

# 4-Umpire Mechanics for the 60' Diamond

California **4** Umpire **A**ssociation

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# The 4-Umpire Mechanics Basic Principles

- Keep one umpire AHEAD of the lead runner.
- We will always have one umpire on each base (U1, U2, and U3) as a starting position.
- U1 or U3 will “go out” on all fly balls that can be caught, balls that have potential to leave the field of play and all **trouble balls**. An umpire who “goes out” stays out, but turns with the throw to observe events on the infield (“events” include base touches, plays, & overthrows, for example).
- An easy principle to remember is if one umpire goes out, the three remaining umpires revert to 3-umpire mechanics.
- Umpires in the U1 or U3 position are always responsible for catch/no catch for balls hit to outfield, splitting the field
- If the ball goes out of the infield, U2 must come in.

# More 4-Umpire Mechanics Basic Principles

- No umpire goes out on a clean hit to the outfield... unless there is a potential for ball going into a Dead Ball Area.
- Ball is in the outfield, umpires are either inside the diamond or in foul territory...except for the umpire who went out.
- All umpires must continually check Status of the Ball to see if situations are developing
- Plate Umpire generally has Fly Ball Catch No Catch Responsibility in the infield...with exceptions.
- All umpires are monitoring the status of runners and fielders for possible obstruction or interference.
- Each umpire has all plays at their assigned base.
- U1, U2 and U3 must watch for runner at their base leaving early

# \* **What Is a Trouble Ball?**

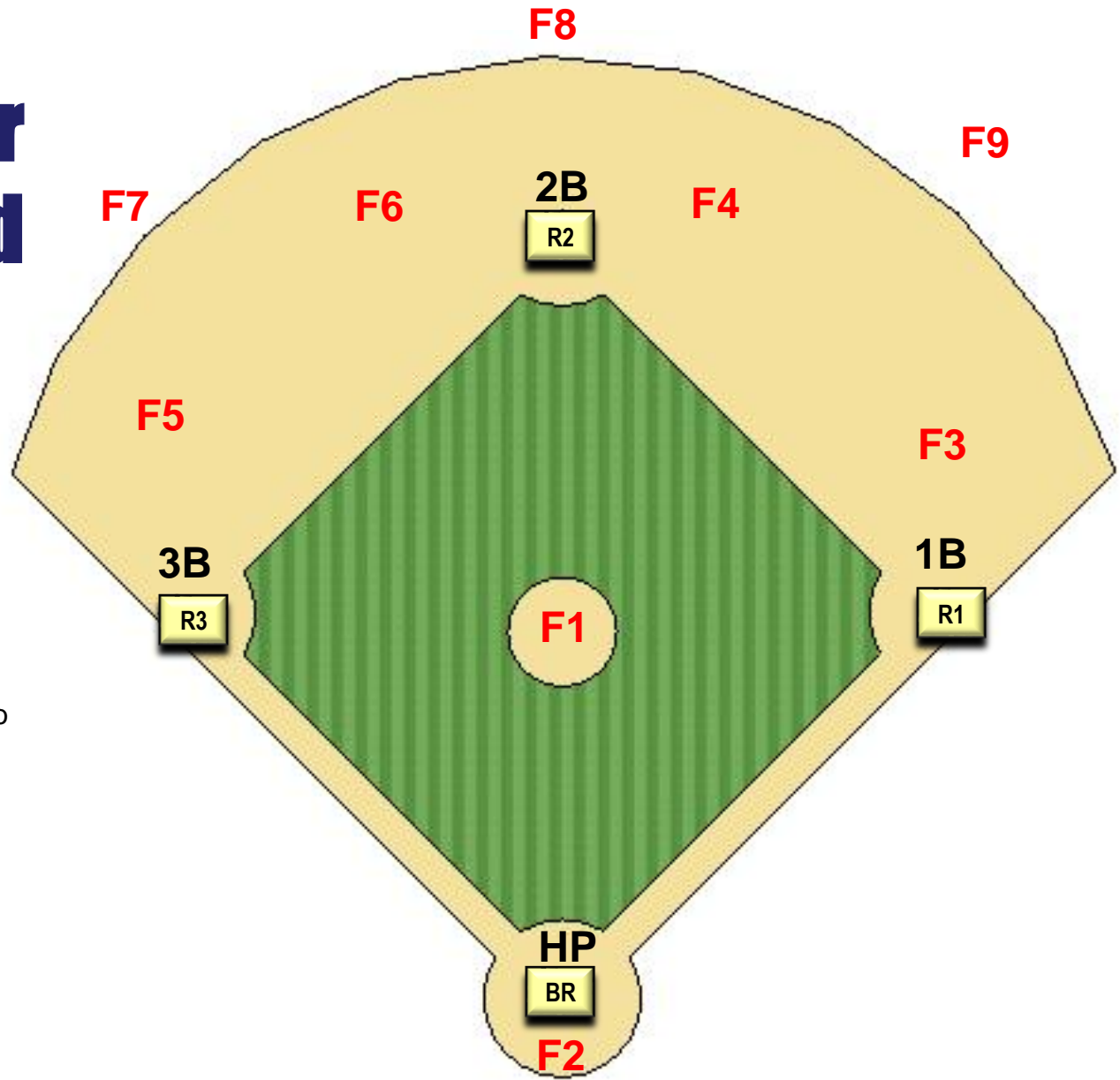
- When the outfielder turns and runs toward the outfield fence (possible Home run)...
- When the outfielder runs toward the foul line (possible fair/foul)...
- When multiple fielders are converging on a fly ball (possible collision and/or dropped ball)...
- When a catch might be made below the waist or by a fielder leaving his feet (possible diving catch)...

**...then you have a Trouble Ball!**

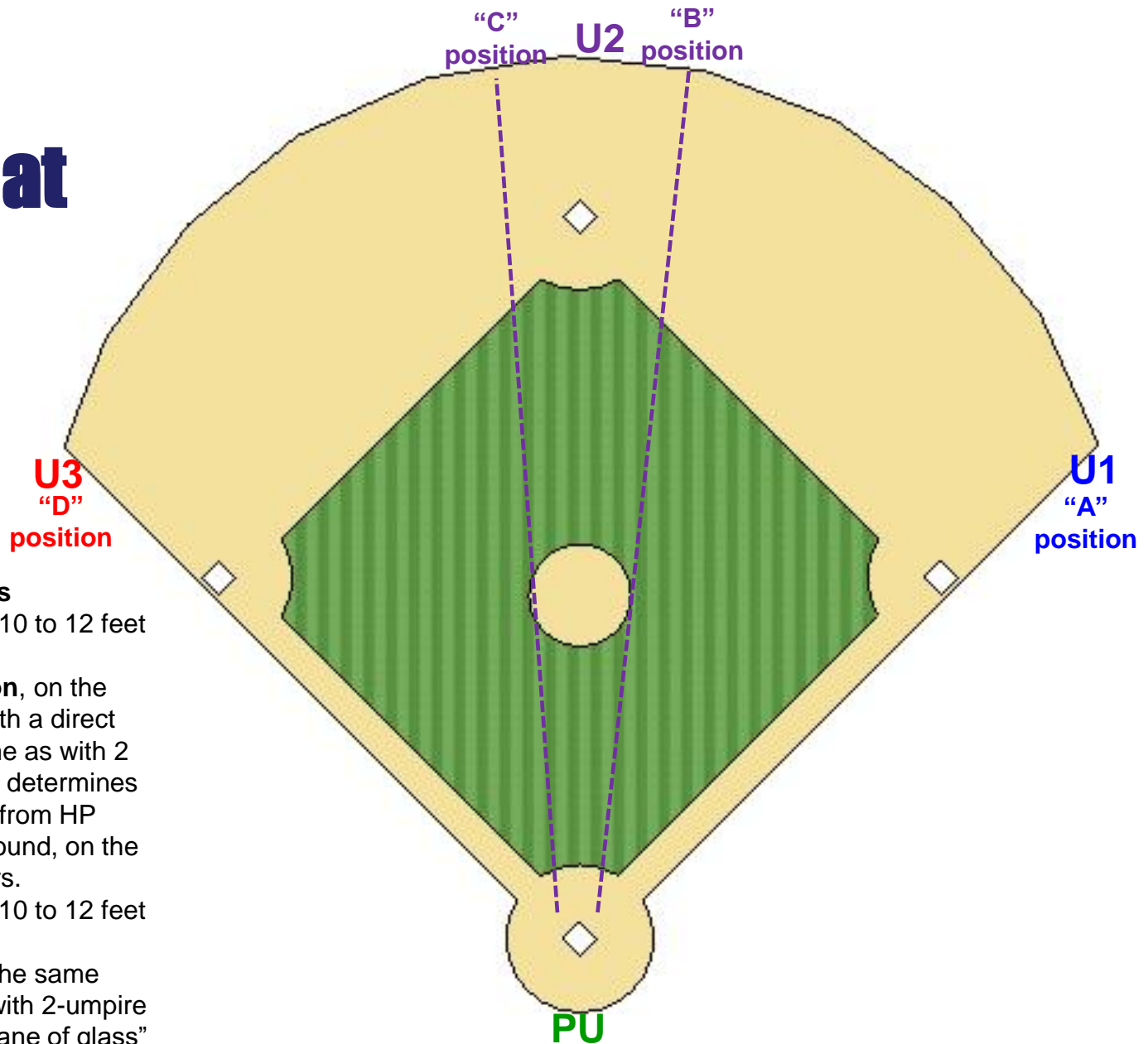
# **Key Terminology Used**

# Terms Used for the Fielder and Players

- **Fielders:** Numbered from F1 to F9, beginning with the pitcher, ending with the Right Fielder.
- **Runners:**
  - BR – Batter Runner: player who began the play as the batter
  - R1 – player who was on 1B
  - R2 – player who was on 2B
  - R3 – player who was on 3B
- **Bases: Referred to by label**
  - HP – Home Plate
  - 1B – First Base
  - 2B – Second Base
  - 3B – Third Base



# Basic Positions at Time of Pitch



## Starting Positions

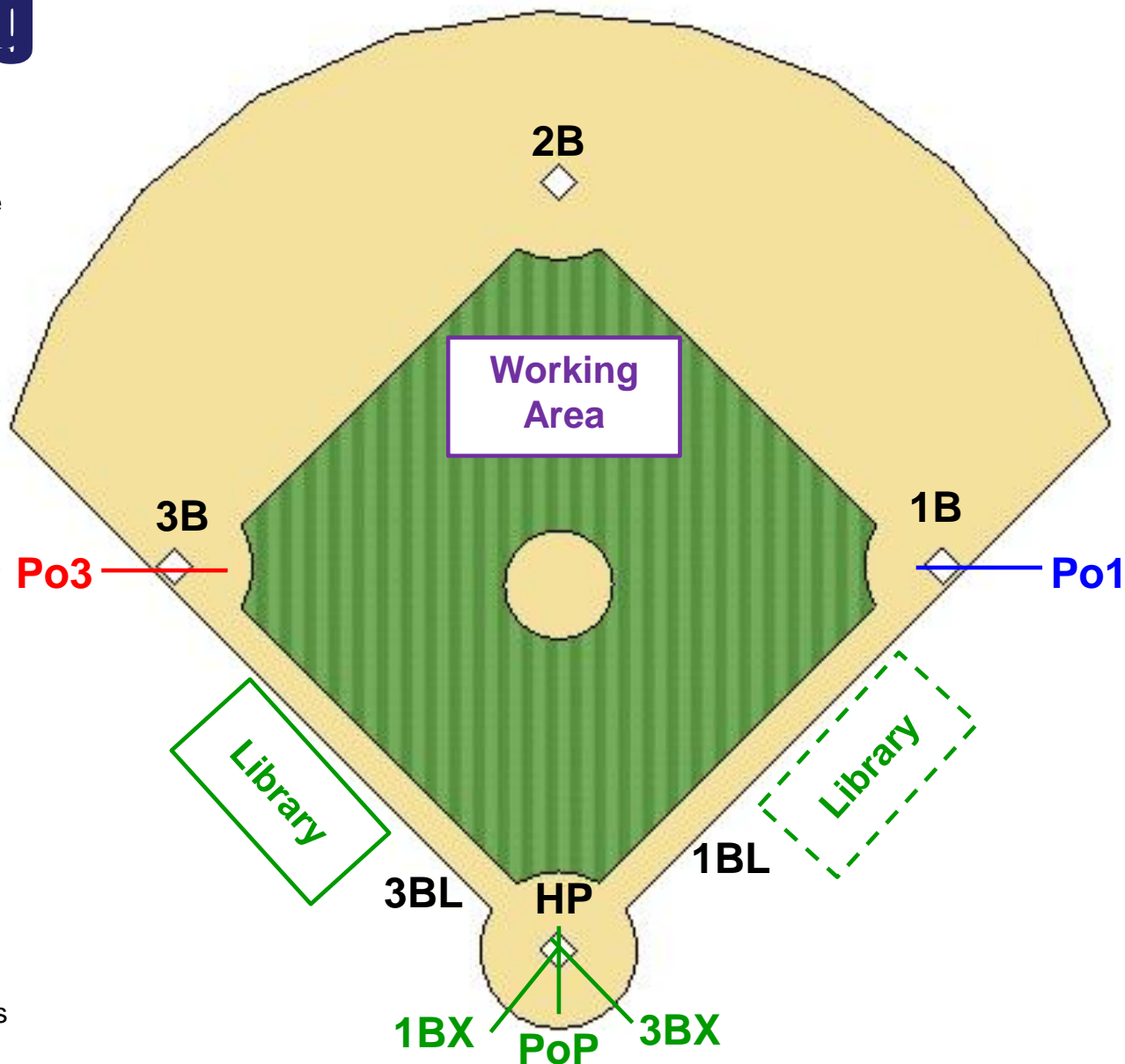
- **U1 is in the "A" position**, 10 to 12 feet behind F3 in foul territory
- **U2 is in the B or C Position**, on the outfield grass behind F4, with a direct line of sight to HP. Not same as with 2 Umpire positions – B and C determines by an imaginary line drawn from HP through edge of pitchers mound, on the outfield grass behind fielders.
- **U3 is in the "D" position**, 10 to 12 feet behind F5 in foul territory
- Umpires on the lines have the same fair/foul responsibilities as with 2-umpire mechanics ("breaking the pane of glass" concept).

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# Key Positioning Terms

- **PoP:** PoP. A spot directly behind Home Plate, 10-12 feet behind the “point.” Position allows PU to read the play.
- **Po1:** Point of 1B. A spot in 6-8 feet in foul territory in line with the inside and outside corners of 1B. Position allows U1 to read play but be out of the way of runners and fielders.
- **Po3:** Point of 3B. A spot in 6-8 feet in foul territory in line with the inside and outside corners of 3B. Position allows U3 to read play but be out of the way of runners and fielders.
- **1BX and 3BX:** Imaginary Lines that extend the foul lines into foul territory behind HP
- **Library:** A spot halfway between HP and 3B, 6-8 feet in foul territory. This is the position the PU will move to when “reading” the action that may require a move to 3B for a call. A similar spot is on the 1B line for calls at 1B.
- **Working Area:** A rectangular area that is about 8 feet by 15 feet in size, positioned halfway between the pitchers mound and 2B cutout.



