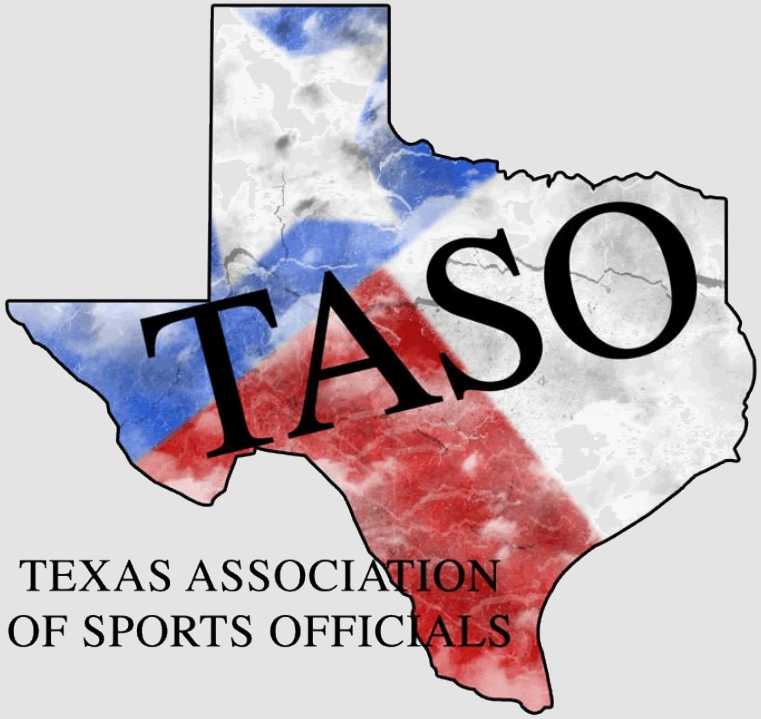


2-umpire mechanics

Teams Required
for a
Baseball Game

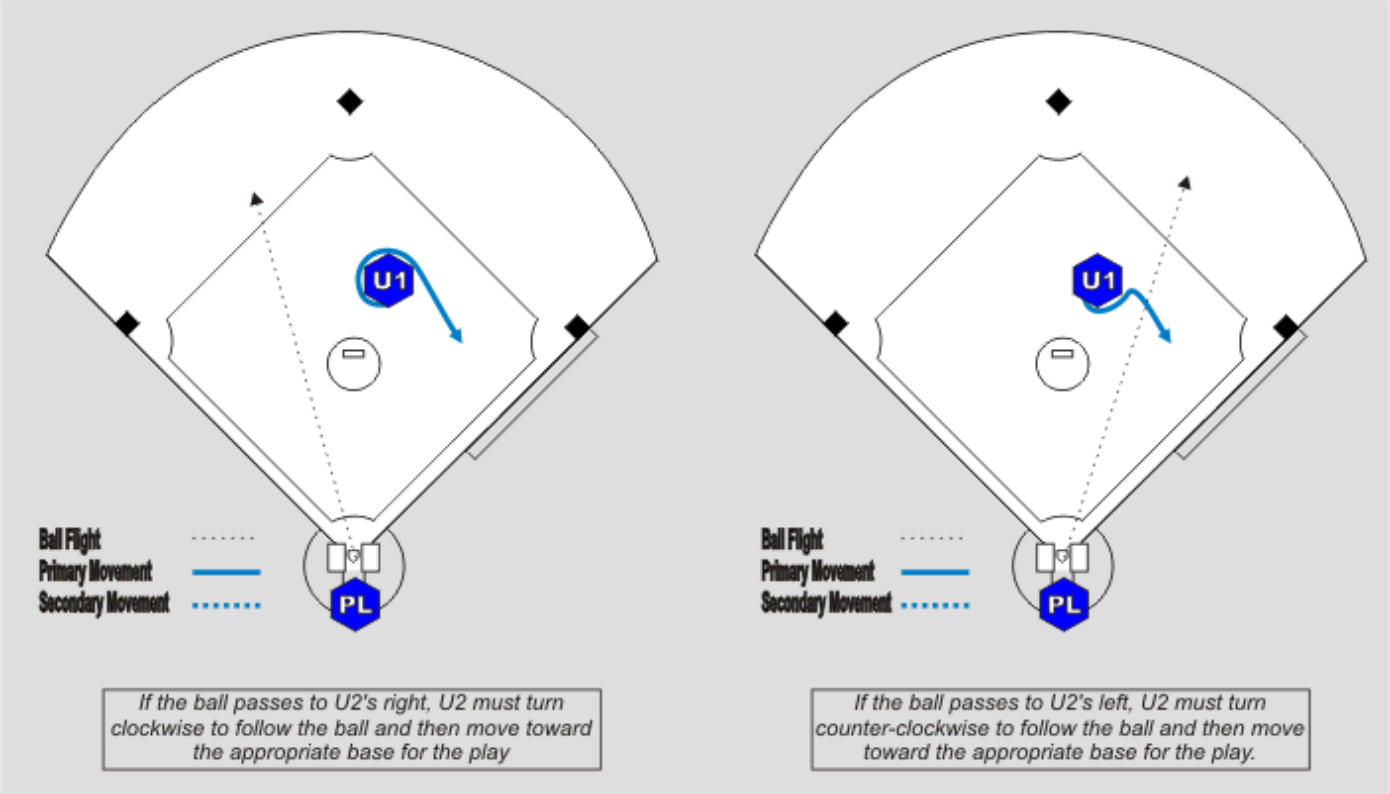
Playing vs Umpiring

- Playing is a factor of TIME
- Umpiring is a factor of ANGLES

Basic Principles

- There are only TWO of you out there
- Communication
- Responsibilities for Runner/Ball
- Going Out
- Plate Umpire
- “Fill the Hole”
- Stay ahead of the lead runner
- Never abandon a trailing runner

Keep Your Chest to the Ball ("Open the Gate")

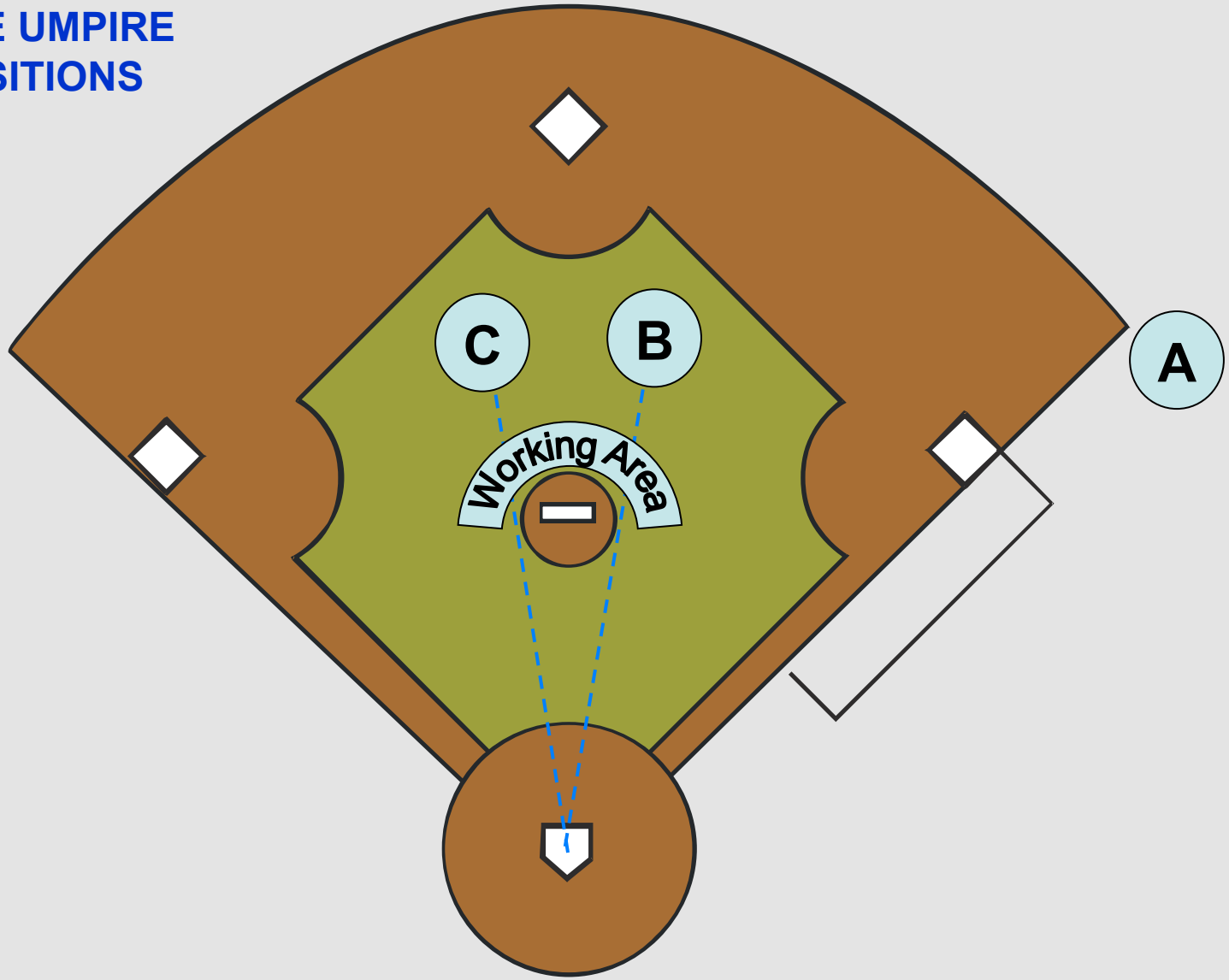


Base Umpire
“Crossing the Dirt”

- U1 does not “go out” to rule on a fly ball when in “B” or “C”

- Certain circumstances may require that he go out to make a proper ruling AFTER a catch/no catch attempt or other play

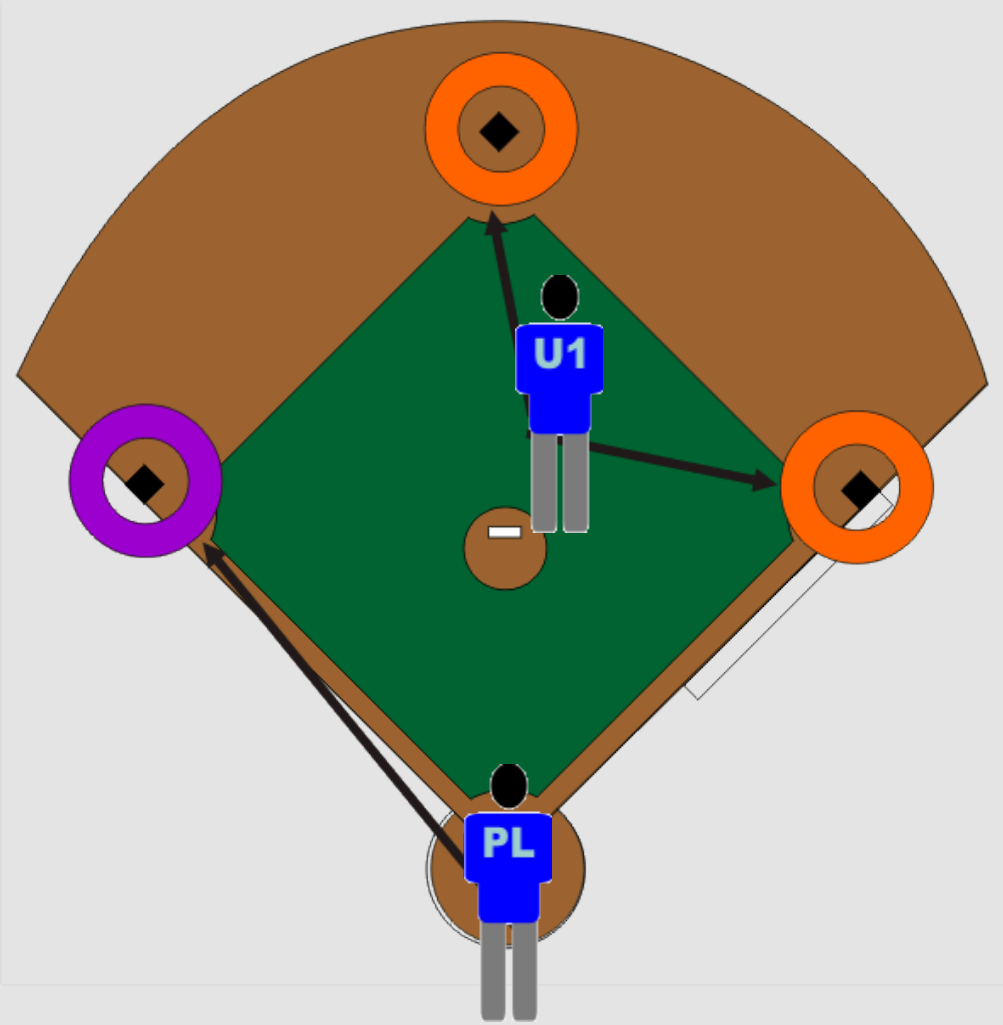
BASE UMPIRE POSITIONS



Stepping into the Pitch

- Only when in Position “A”
- As pitcher starts his motion
- Come SET
- Observe what happens at the plate

Primary Responsibility for Tagups and Touches



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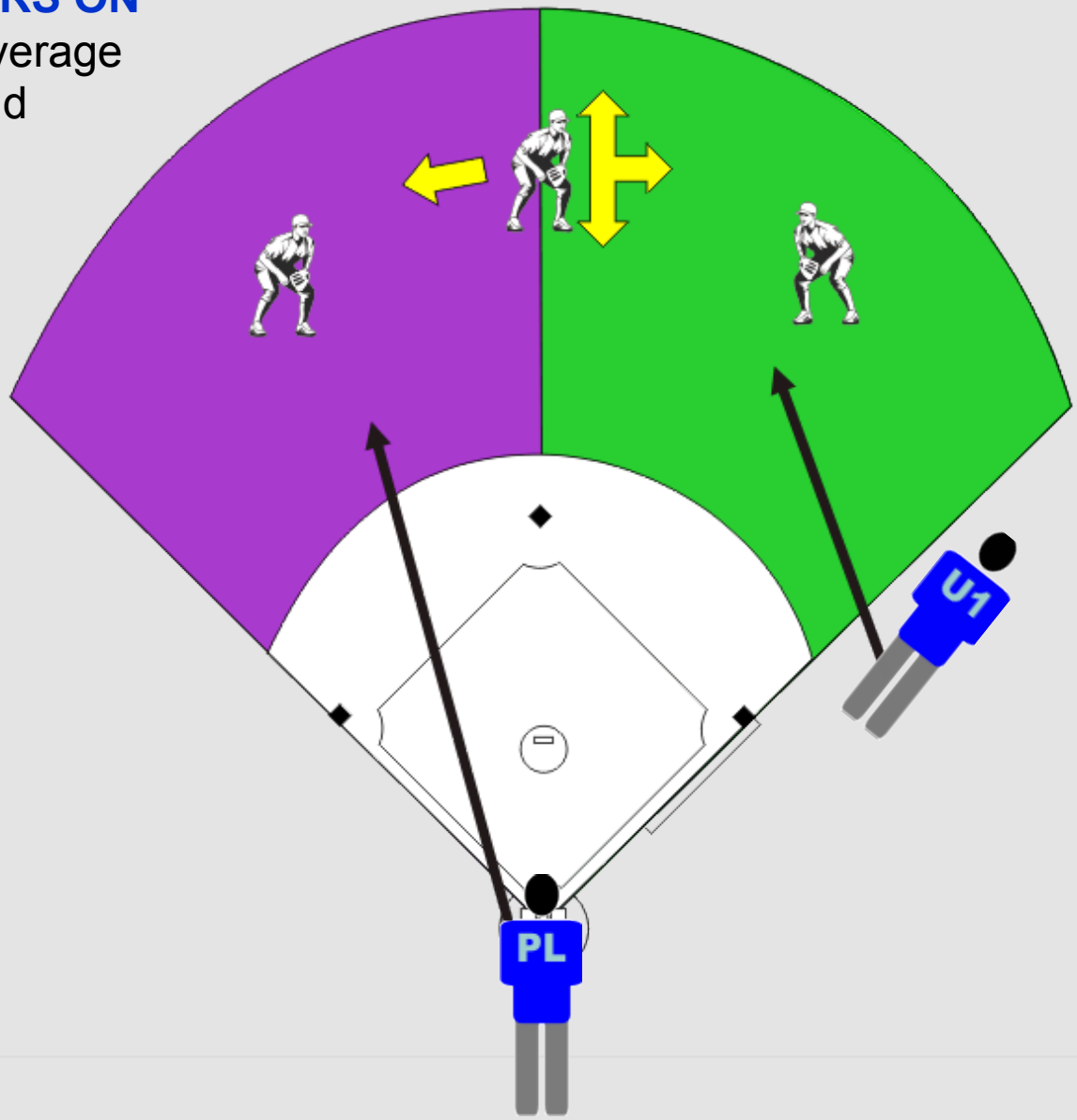
Outfield



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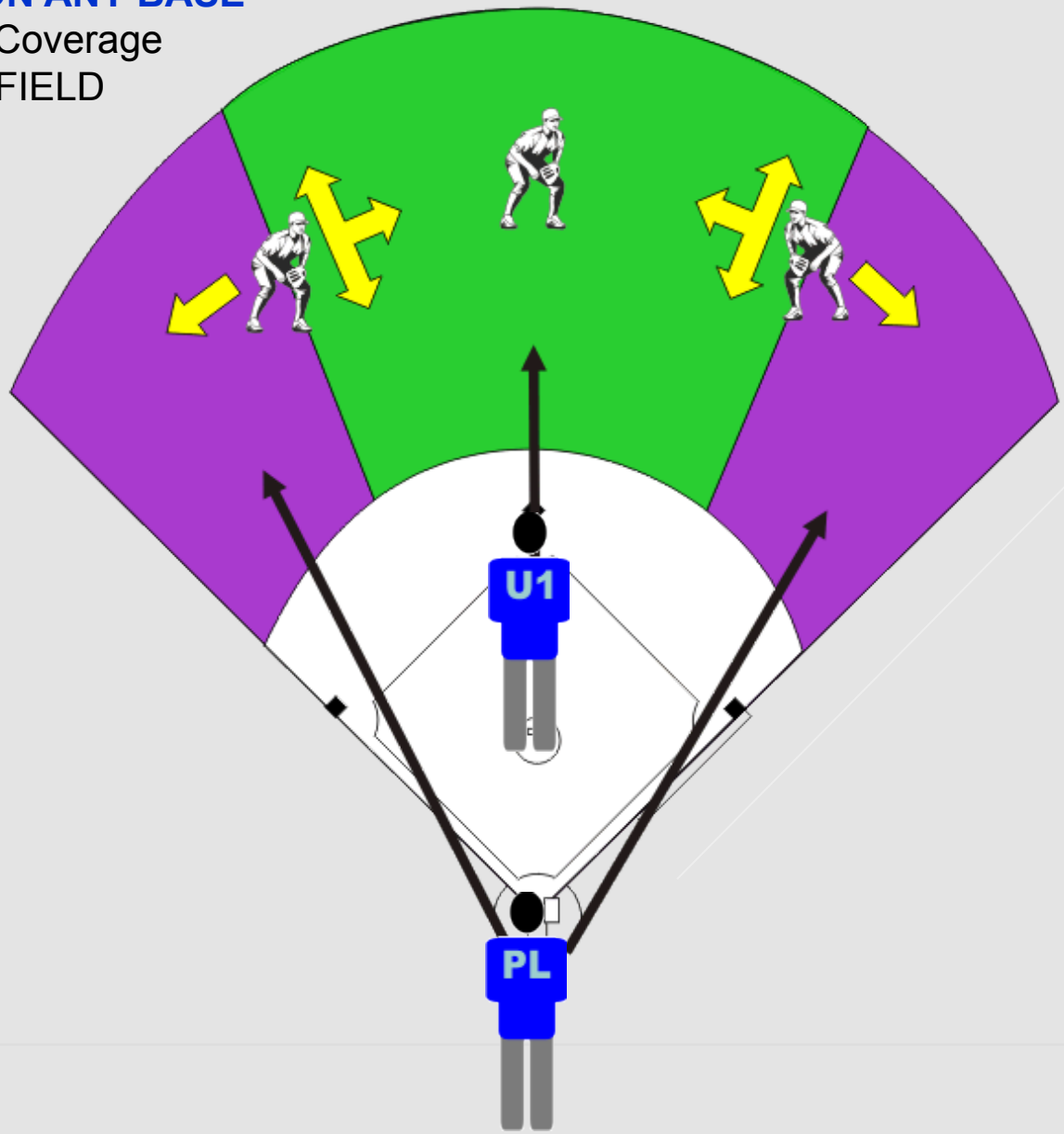

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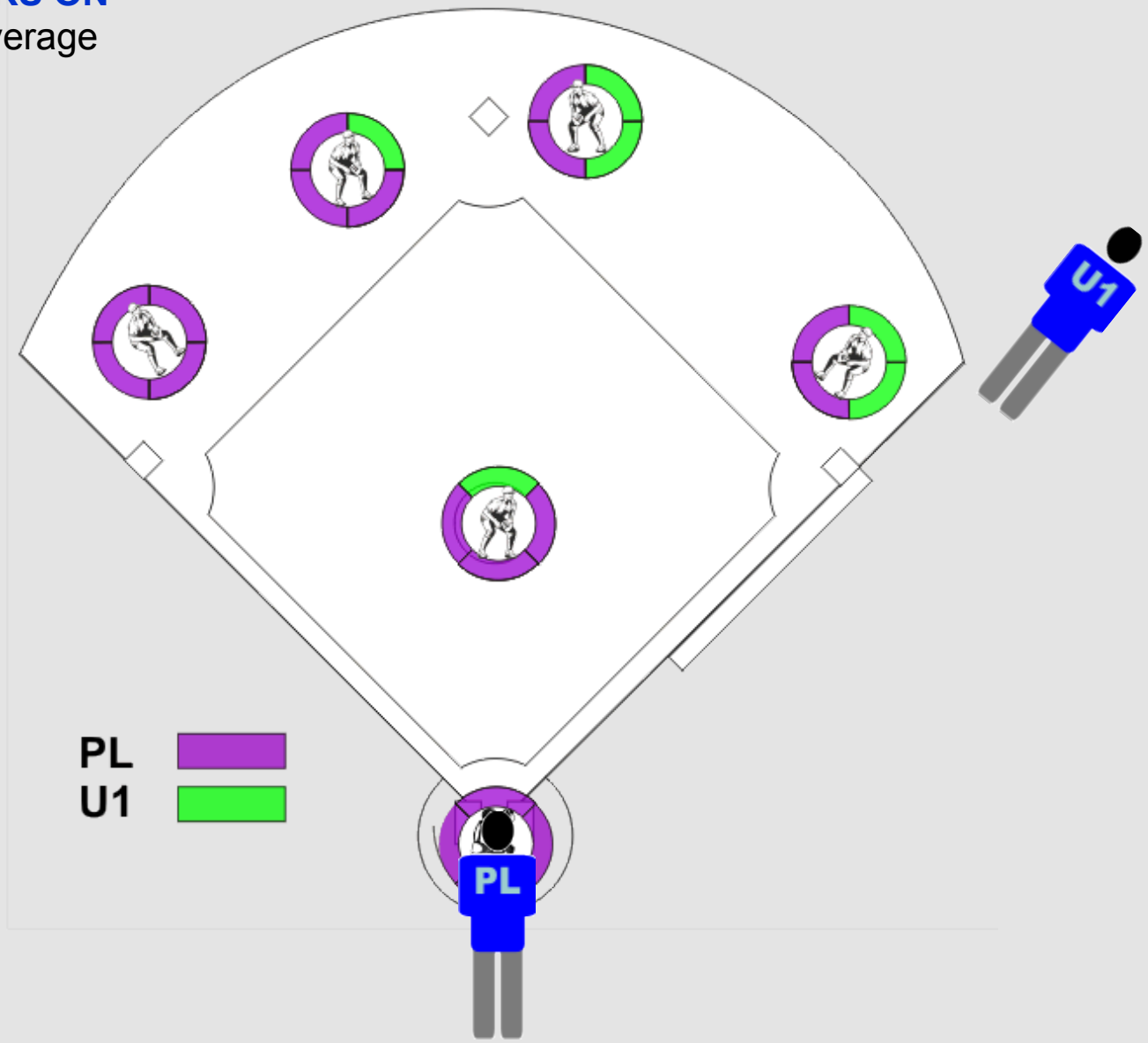

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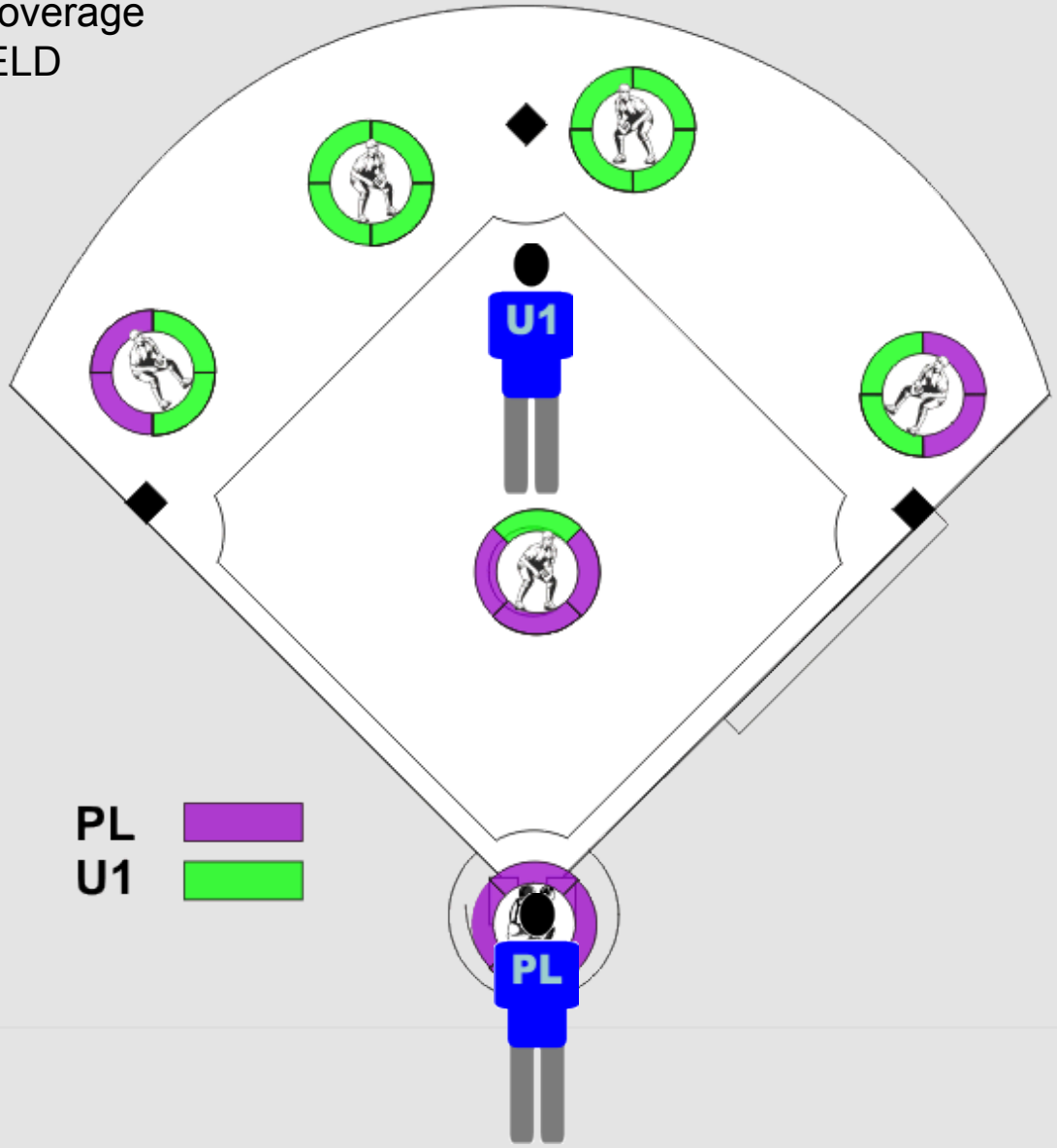

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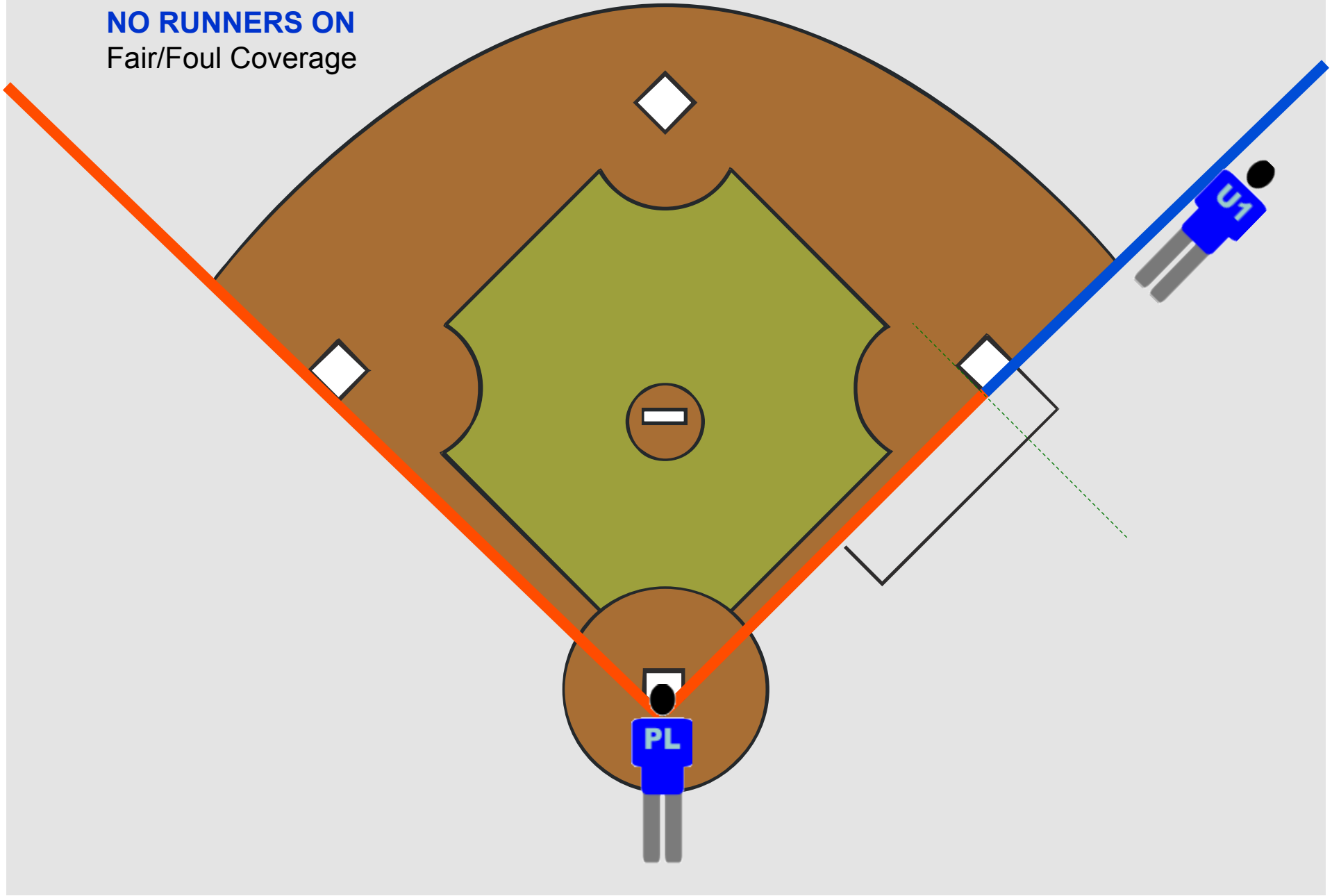

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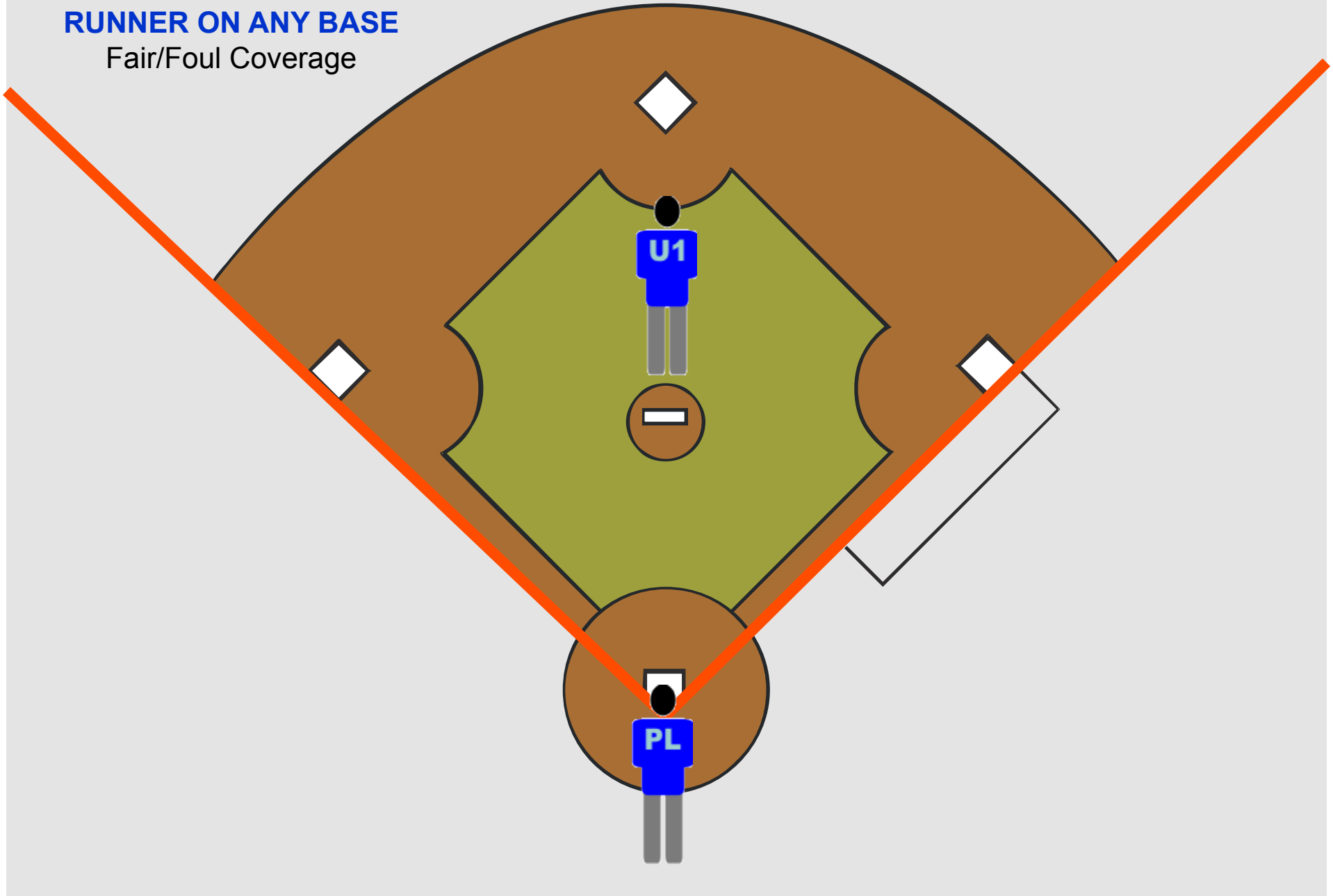

