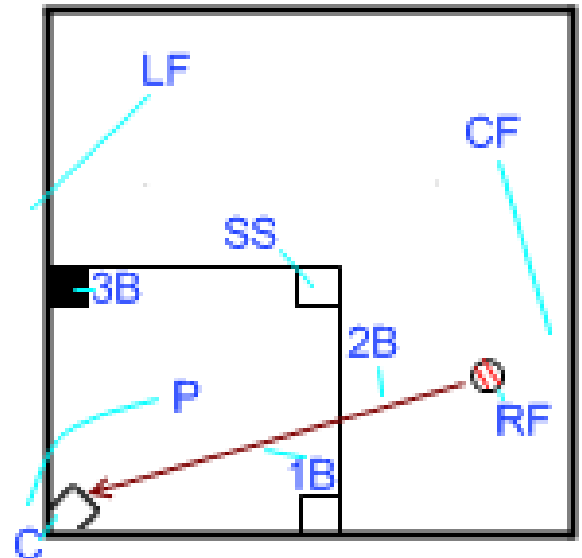
## Outfield Fly to Right with Runner on Third

In baseball and softball, all nine fielders have defined responsibilities and need to move on every play.

Outfield fly to right with runner on third, the play is to make the catch and throw to home.

### **Play:**

- Situation: Runner on third with less than two outs  
Offense: Outfield fly to right field  
Defense: Play is to make the catch or field the ball and throw to home



### **Player Responsibilities:**

- Pitcher: Back up the throw to home  
Catcher: Cover home  
1st base: Move across the infield to cutoff throw to home  
2nd base: Move into outfield to cutoff throw to home  
If the ball is hit to deep right field, then the second baseman will need to become the first (of two) cutoff men (double cut)  
3rd base: Cover third base  
Shortstop: Cover second base  
Left: Back up third base  
Center: Back up right field  
Right: Go hard to the ball to make the catch and throw to home  
Note: The throw to the cutoff man only if necessary, otherwise throw directly to home.