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# **Ball Hit In the Infield**

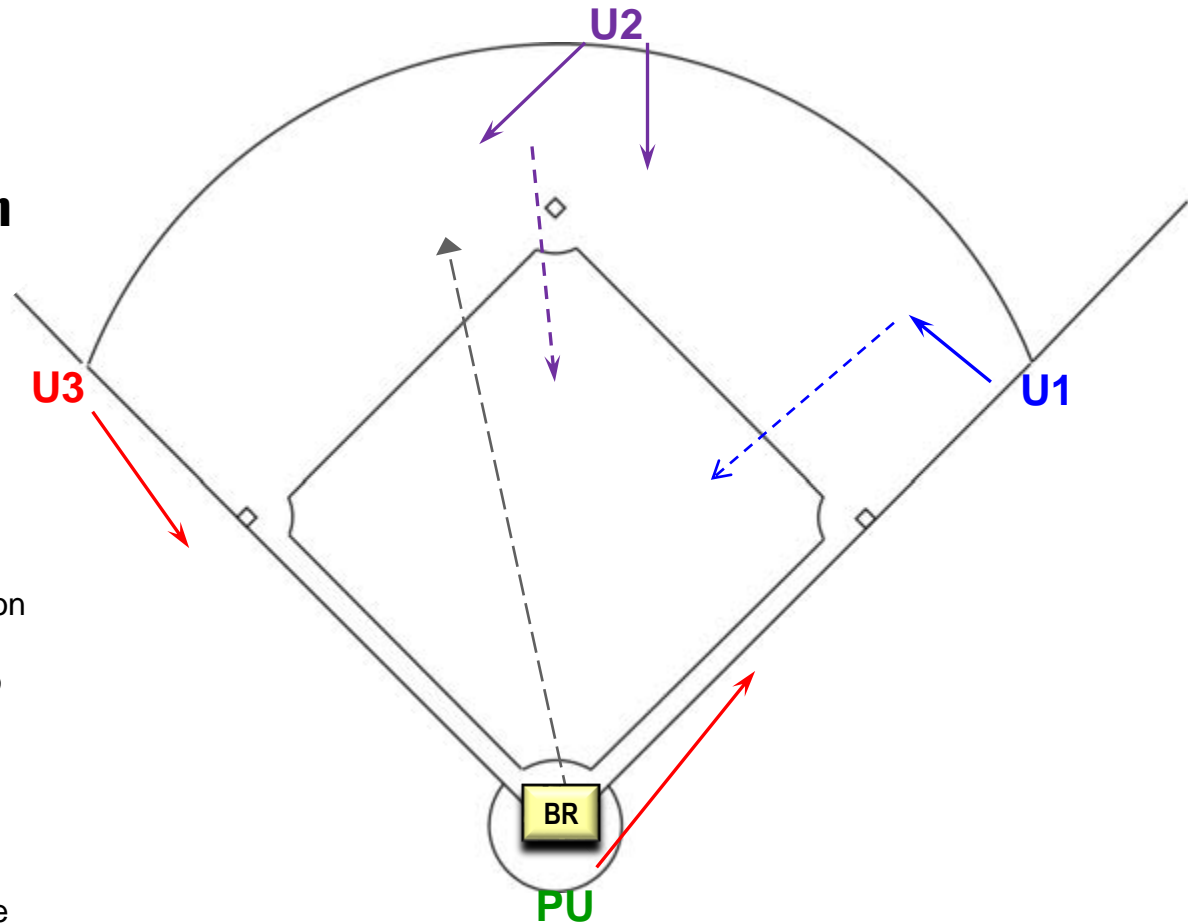
## **Basic Responsibilities**

# Ground Ball Hit in the Infield

No Runners on

**U1 starts in the "A" position**  
**U2 starts in the "B" or "C" position**  
**U3 starts in the "D" position**

- U1 reads the location of the ball, moves inside to get proper angle on play at 1B on BR. If balls gets past F3 and goes into outfield, U1 comes inside for back door on BR.
- U2 watches the action and moves to position to see play at 1B, and is ready to come inside to the Working Area if balls goes into outfield. Has following play on BR at 2B.
- U3 watches the action from foul territory at Po3. Watches action and reads ball for potential out of play situation. Has all plays on BR at 3B.
- PU reads ball, and comes up the 1BL to the 30 foot line following BR. Has responsibility for out of play situation along sidelines. If needed, PU returns to HP, and has all plays on BR at HP.



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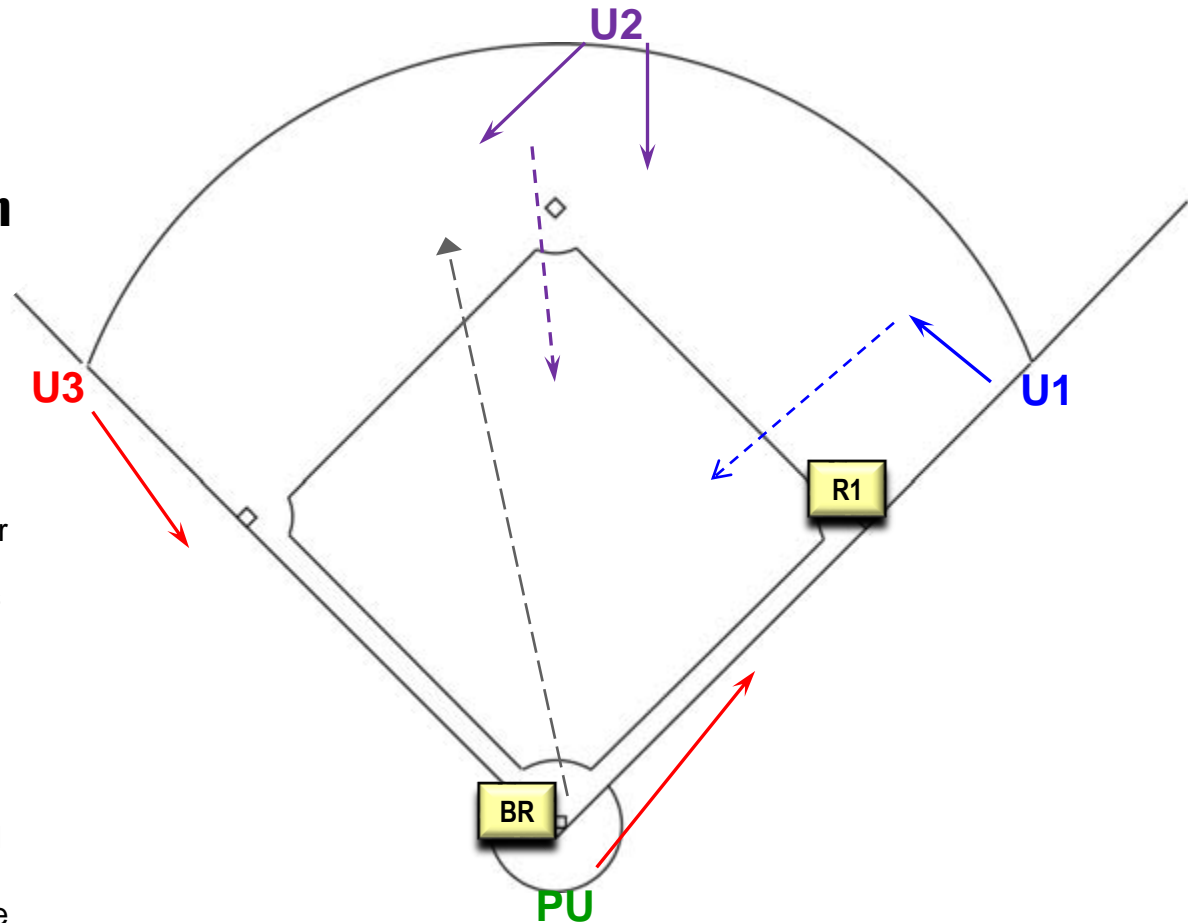
**Runner on 1B only**

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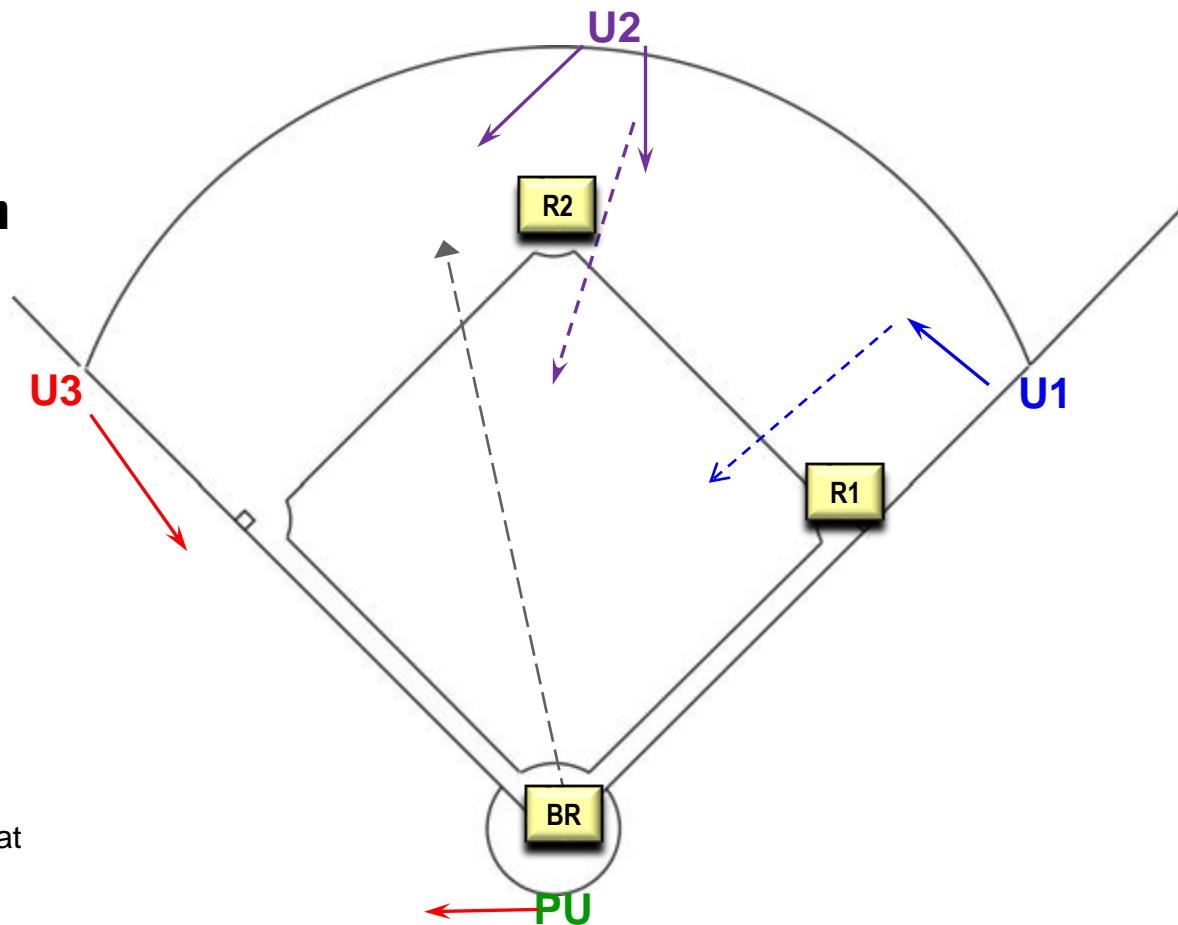
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# Ground Ball Hit in the Infield

Runners on 1B and 2B

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- U2 reads the ball and moves to position to see play at 1B, and is ready to come inside to the Working Area if balls goes into outfield. Has following play on BR at 2B.
- U3 watches the action from foul territory at Po3. Moves to proper position for angle on play on R2 at 3B, or following plays on BR at 3B.
- PU reads ball, and clears catcher to 1BX with clear view of runners lane and 1B. Has responsibility for out of play situation along sidelines. If needed has all plays on R2, R1 and BR at HP.



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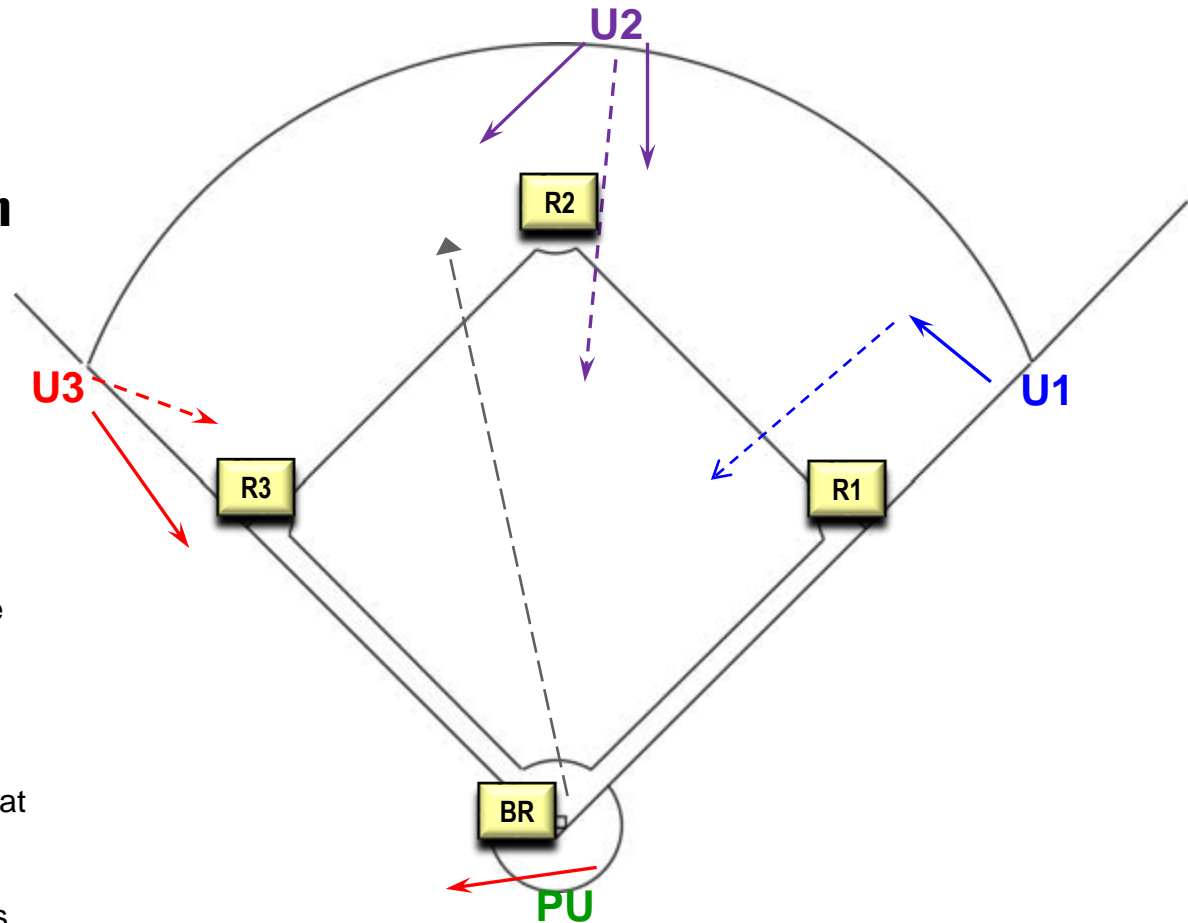
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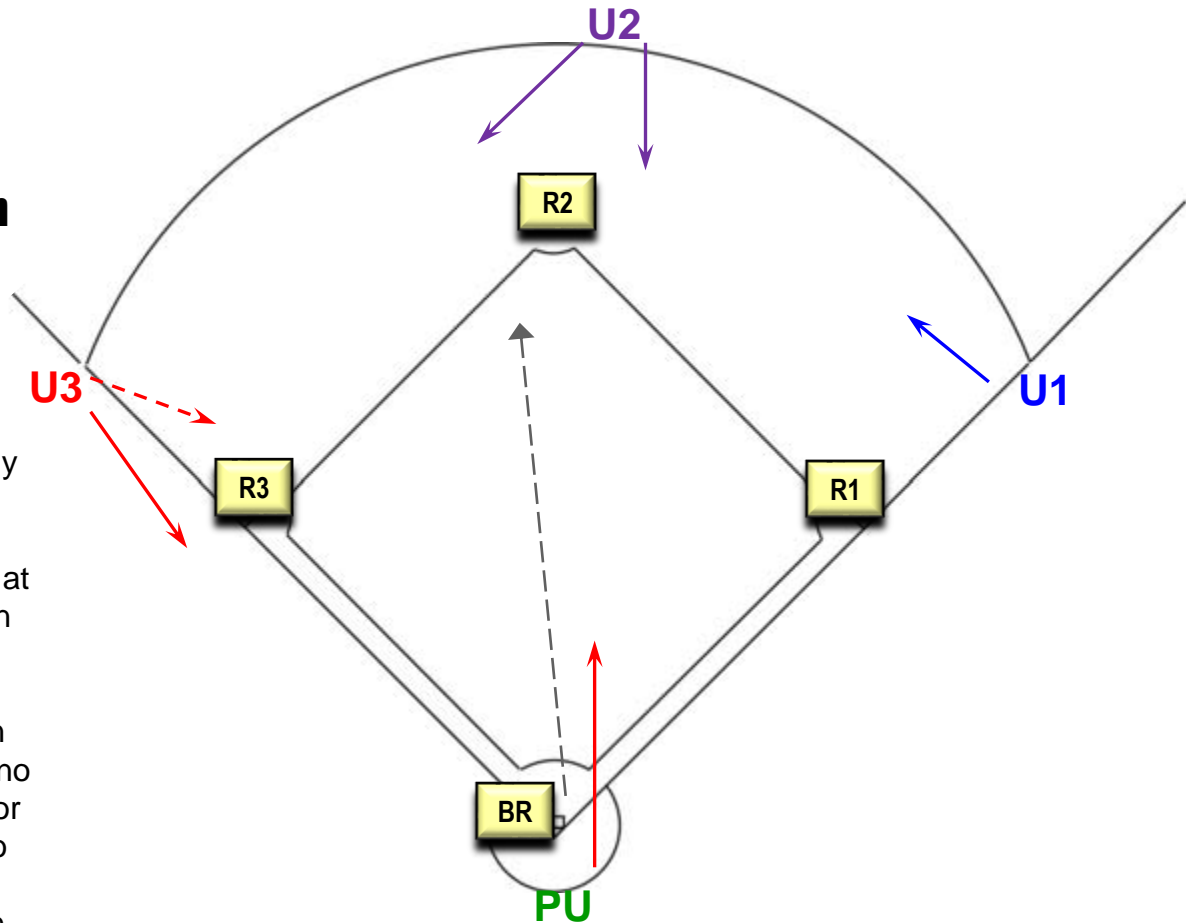
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# Fly Ball Hit in the Infield

**Any combination of runners**

**U1 starts in the "A" position**  
**U2 starts in the "B" or "C" position**  
**U3 starts in the "D" position**

- PU reads ball, and clears catcher coming into the infield area for clear view of ball in flight and being caught. Makes catch/no catch call on all fly balls with fielders directly facing PU.
- U1 reads the location of the ball, moves inside to get proper angle on possible play at 1B on BR. Makes catch/no catch call when ball is being played by F3 or F4 moving towards RFL, with fielder back to PU.
- U2 reads the ball moving to proper position for potential following plays. Makes catch/no catch call when ball is being played by F4 or F6 moving towards U2, with fielder back to PU.
- U3 reads the ball moving to proper position for potential following plays. Makes catch/no catch call when ball is being played by F5 or F6 moving towards LFL, with fielder back to PU.