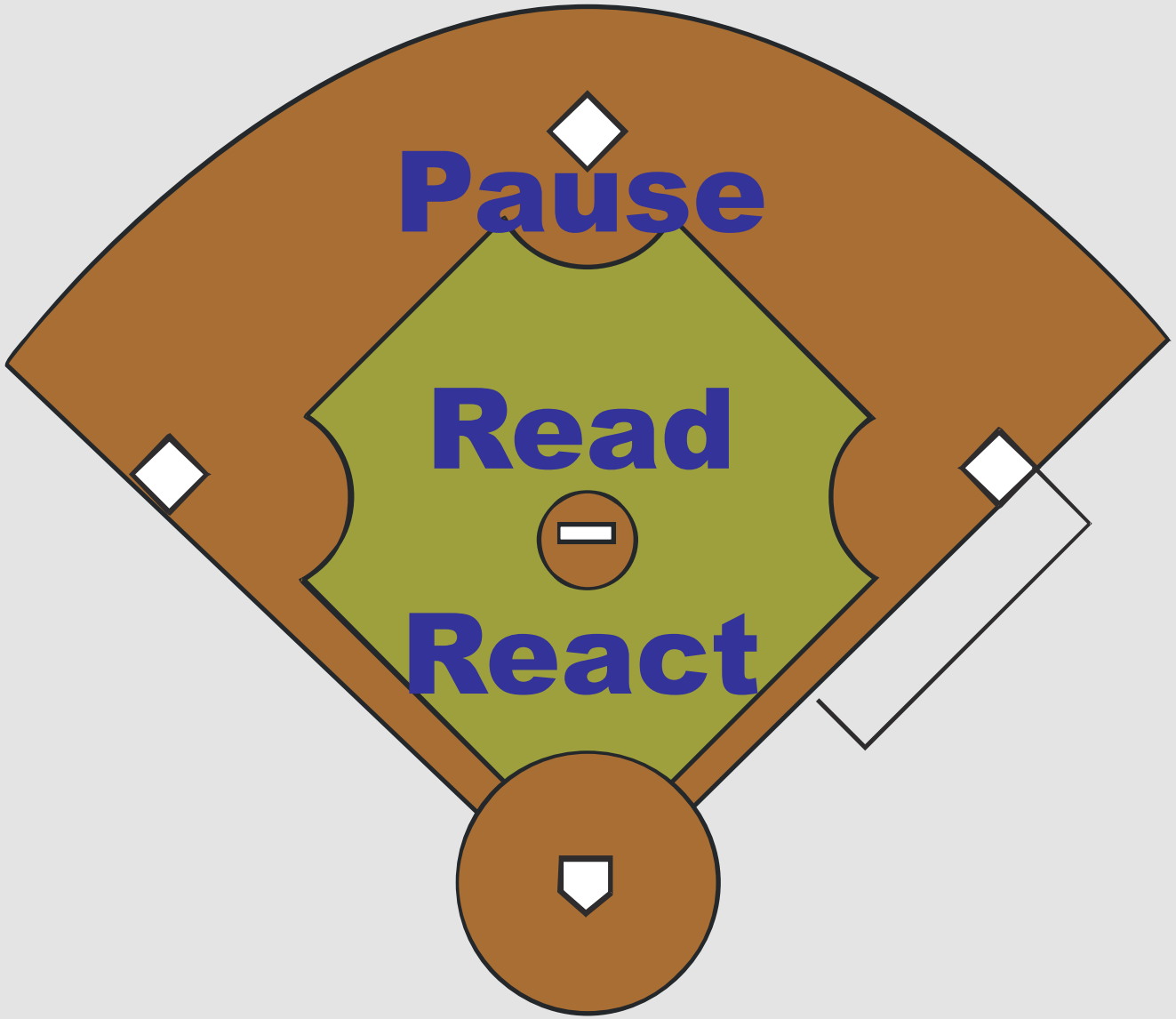
Pause
Read
React

Get in the
Right Position
(Angle & Distance)

If you can't get both
Always take
(Angle over Distance)

Common Mistakes

- Too Close
- Following the ball to the glove
- Timing
- Not “Reading” the player’s actions
- Not adjusting to the play

Get Set
Observe It
Call It

Basic Umpire Mechanics

- We work from two primary “set” positions
  - Full set
  - Standing set
- These are used when observing any action that may result in a call

TIMING

- Don’t Anticipate the call
- Make sure ALL playing action that may affect the call is completed
- Pause
- THEN ----- Call it

Proper Position and Timing are the KEYS to making the right call

Umpire Signals

Purpose of signaling is

Communication
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Communication
Communication
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Umpire Signals
Types of signals

- Calls and plays
- Among umpires

Umpire Signals
Steps required

- Position
- Stance
- See the COMPLETE play
- Make a decision
- Proper timing
- Proper, crisp signal
- Verbal call

Umpire Signals

- We use a relatively standard set of signals to communicate our calls for **plays** in the field
  - These are generally accompanied by verbal announcement of the call as well

Umpire Signals

B all

Strike

Fair

Foul

Safe

Out

Catch

No Catch

Time

Infield Fly

Delayed Dead Ball

Foul Tip

Off the base

Play/Play ball

Do not pitch

Spectator interference

Score the run

Do NOT score the run

Substitution

Giving the Count

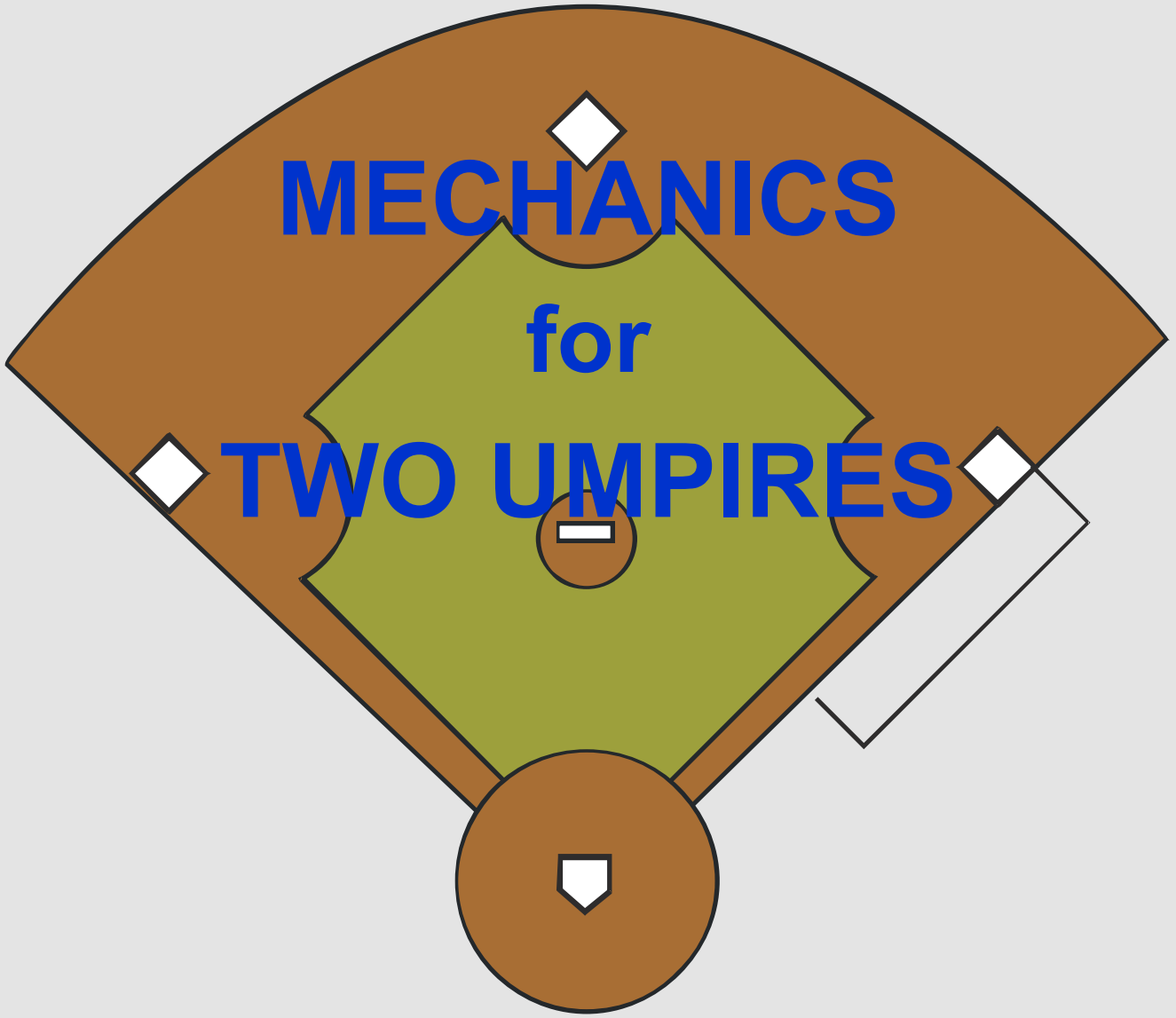
Umpire Communications (Among ourselves)

- We use a relatively standard set of signals to communicate among ourselves to relay information to each other
  - Most are non-verbal
  - Verbal is generally used only during a play

Umpire Communications (Among ourselves)

- Infield fly situation
- Outs (to your partner)
- Rotating (on a hit)
- Staying at Home
- Timing Play
- My call

- Getting help
  - Check Swing
  - On the bases
- What's the count?
- Verbal Communication
- Acknowledging verbal communication


MECHANICS
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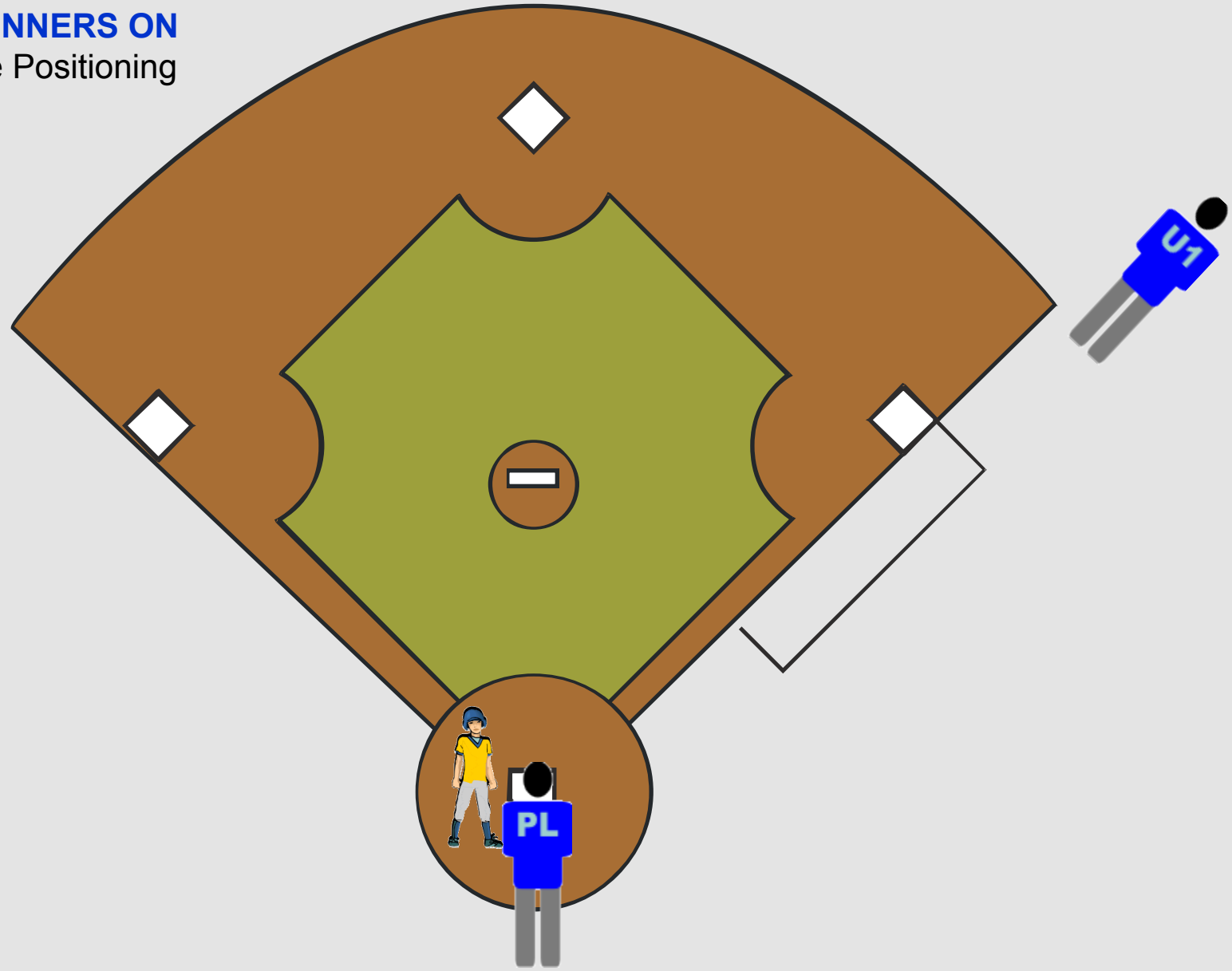
NO RUNNERS ON

Umpire Positioning



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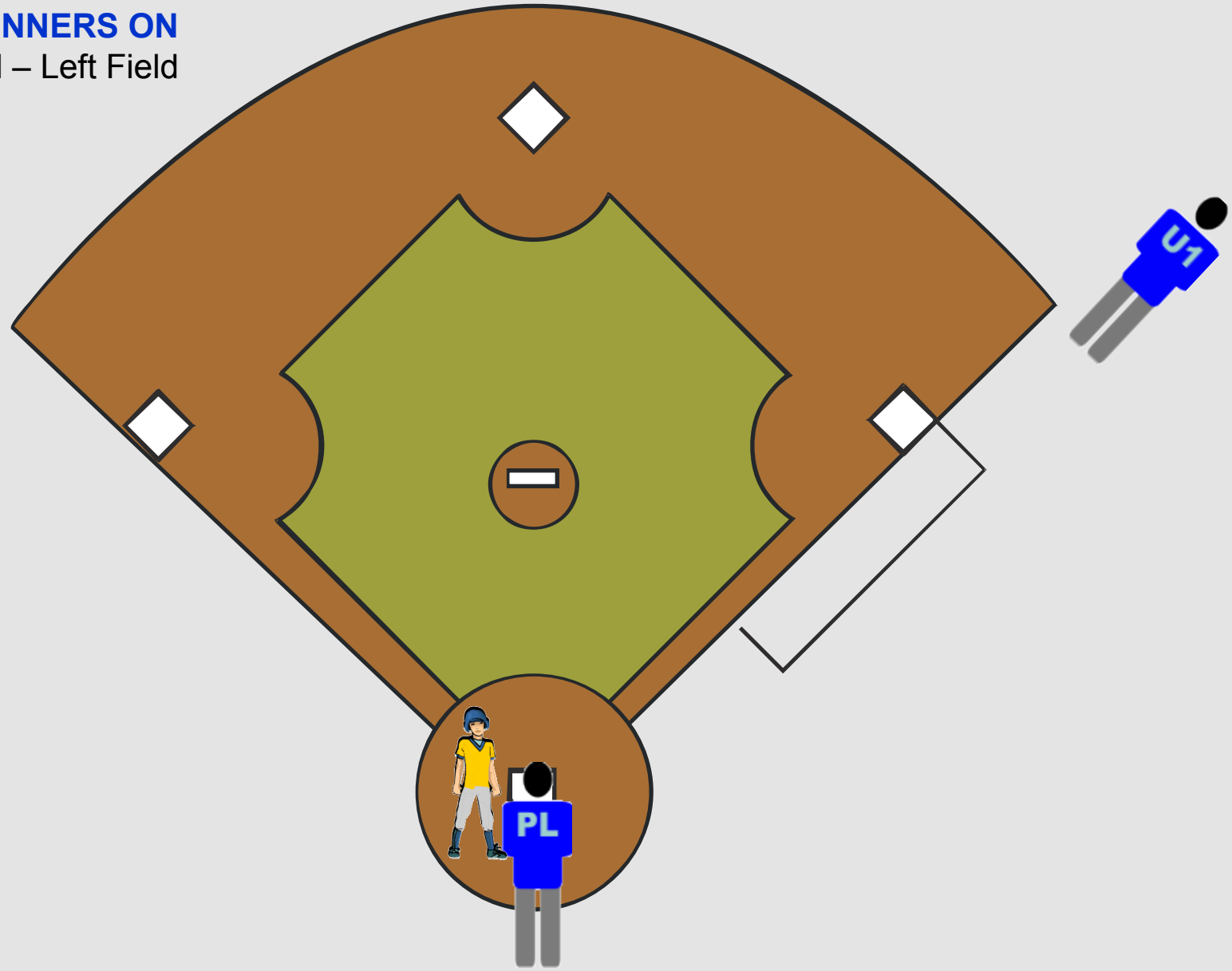
Fly Ball – Left Field



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Fly to Right Field

Possible foul

Or

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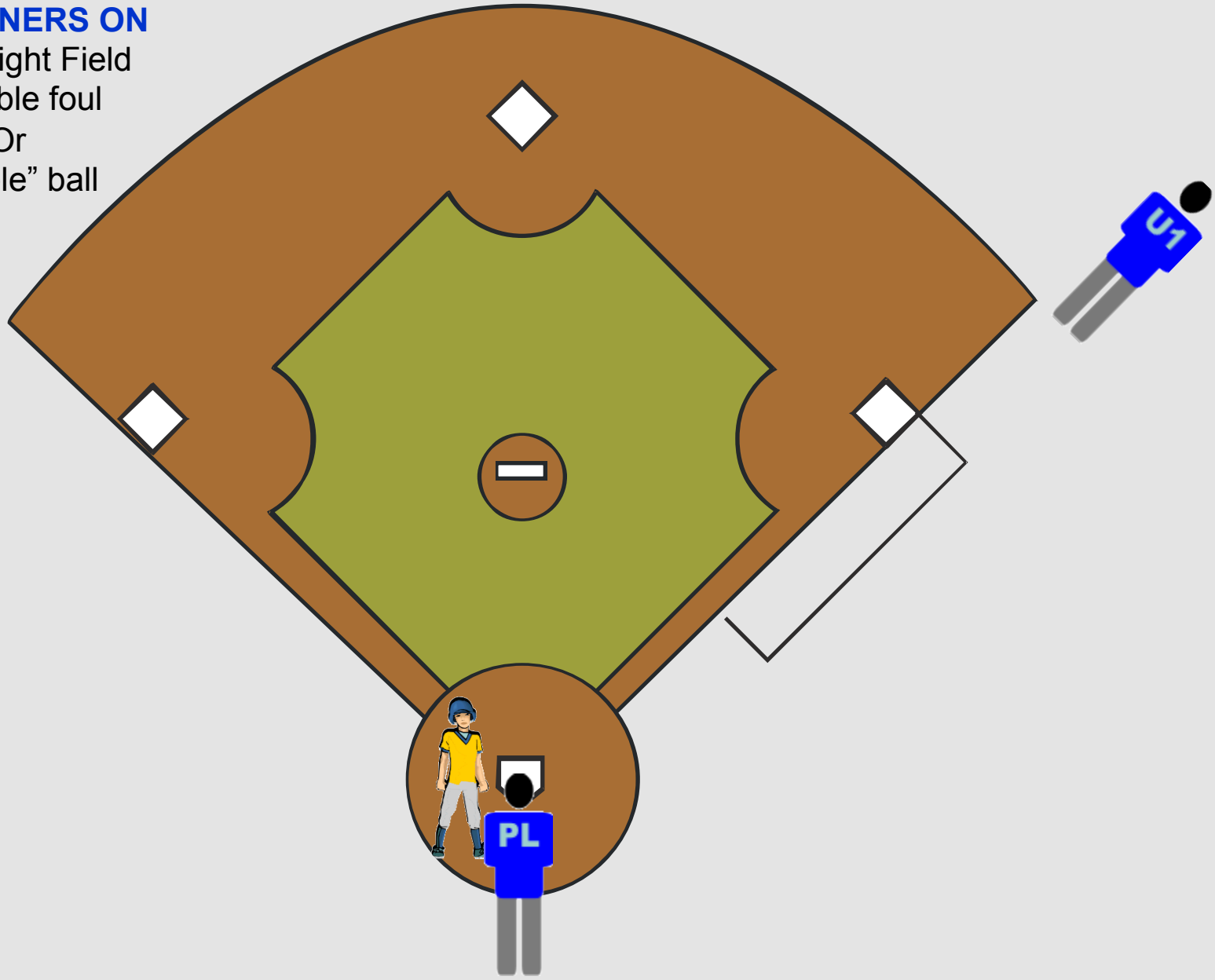

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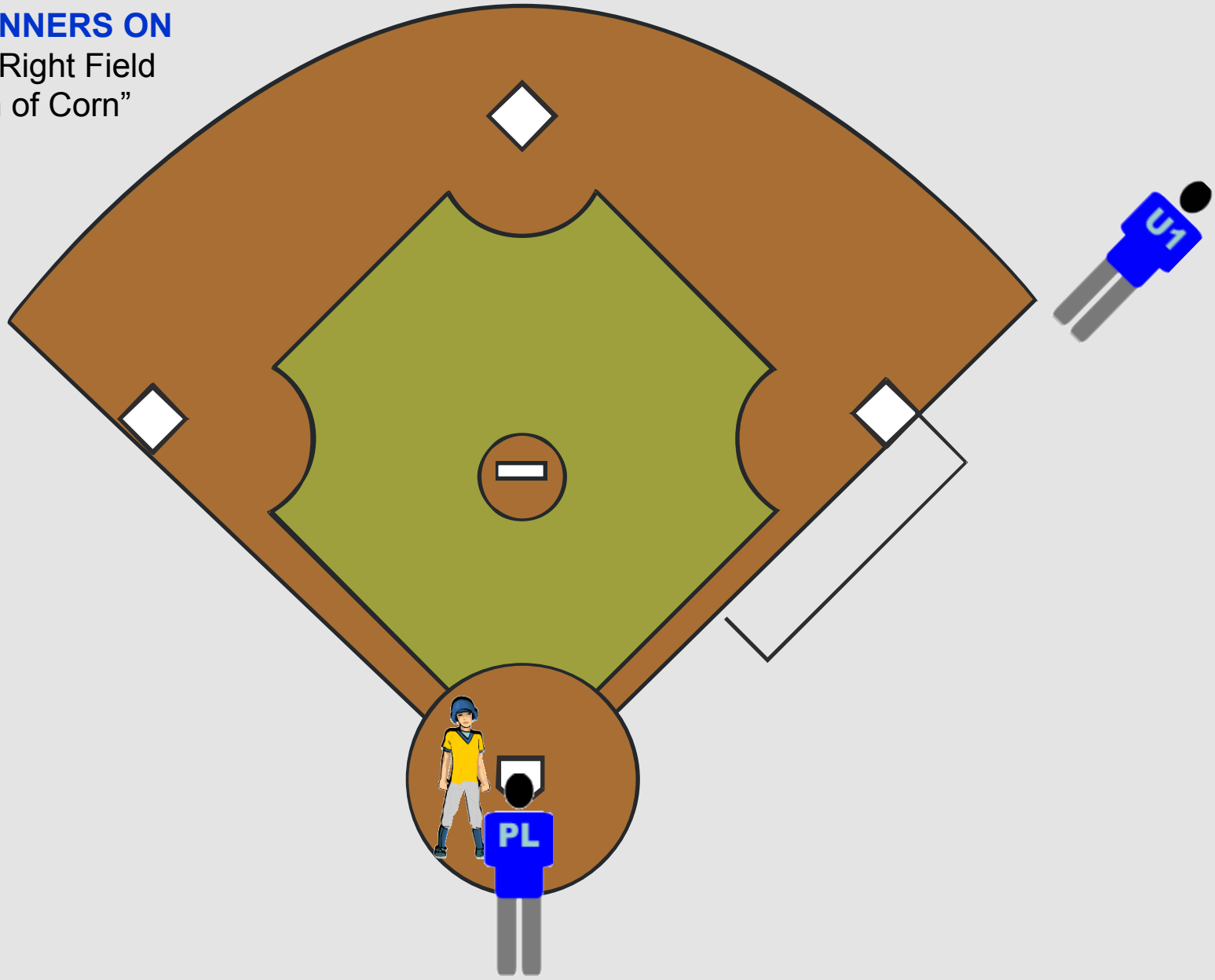
Fly to Right Field

“Can of Corn”



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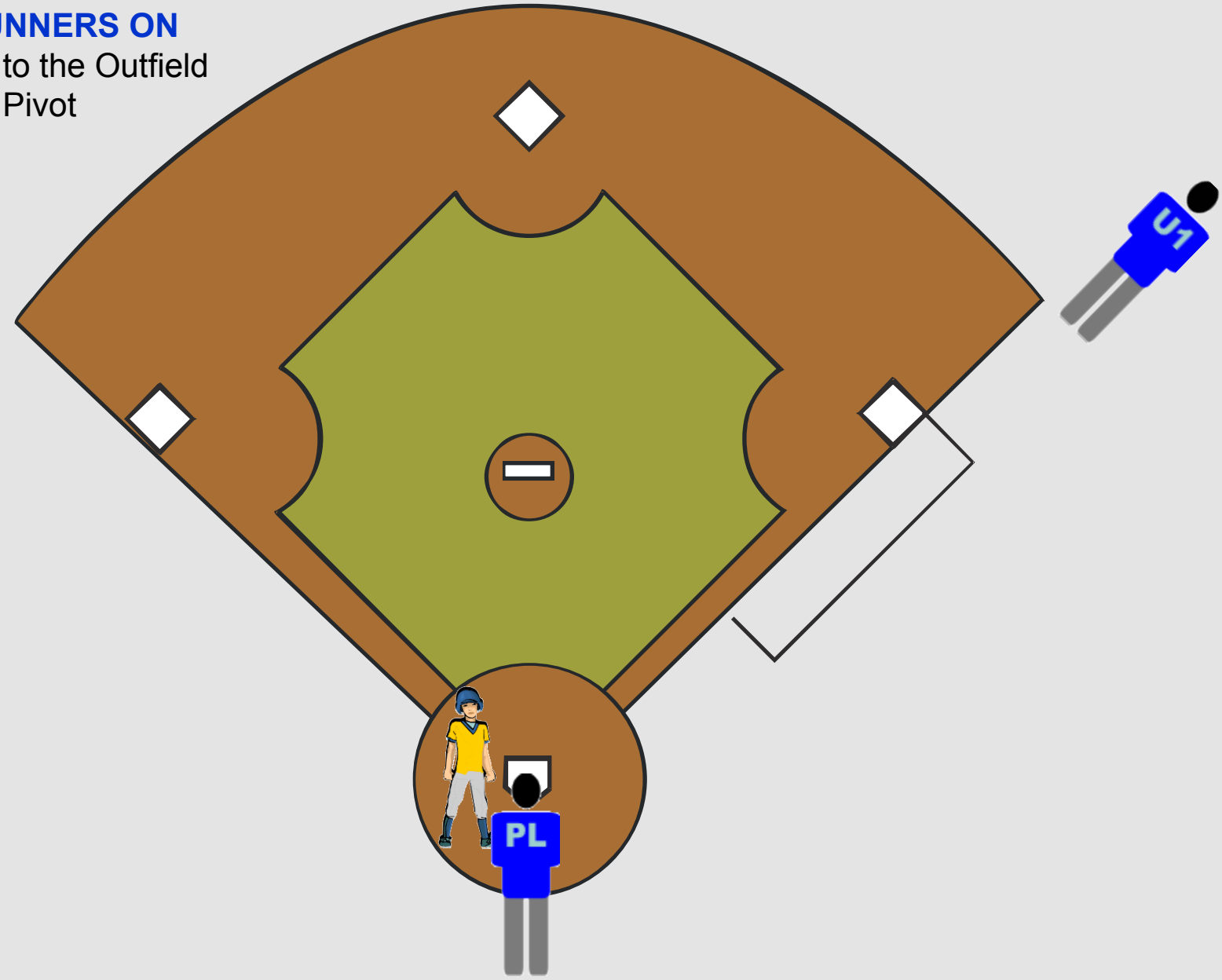
Base Hit to the Outfield

Pivot



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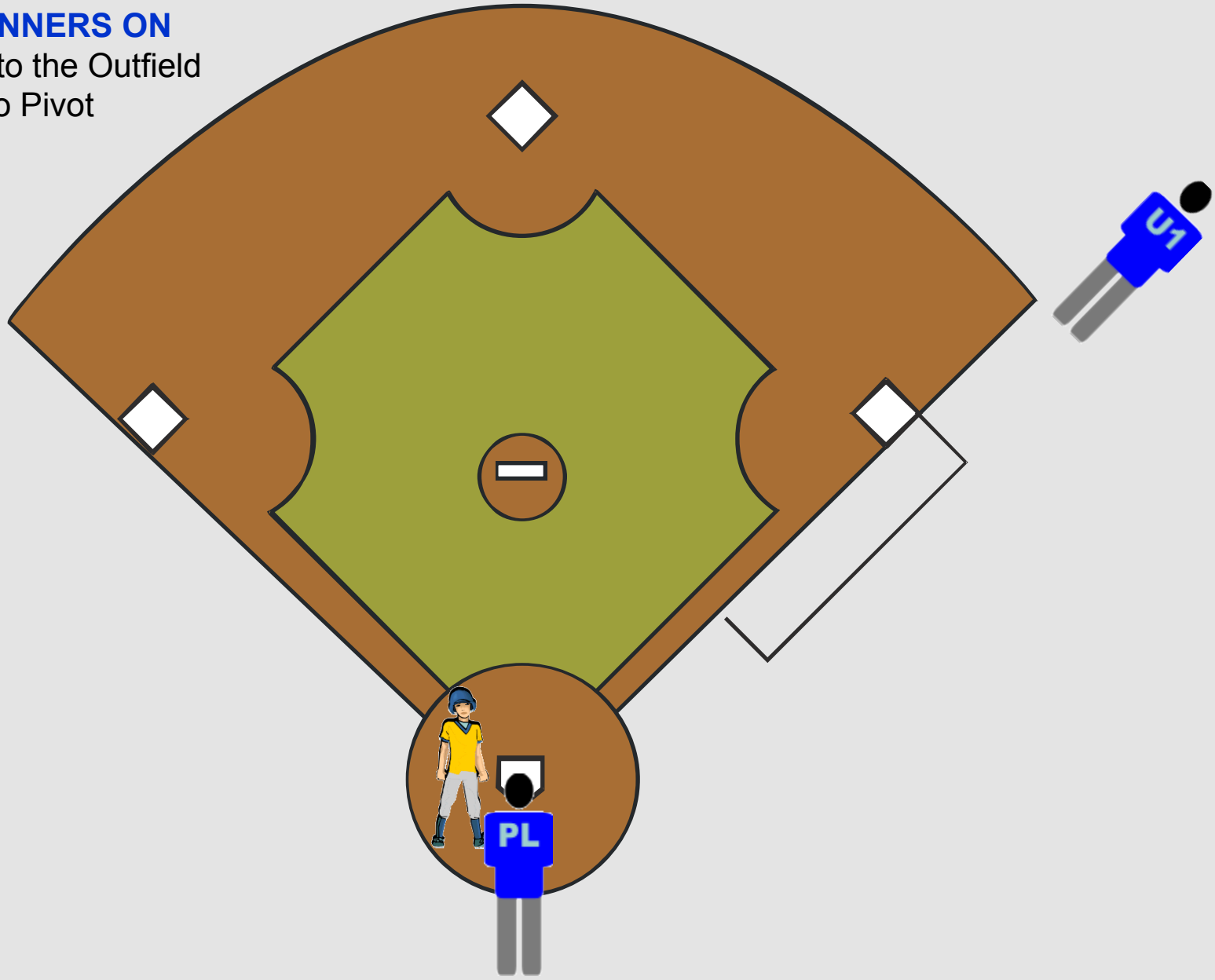

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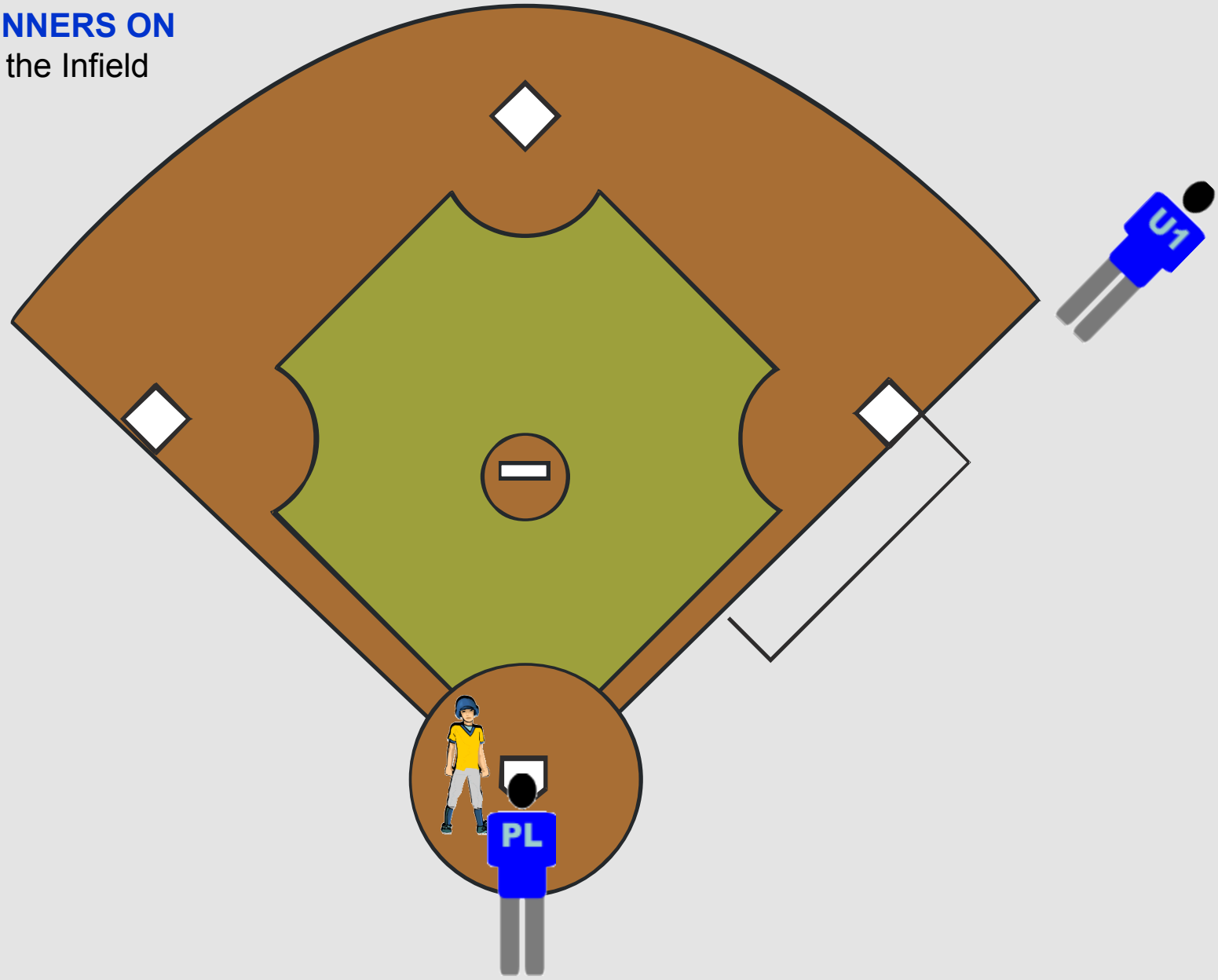
Hit to the Infield



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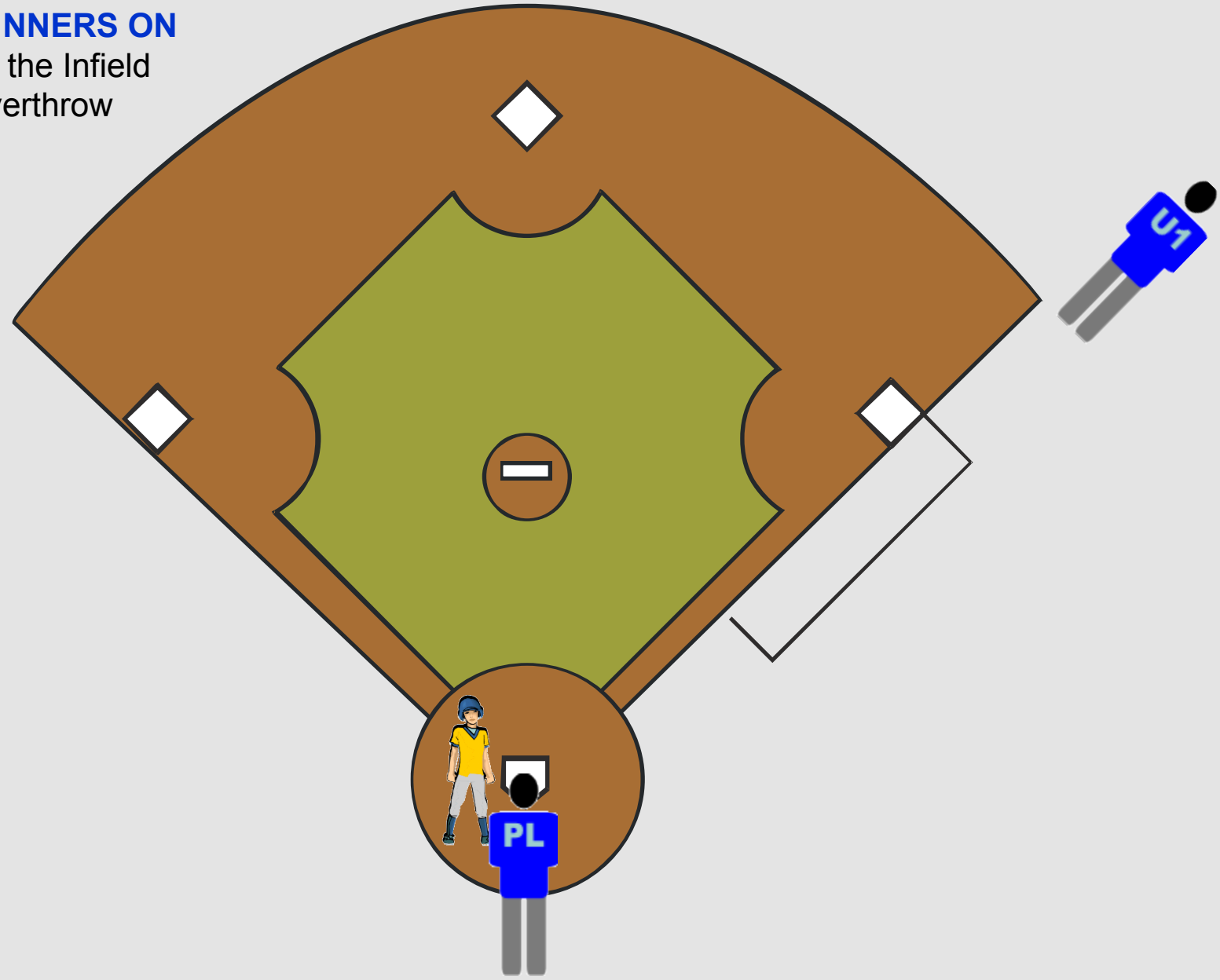
Overthrow



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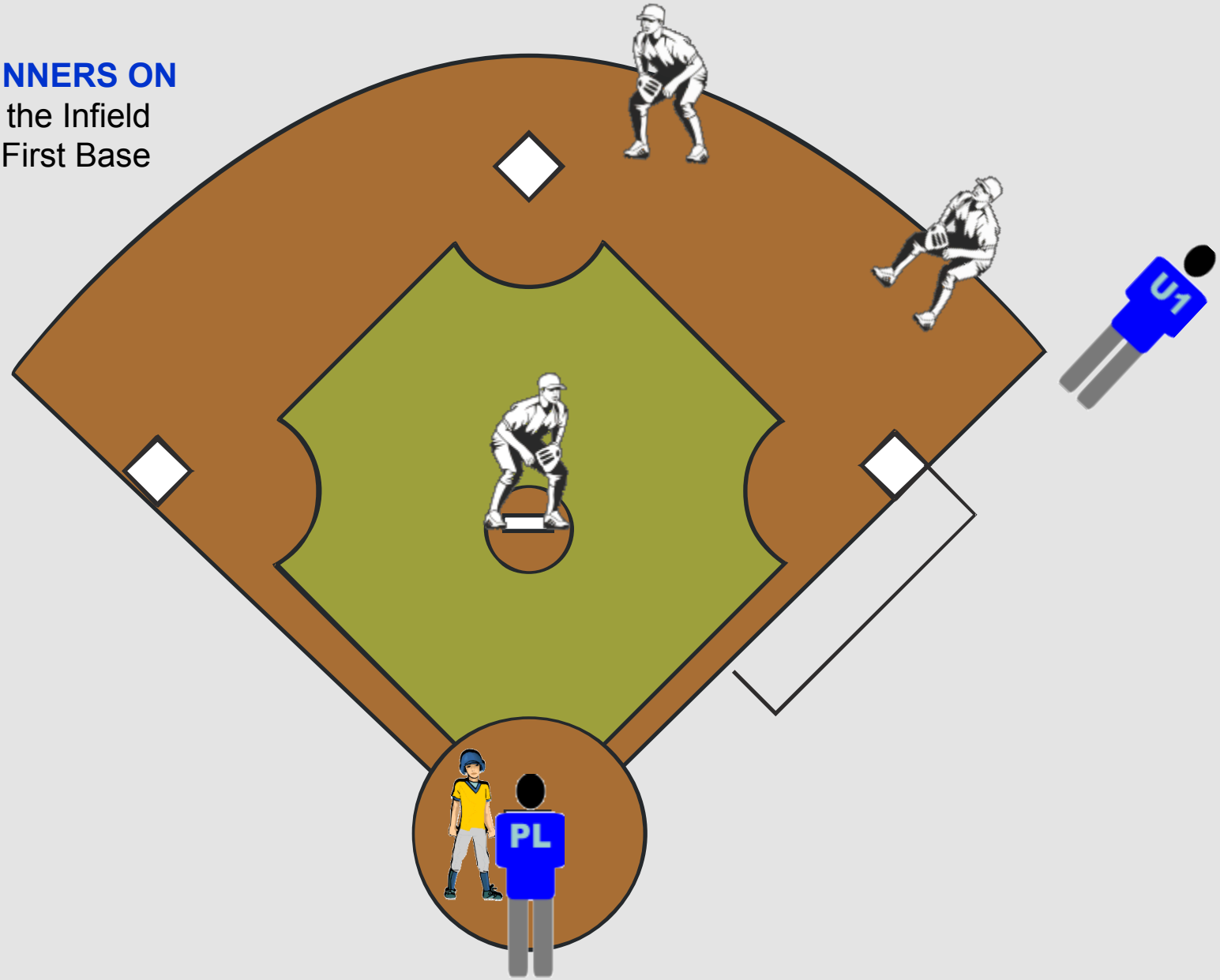
Hit to the Infield

Near First Base



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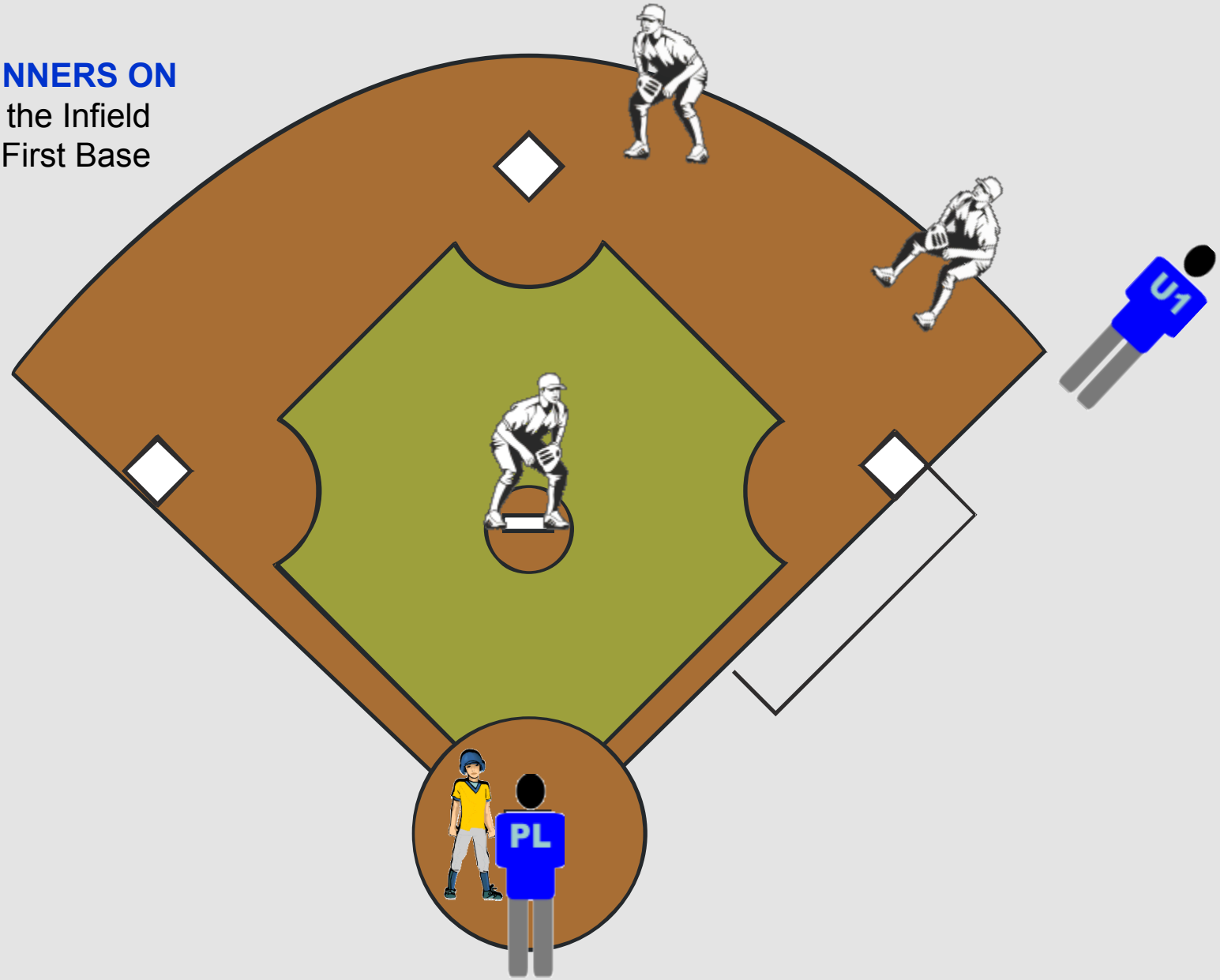

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Foul Popup
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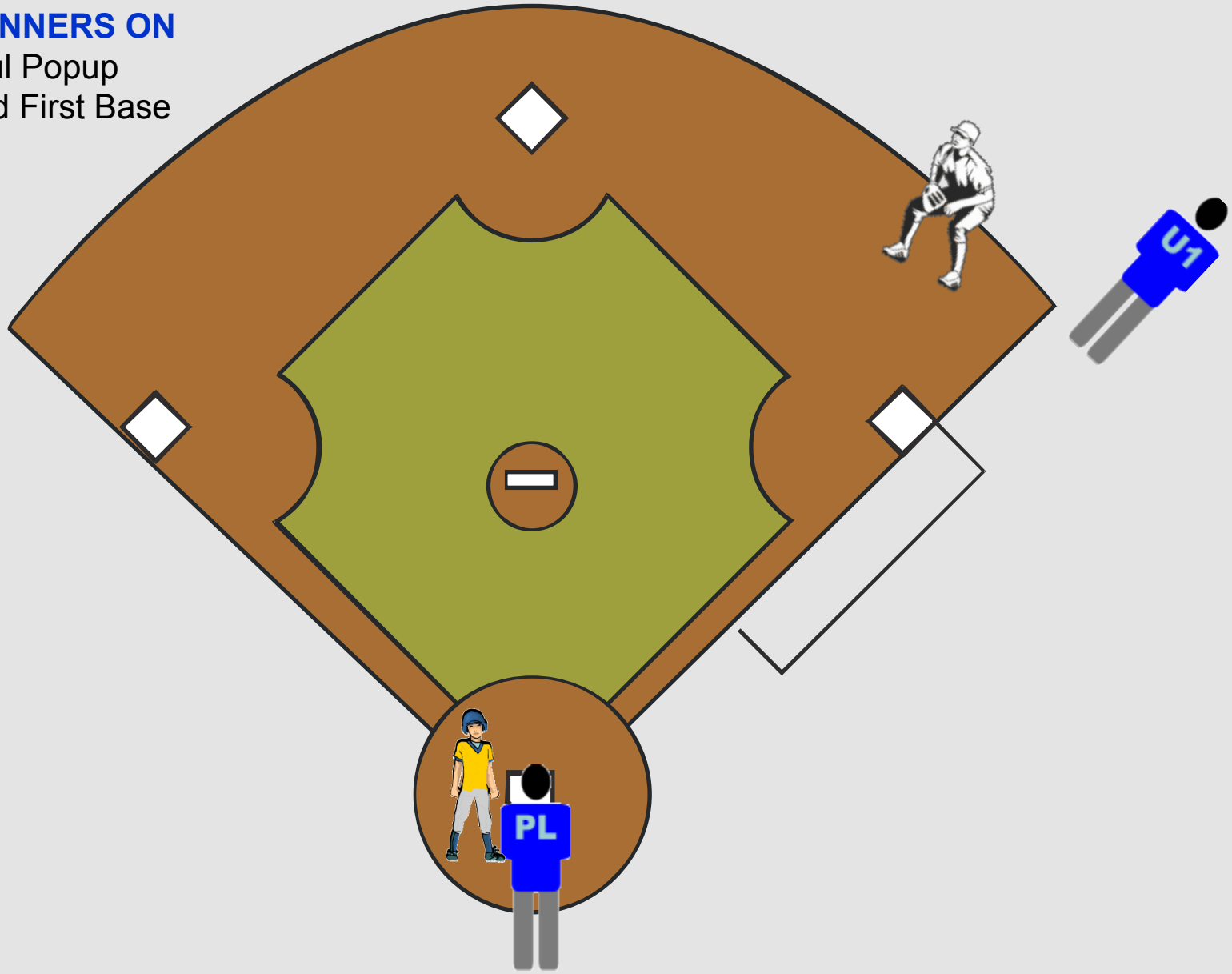

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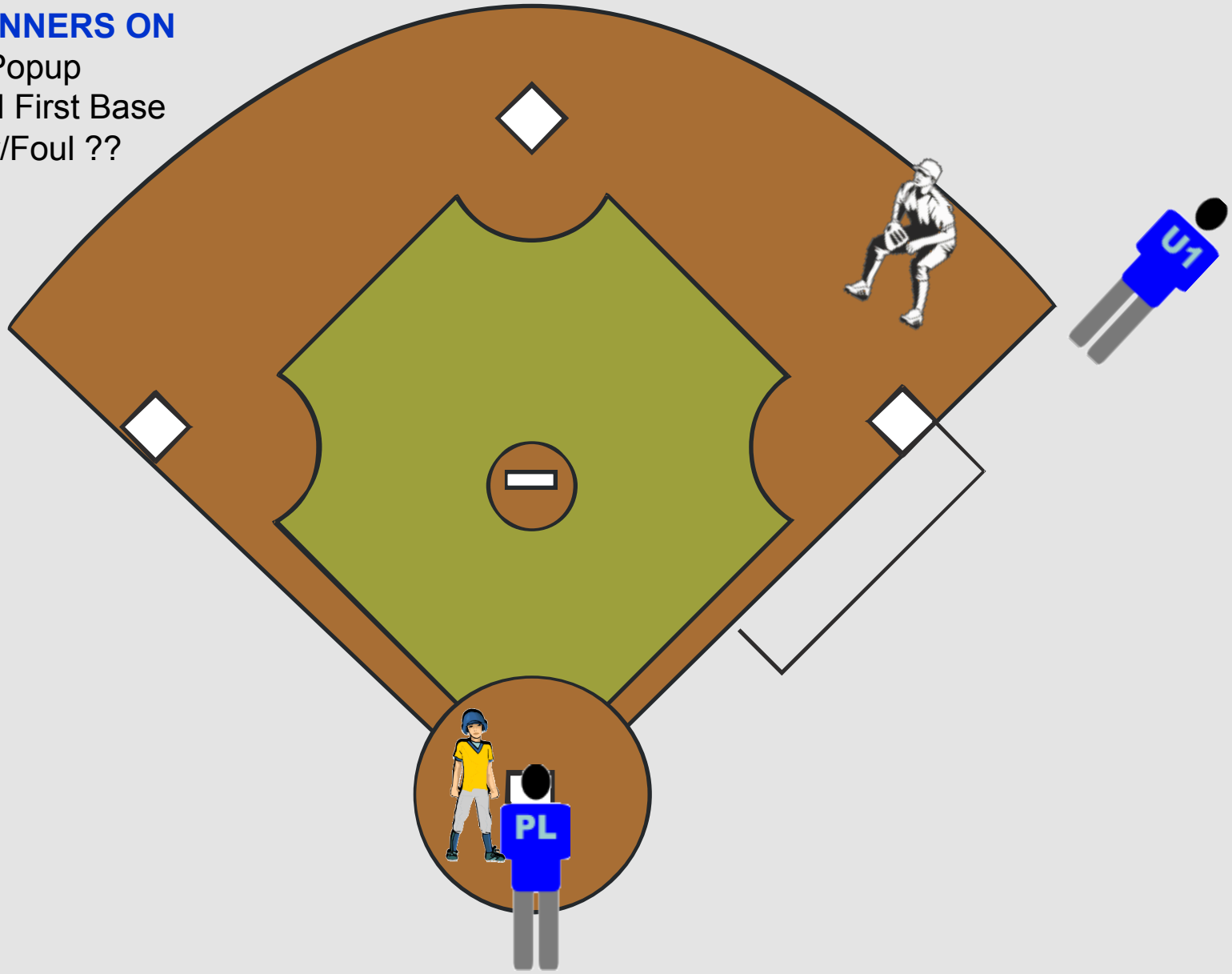
Popup

Behind First Base

Fair/Foul ??



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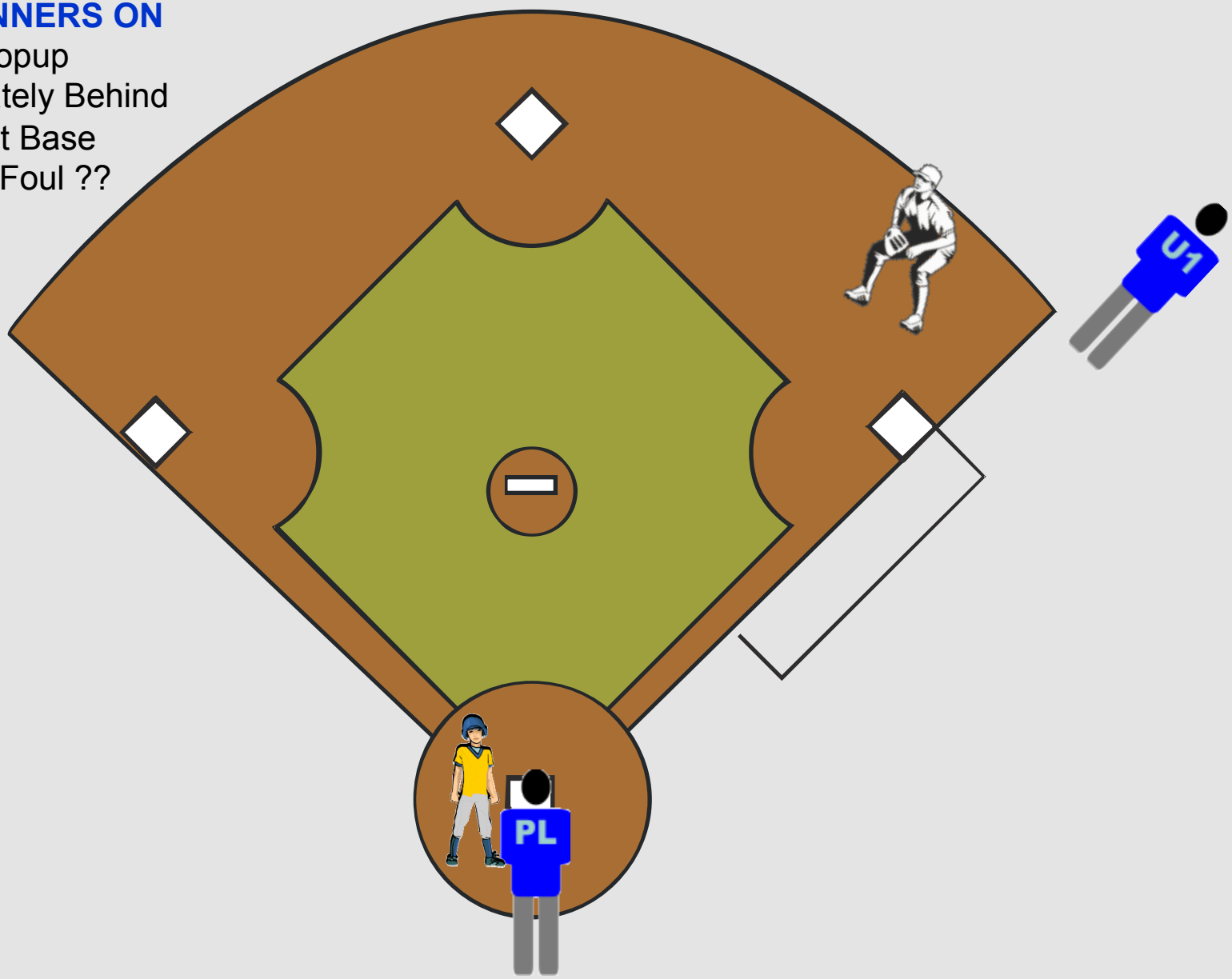
Fair/Foul ??



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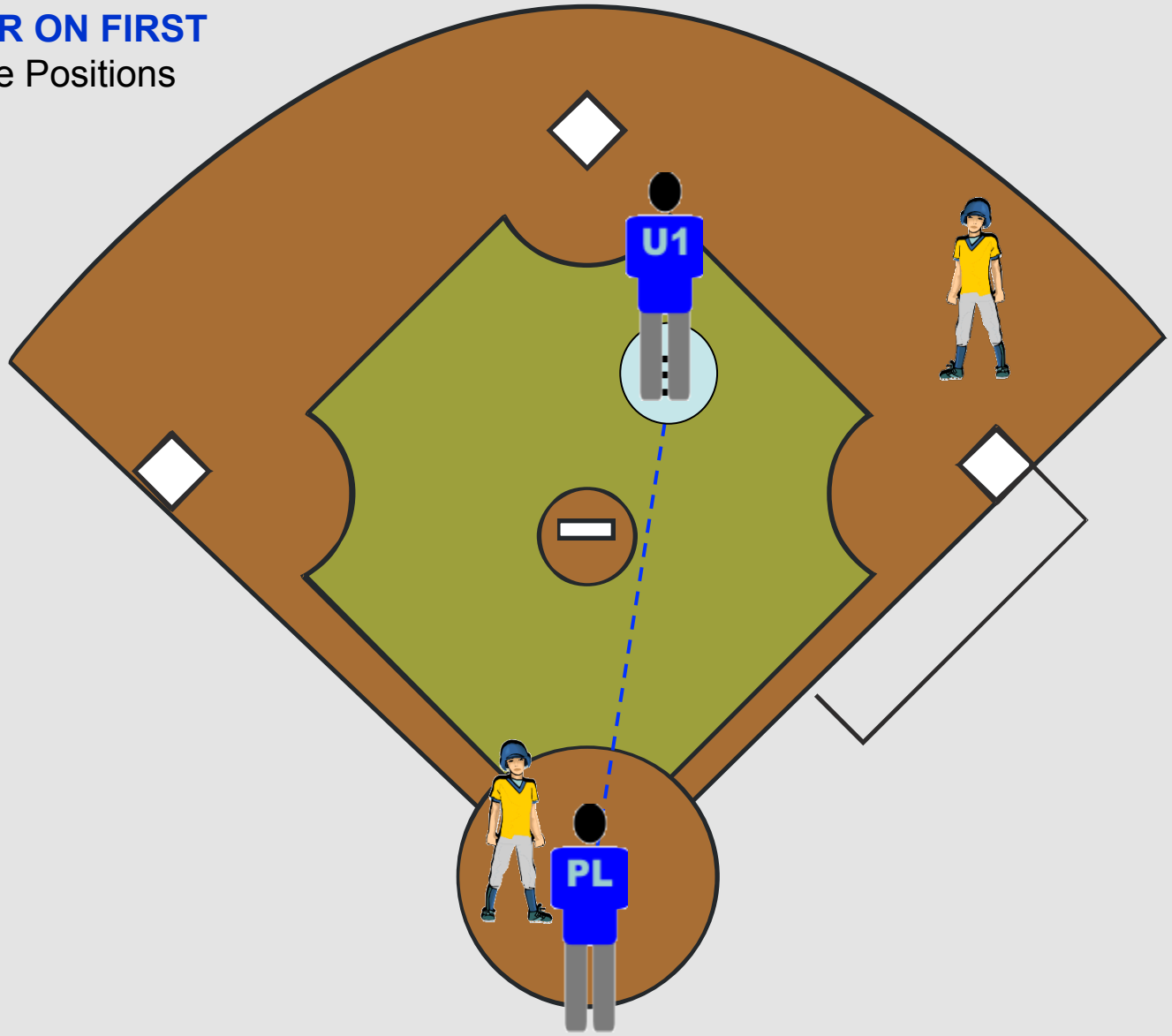
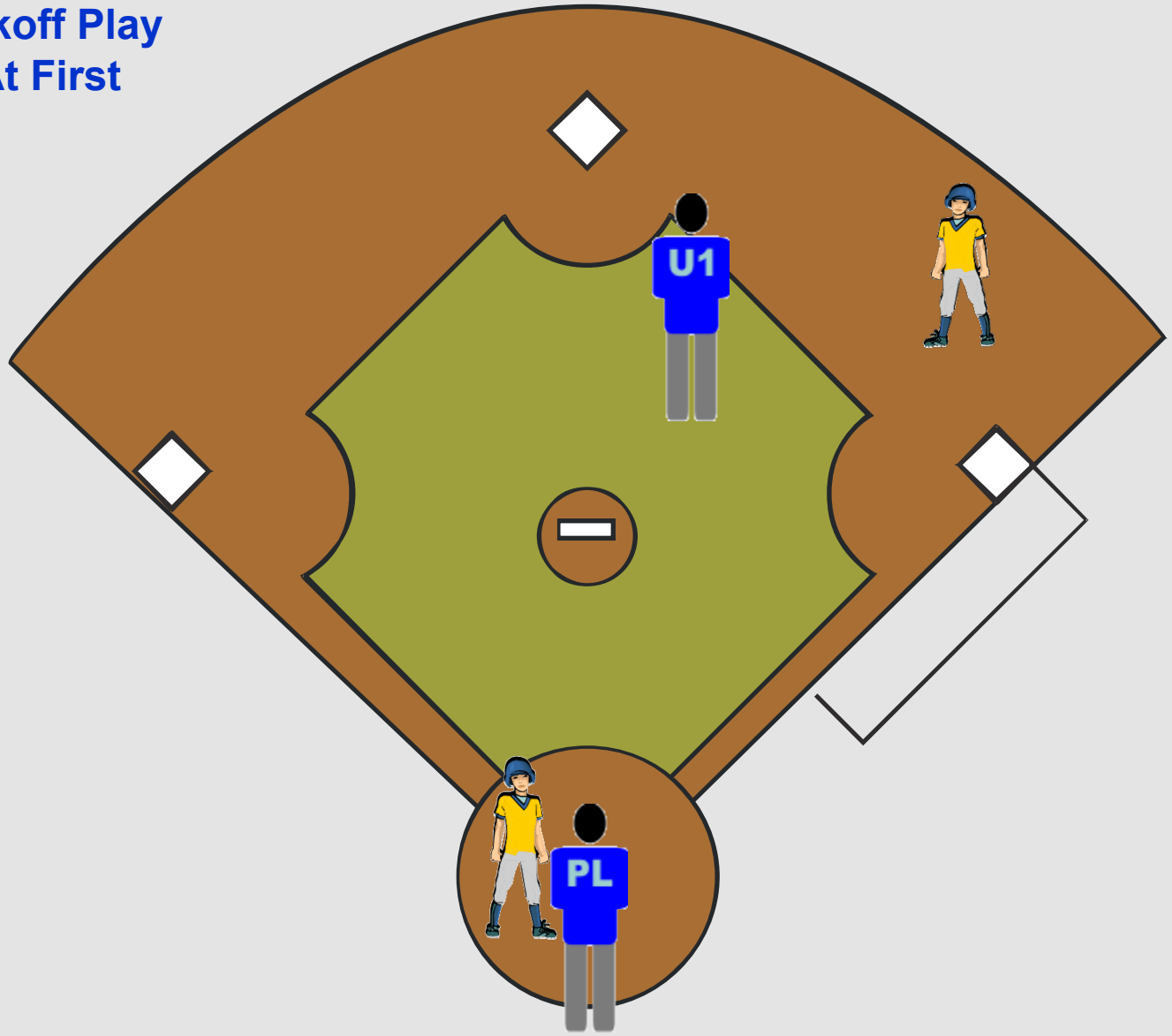