# **Clean Base Hit Through Infield to the Outfield**

# Clean Base Hit to the Outfield

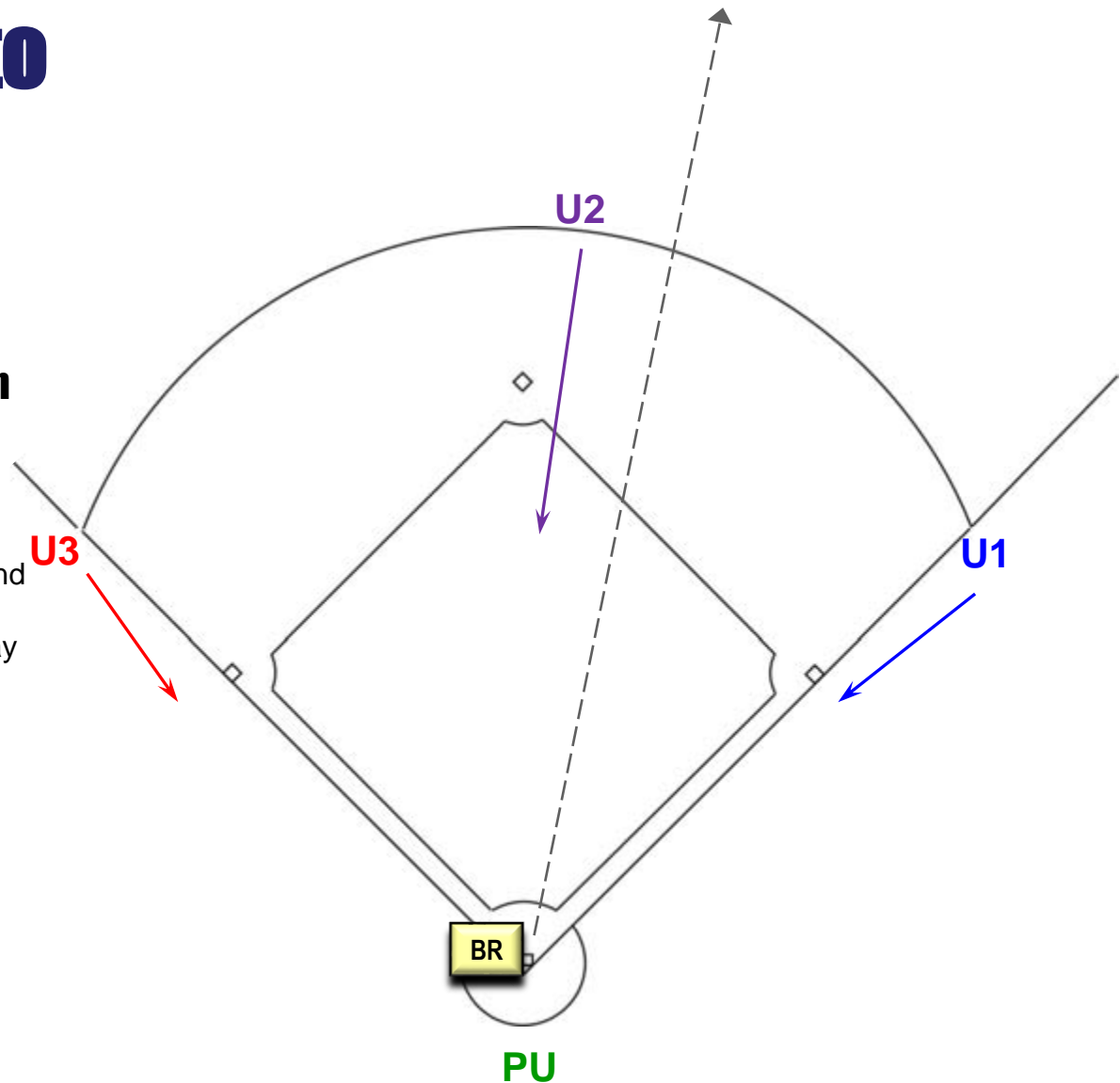
**No Runners on**

**U1 starts in the "A" position**

**U2 starts in the "B" or "C" position**

**U3 starts in the "D" position**

- U2 enters the infield to the Working Area and has all plays on the BR at 2B. Watches action and reads ball for potential out of play situation.
- U1 watches the BR touch 1B from foul territory at Po1. Watches action and reads ball for potential out of play situation. Has back door at 1B on BR.
- U3 watches the action from foul territory at Po3. Watches action and reads ball for potential out of play situation. Has all plays on BR at 3B.
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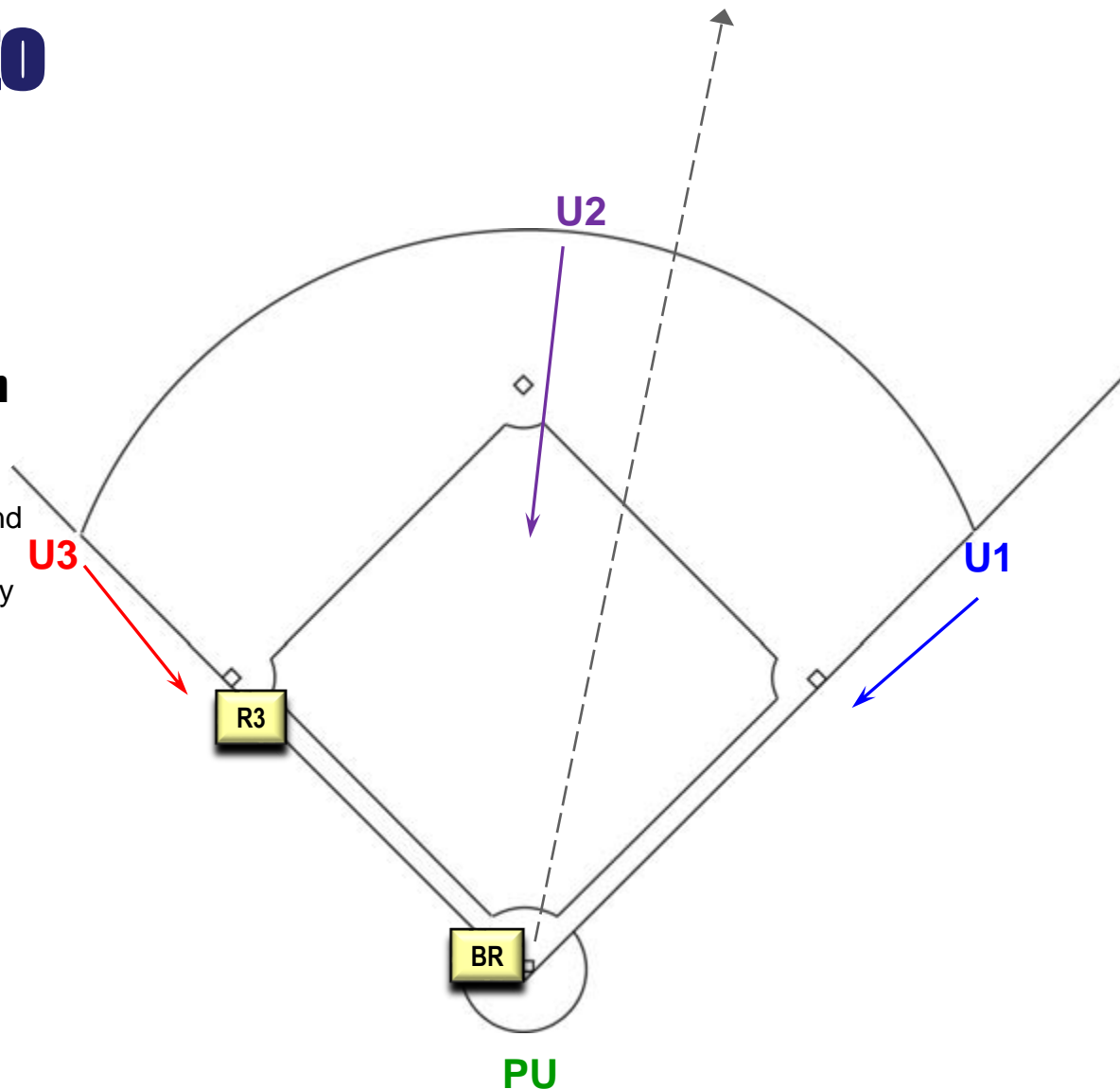


# Clean Base Hit to the Outfield

Runner on 3<sup>rd</sup> only

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**U2 starts in the "B" or "C" position**  
**U3 starts in the "D" position**

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- U3 watches the action from foul territory at Po3. Watches action and reads ball for potential out of play situation. Has all plays on BR at 3B.
- PU watches the action from foul territory at PoP. Watches action and reads ball for potential out of play situation. Has all plays on BR at HP.
- PU must watch for R3 touching Home.

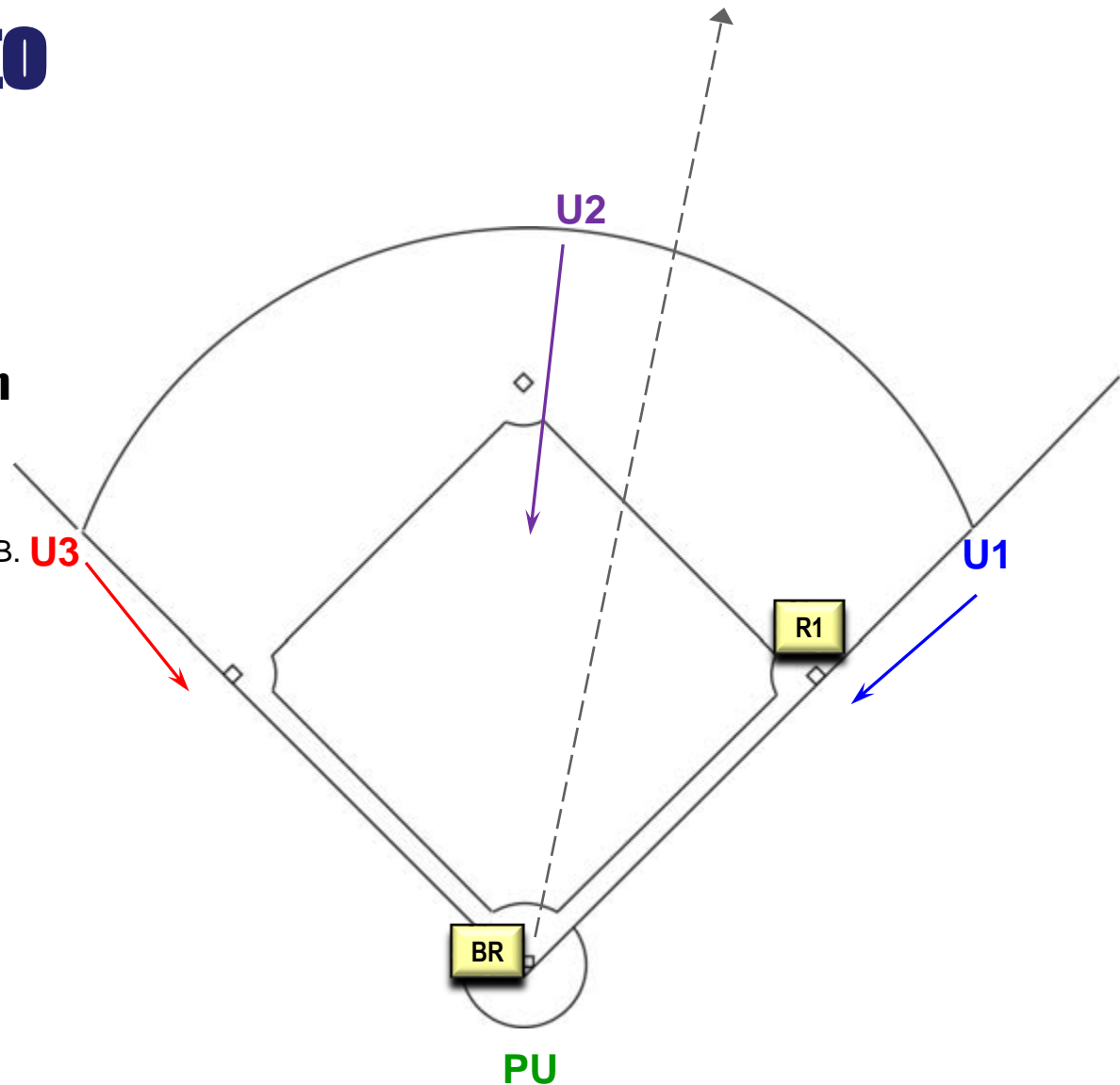


# Clean Base Hit to the Outfield

Runner on 1<sup>st</sup> only

**U1 starts in the "A" position**  
**U2 starts in the "B" or "C" position**  
**U3 starts in the "D" position**

- U2 enters the infield to the Working Area and has all plays on R1 at 2B, and BR at 2B. U3 Watches action and reads ball for potential out of play situation.
- U1 watches the BR touch 1B from foul territory at Po1. Watches action and reads ball for potential out of play situation. Has back door at 1B on BR.
- U3 watches the action from foul territory at Po3. Watches action and reads ball for potential out of play situation. Has all plays on R1 at 3B and BR at 3B.
- PU watches the action from foul territory at PoP. Watches action and reads ball for potential out of play situation. Has all plays on R1 at HP and BR at HP.