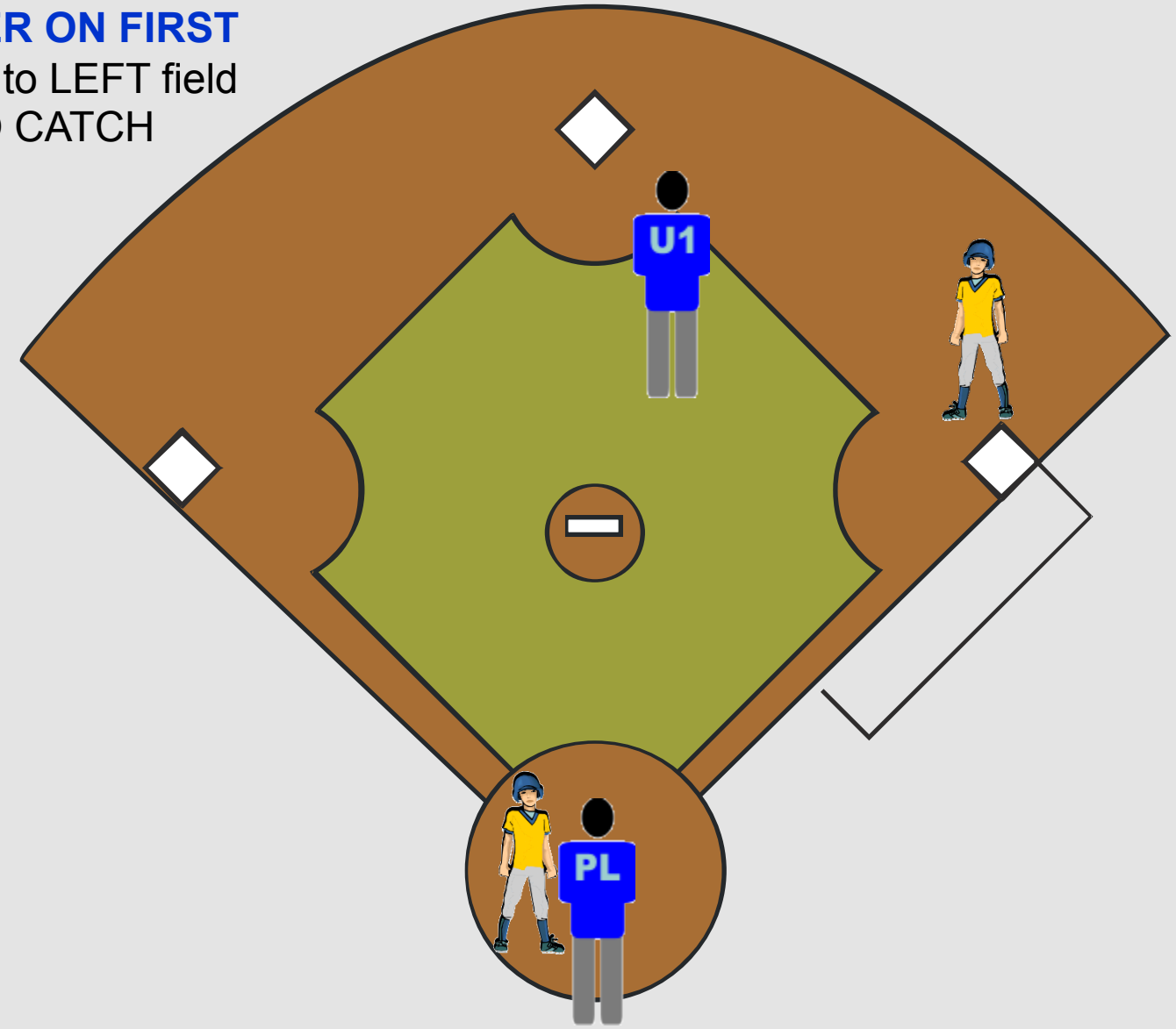
Pickoff Play
At First



RUNNER ON FIRST

Fly Ball to LEFT field

NO CATCH



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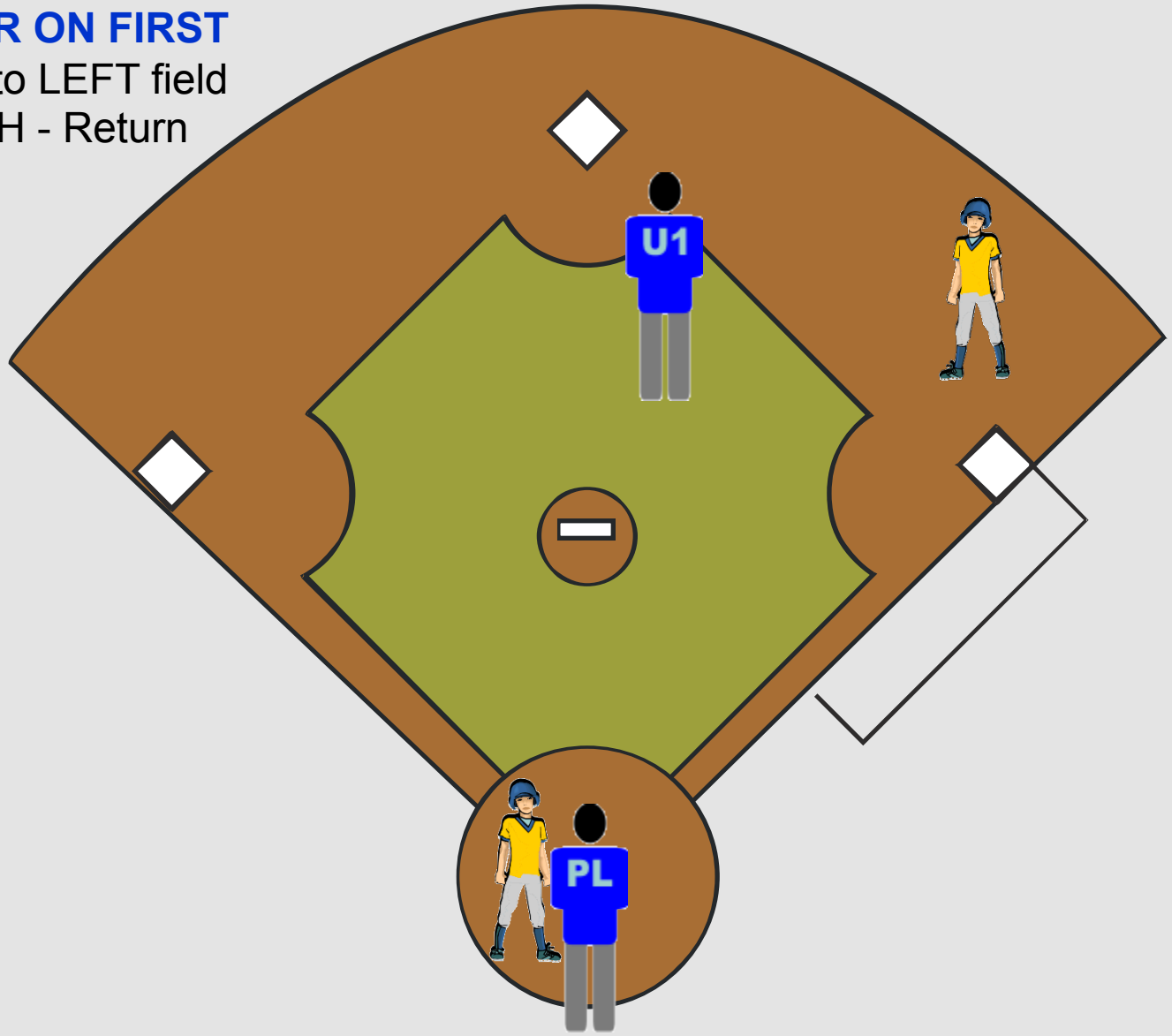
Fly Ball to LEFT field

CATCH - Return



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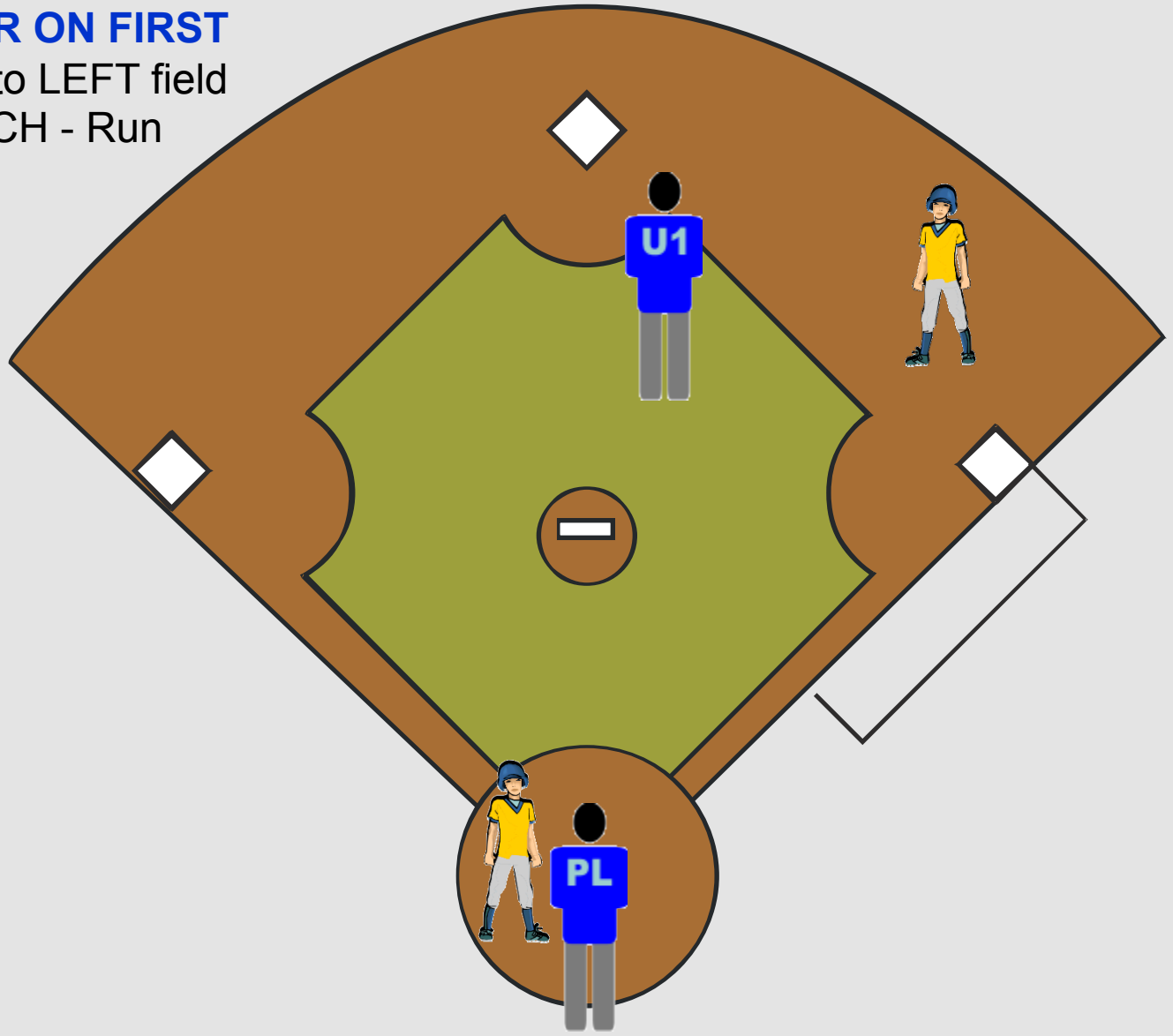
CATCH - Run



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Fly Ball to RIGHT field

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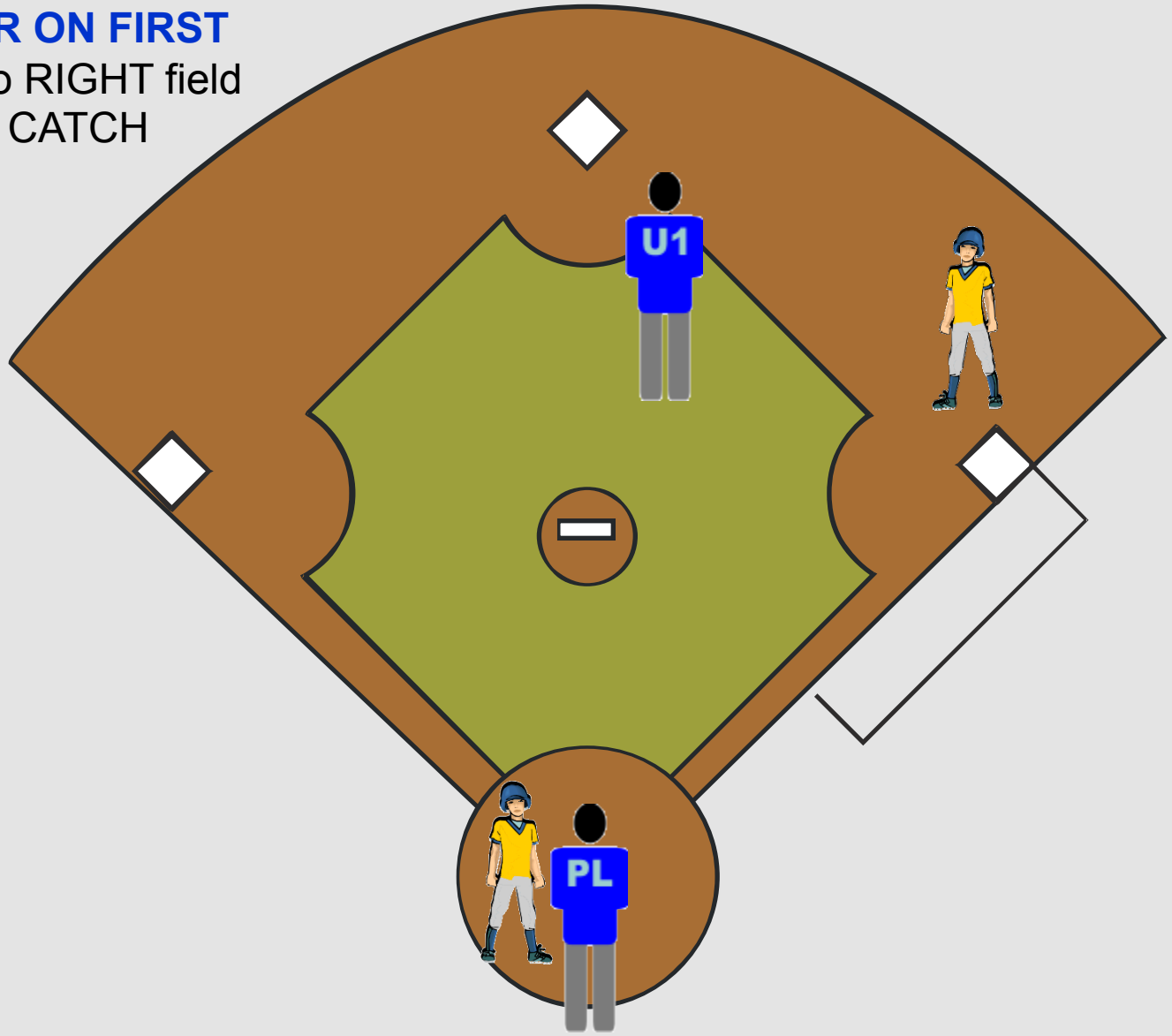

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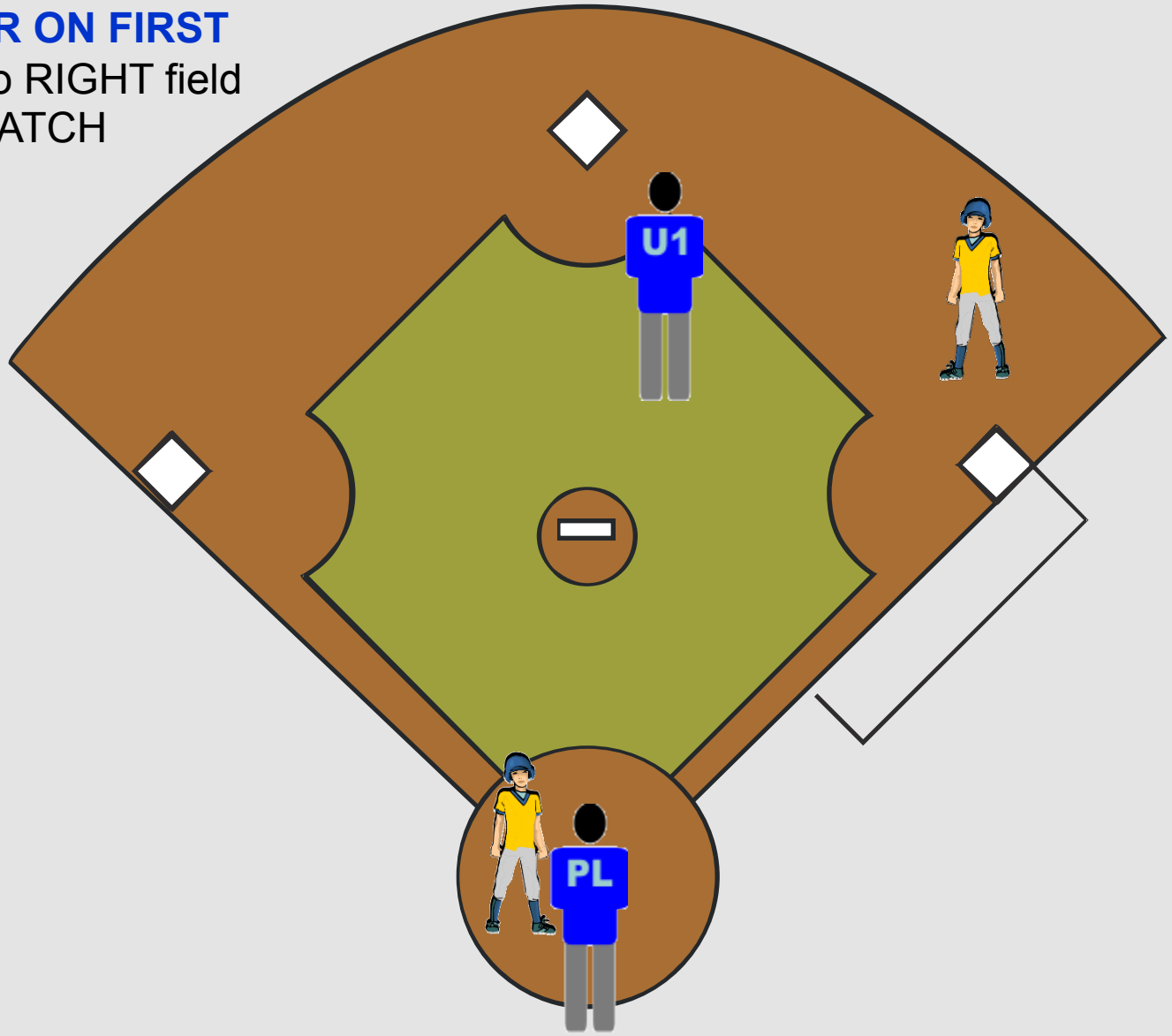

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Fly Ball to CENTER field

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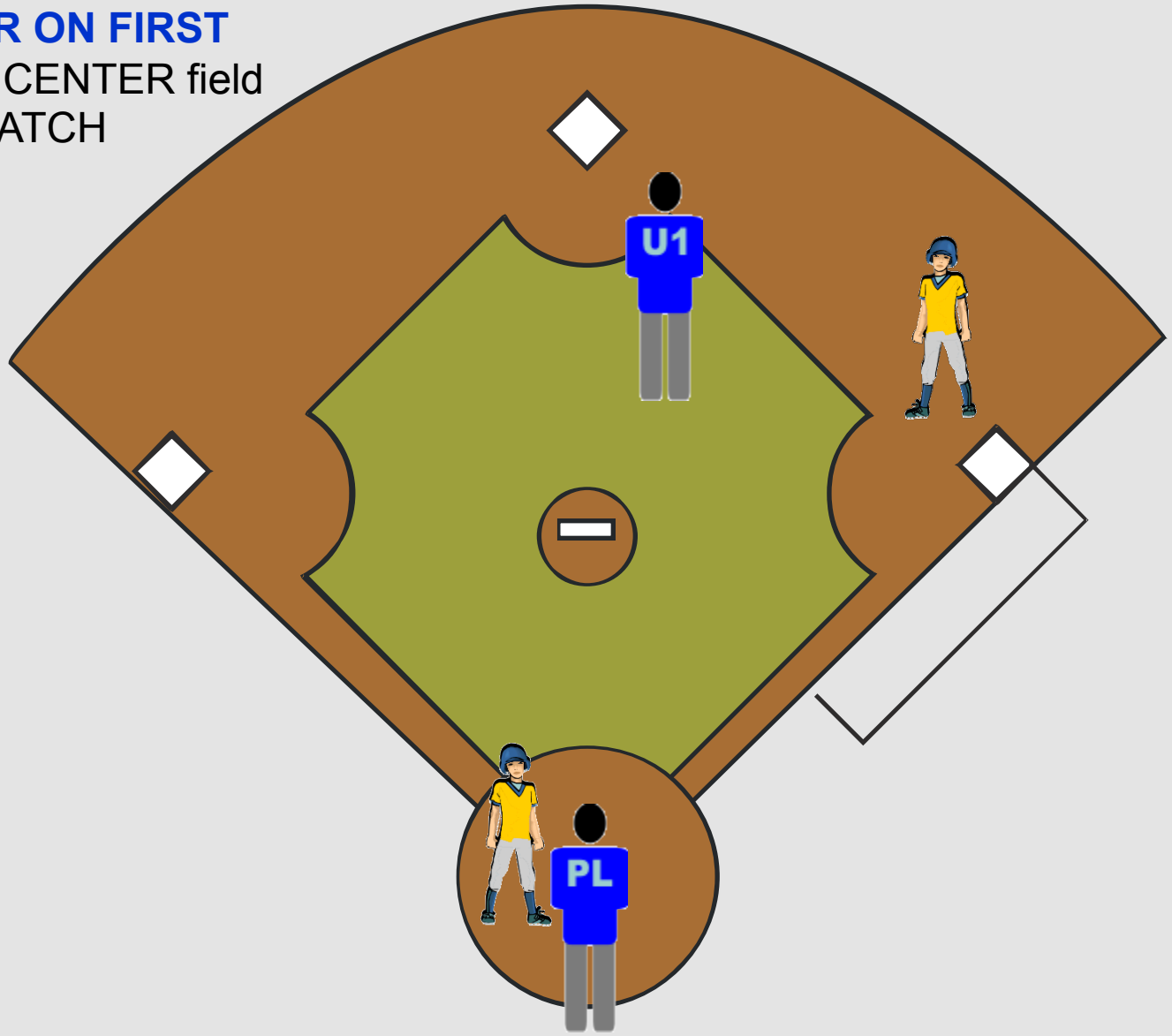

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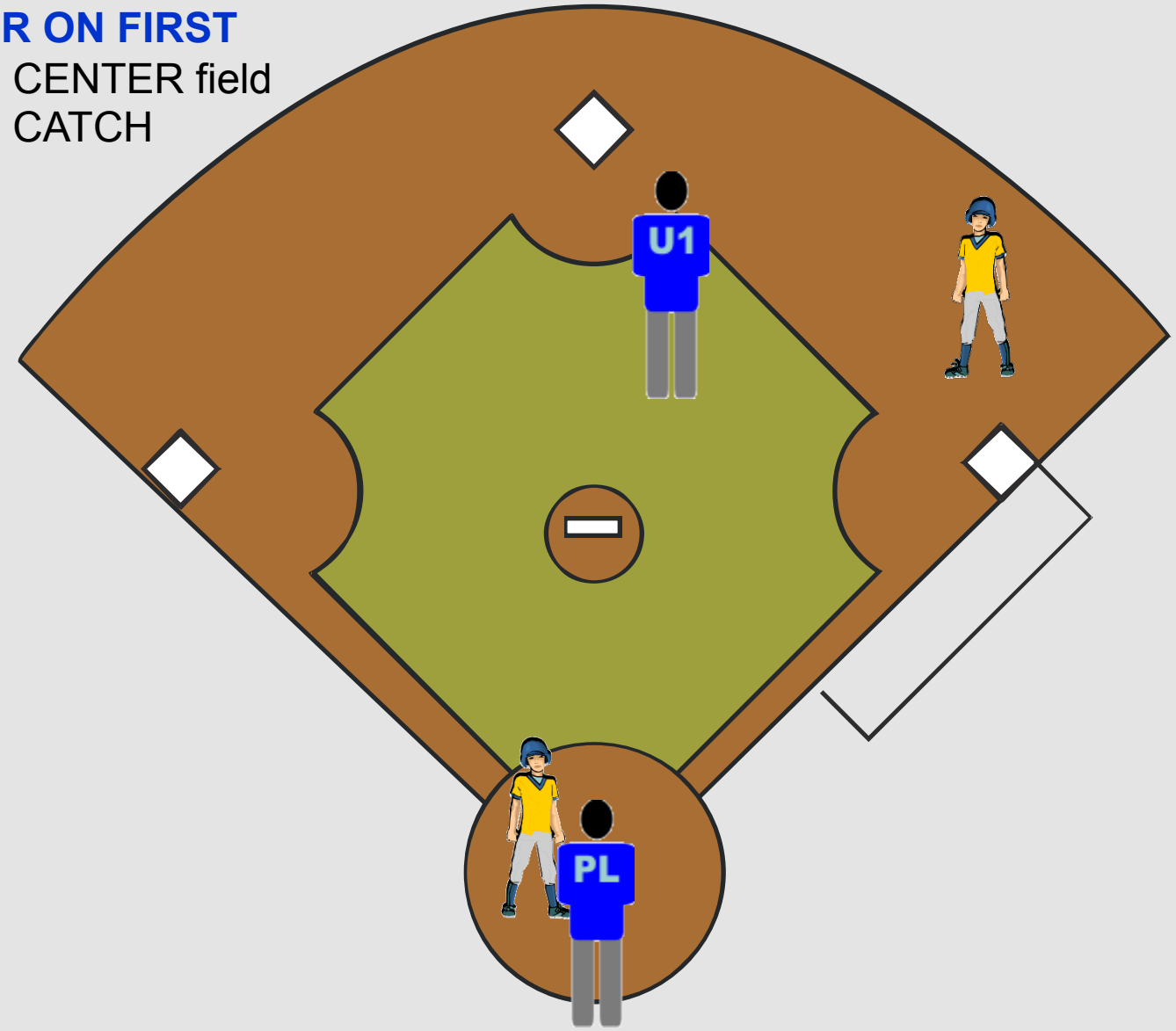

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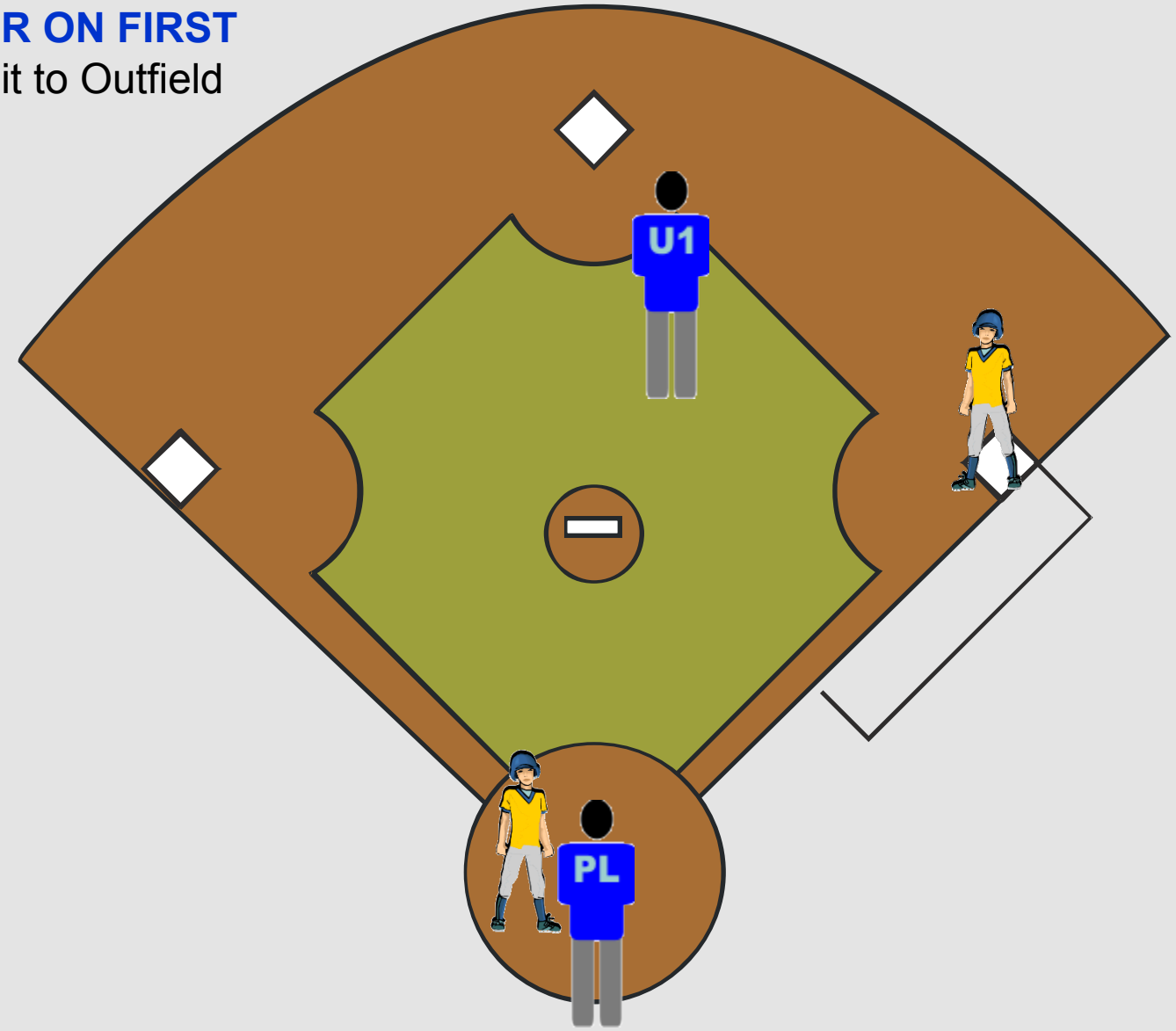

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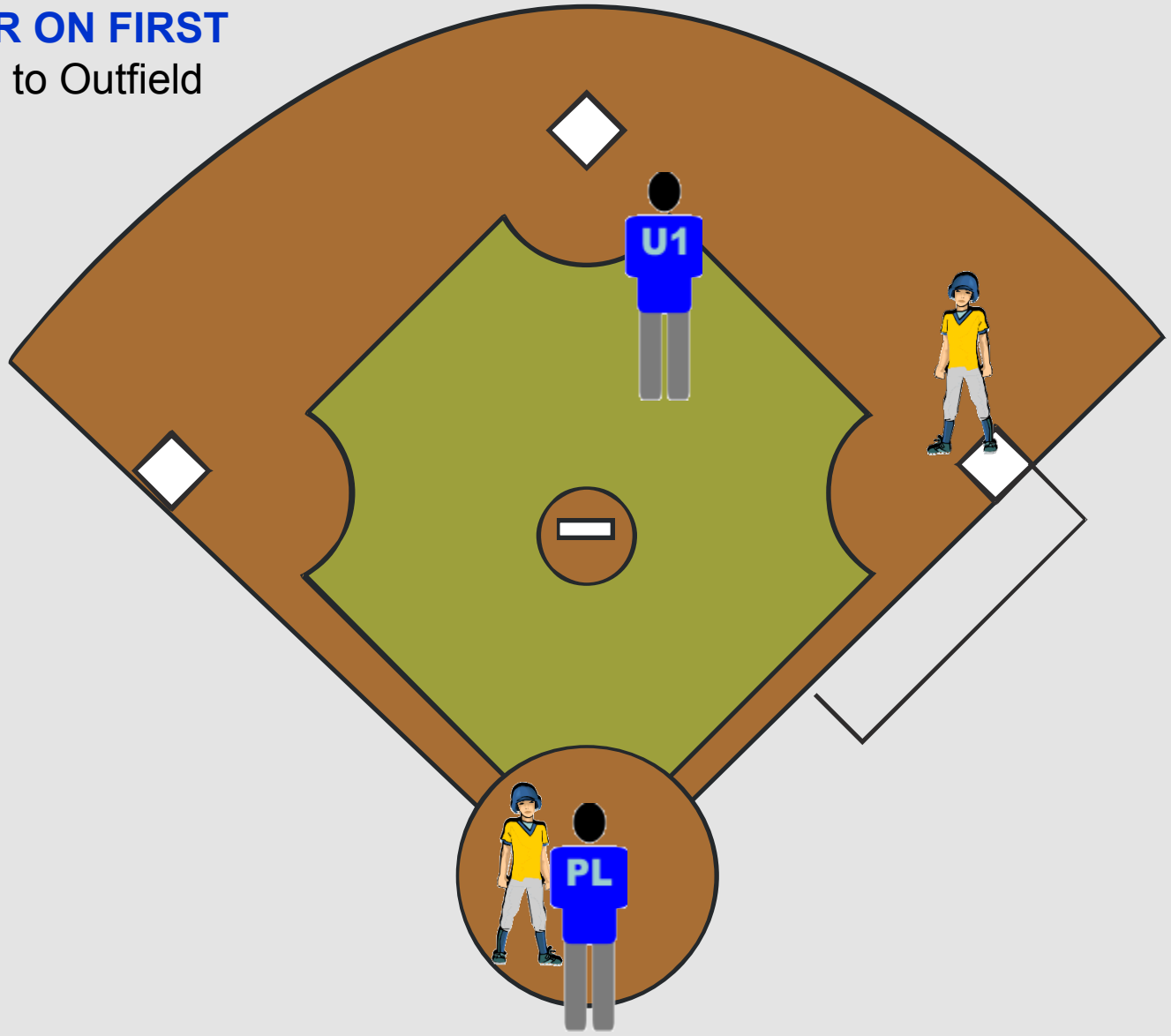
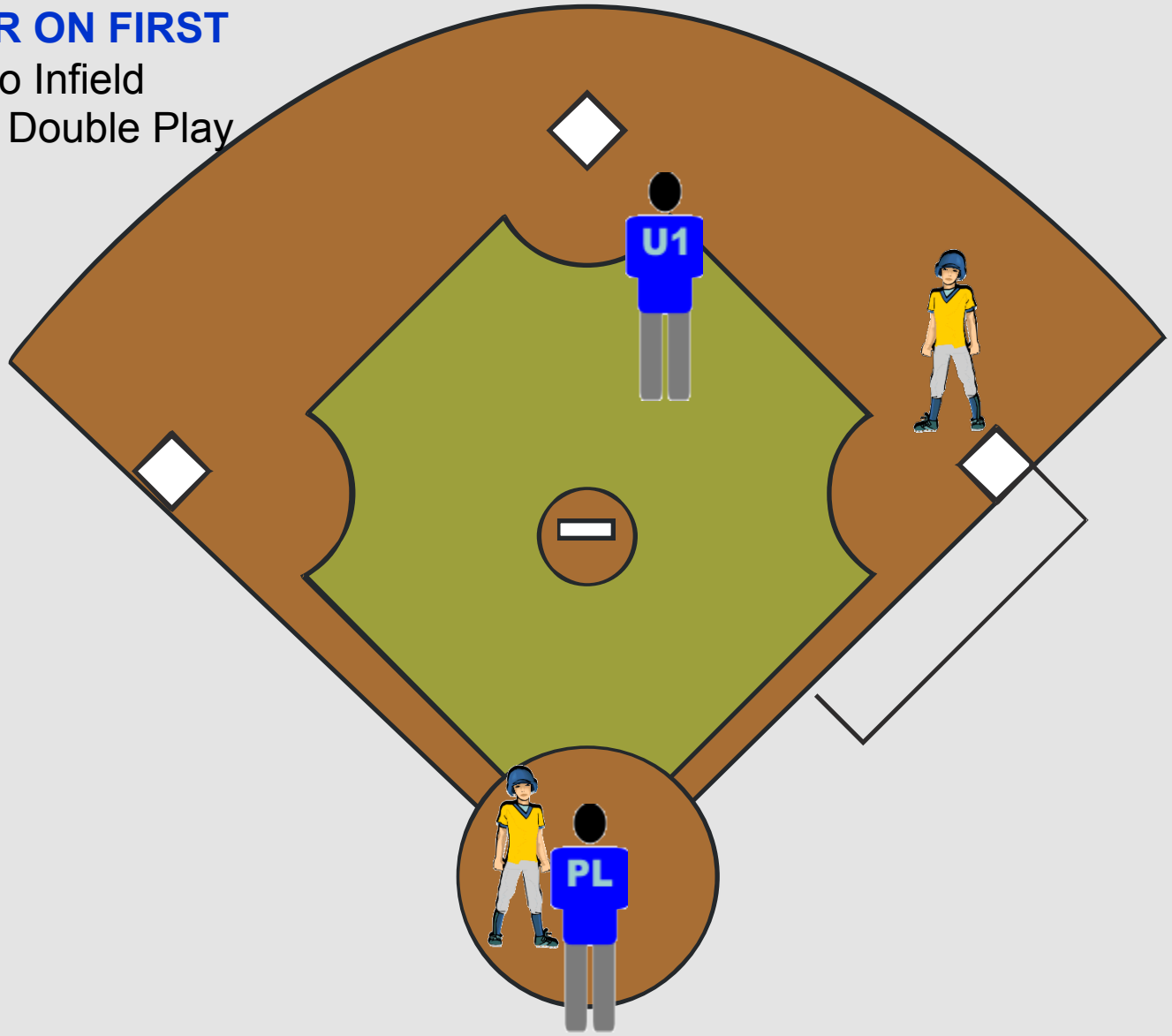
Double to Outfield



RUNNER ON FIRST

Hit to Infield

Possible Double Play



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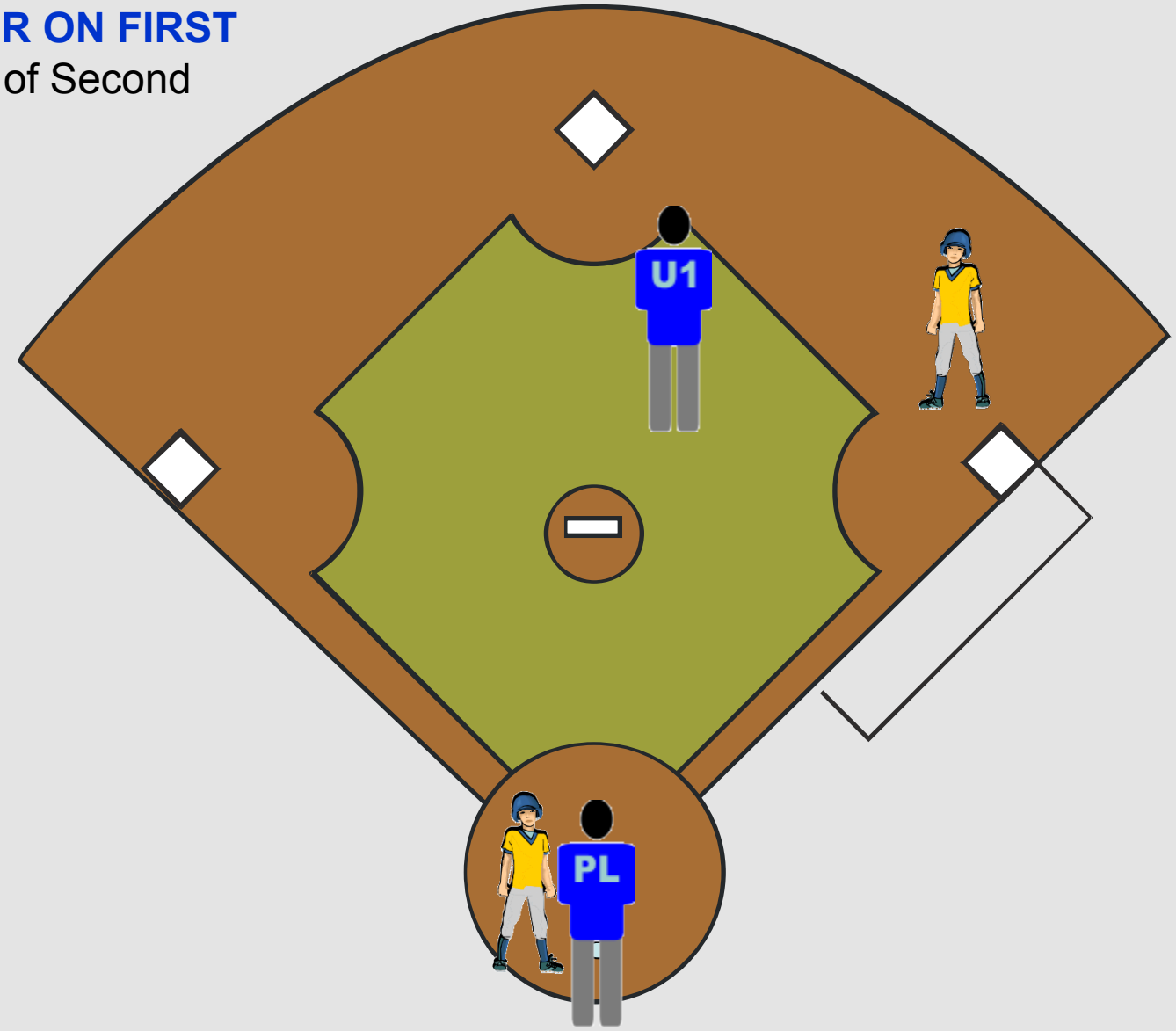

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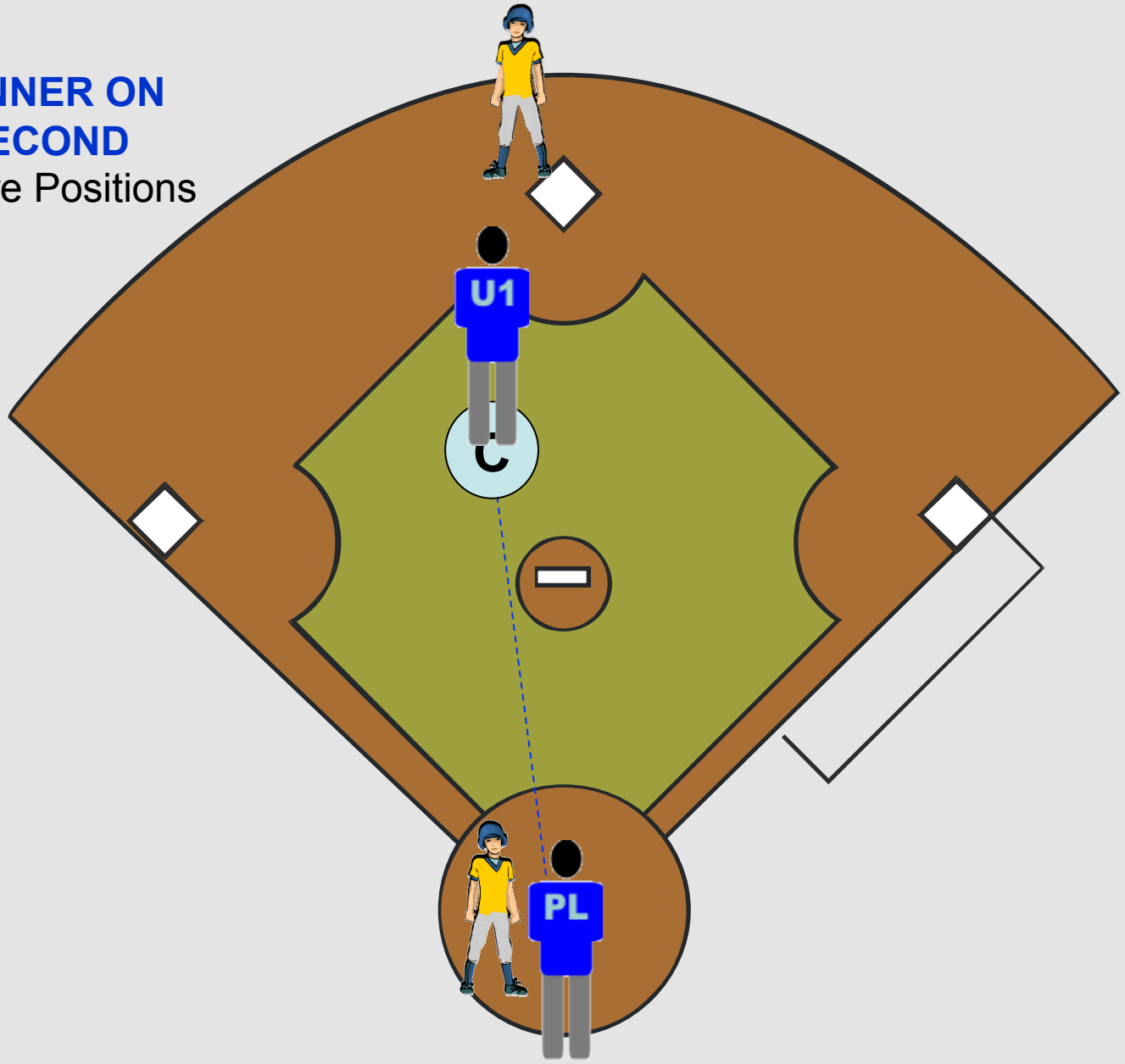

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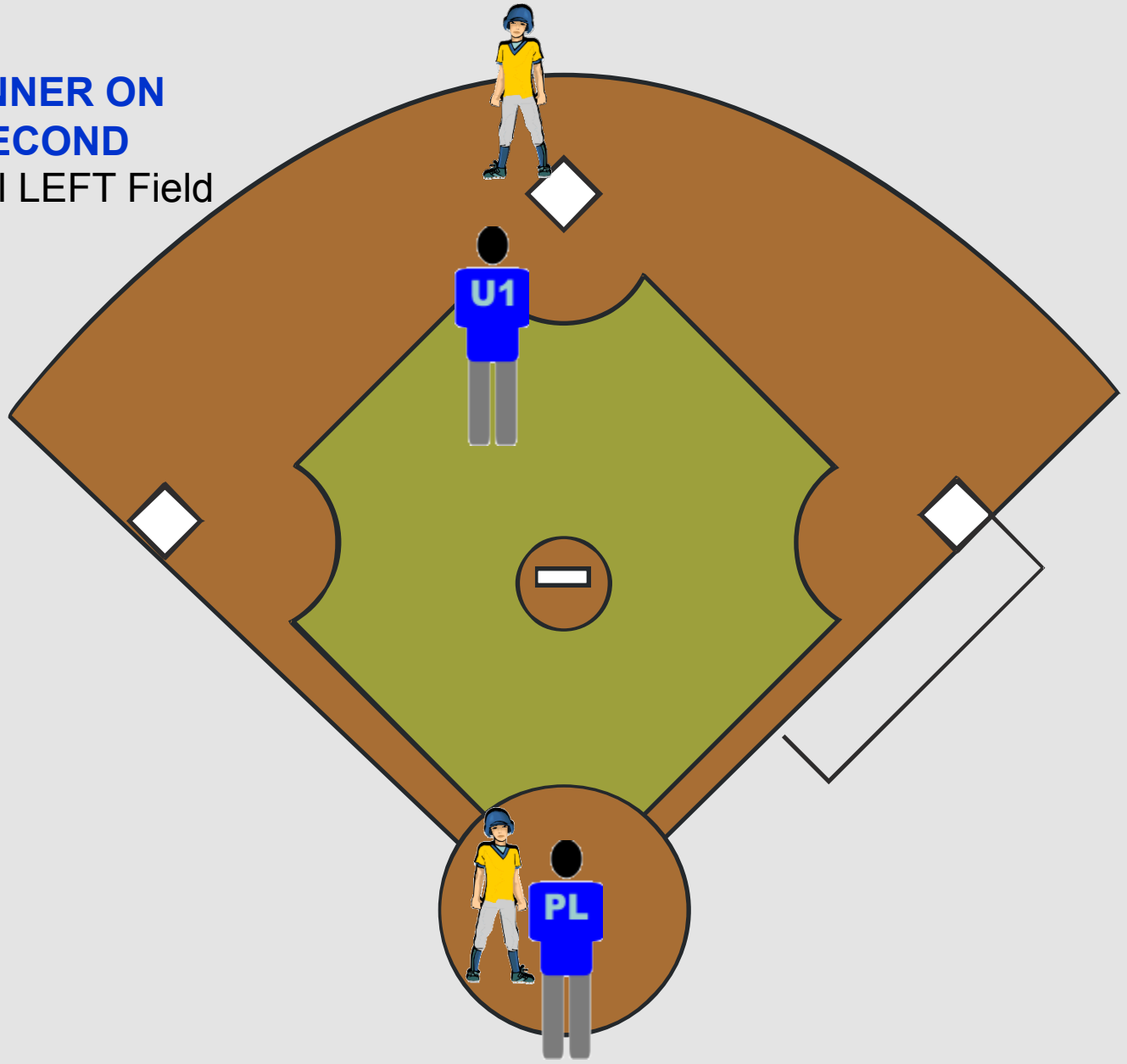
Fly Ball LEFT Field



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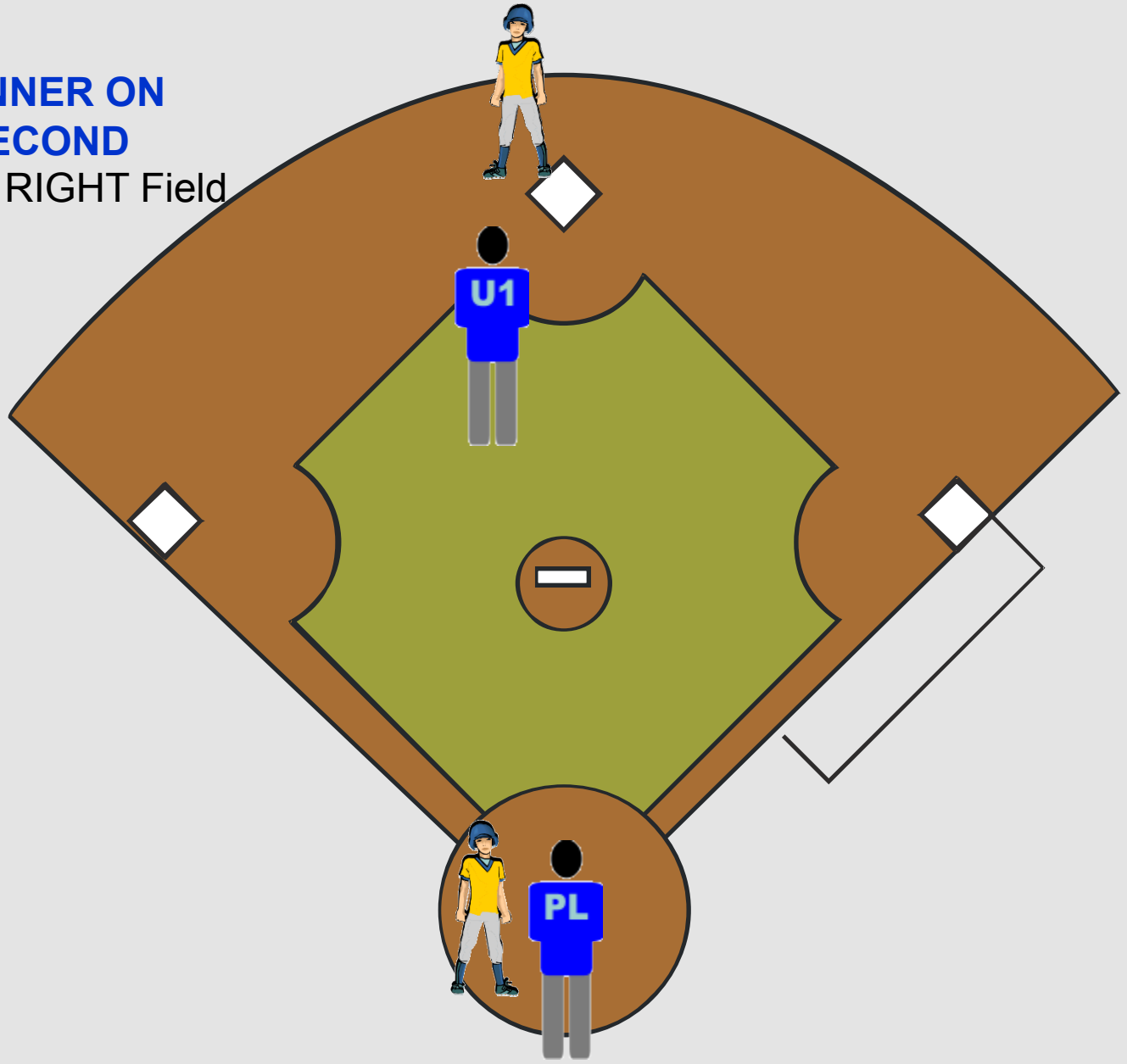

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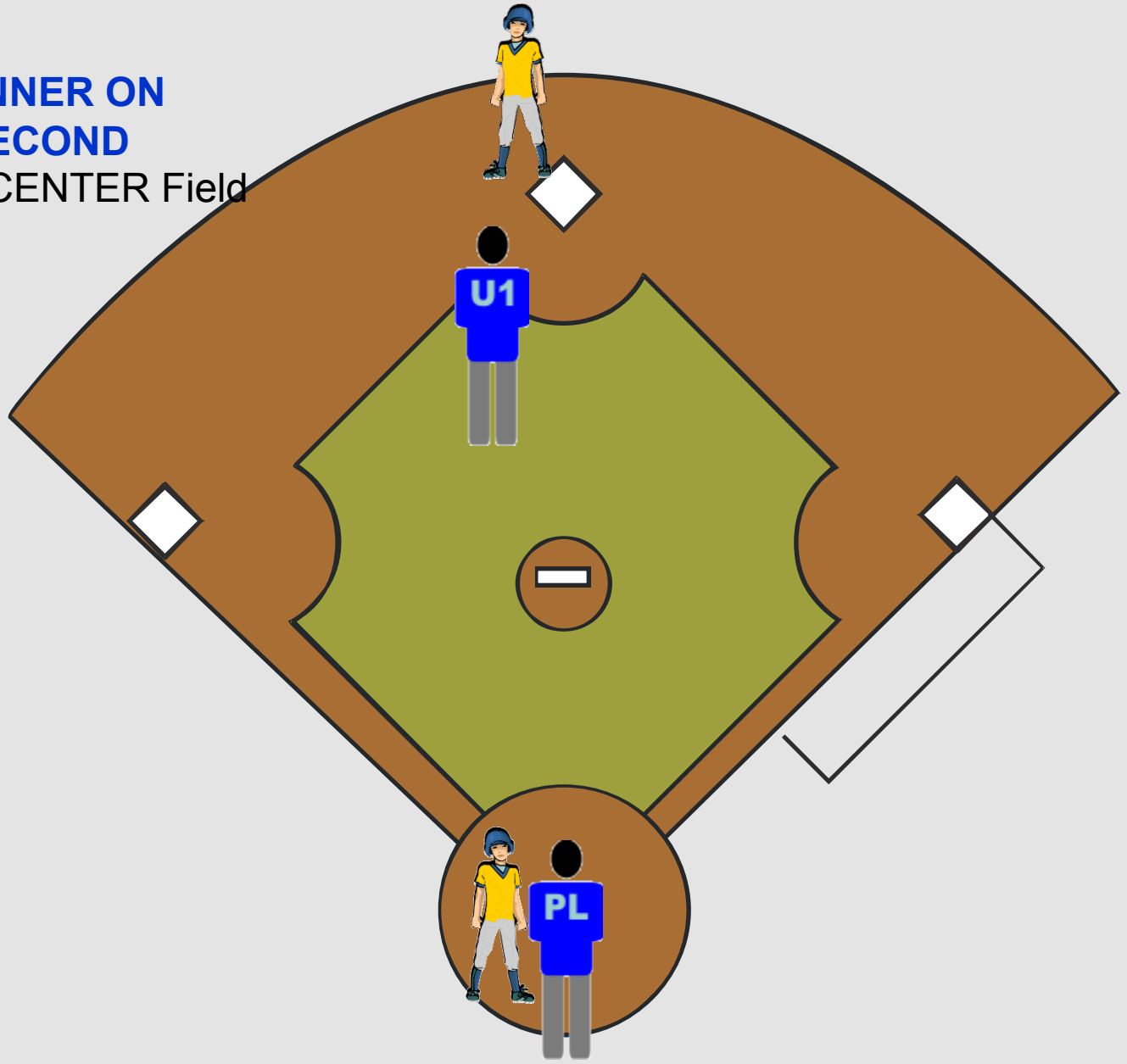

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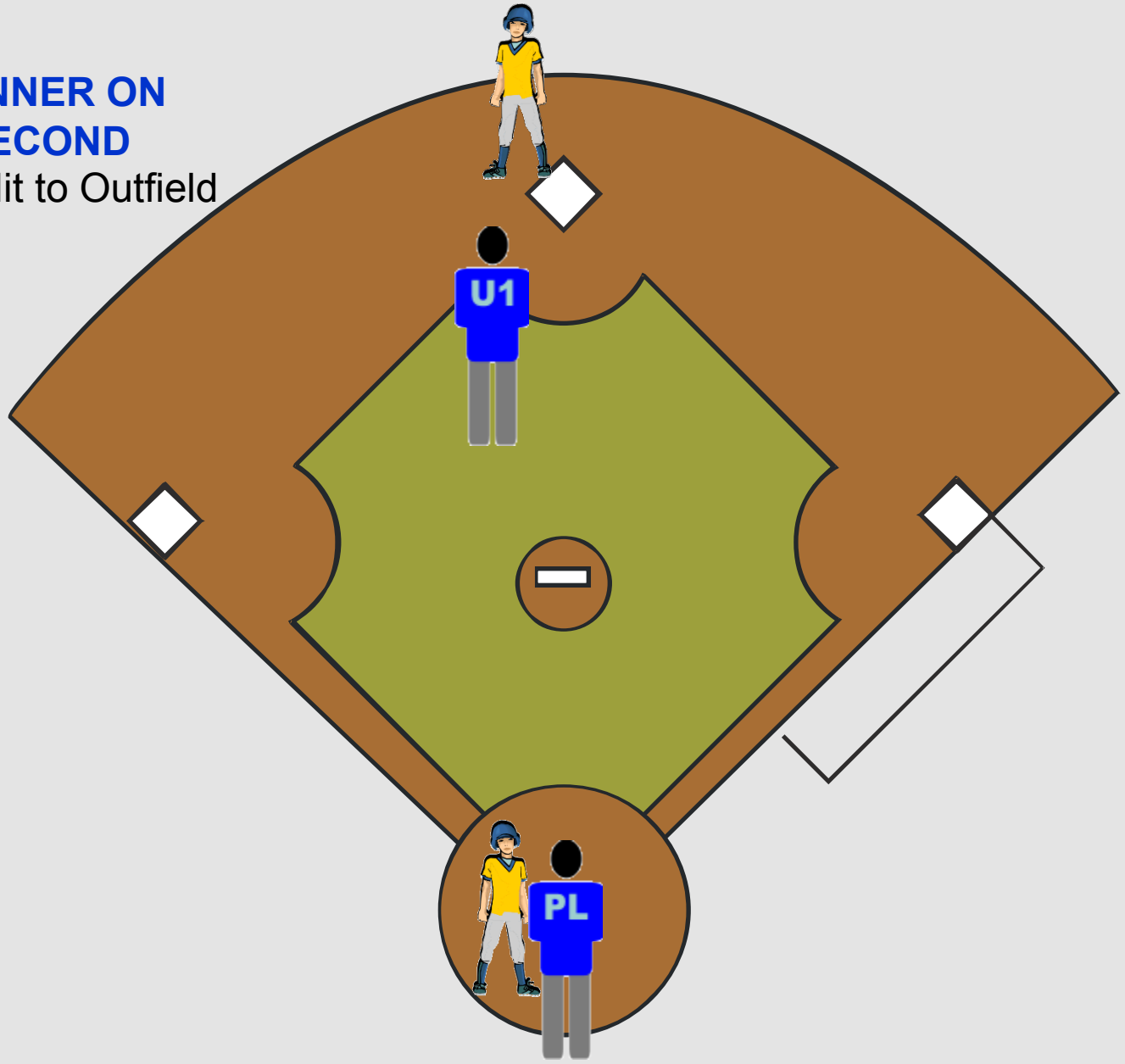

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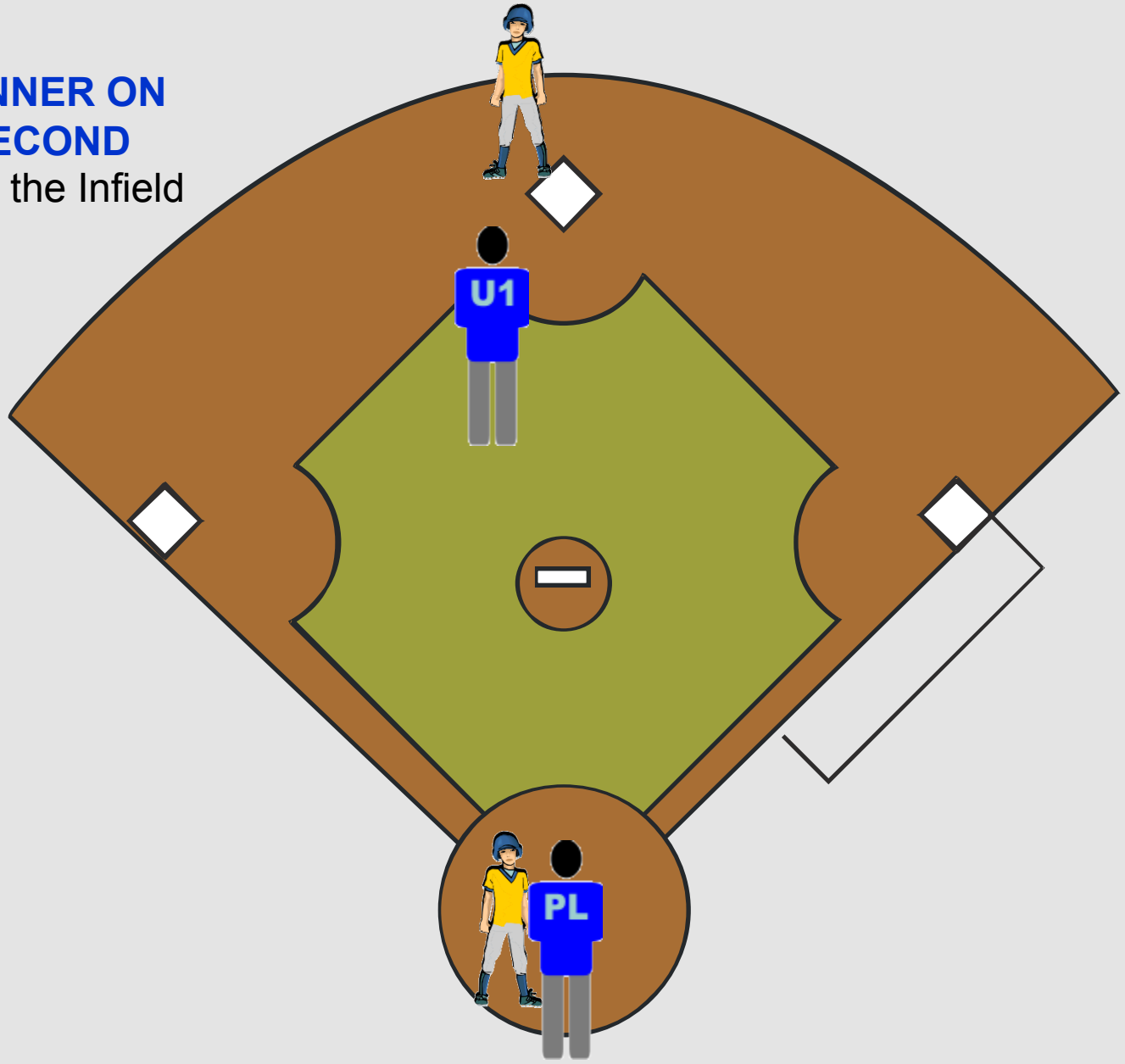
Hit to the Infield



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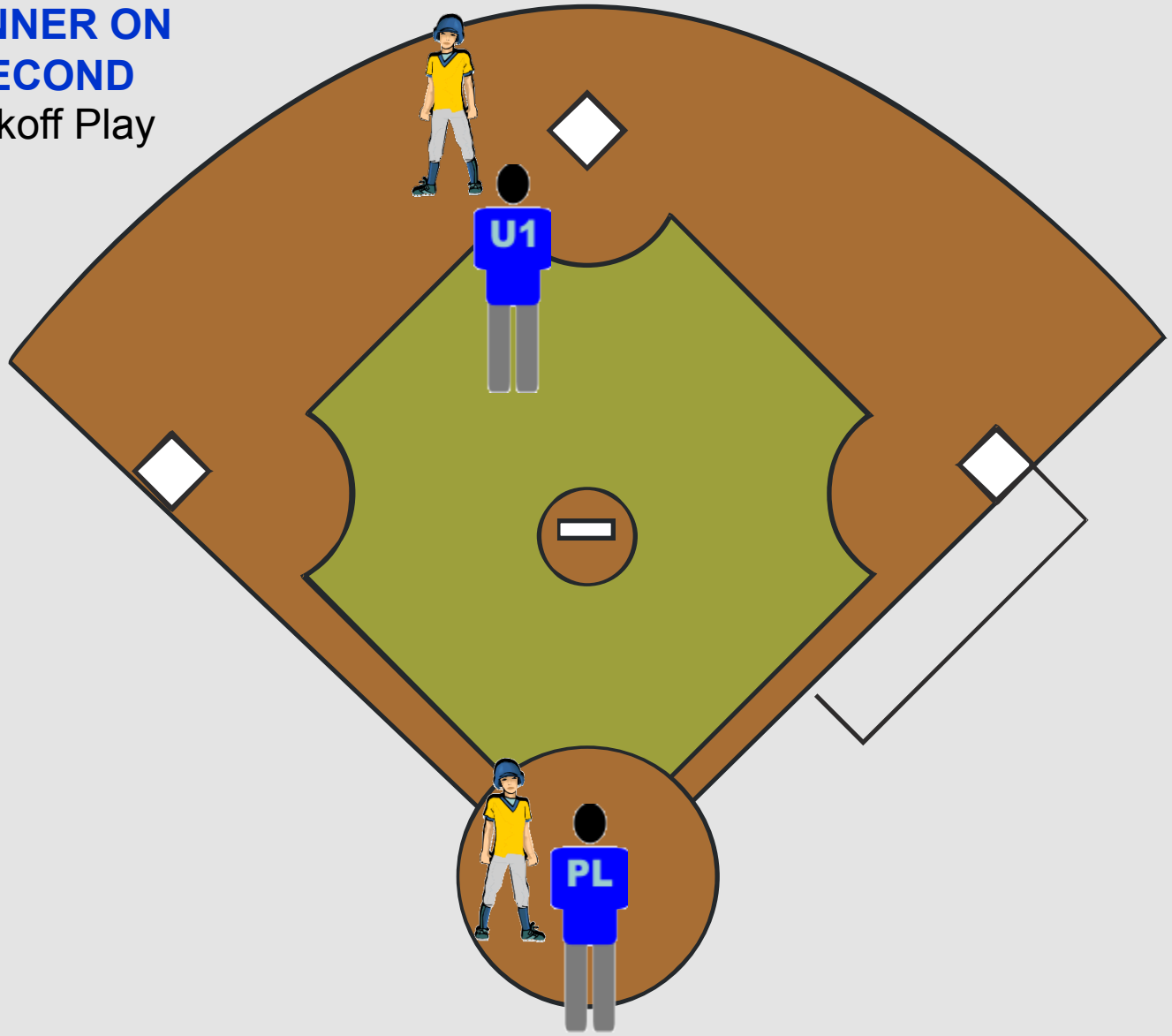