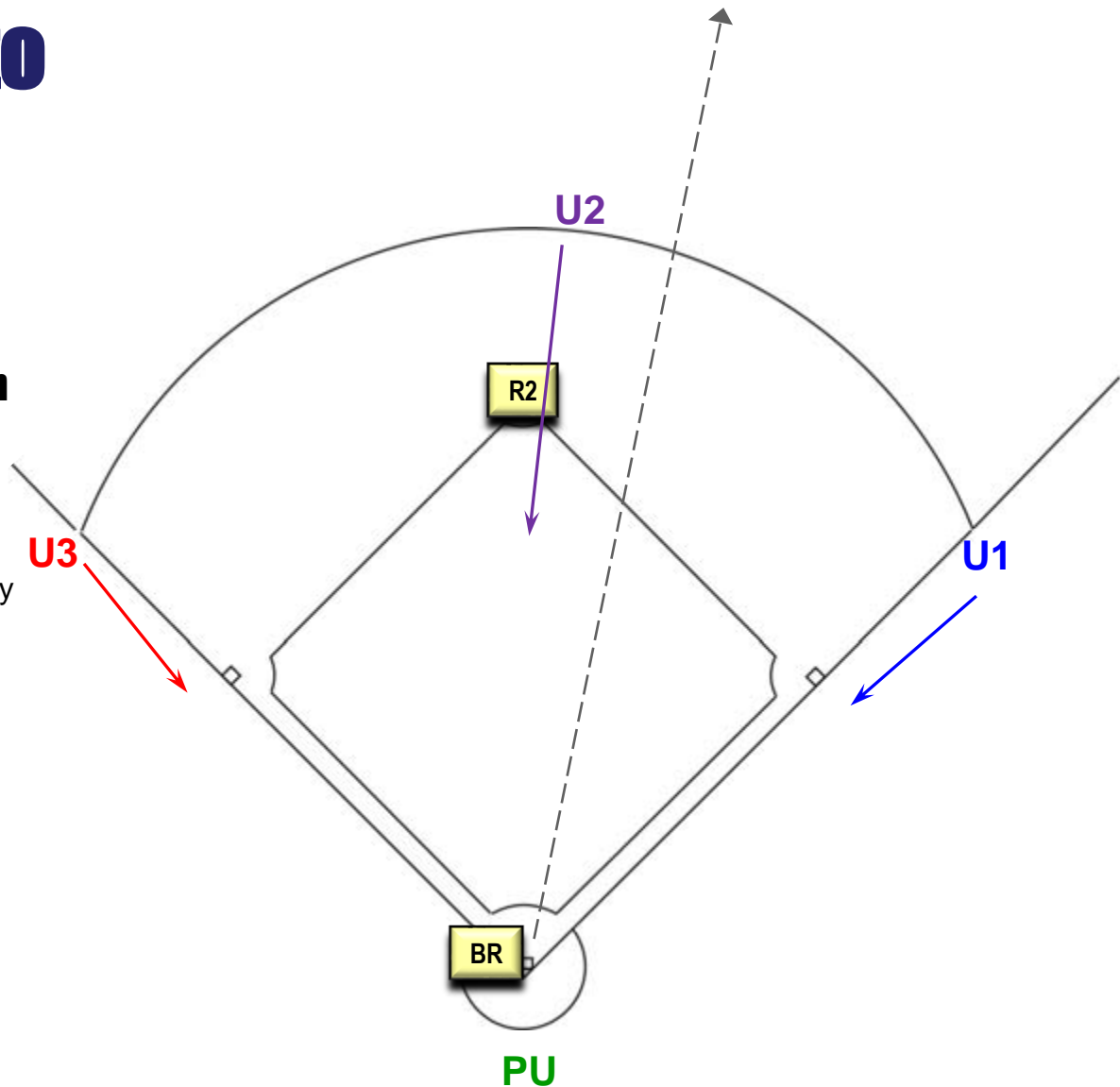


# Clean Base Hit to the Outfield

Runner on 2B only

**U1 starts in the "A" position**  
**U2 starts in the "B" or "C" position**  
**U3 starts in the "D" position**

- U2 enters the infield to the Working Area and has all plays on BR at 2B. Watches action and reads ball for potential out of play situation.
- U1 watches the BR touch 1B from foul territory at Po1. Watches action and reads ball for potential out of play situation. Has back door at 1B on BR.
- U3 watches the action from foul territory at Po3. Watches action and reads ball for potential out of play situation. Has all plays on R2 at 3B and BR at 3B.
- PU stays at HP with runner in scoring position, and watches the action from foul territory at PoP. Reads ball for potential out of play situation. Has all plays on R2 at HP and BR at HP.

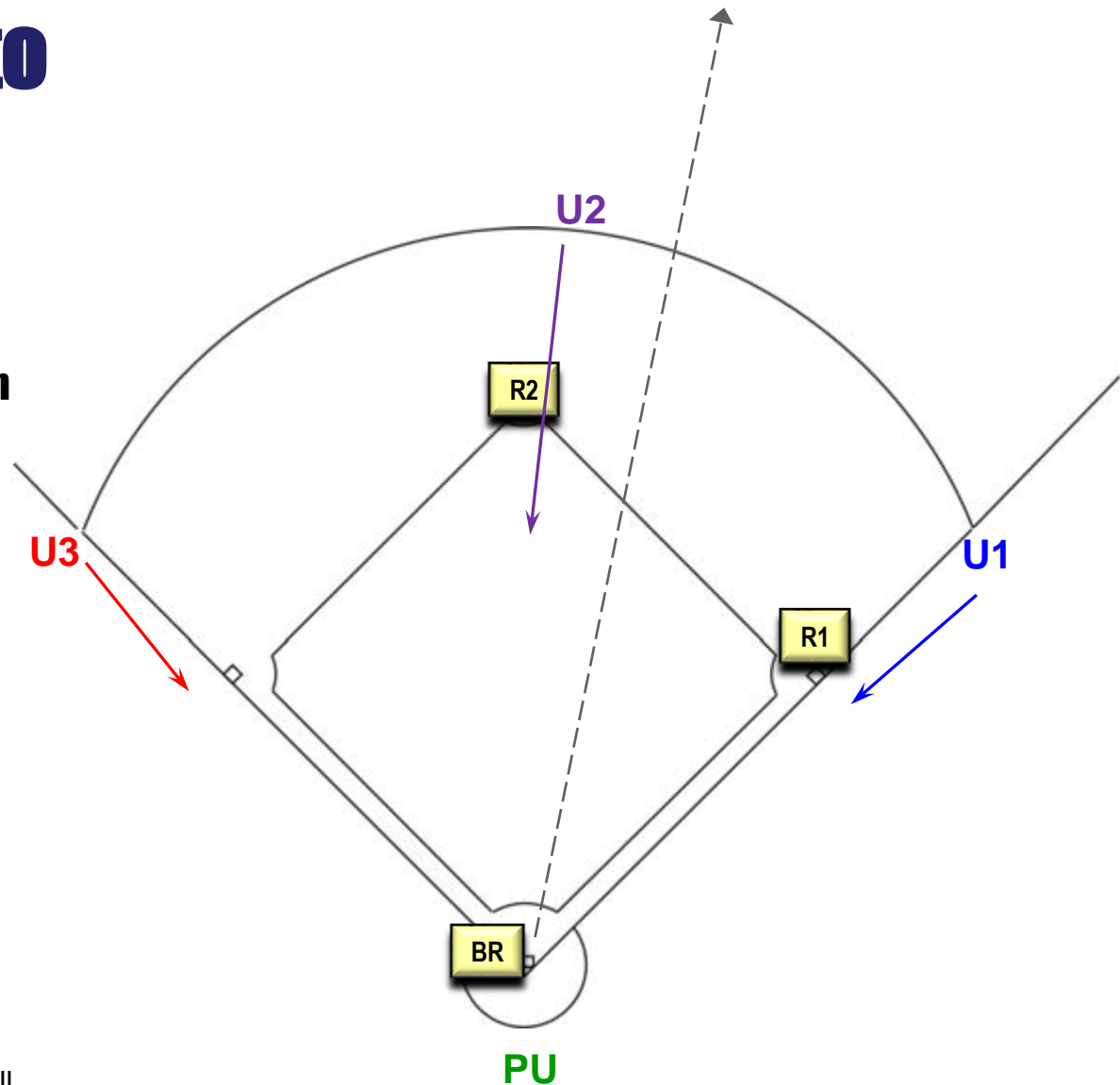


# Clean Base Hit to the Outfield

Runner on 1B and 2B

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- U1 watches the BR touch 1B from foul territory at Po1. Watches action and reads ball for potential out of play situation. Has back door at 1B on BR.
- U3 watches the action from foul territory at Po3. Watches action and reads ball for potential out of play situation. Has all plays on R1, R2 and BR at 3B.
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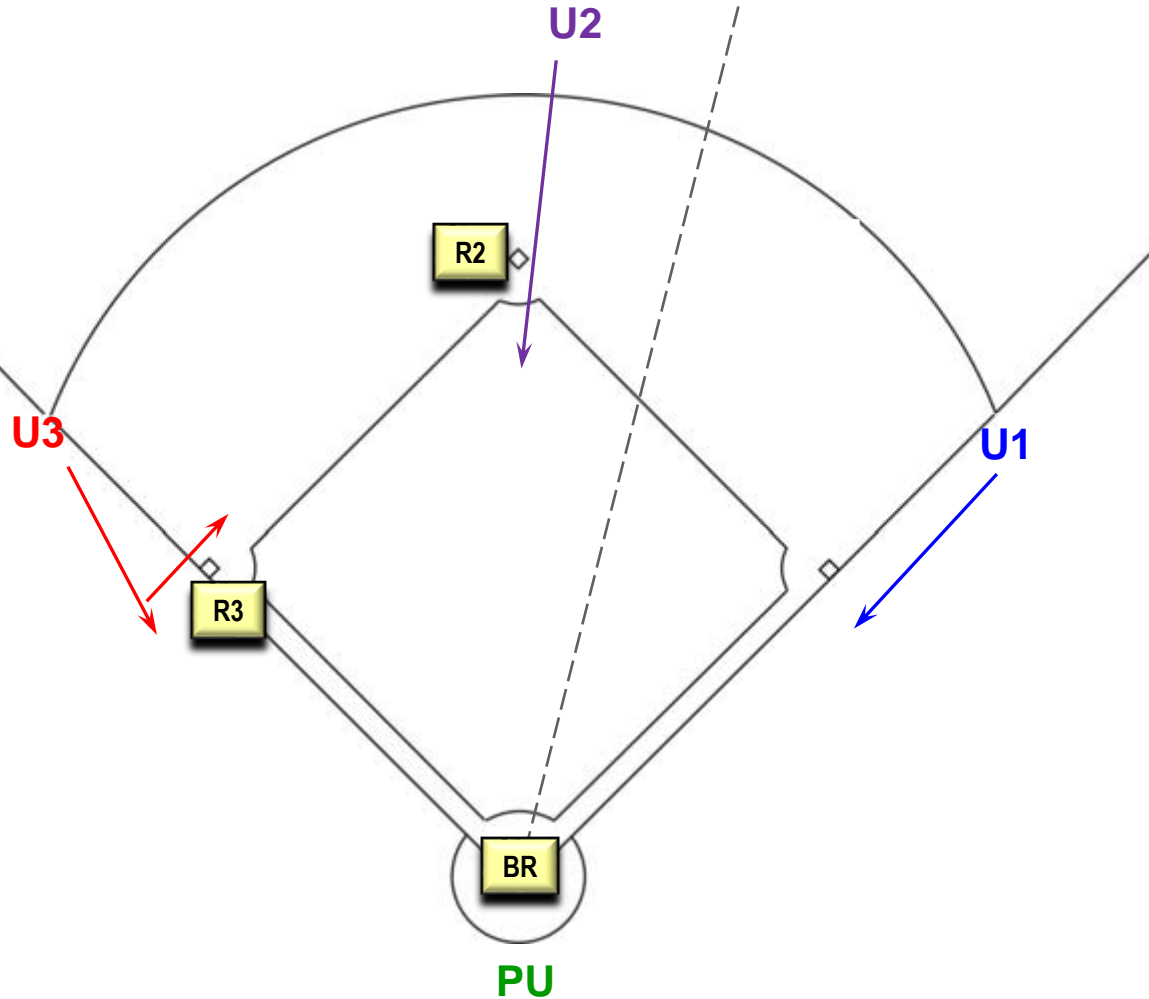
# Clean Base Hit to the Outfield

Runners on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Bases



**U1 starts in the "A" position**  
**U2 starts in the "B" or "C" position**  
**U3 starts in the "D" position**

- PU stays home with runner in scoring position.
- U2 moves inside to the Working Area. Takes BR into 2B for possible plays. Has potential back door play on R2 if play warrants.
- U1 moves into foul territory at Po1. Watches touch of BR at 1B. Has back door play on BR at 1B.
- U3 moves into foul territory at Po3. Y3 watches touch of R2 if advancing beyond 3B. Moves to position for making call on R2 at 3B if play develops. Has all plays on BR at 3B.
- PU stays at HP with runner in scoring position, and watches the action from foul territory at PoP. Watches R3 touch HP and R2 HP. Has all plays at HP.

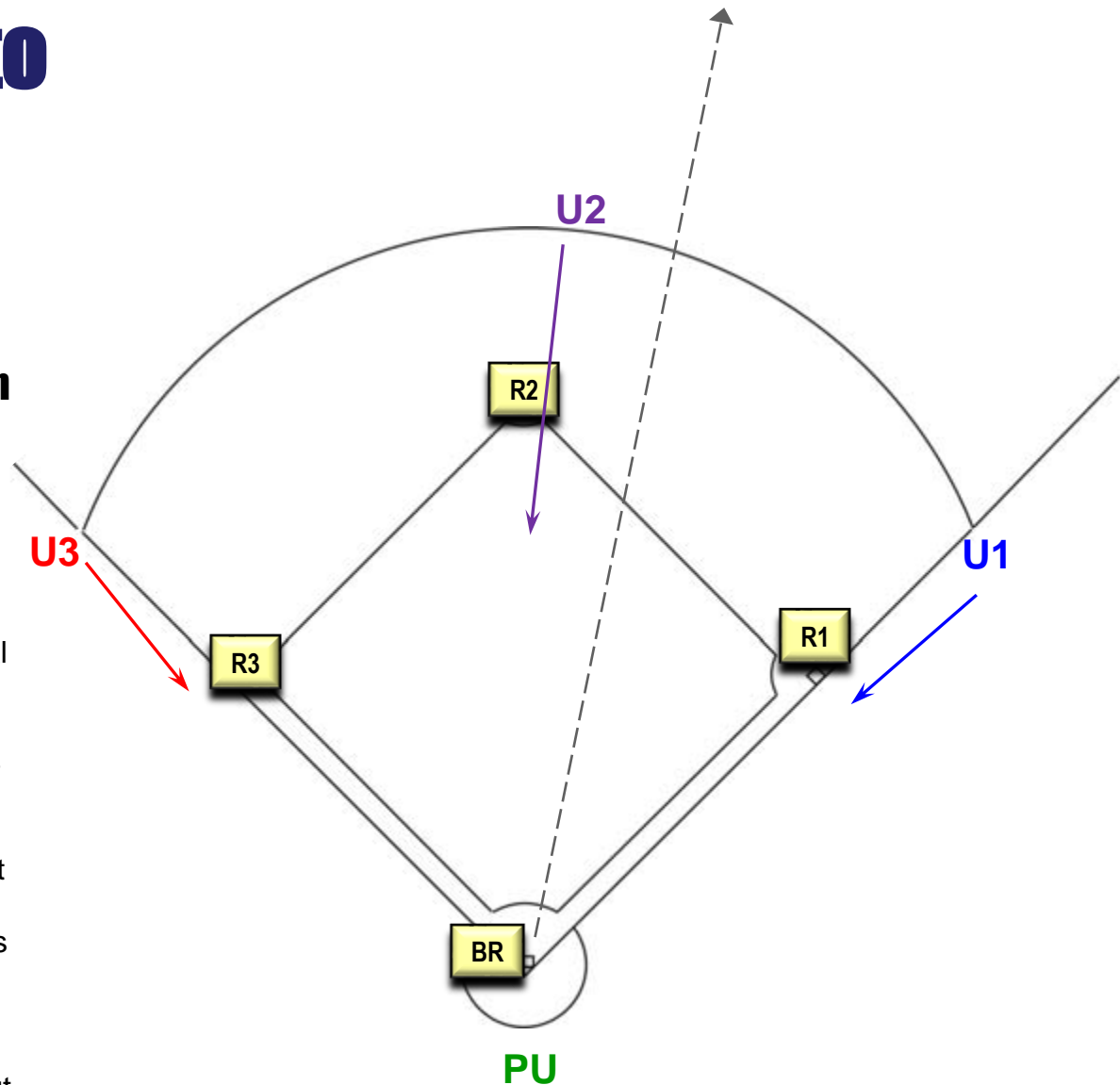


# Clean Base Hit to the Outfield

Runner on 1B, 2B and 3B

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- U3 watches the action from foul territory at Po3. Watches action and reads ball for potential out of play situation. Has all plays on R1, R2 and BR at 3B.
- PU stays at HP with runner in scoring position, and watches the action from foul territory at PoP. Reads ball for potential out of play situation. Has all plays on R1, R2, R3 and BR at HP.



# **Fly Ball to the Outfield**

# Basic Fly Ball Coverage

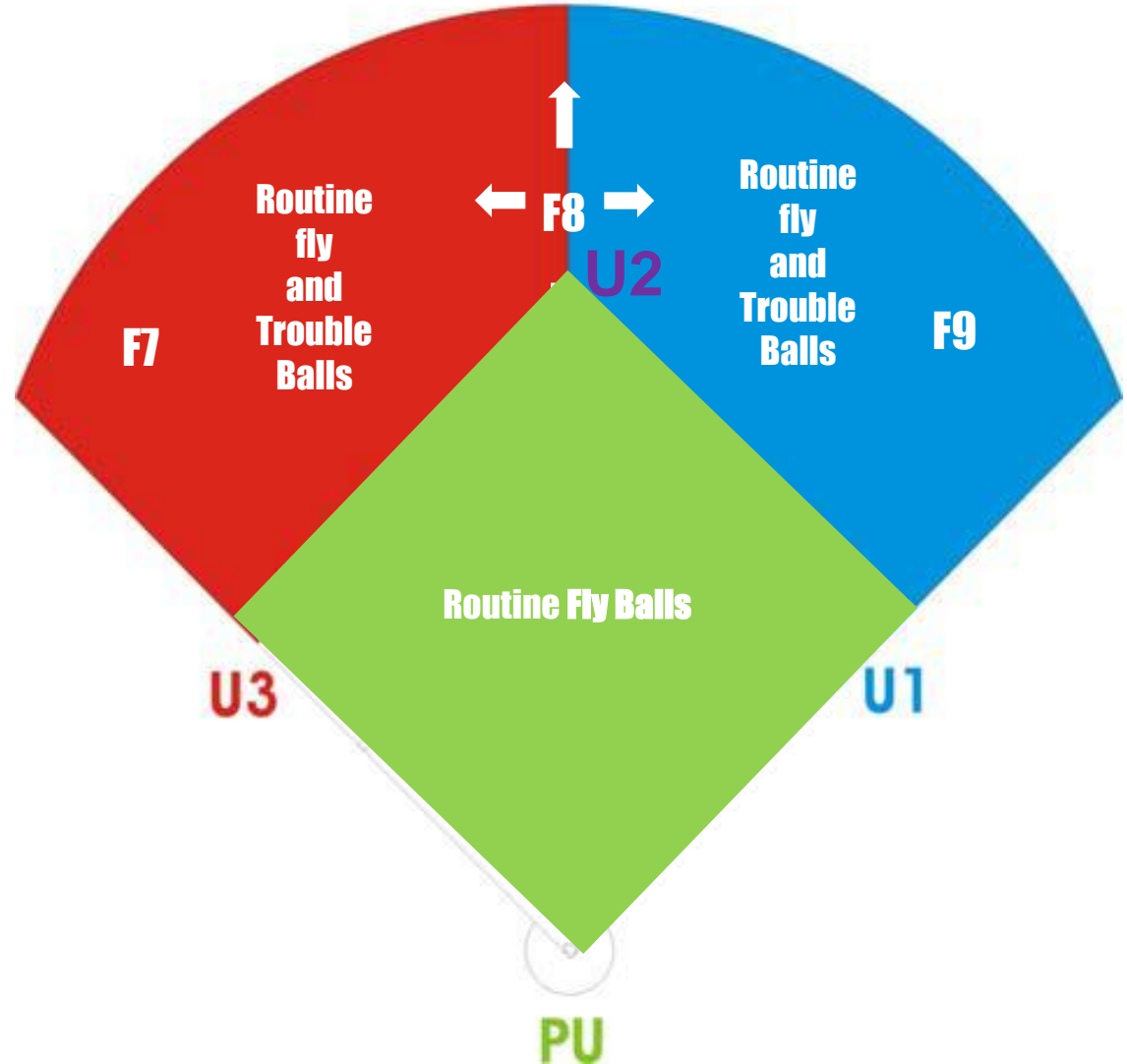
U1 has all fly balls from F8 (Center Fielder) to the right field line.

U3 has all fly balls from F8 to the left field line.

U1 dictates the coverage and has F8 coming straight in or going straight back.

U2 will only have low fly balls or line drives when F8 is moving in directly towards U2 in close range.

PU has all fly balls in the infield and no outfield responsibility.





# Basic Fly Ball Coverage

**No runners on**

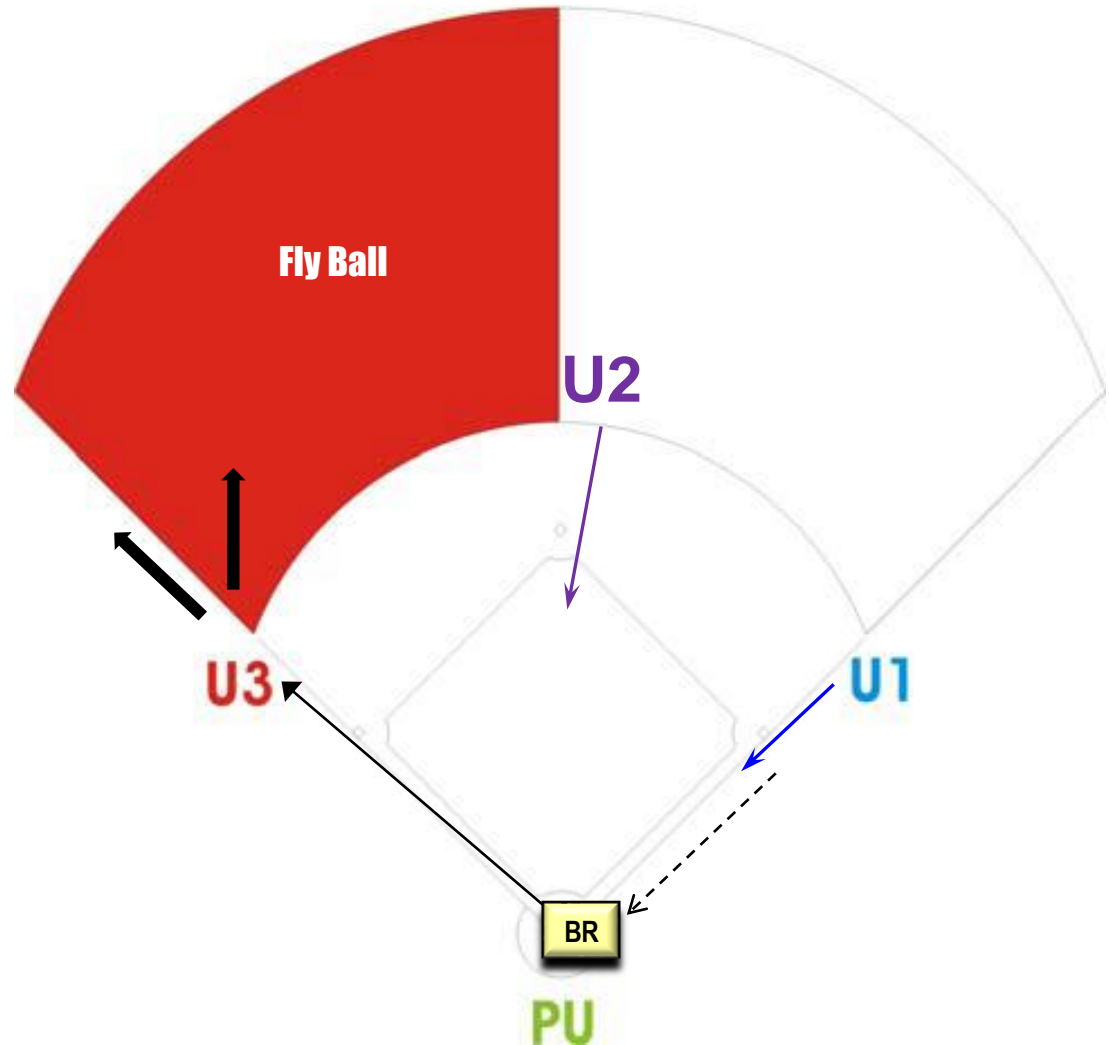
**U1 starts in the “A” position**

**U2 starts in the “B” or “C” position**

**U3 starts in the “D” position**

**Any fly ball to left field  
(U3 responsibility area)**

- U3 goes out on the fly ball to rule on catch/no catch. U3 stays out.
- PU rotates to 3B and has all plays on BR at 3B.
- U2 enters the infield to the Working Area and follows BR into 2B for possible play.
- U1 watches BR touch at first from foul territory (Po1) and has back door on BR.
- U1 commits to HP as soon as BR rounds 2B arriving in time for possible play on BR.



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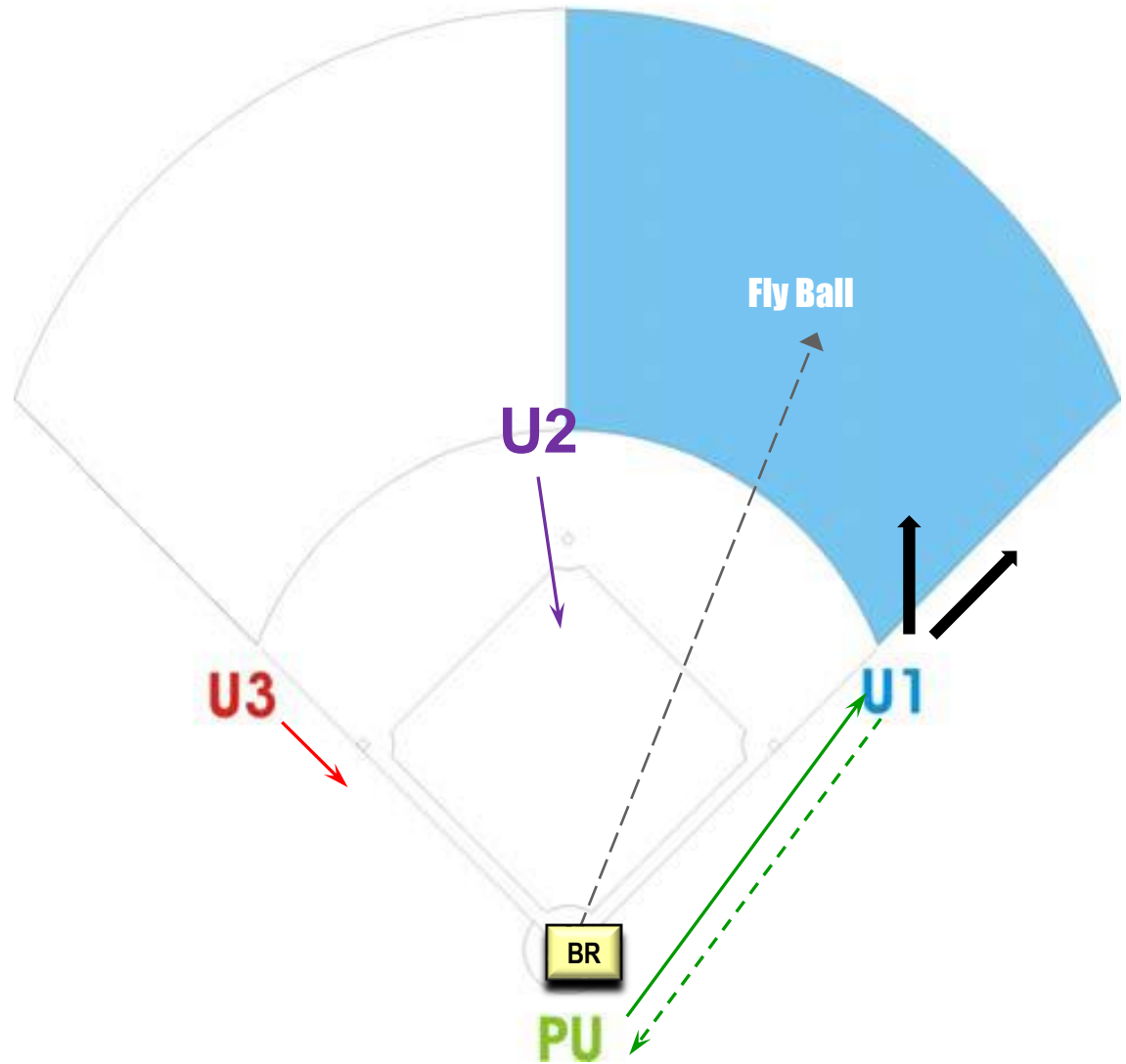
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**U3 starts in the “D” position**

**Any fly ball to right field  
(U1 responsibility area)**

- U1 has primary responsibility for fair/foul & catch/no-catch on the fly ball.
- PU observes the BR touching 1B and has any back door play on the BR.
- Once the BR commits to 2B, the PU returns Home for any play there.
- The PU must communicate that has 1B covered, and going back home.
- U2 comes inside to the Working Area and has plays on BR at 2B.
- U3 moves into foul territory (Po3) and observes action. U3 has plays on BR at 3B.



# Basic Fly Ball Coverage

**Runner on 3<sup>rd</sup> only**

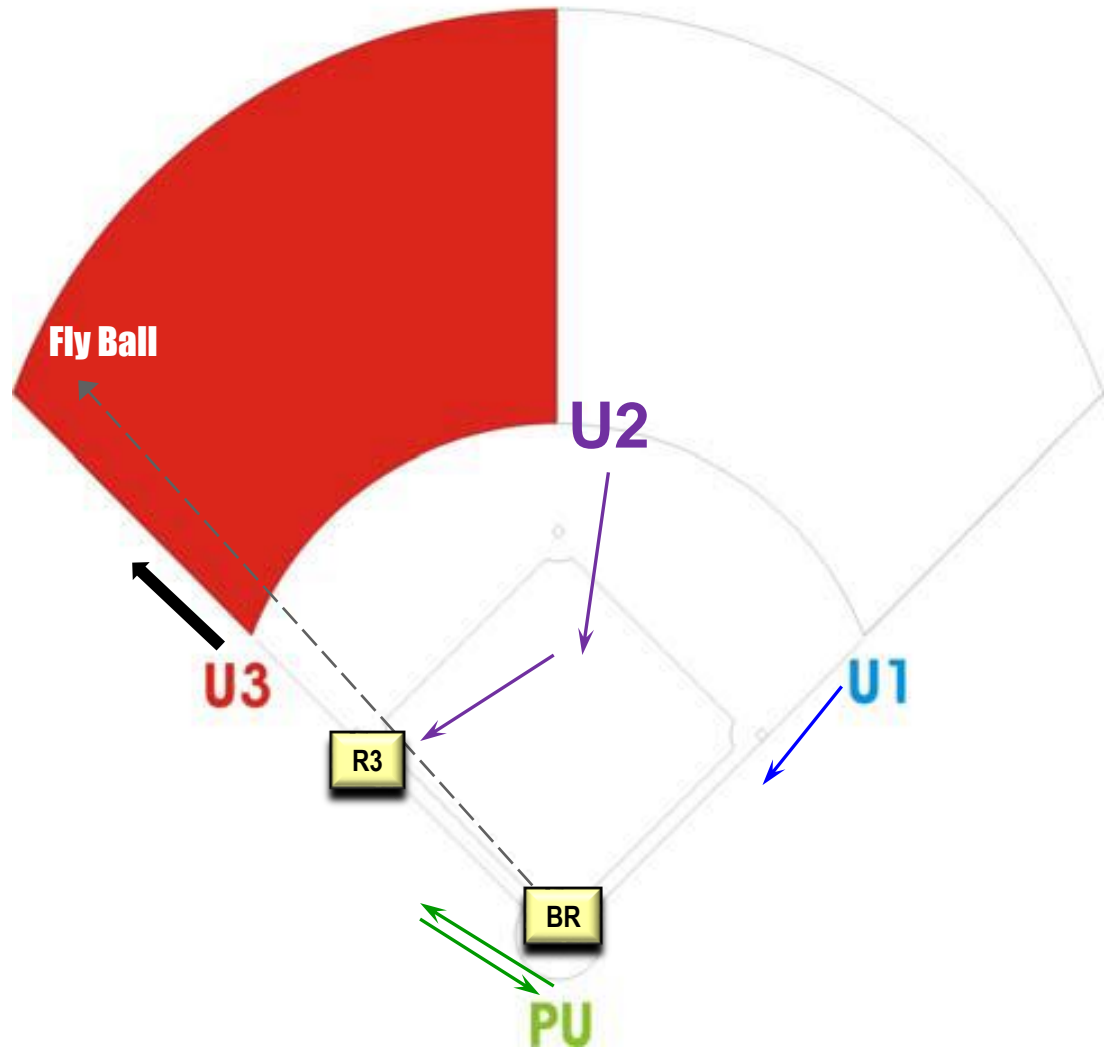
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**U2 starts in the “B” or “C” position**

**U3 starts in the “D” position**

**Any fly ball to left field  
(U3 responsibility area)**

- U3 goes out on the fly ball to rule on (in this picture) fair/foul and catch/no catch.
- U2 enters the infield to the Working Area and follows BR into 2B, and then on to 3B if play continues. Has calls at 2B and 3B on BR.
- U1 must also shoulder check to see the batter-runner’s touch of 1B, and back door plays at 1B on BR.
- PU develops an angle to see the tag-up at 3B and returns to the point of the plate to see the touch of HP and any plays at HP.