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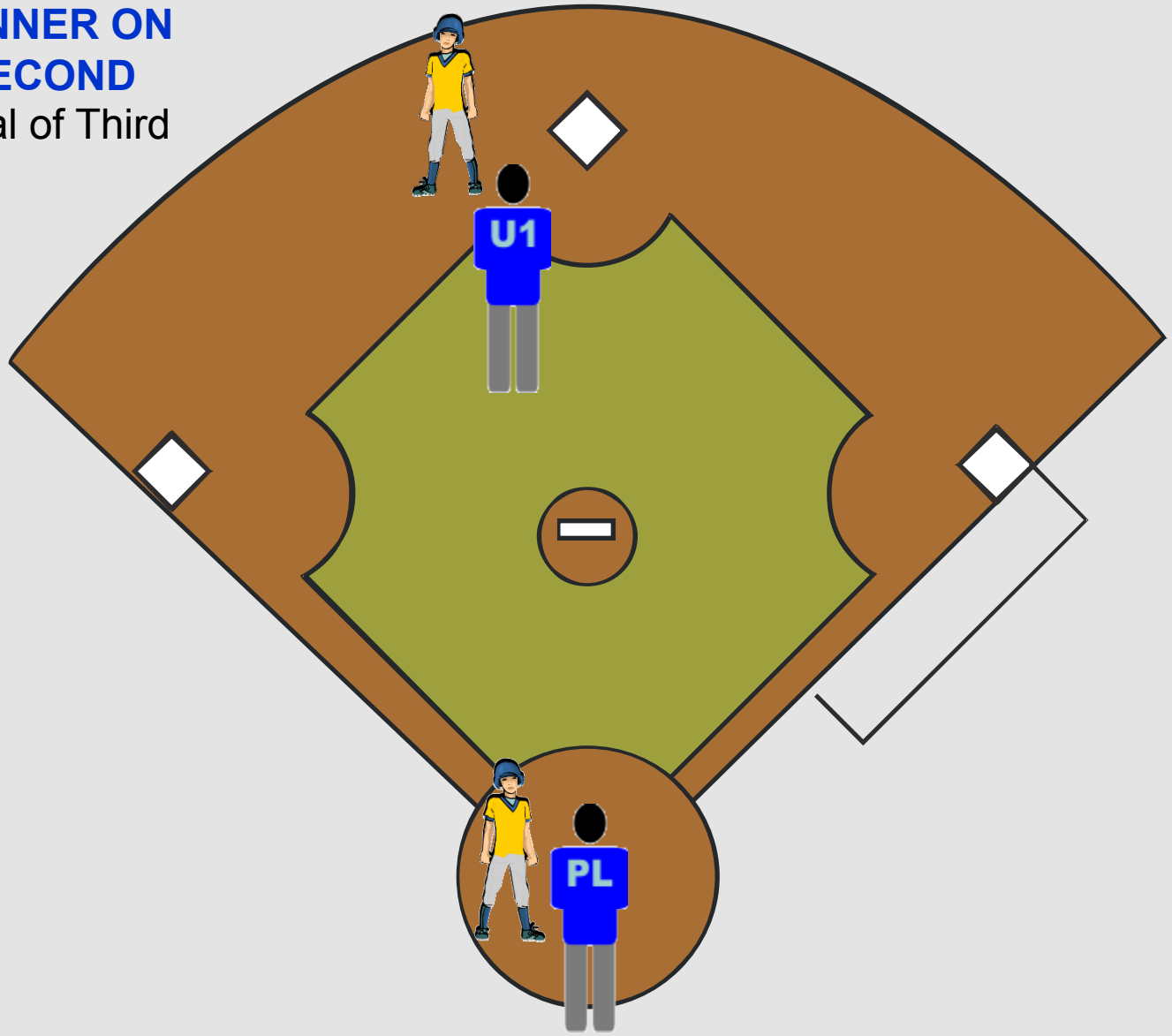
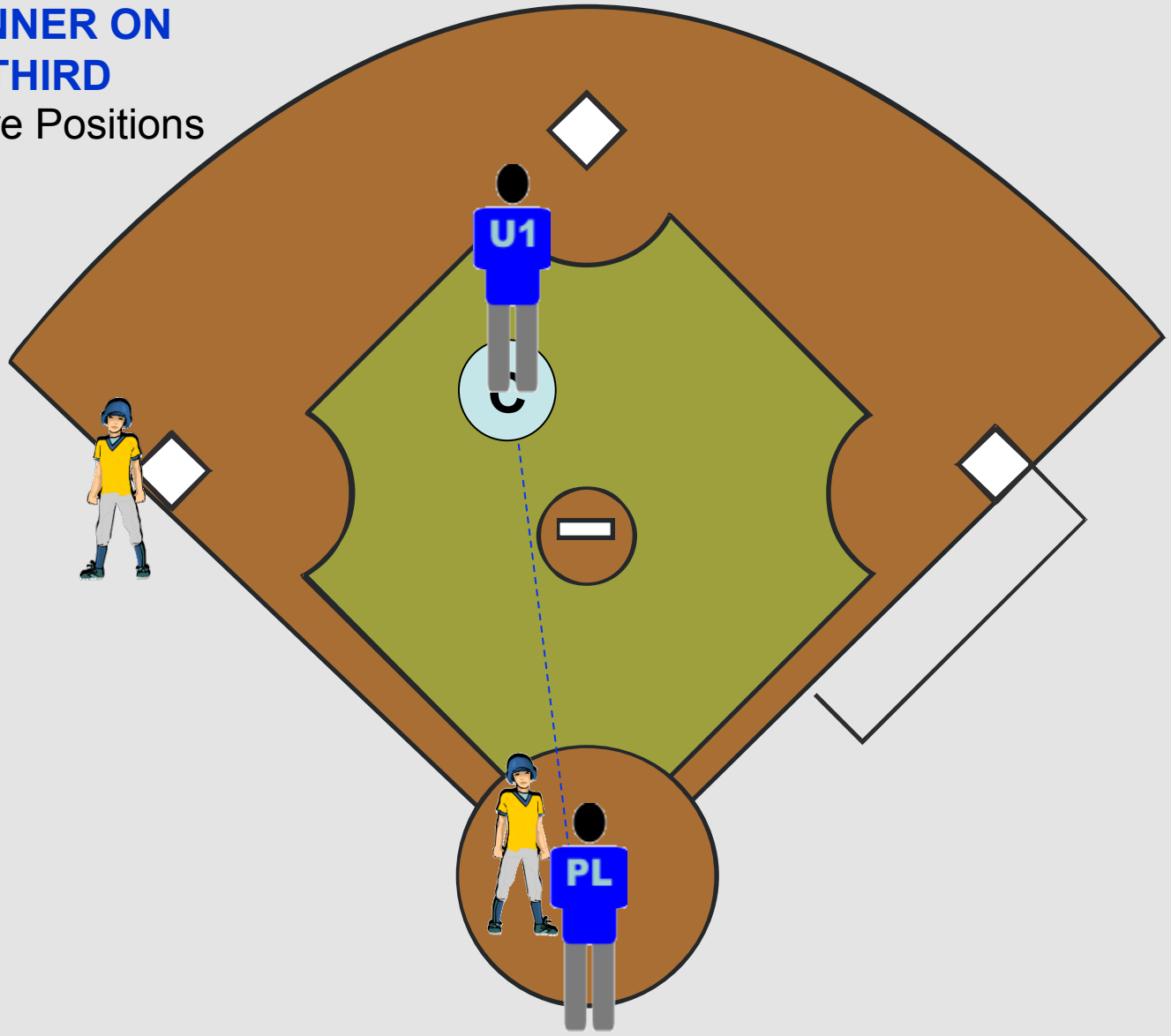


RUNNER ON THIRD

Umpire Positions



RUNNER ON THIRD

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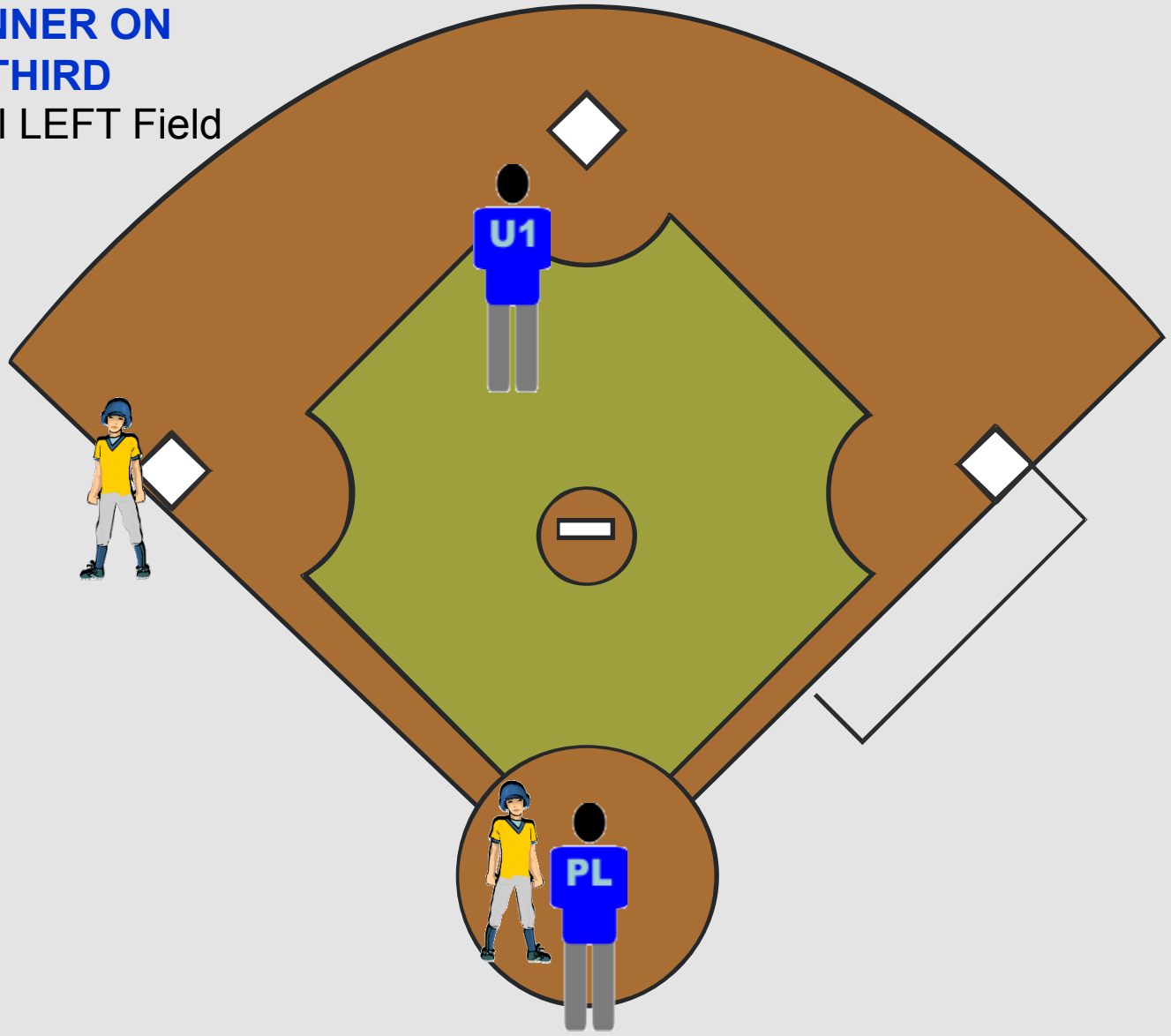

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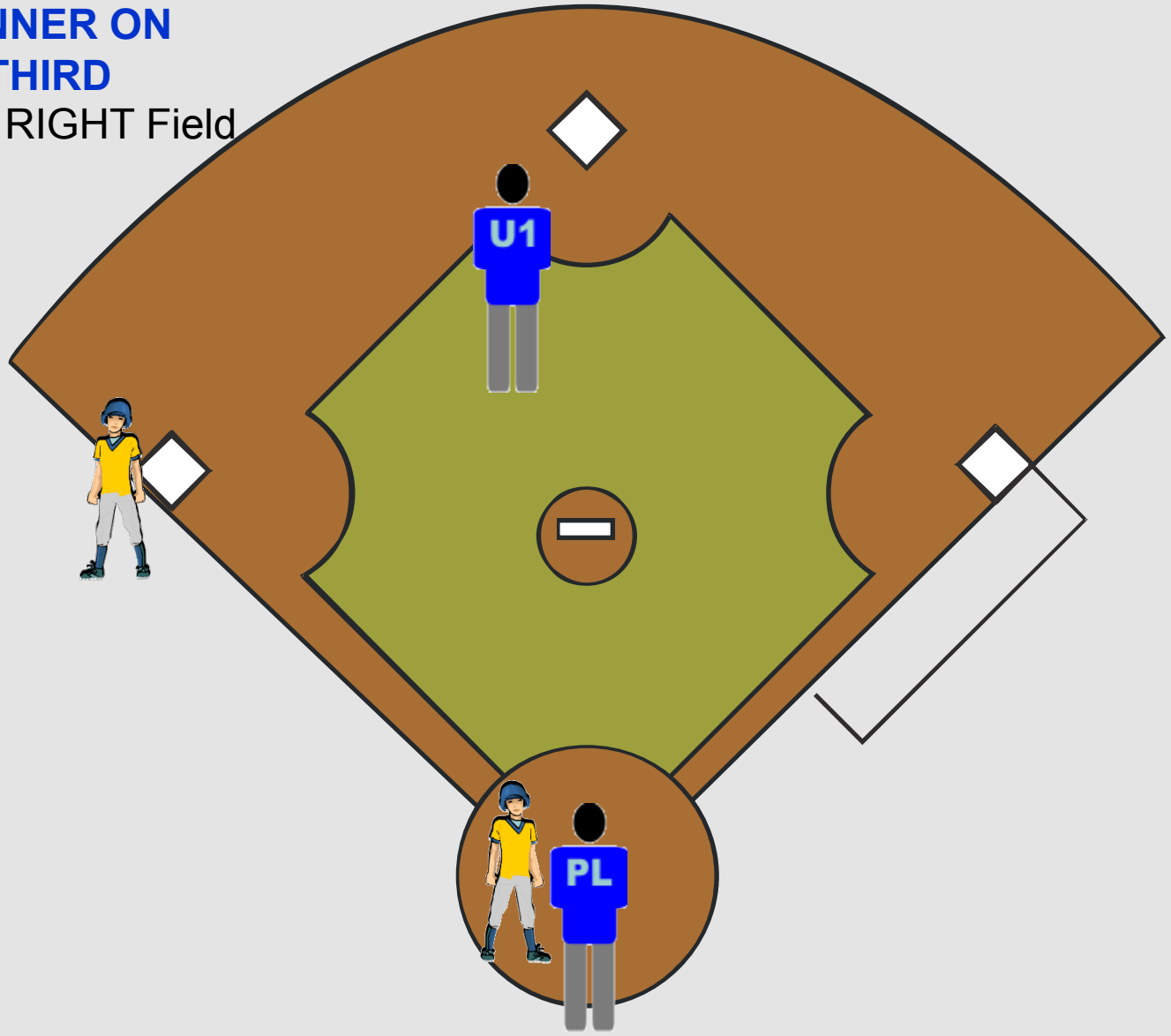

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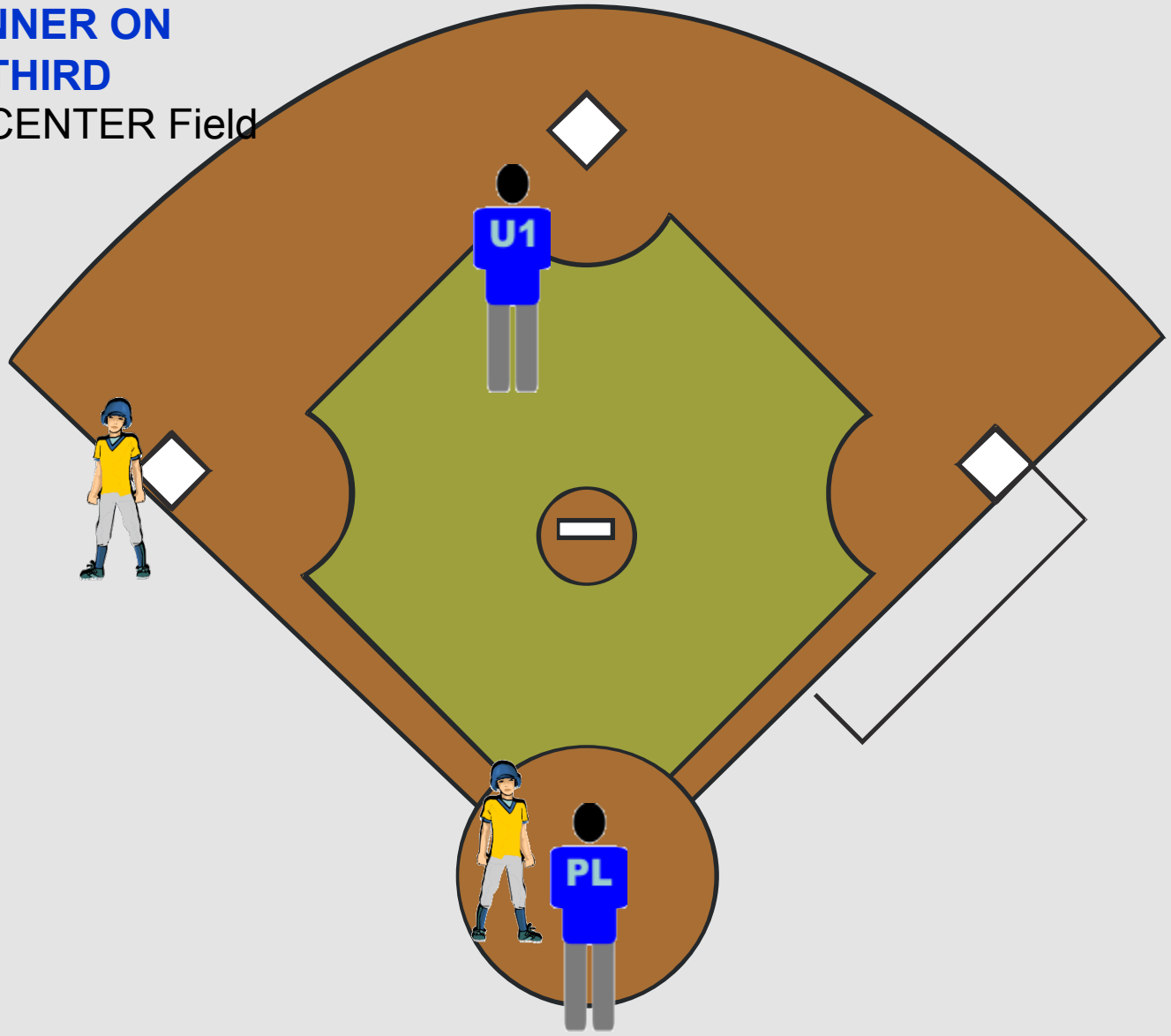

RUNNER ON THIRD

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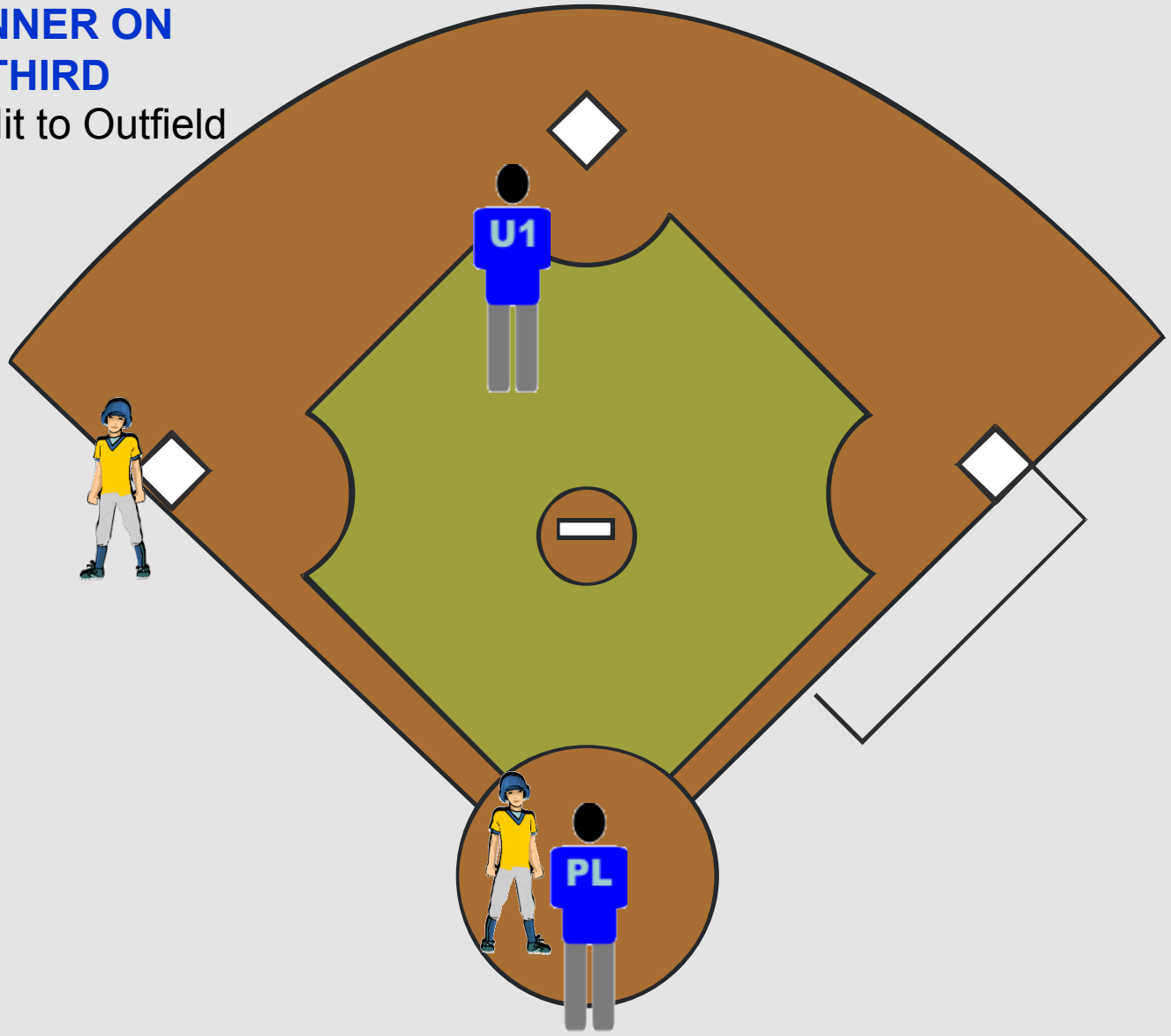
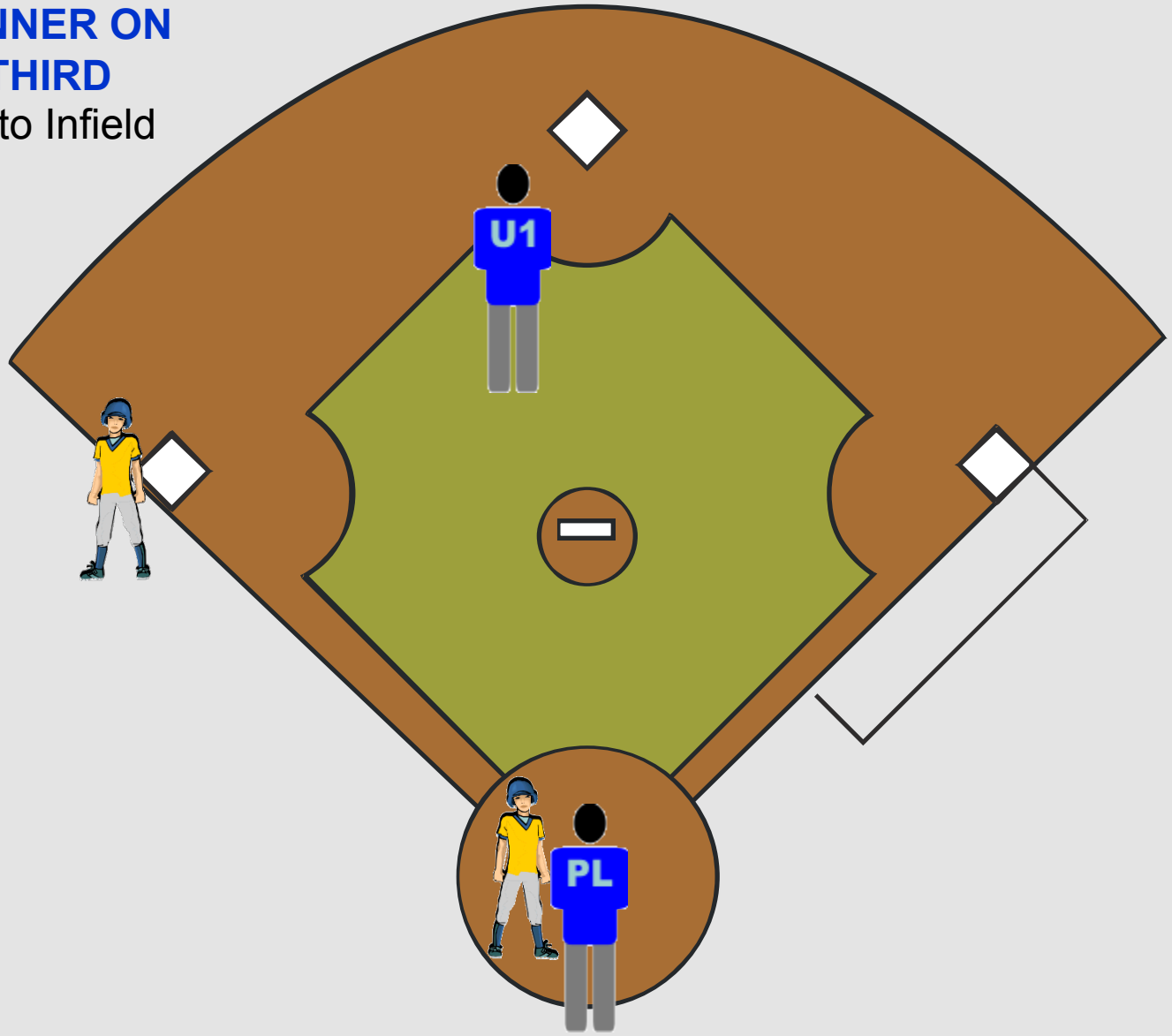


RUNNER ON THIRD

Hit to Infield



RUNNER ON THIRD

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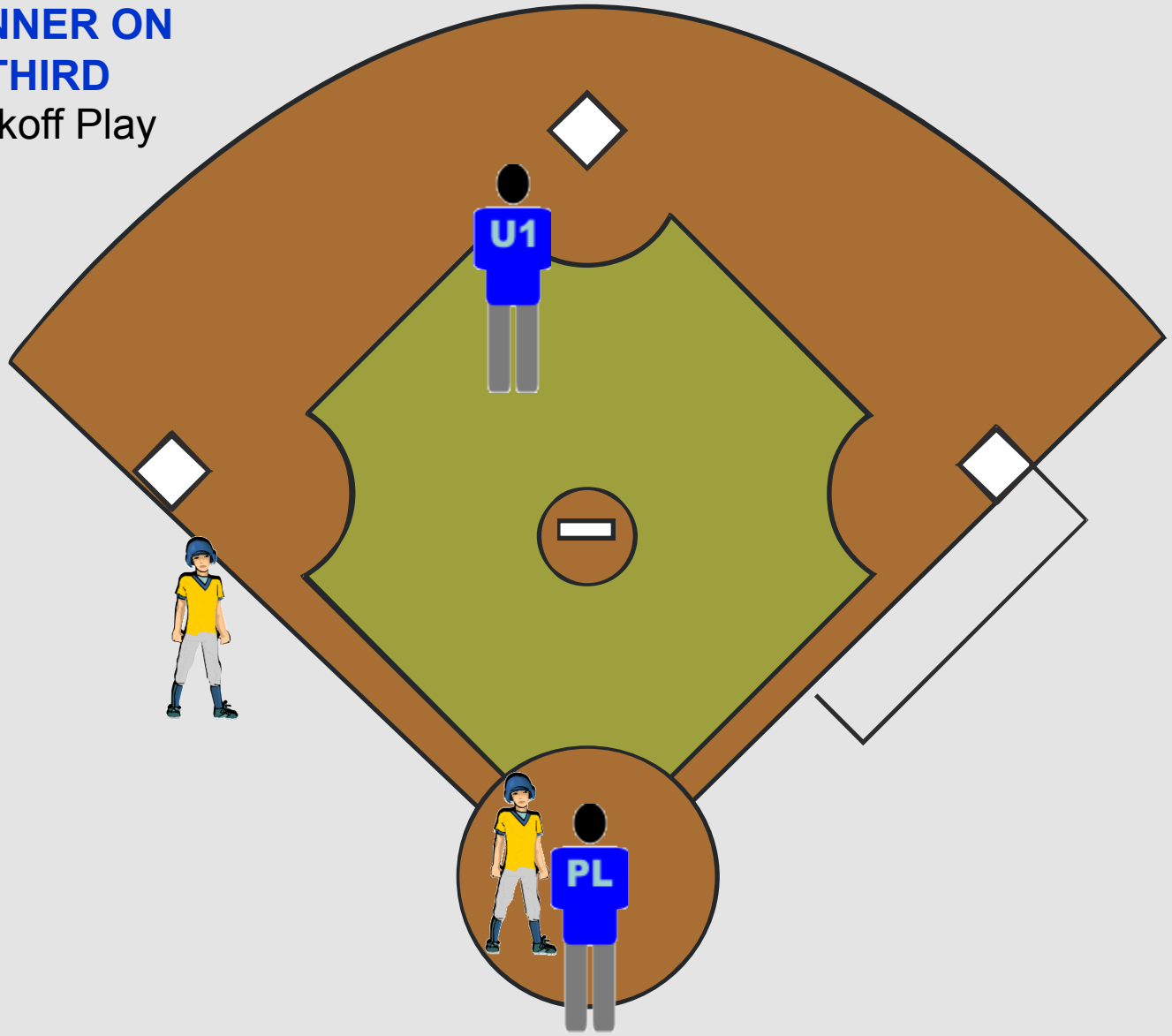
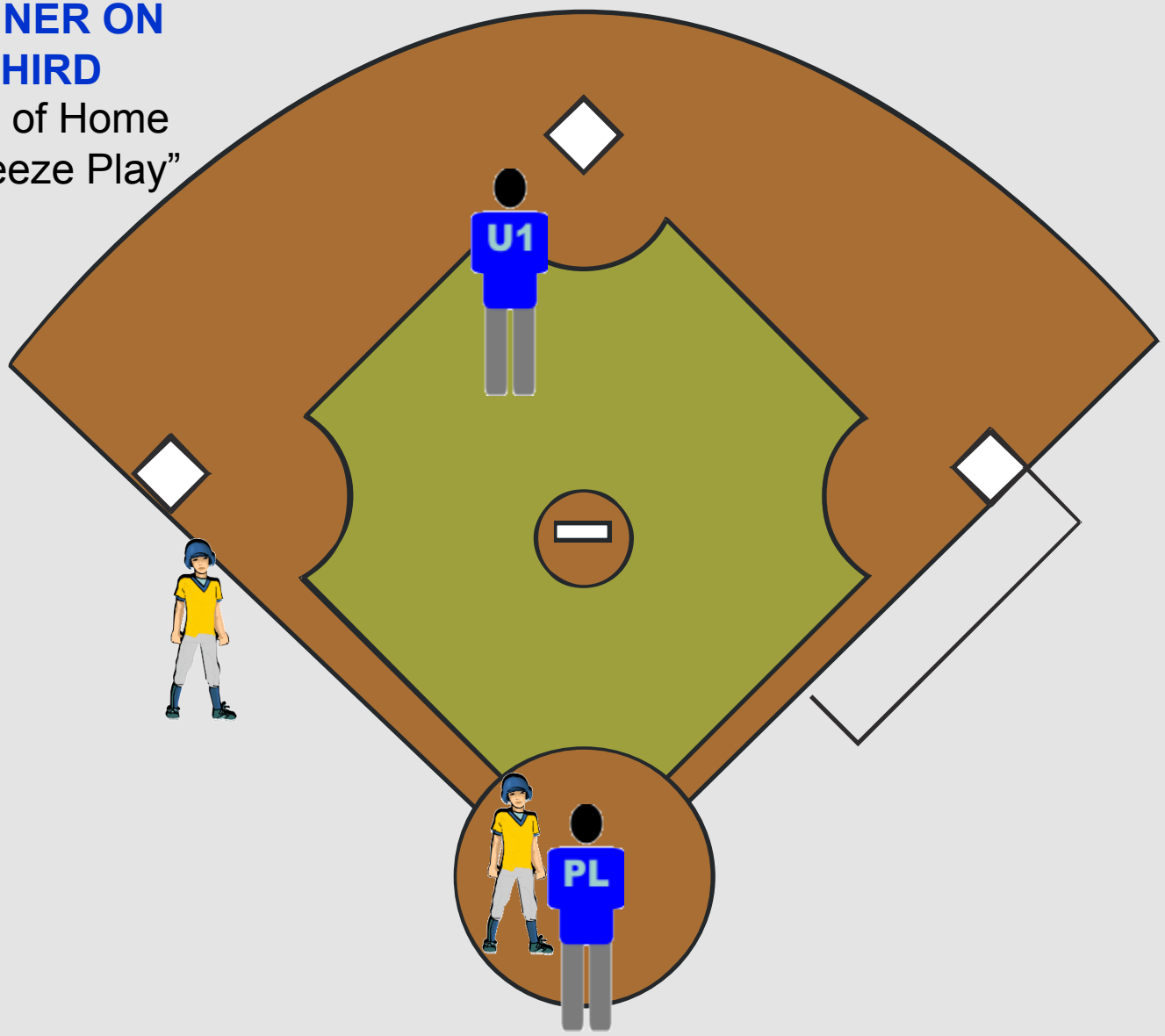


RUNNER ON THIRD

Steal of Home

“Squeeze Play”