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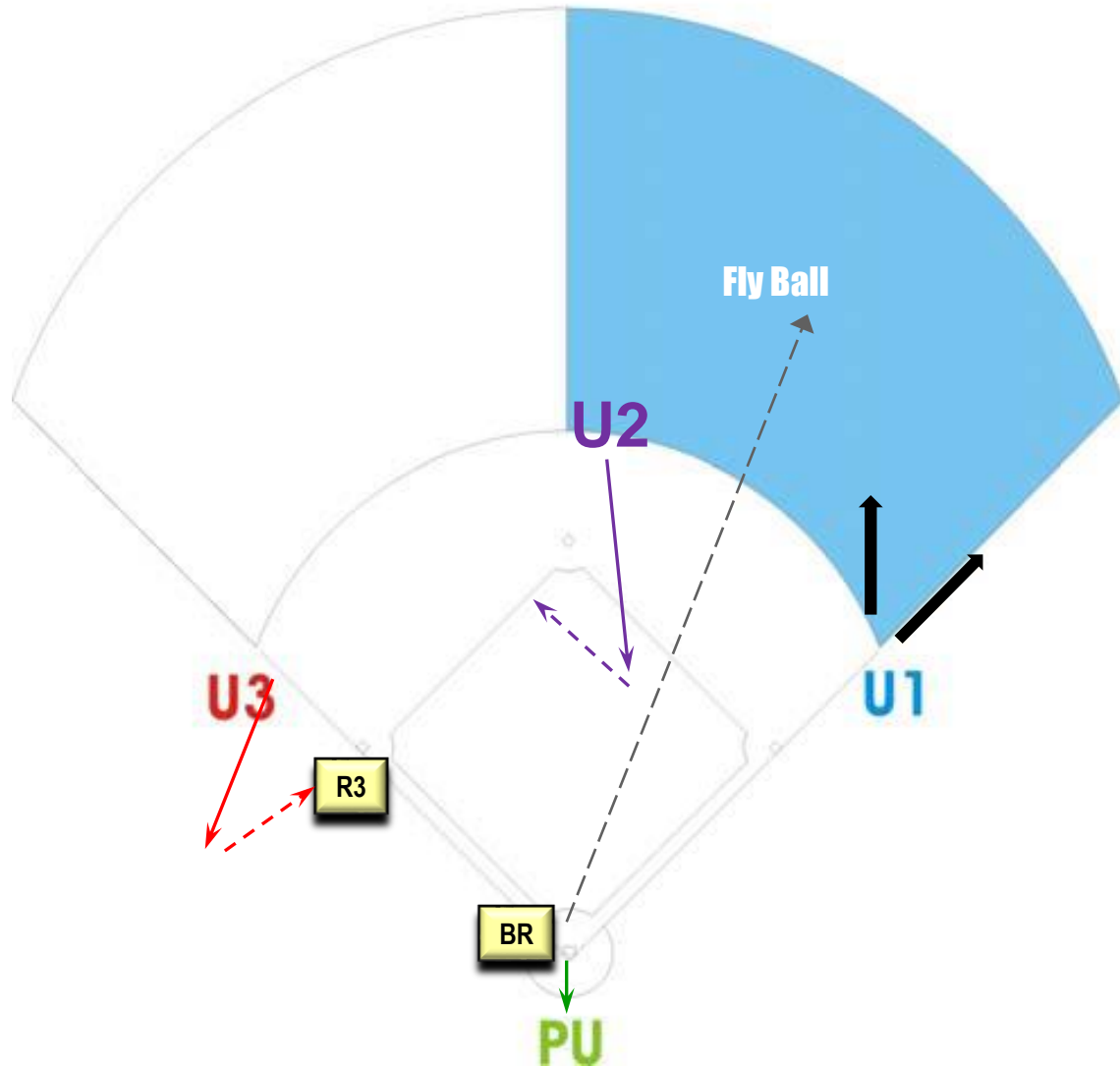
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- U1 has primary responsibility for fair/foul & catch/no-catch on the fly ball. U1 stays out.
- U2 comes inside to Working Area and observes the BR touching 1B and has any back door play on the BR.
- U2 follows BR to 2B and has all plays.
- U3 moves into foul territory to get angle to see Tag Up by R3, then positions at Po3 and observes action. U3 has plays on BR at 3B.
- PU moves to POP and watches U3 touch HP. Has all plays at HP.



# U1 Goes Out

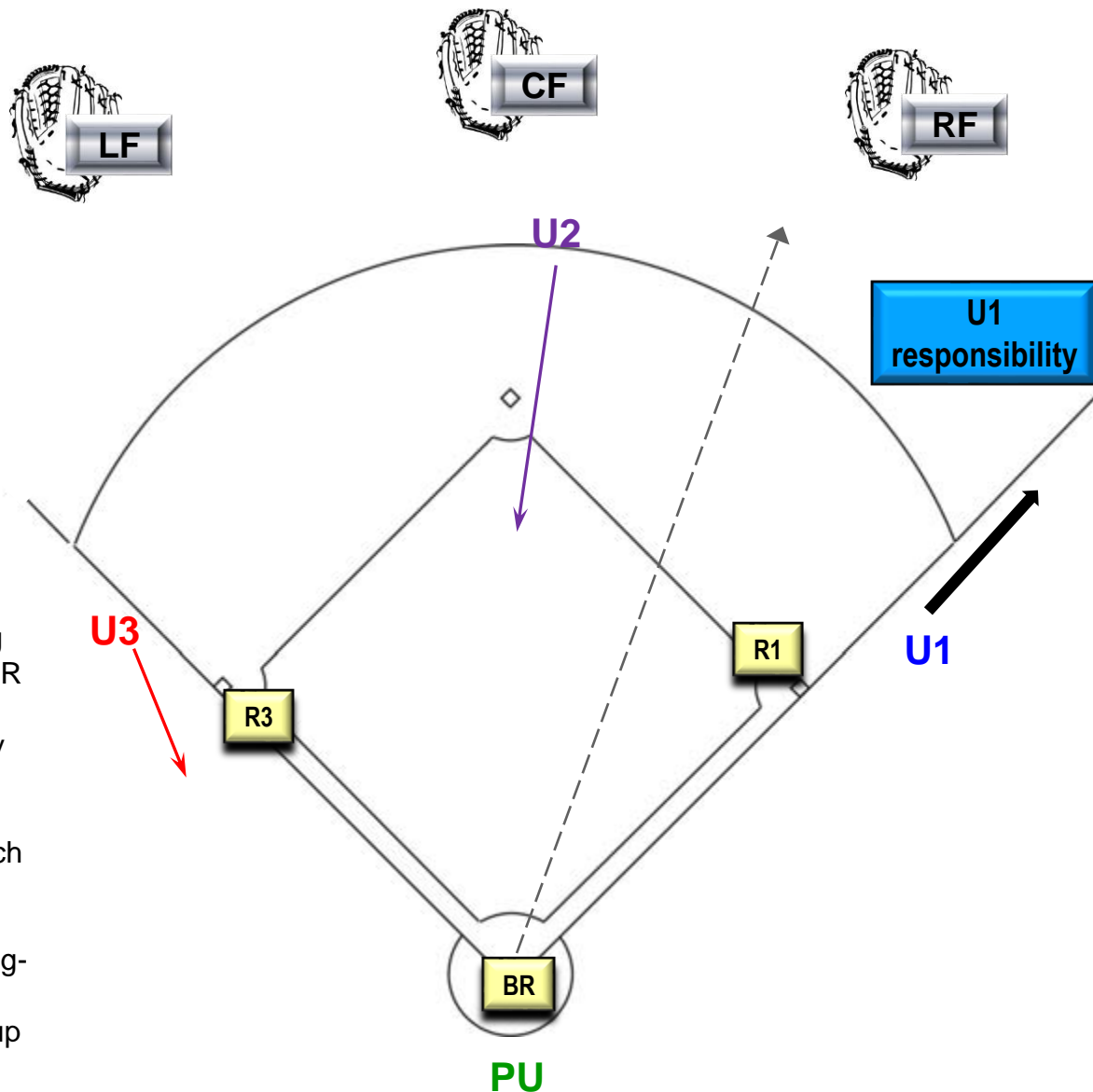
Runner on 1B  
or  
Runners on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3Bs

U1 starts in the "A" position  
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U3 starts in the "D" position

- U1 goes out and has fair/foul & catch/no catch responsibilities. U1 stays out.
- U2 comes into the infield into the Working Area and has any play on R1 at 2B and BR touching 1B. Once R1 touches 2B and commits to 3B, U3 assumes responsibility for the R1 at 3B.
- PU watches action from POP. With a runner at 3B the umpire must see R3 touch Home.

### *If the fly ball is caught:*

- U3 must develop an angle to watch the tag-up from 3B.
- U2 must have good angle to see R1 tag-up from 1B.



# U3 Goes Out

Runner on 1B

or

Runners on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3B

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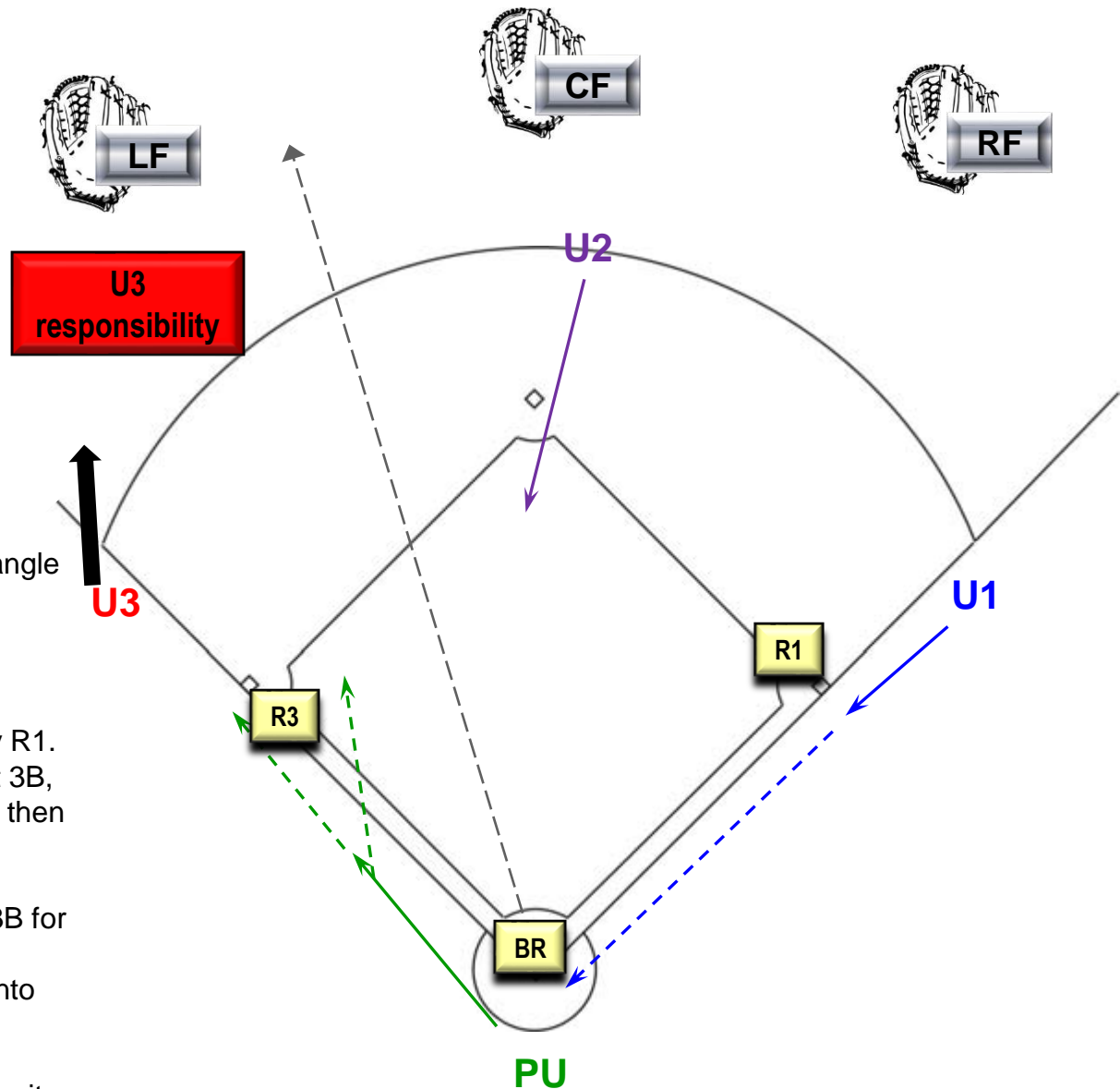
- U3 responsible for catch/no catch and fair/foul. U3 goes out and stays out.
- U1 stays outside at Po1, getting proper angle to see R1 and fielder.
- U2 comes inside to Working Area and observes action.

### ***If the fly ball is caught:***

- U1 is responsible for any tag-up at 1B by R1.
- PU observes the action. With a runner at 3B, PU develops an angle for the tag-up and then retreats to Home for any play there.

### ***If the fly ball is not caught:***

- PU sees R3 touch Home and moves to 3B for any play on R1.
- U2 follows R1 to 2B and then takes BR into 2B. U2 has backdoor plays on BR if U1 vacates to go to cover HP.
- U1 watches BR touch 1B. Once R1 commits to 3<sup>rd</sup> base, U1 rotates to HP to replace PU if rotated to 3B
- U3 turns and observes action on bases.