RUNNERS ON
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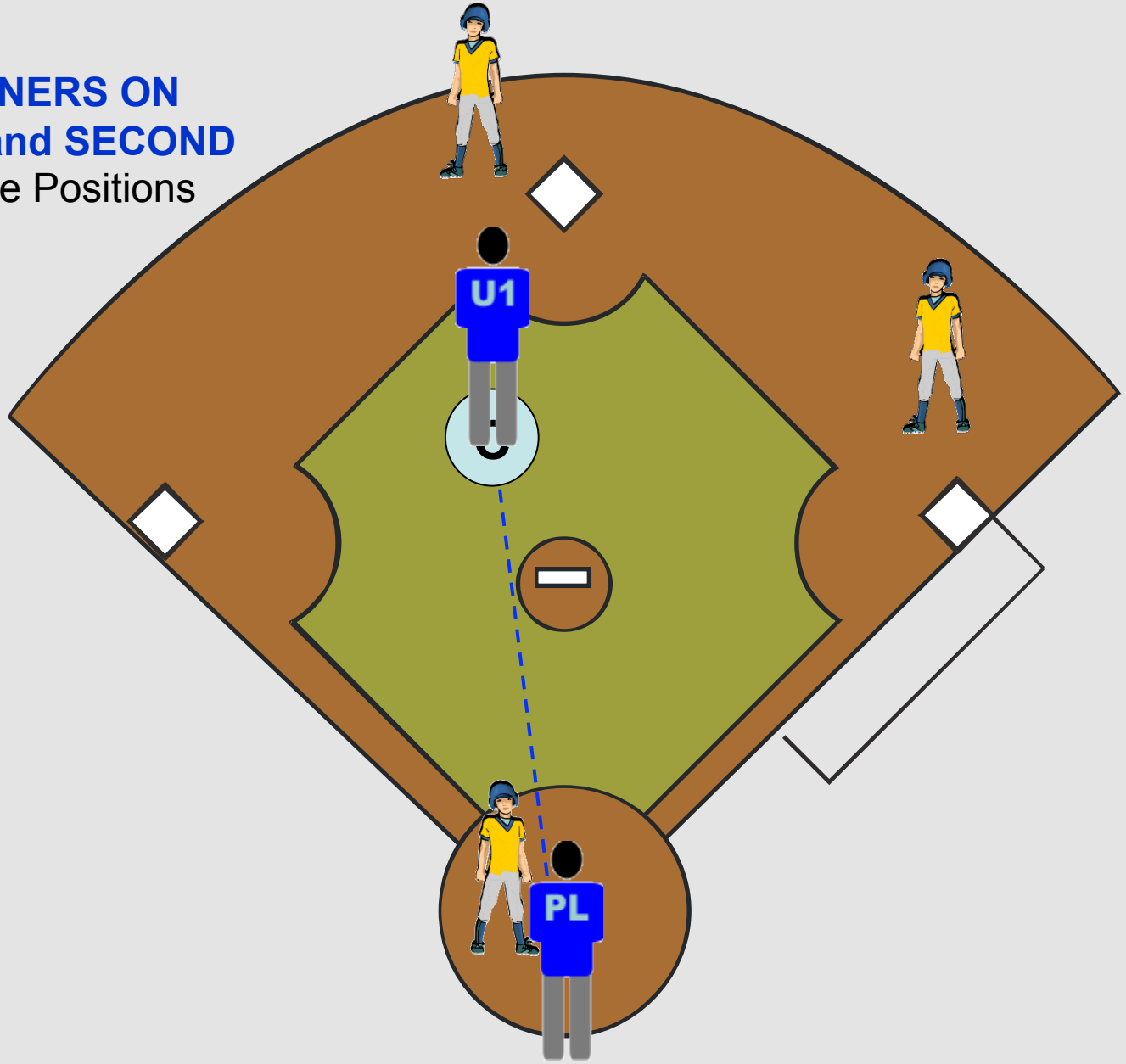
Umpire Positions



RUNNERS ON
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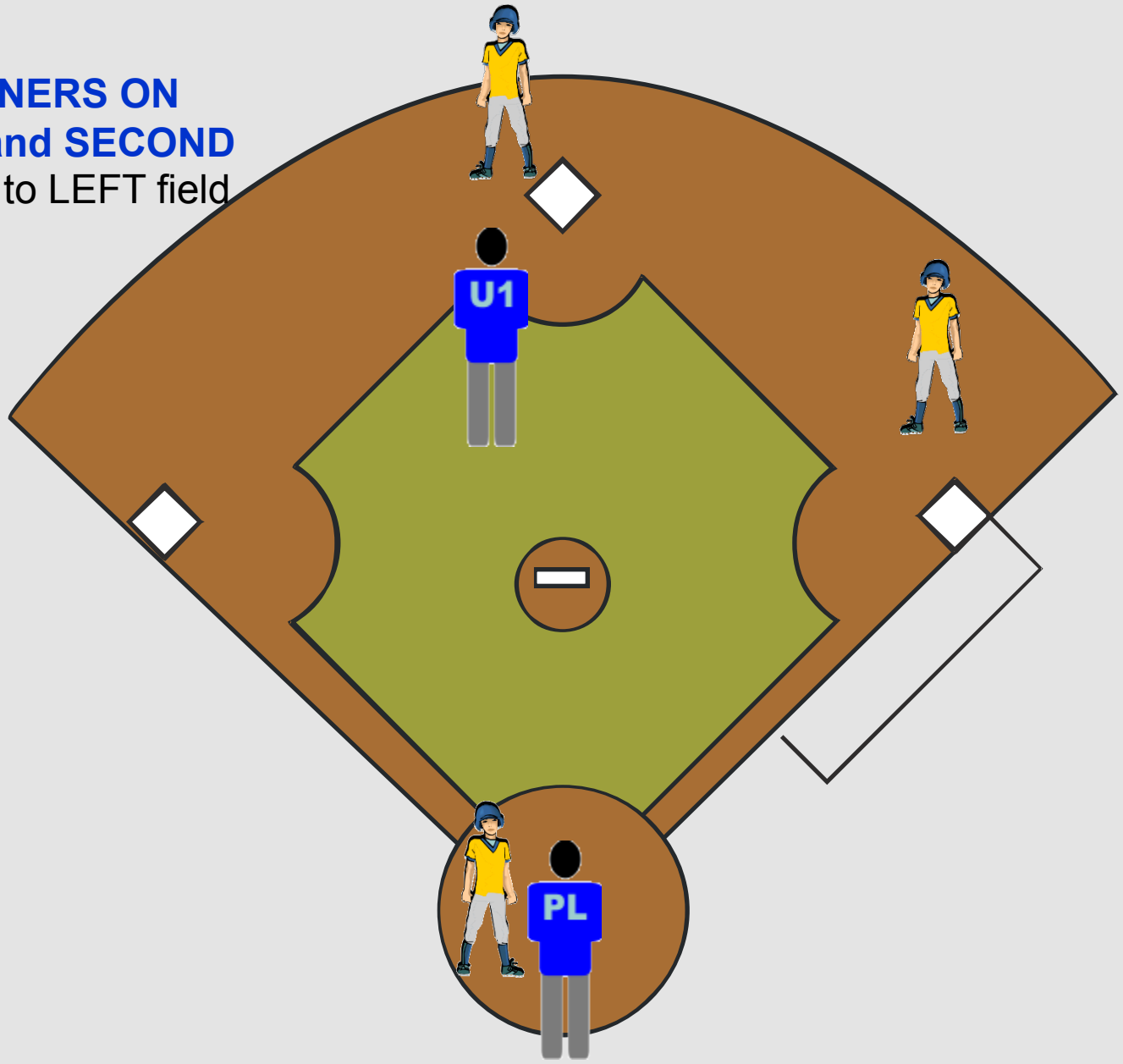

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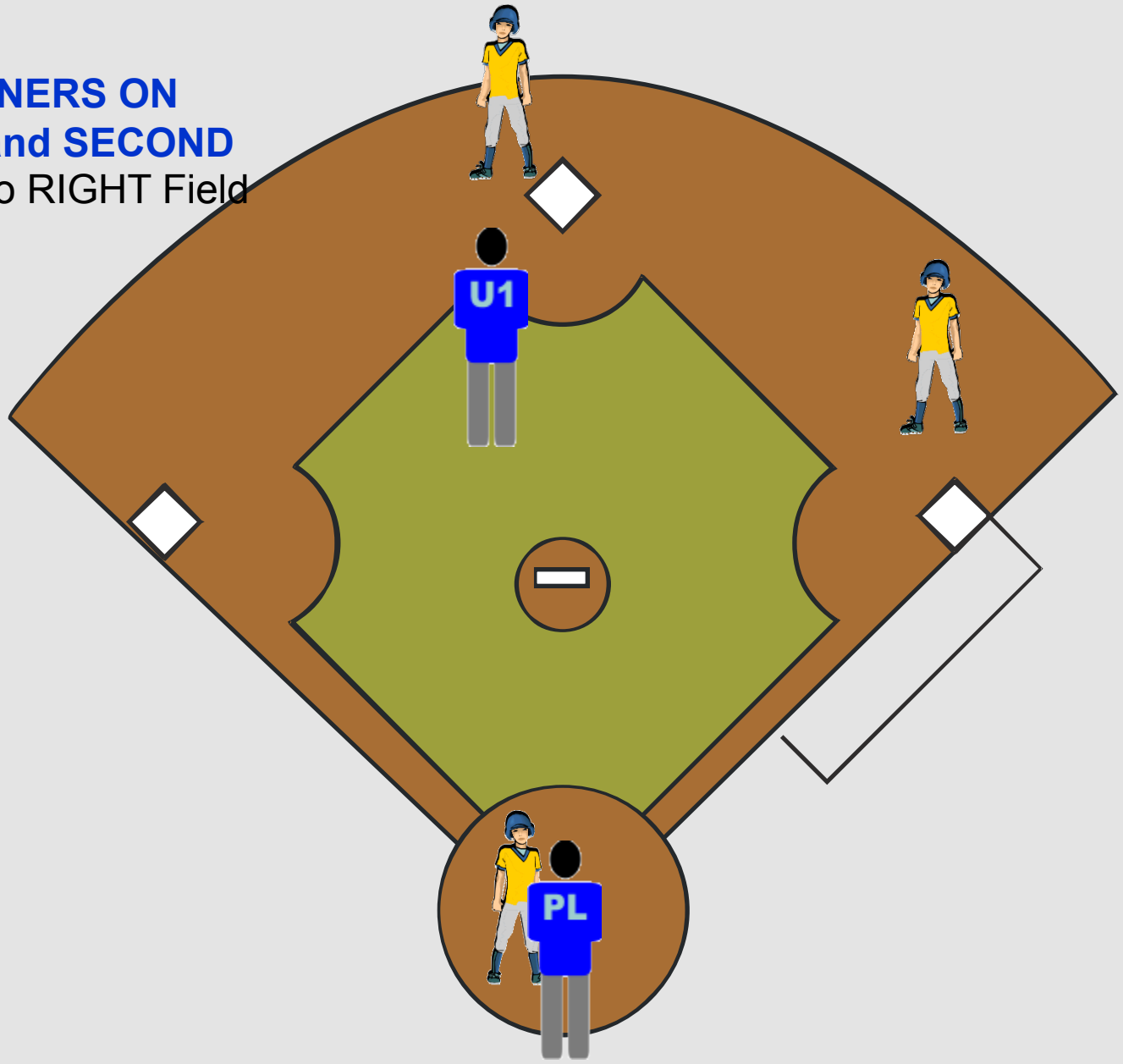

RUNNERS ON
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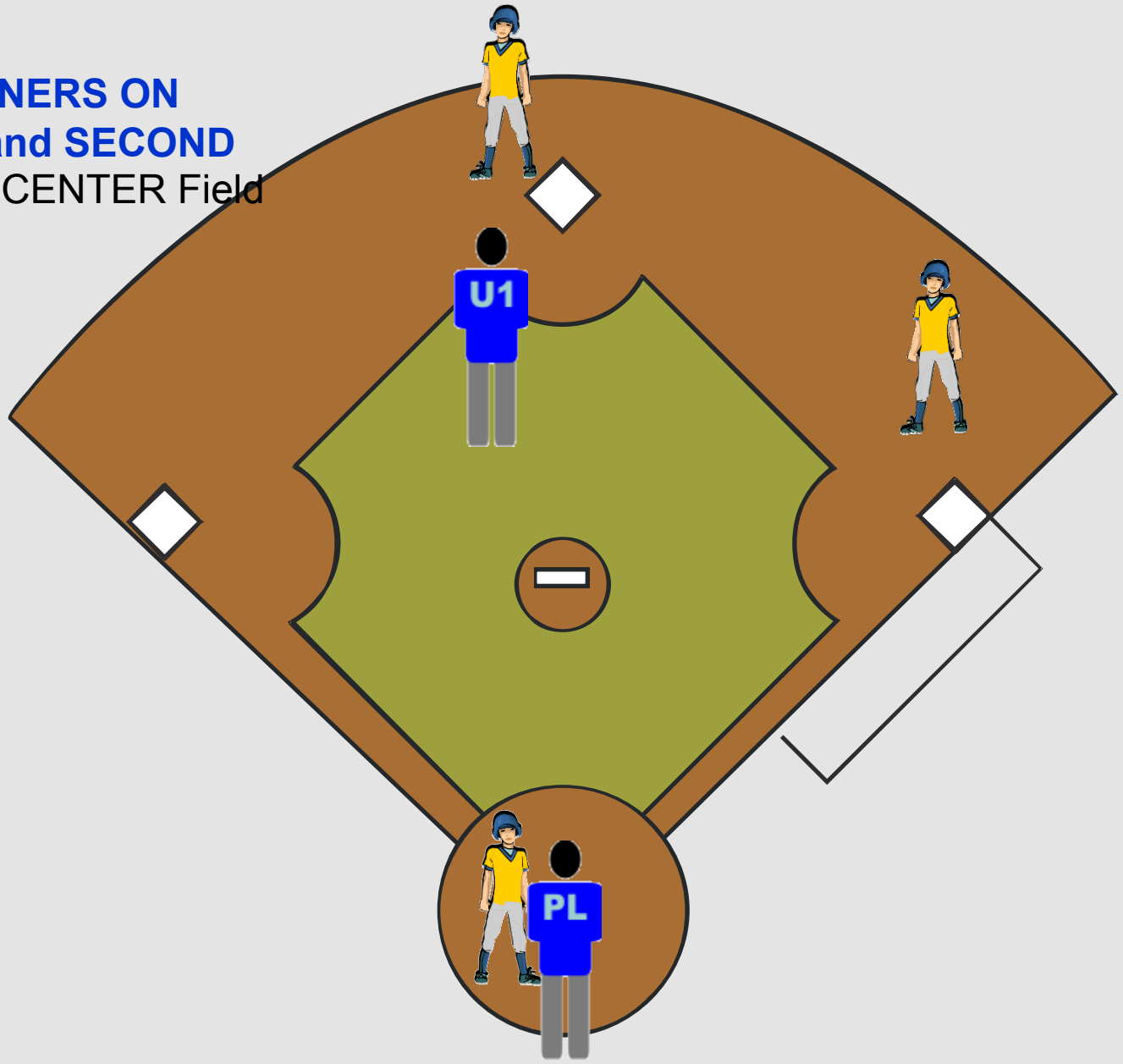

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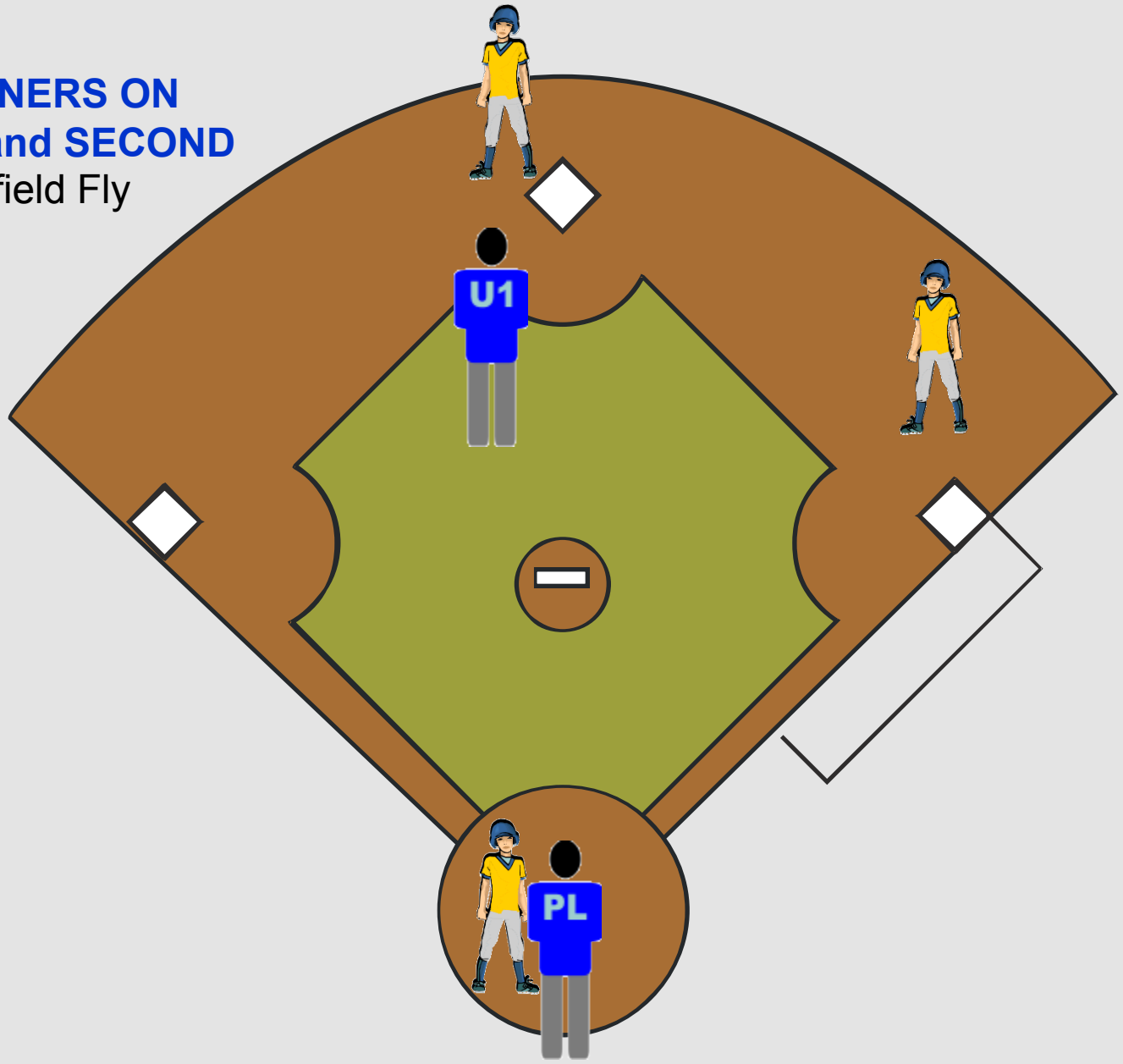

RUNNERS ON
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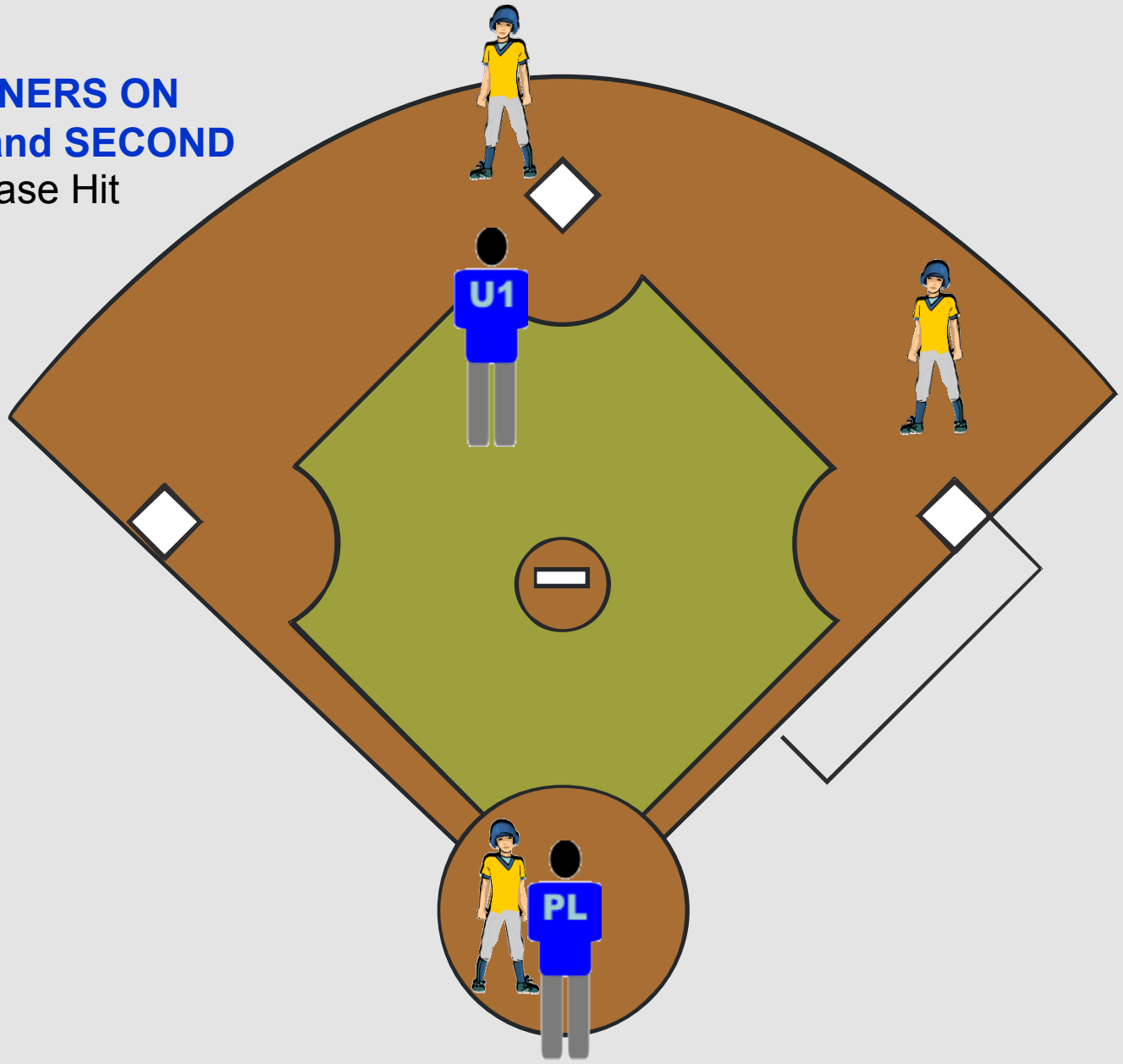

RUNNERS ON
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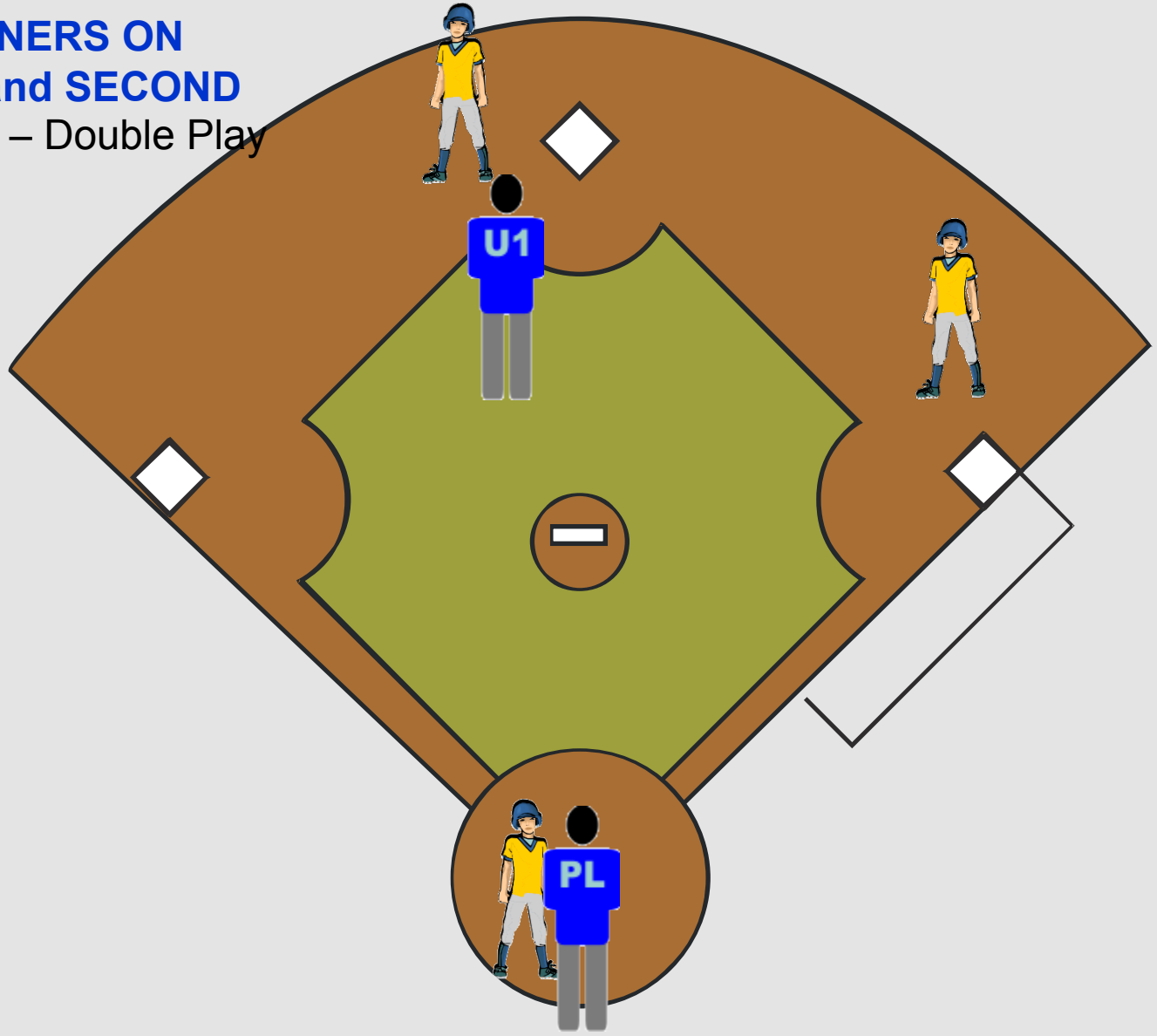
Infield Hit – Double Play



RUNNERS ON
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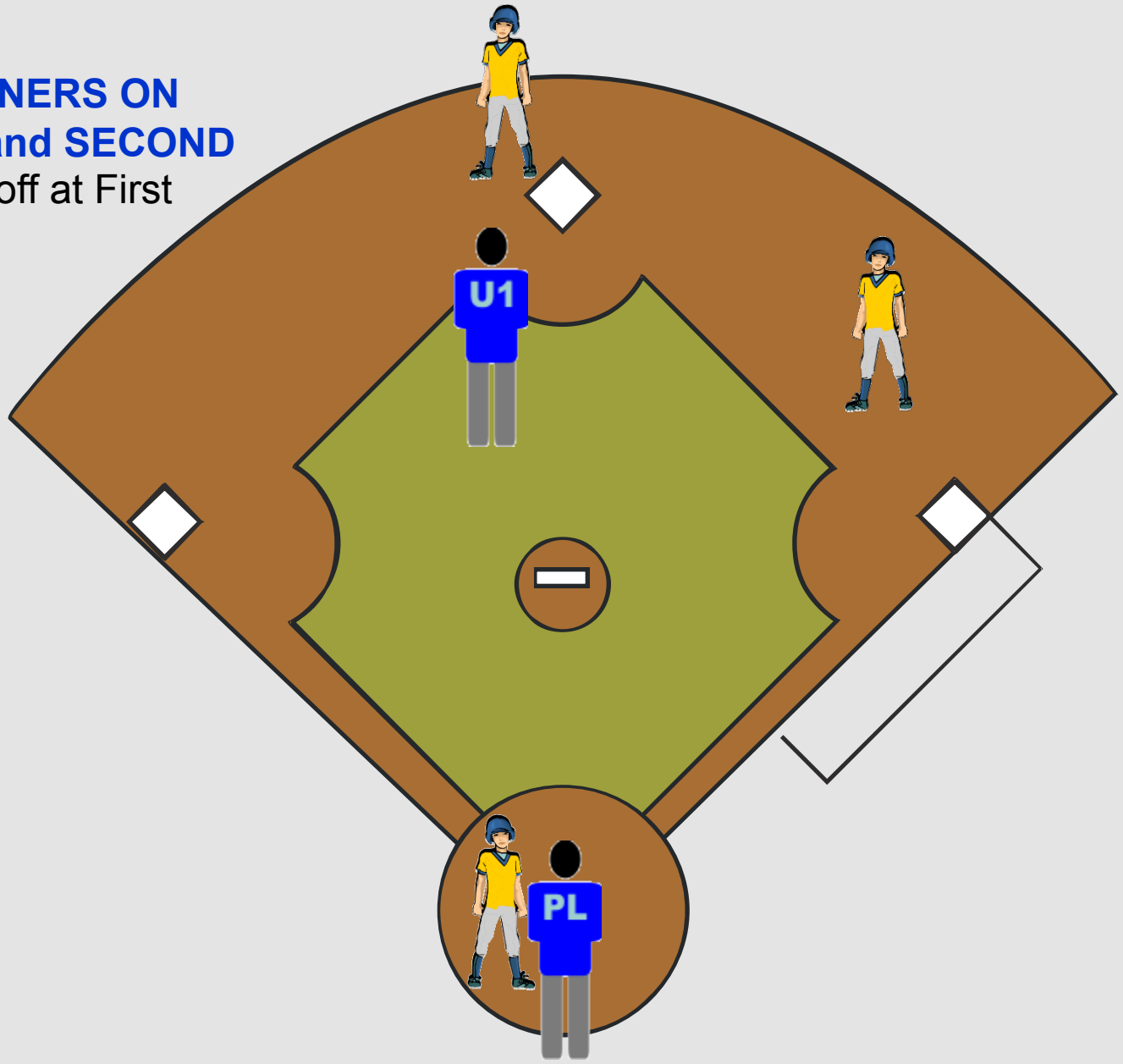
Pickoff at First



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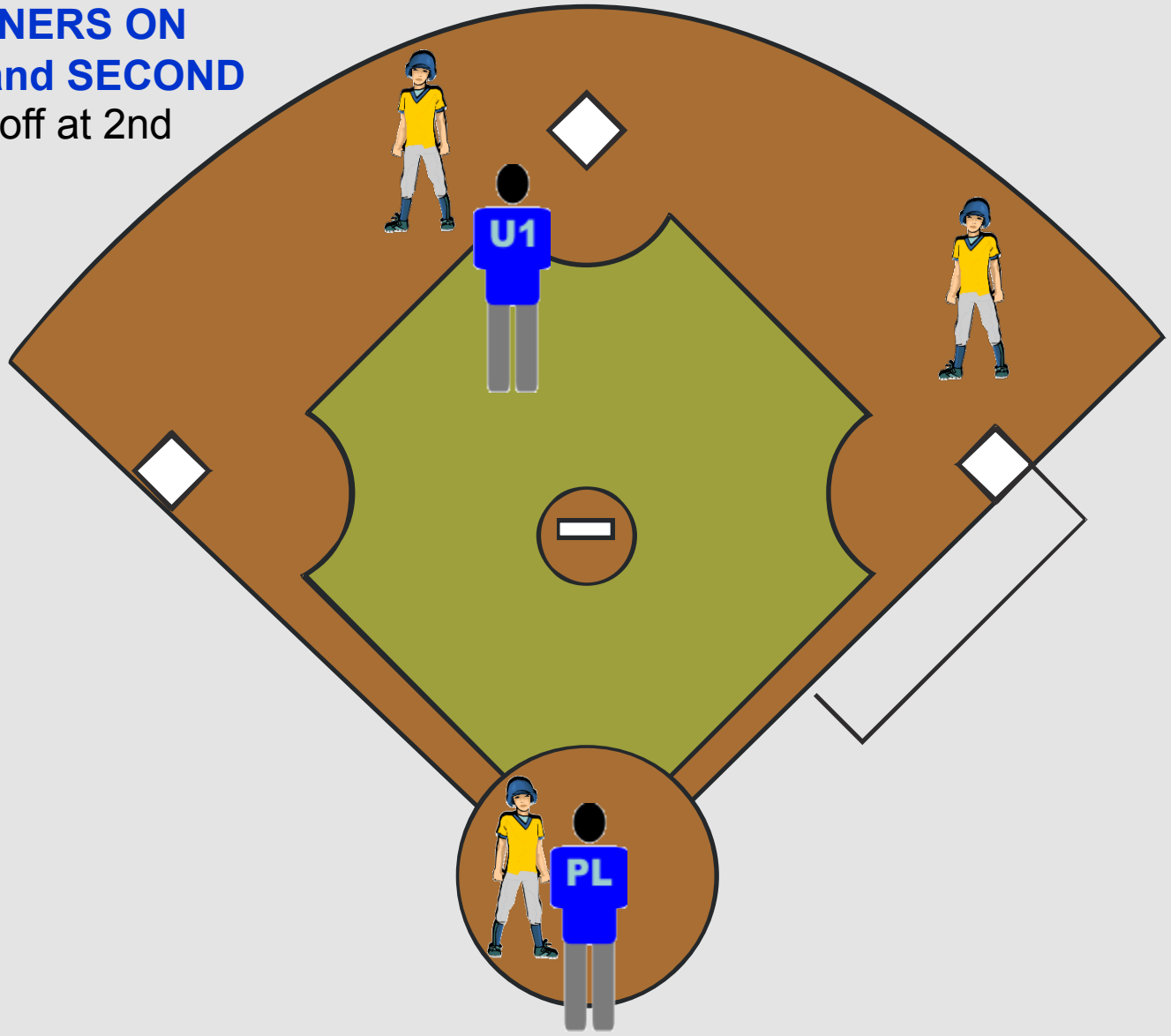