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# U1 Goes Out

Runners on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2B



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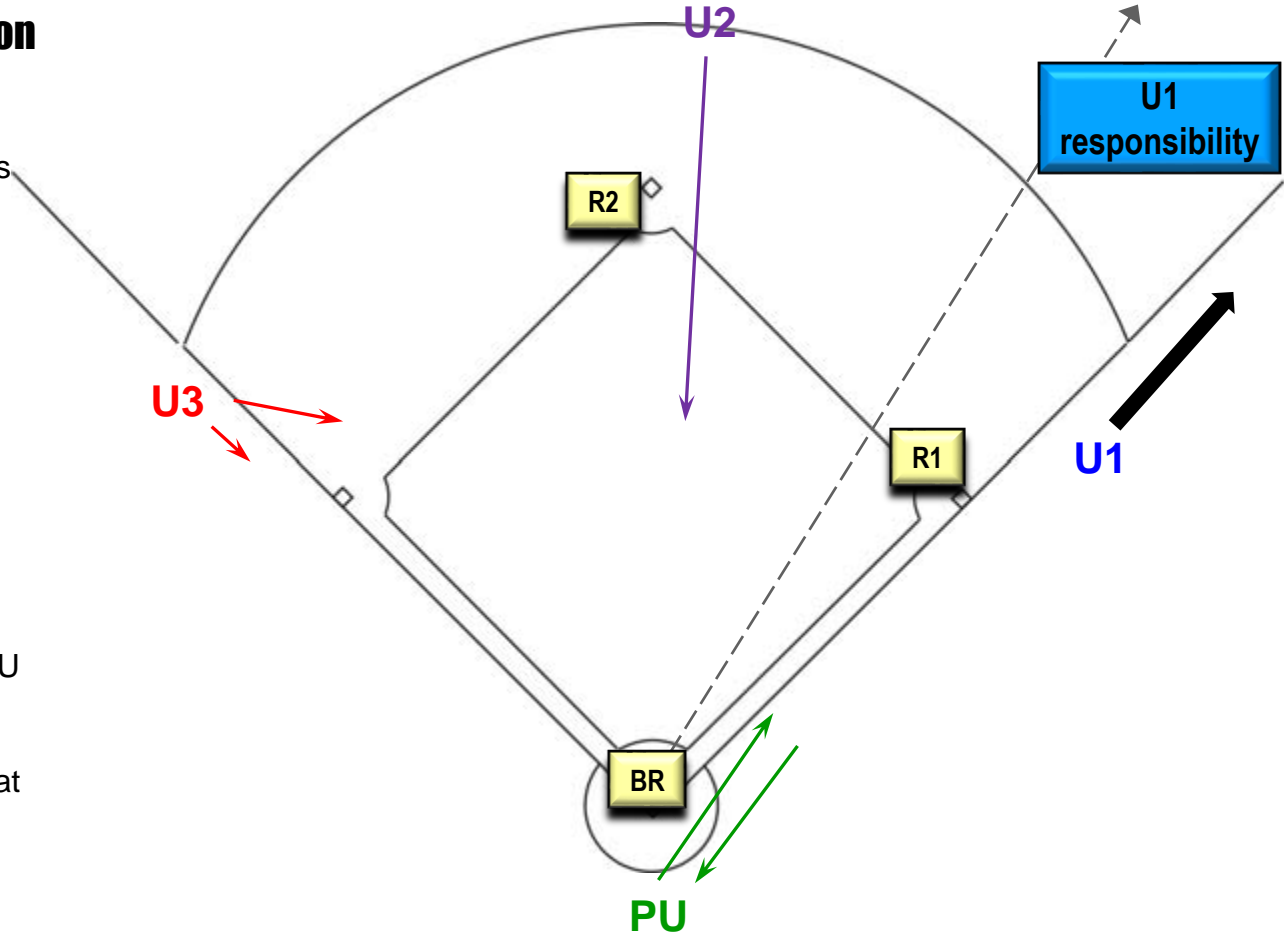
- U1 goes out and has fair/foul & catch/no catch responsibility. U1 stays out.
- U3 moves into position to line up the catch and R2's tag-up.
- U2 moves inside to the Working Area
- PU moves up the 1BL to observe action.

**If the ball is caught:**

- U3 moves to proper position to make call of R2 if tagging and advancing.
- U2 moves to proper position in Working Area to make call on R1 advancing.
- PU watches for tag-up of R1 at 1B. PU returns to Home for any plays there.

**If the ball is not caught:**

- PU returns to PoP for possible plays at HP.
- U3 moves outside and watches advance of R2. Has all plays on R2, R1 and BR at 3B.
- U2 follows R1 to 2B. Sees BR touch of 1B and follows BR into 2B. Has all plays at 2B.
- U1 turns and observes action on bases.





# U3 Goes Out

Runners on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2B

**U1 starts in the “A” position**

**U2 starts in the “B” or “C” position**

**U3 starts in the “D” position**

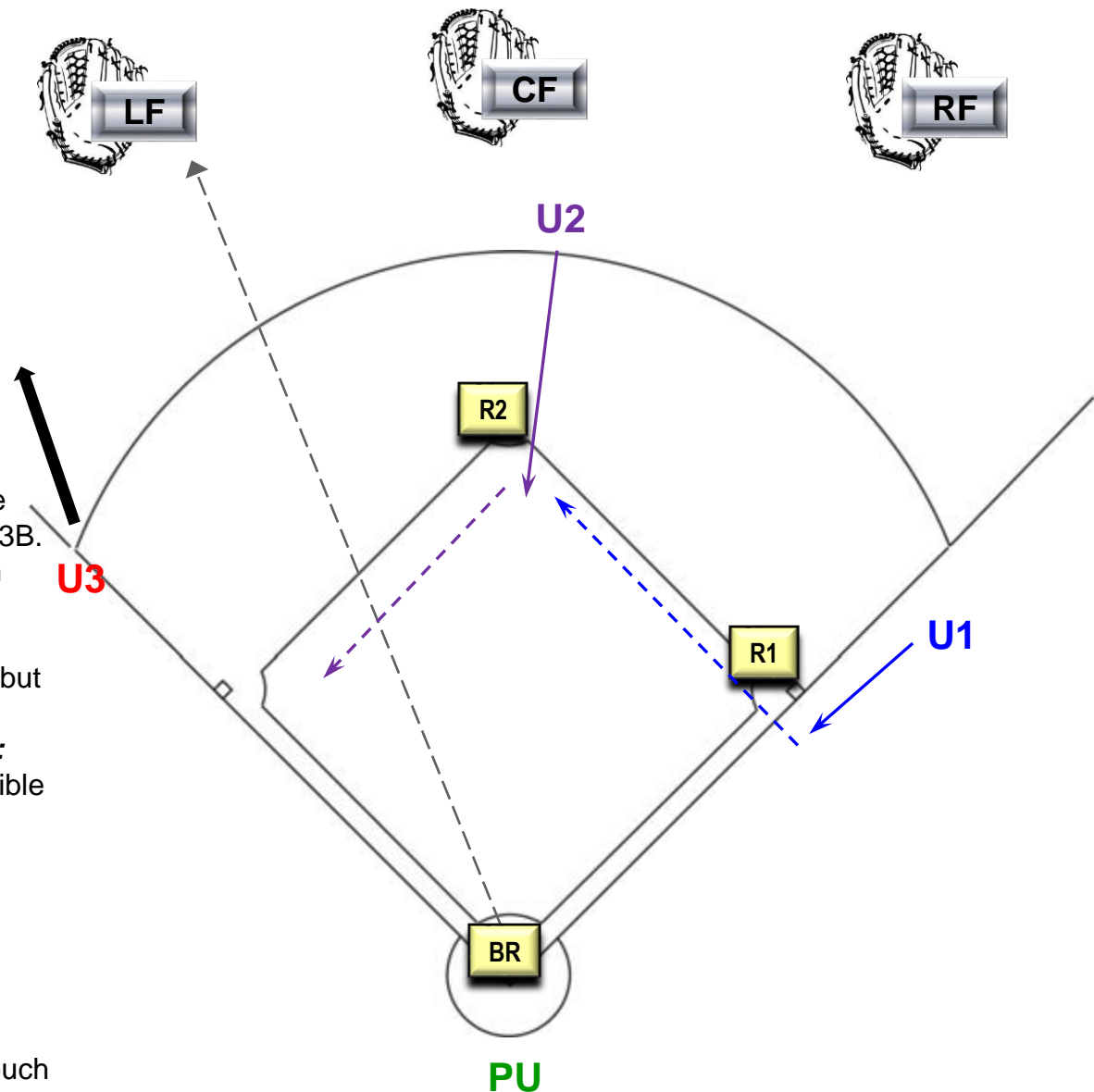
- U3 goes out and has fair/foul and catch/no catch responsibility. U3 stays out.
- U2 moves inside to the Working Area to see the catch and tag-up of R2, following R2 to 3B.
- U1 moves into foul territory to see the catch and tag-up of R1, is ready to pivot inside to take R1 to 2B.
- PU stays home with R2 in scoring position, but observes action.

***If the ball is caught and R2 commits to 3rd:***

- U2 moves towards 3B to make call on possible play on R2 advancing.
- U1 pivots inside, and “slides” towards 2B following R1 if advancing to 2B.
- U2 has follow on play with R1 at 3B.

***If the ball is not caught:***

- U2 follows R2 to 3B for possible play.
- U1 pivots inside, and “slides” towards 2B following R1 if advancing to 2B. U1 sees touch of 1B by BR and has back door play on BR at 1B.
- U2 has follow on play on R1 or BR at 3B.
- PU has plays on all runners at HP.
- U3 turns and observes action on bases.





# U1 Goes Out

Runner on 2B only

**U1 starts in the "A" position**  
**U2 starts in the "B" or "C" position**  
**U3 starts in the "D" position**

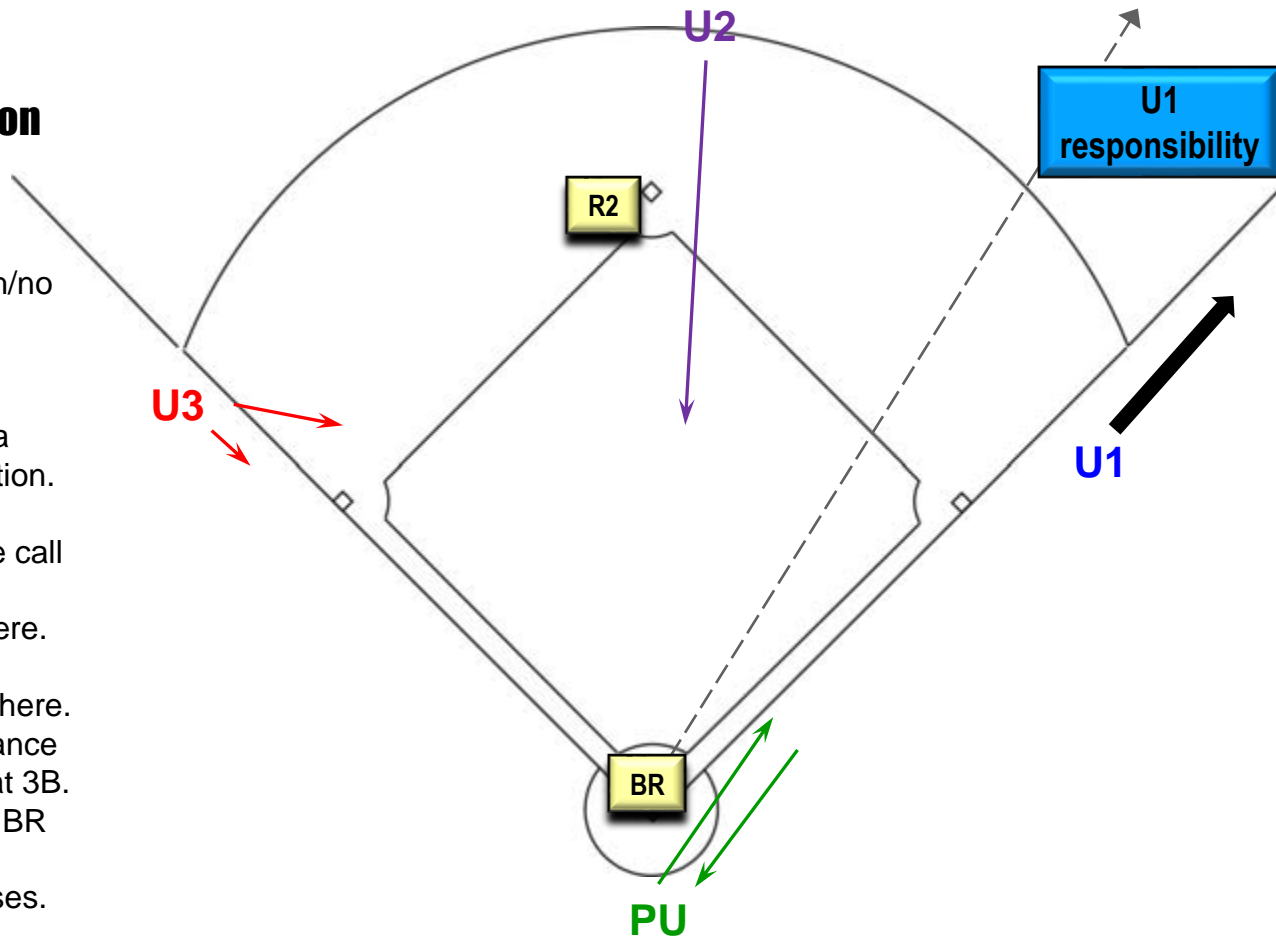
- U1 goes out and has fair/foul & catch/no catch responsibility. U1 stays out.
- U3 moves into position to line up the catch and R2's tag-up.
- U2 moves inside to the Working Area
- PU moves up the 1BL to observe action.

***If the ball is caught:***

- U3 moves to proper position to make call on R2 if tagging and advancing.
- PU returns to Home for any plays there.

***If the ball is not caught:***

- PU returns to HP for possible plays there.
- U3 moves outside and watches advance of R2. Has all plays on R2 and BR at 3B.
- U2 sees BR touch of 1B and follows BR into 2B. Has all plays at 2B.
- U1 turns and observes action on bases.



# U3 Goes Out

Runner on 2B only

**U1 starts in the "A" position**

**U2 starts in the "B" or "C" position**

**U3 starts in the "D" position**

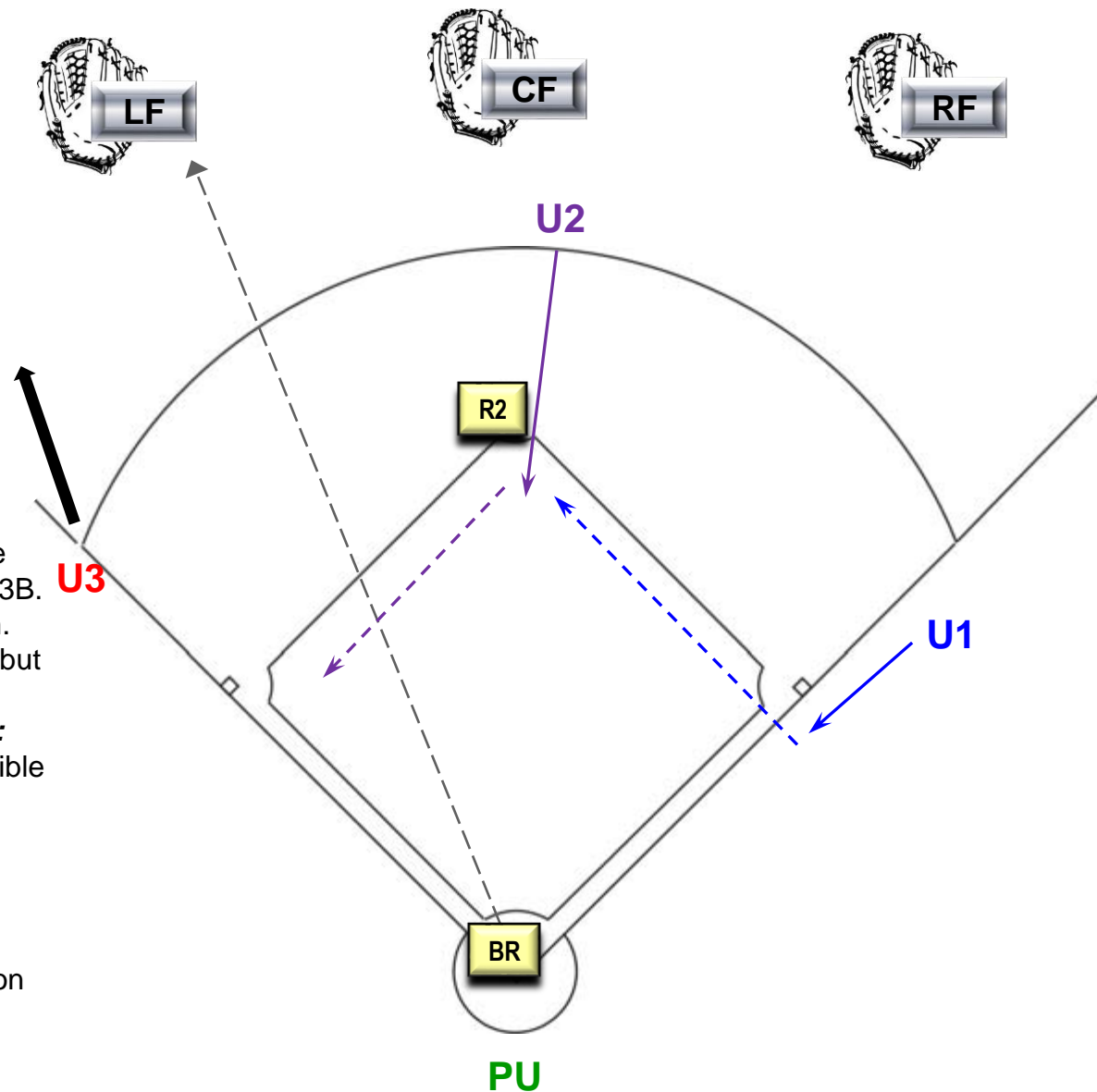
- U3 goes out and has fair/foul and catch/no catch responsibility. U3 stays out.
- U2 moves inside to the Working Area to see the catch and tag-up of R2, following R2 to 3B.
- U1 moves into foul territory to see the catch.
- PU stays home with R2 in scoring position, but observes action.

**If the ball is caught and R2 commits to 3rd:**

- U2 moves towards 3B to make call on possible play on R2 advancing.

**If the ball is not caught:**

- U2 follows R2 to 3B for possible play.
- U1 pivots inside, and "slides" towards 2B following BR if advancing to 2B. U1 sees touch of 1B by BR and has back door play on BR at 1B.
- U2 has follow on play on BR or BR at 3B.
- PU has plays on all runners at HP.
- U3 turns and observes action on bases.



# U1 Goes Out

Runners on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Bases



**U1 starts in the "A" position**  
**U2 starts in the "B" or "C" position**  
**U3 starts in the "D" position**

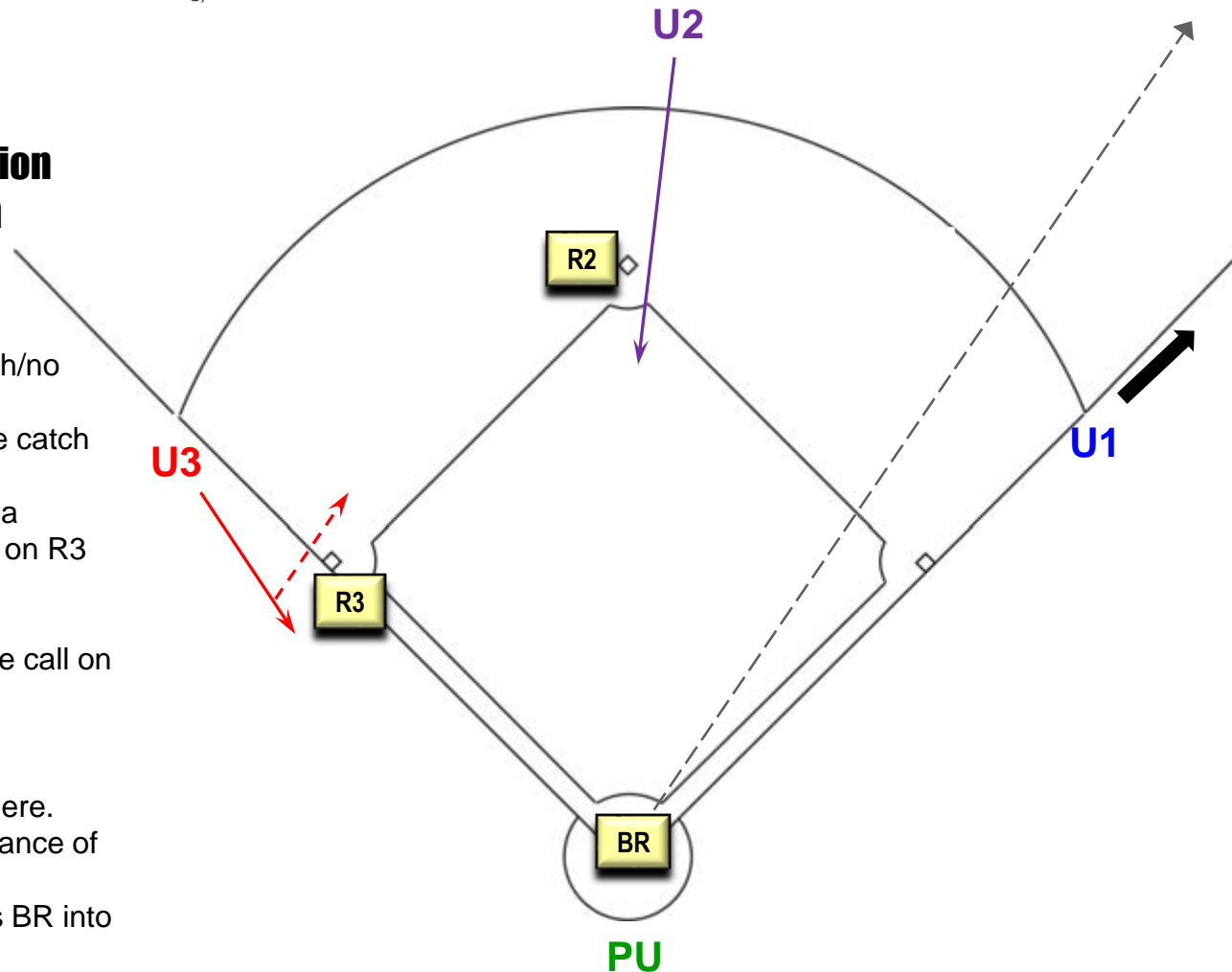
- U1 goes out and has fair/foul & catch/no catch responsibility. U1 stays out.
- U3 moves into position to line up the catch and R3 and R2's tag-up.
- U2 moves inside to the Working Area
- PU moves to POP for potential play on R3 at HP. .

***If the ball is caught:***

- U3 moves to proper position to make call on R2 if tagging and advancing.
- PU stays Home for R3 advancing.

***If the ball is not caught:***

- PU stays at HP for possible plays there.
- U3 moves outside and watches advance of R2. Has all plays on R2 at 3B.
- U2 sees BR touch of 1B and follows BR into 2B. Has all plays at 2B.
- U1 turns and observes action on bases.

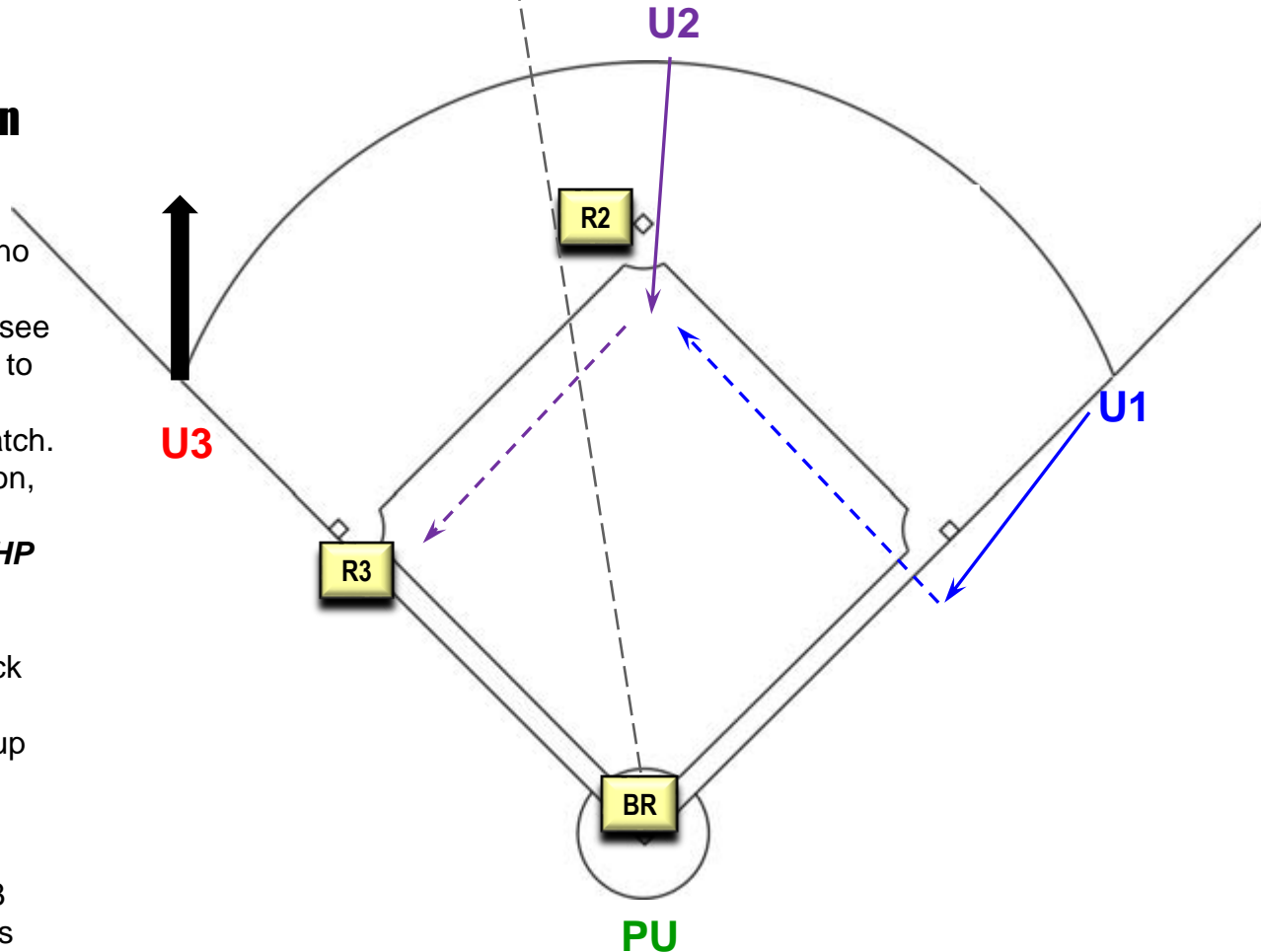


# U3 Goes Out

Runners on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>



**U1 starts in the "A" position**  
**U2 starts in the "B" or "C" position**  
**U3 starts in the "D" position**



- U3 goes out and has fair/foul and catch/no catch responsibility. U3 stays out.
- U2 moves inside to the Working Area to see the catch and tag-up of R2, following R2 to 3B.
- U1 moves into foul territory to see the catch.
- PU stays home with R2 in scoring position, but observes action.

***If the ball is caught and R3 commits to HP and R2 commits to 3rd:***

- U2 moves towards 3B to make call on possible play on R2 advancing. Has back door on R2 at 2B.
- PU moves to proper position to see tag up of R3 and then positions for play at HP.

***If the ball is not caught:***

- U2 follows R2 to 3B for possible play.
- U1 pivots inside, and "slides" towards 2B following BR if advancing to 2B. U1 sees touch of 1B by BR and has back door play on BR at 1B.
- U2 has follow on play on BR or BR at 3B.
- PU has plays on all runners at HP.
- U3 turns and observes action on bases.

# U1 Goes Out

Runners on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>



**U1 starts in the "A" position**  
**U2 starts in the "B" or "C" position**  
**U3 starts in the "D" position**

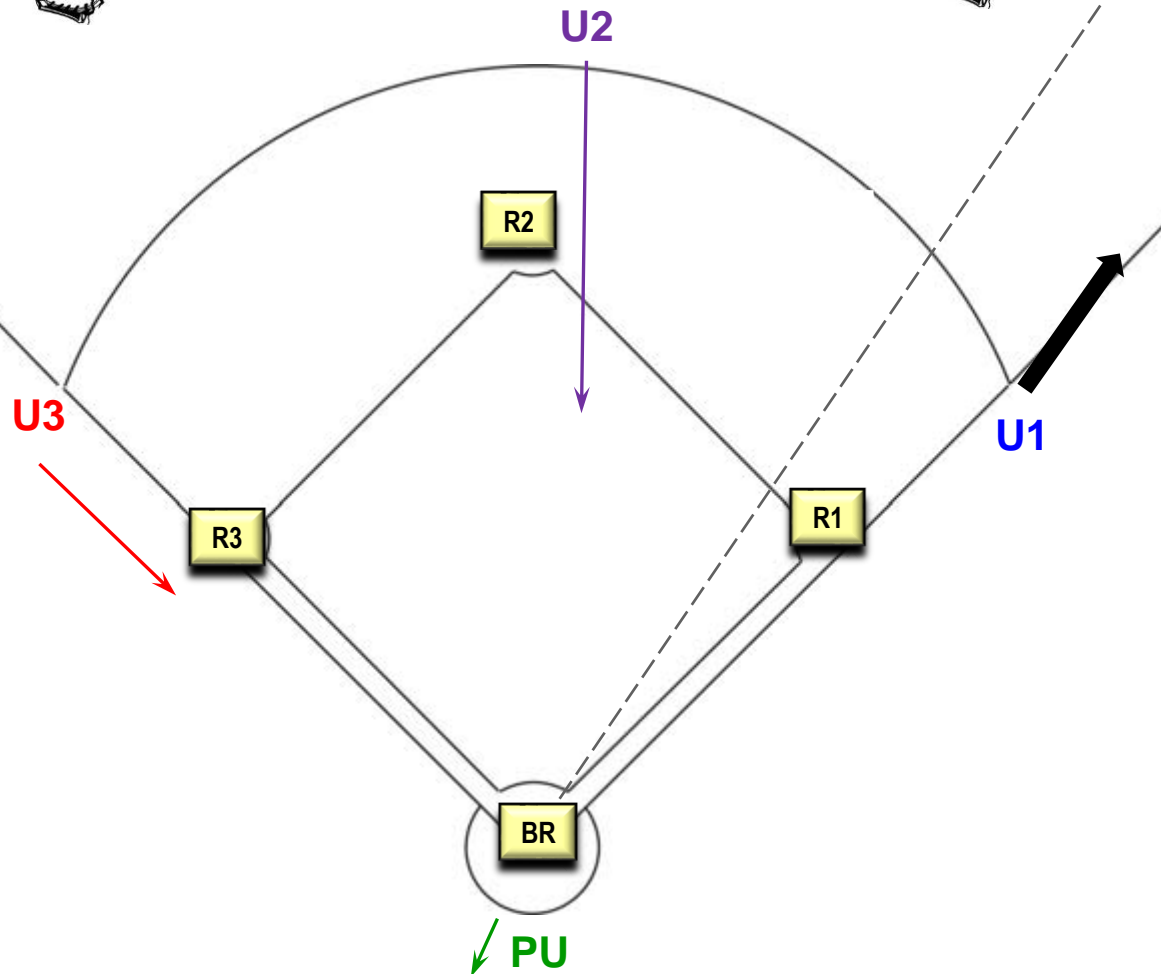
- U1 goes out and has fair/foul & catch/no catch responsibility. U1 stays out.
- U3 moves into position to line up the catch and R3 and R2's tag-up.
- U2 moves inside to the Working Area. Works to get angle to see catch and R1 tag with quick glance.
- PU moves to POP to get angle on catch and to observe R1 tag up. Ready to return for potential play on R3 at HP. .

### ***If the ball is caught:***

- U3 moves to proper position to make call on R2 if tagging and advancing.
- U2 watches for tag up of R2 at 2B. Has back door on R2 at 2B.
- PU stays Home for R3 advancing.

### ***If the ball is not caught:***

- PU stays at HP for possible plays there.
- U3 moves outside and watches advance of R2. Has all plays on runners at 3B.
- U2 follows R1 to 2B, and sees BR touch of 1B and follows BR into 2B. Has all plays at 2B on R1 and BR.
- U1 turns and observes action on bases.



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U3 starts in the "D" position

- U3 goes out and has fair/foul and catch/no catch responsibility. U3 stays out.
- U2 moves inside to the Working Area to see the catch and tag-up of R2, following R2 to 3B.
- U1 moves into foul territory to see the catch and tag up of R1.
- PU stays home with R2/R3 in scoring position, but observes action.

***If the ball is caught and R1, R2 and/or R3 commits advance:***

- U2 moves towards 3B to make call on possible play on R2 advancing.
- U1 pivots inside and takes R1 advancing to 2B.
- PU moves to proper position to see tag up of R3 and then positions for play at HP.

***If the ball is not caught:***

- U2 follows R2 to 3B for possible play.
- U1 pivots inside, and "slides" towards 2B with R1. U1 sees touch of 1B by BR, follows to 2B and has back door play on BR at 1B.
- U2 has follow on play on R1, R2 or BR at 3B.
- U3 turns and observes action on bases.
- PU has plays on all runners at HP.