RUNNERS ON
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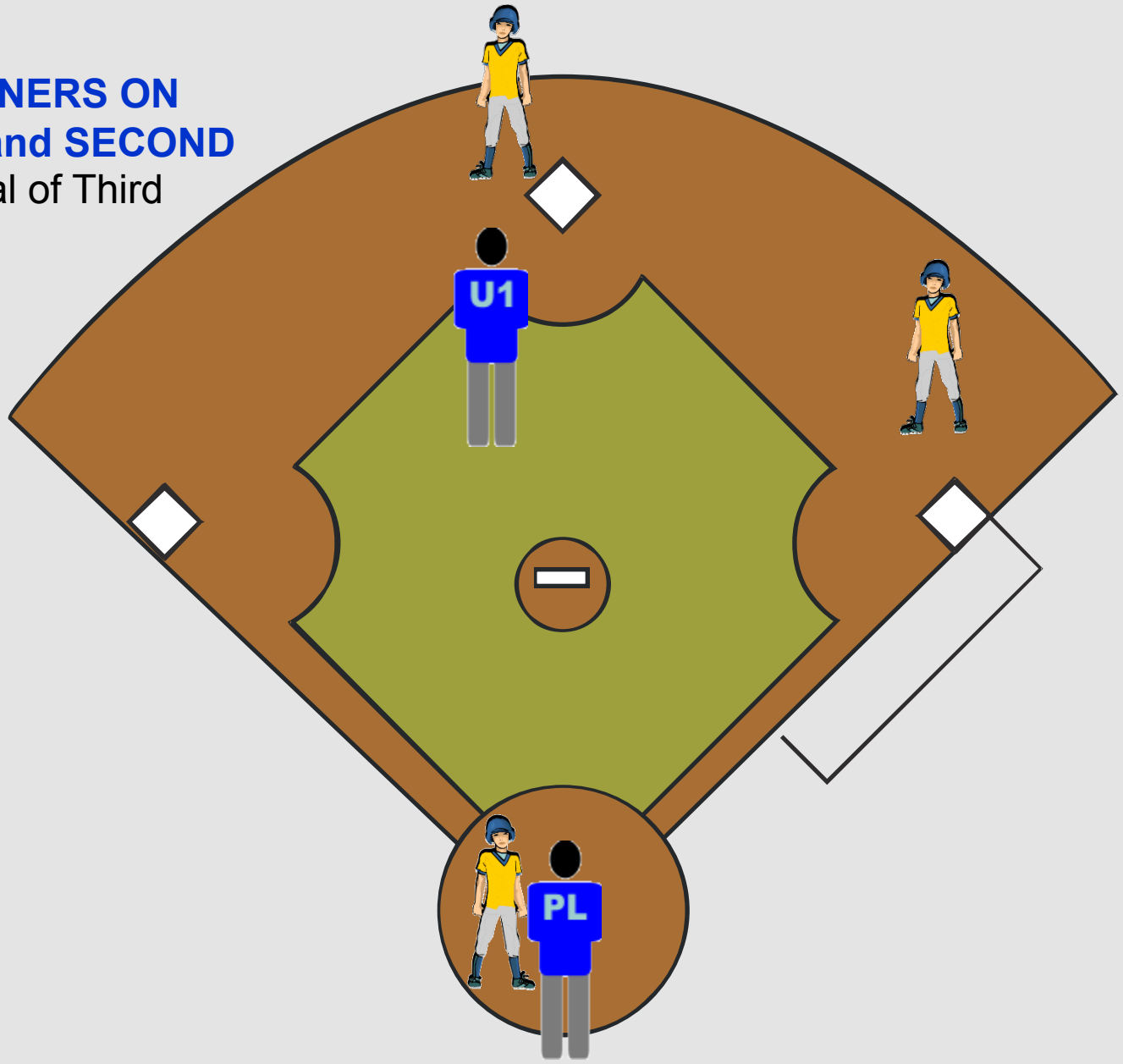

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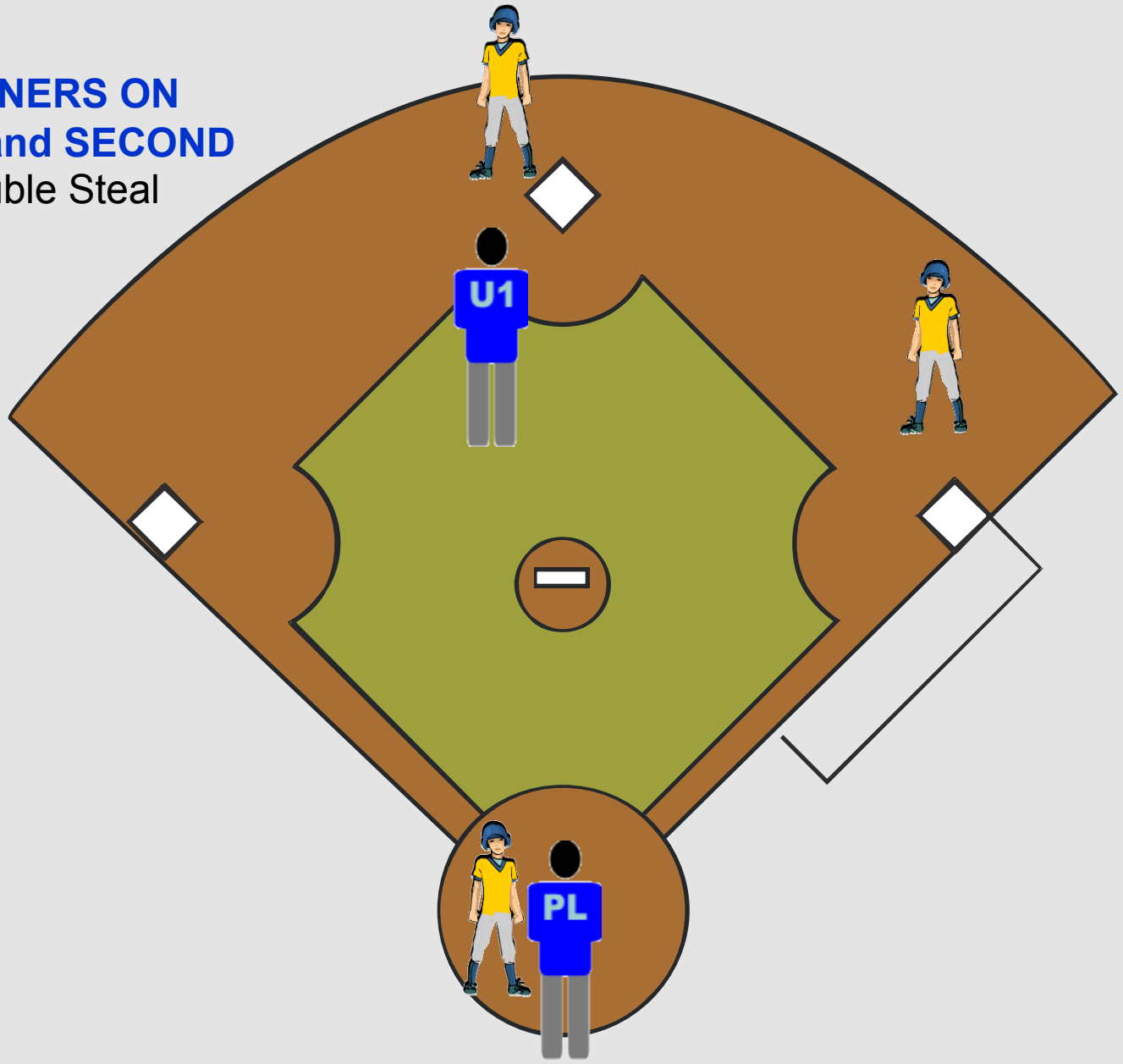

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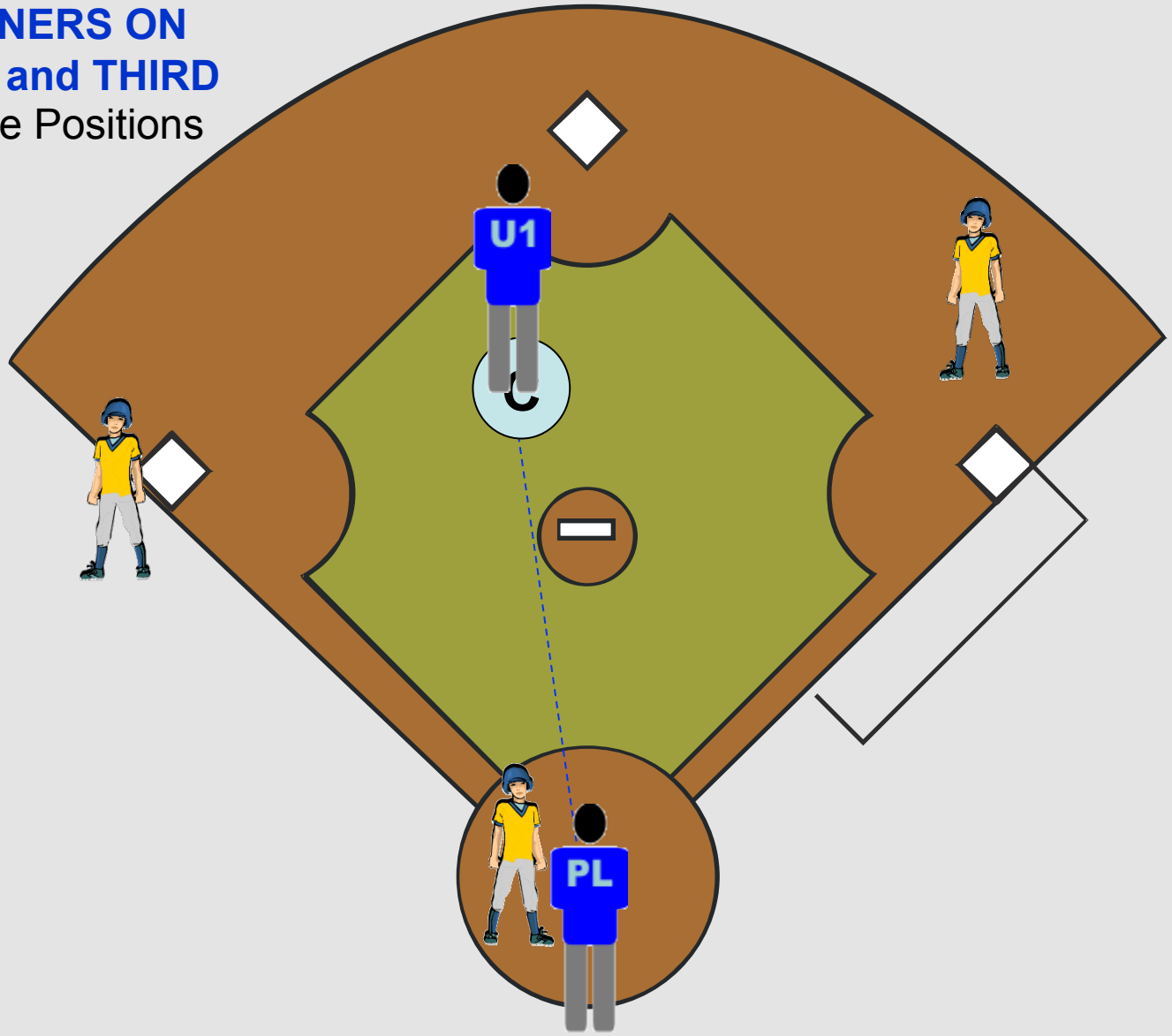

RUNNERS ON
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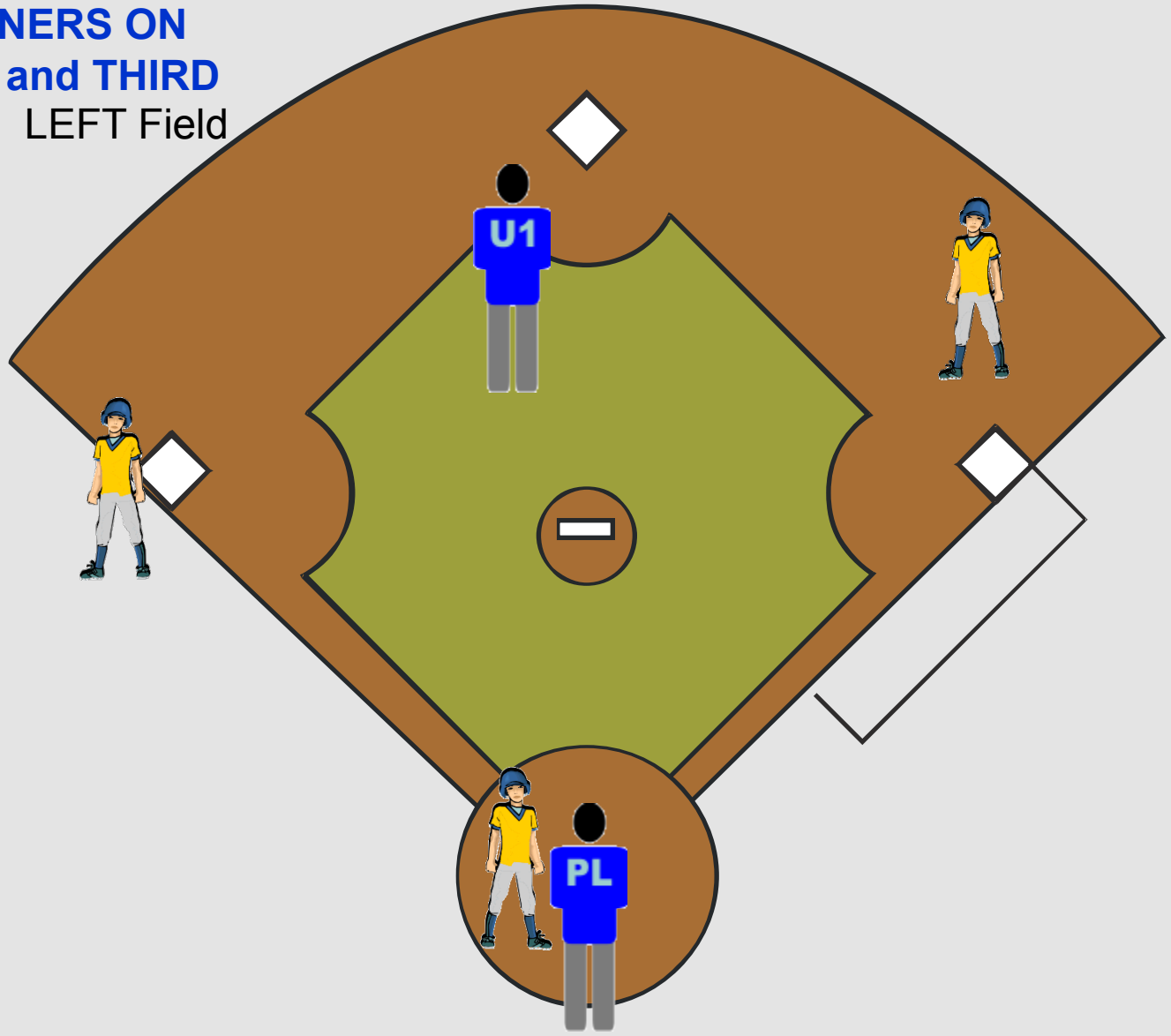

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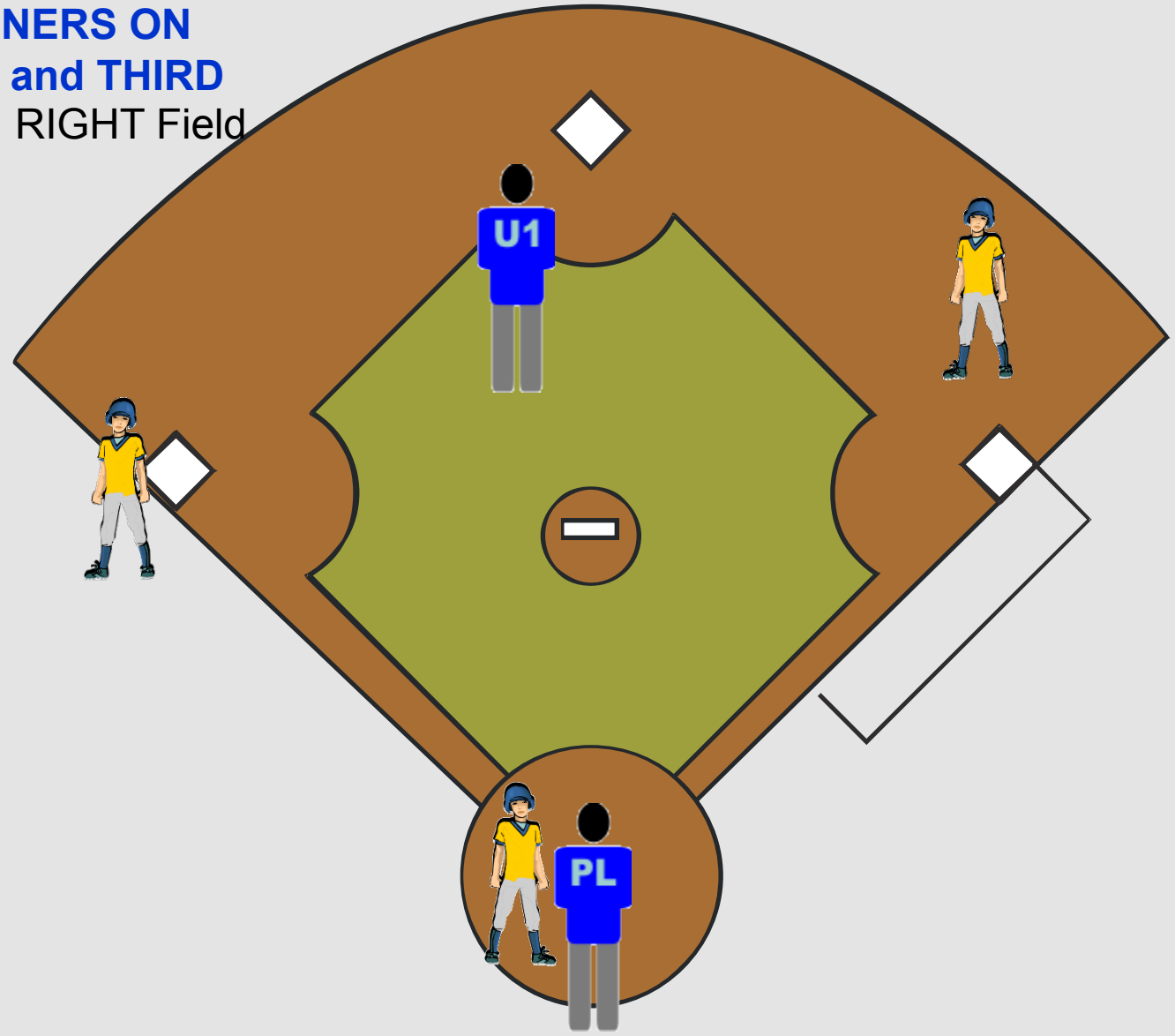

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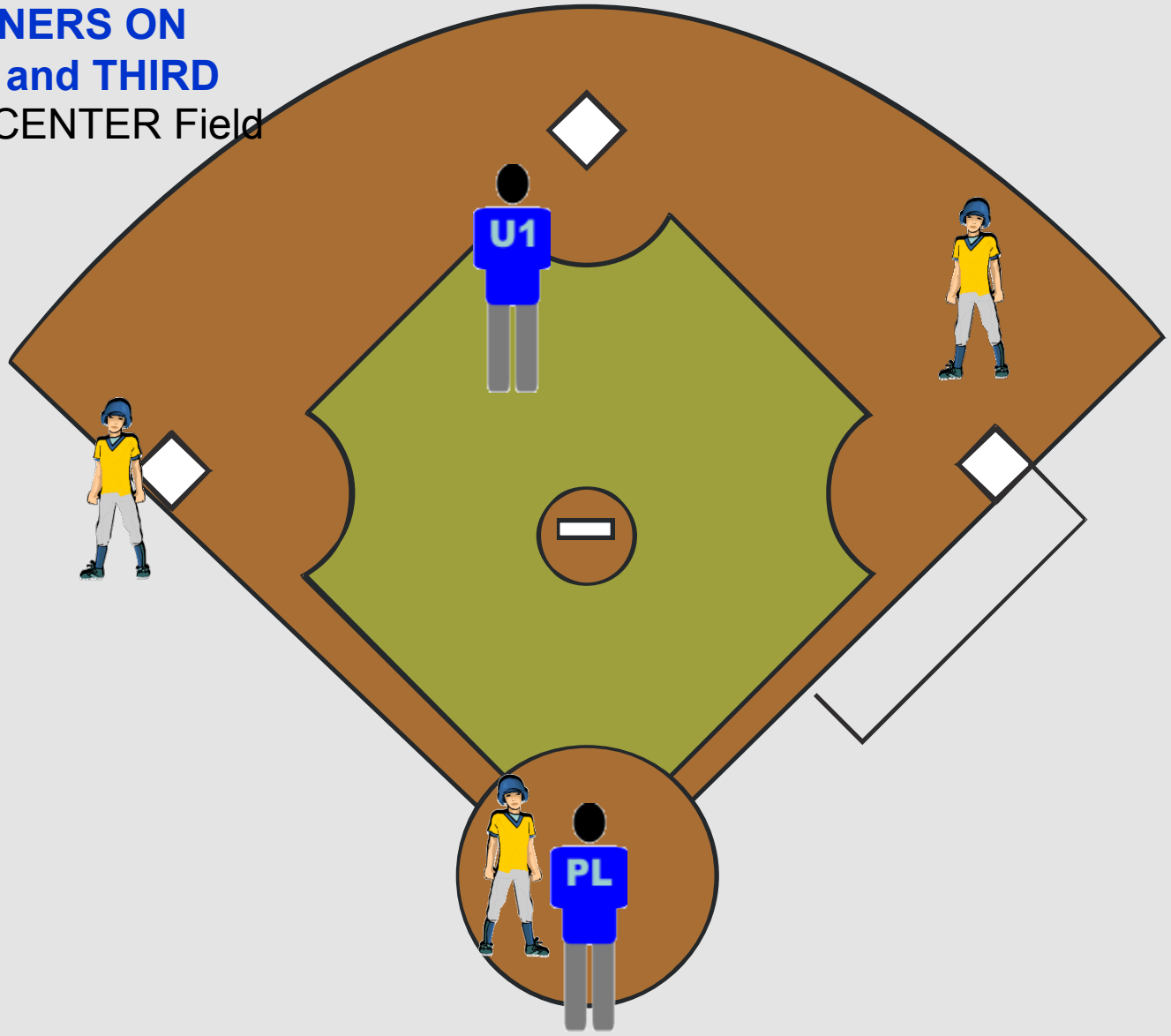

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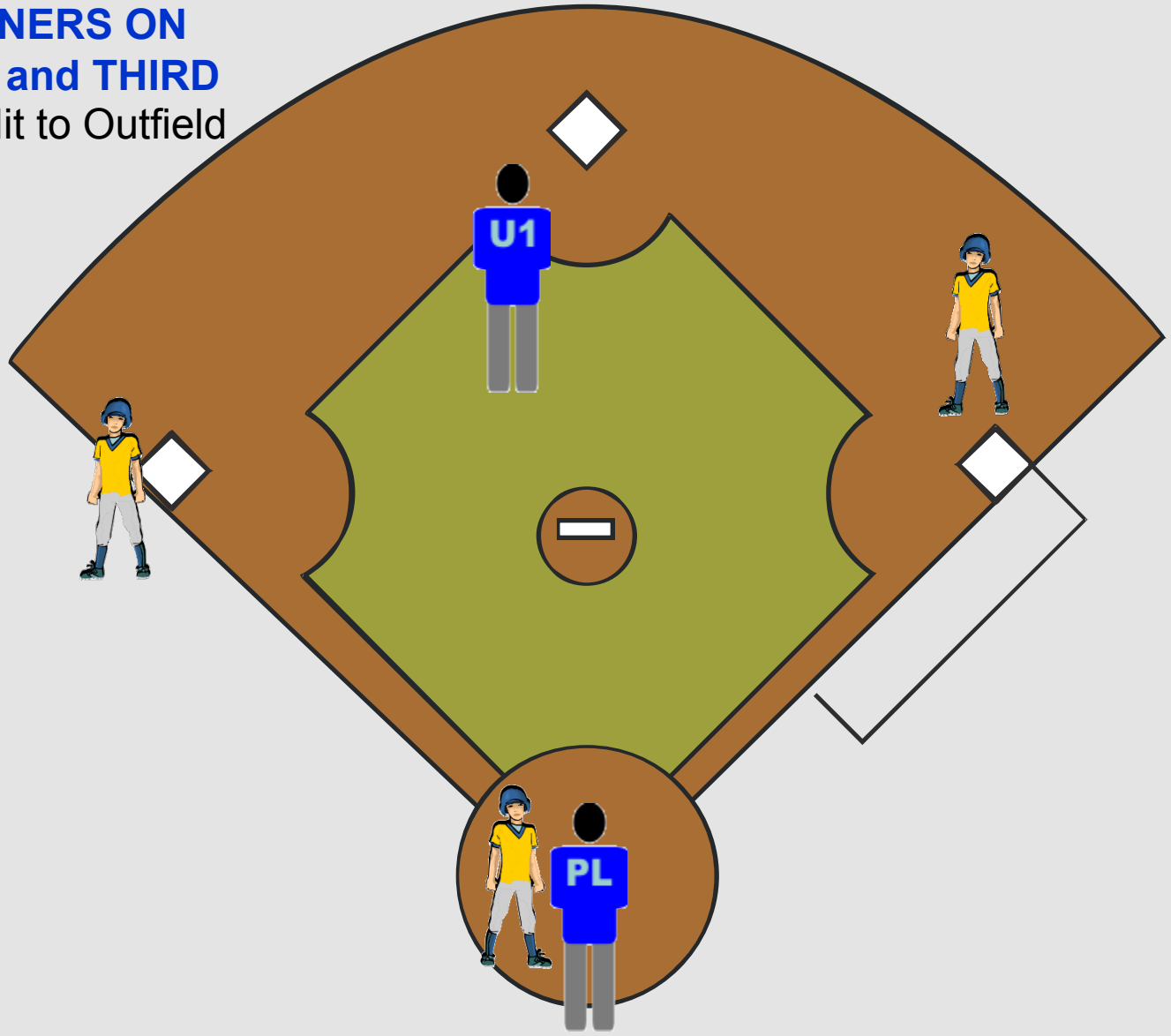

RUNNERS ON
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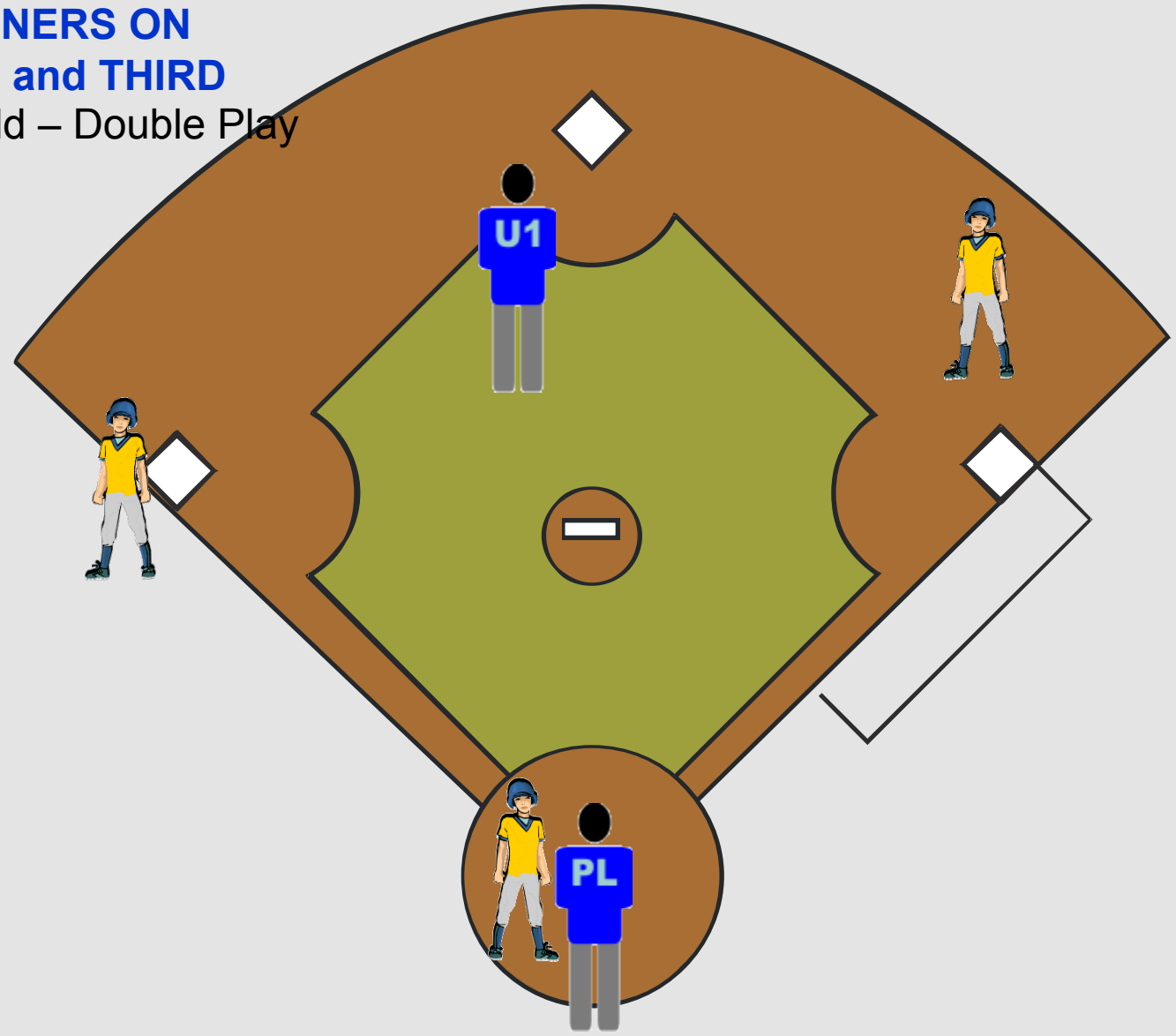

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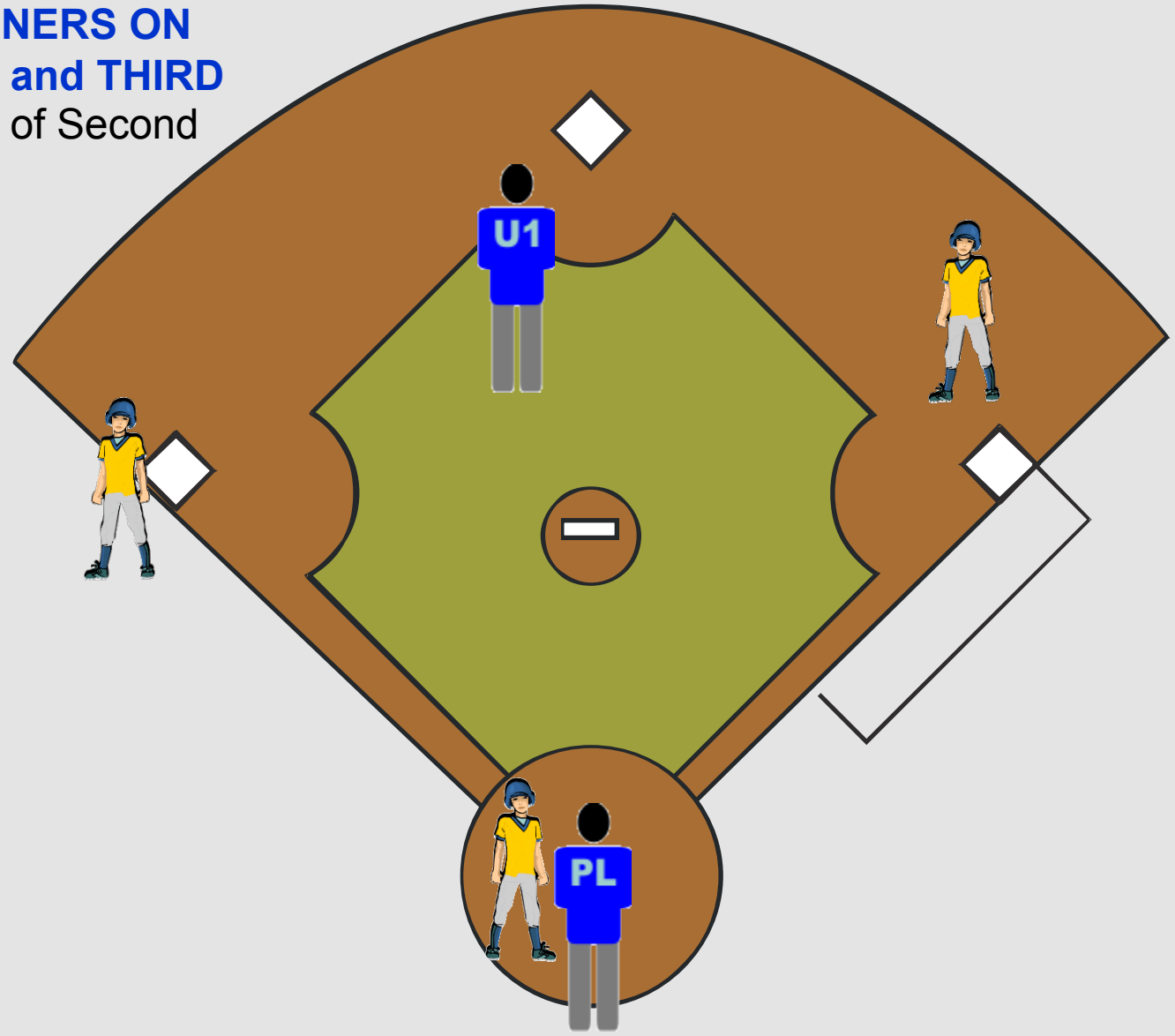

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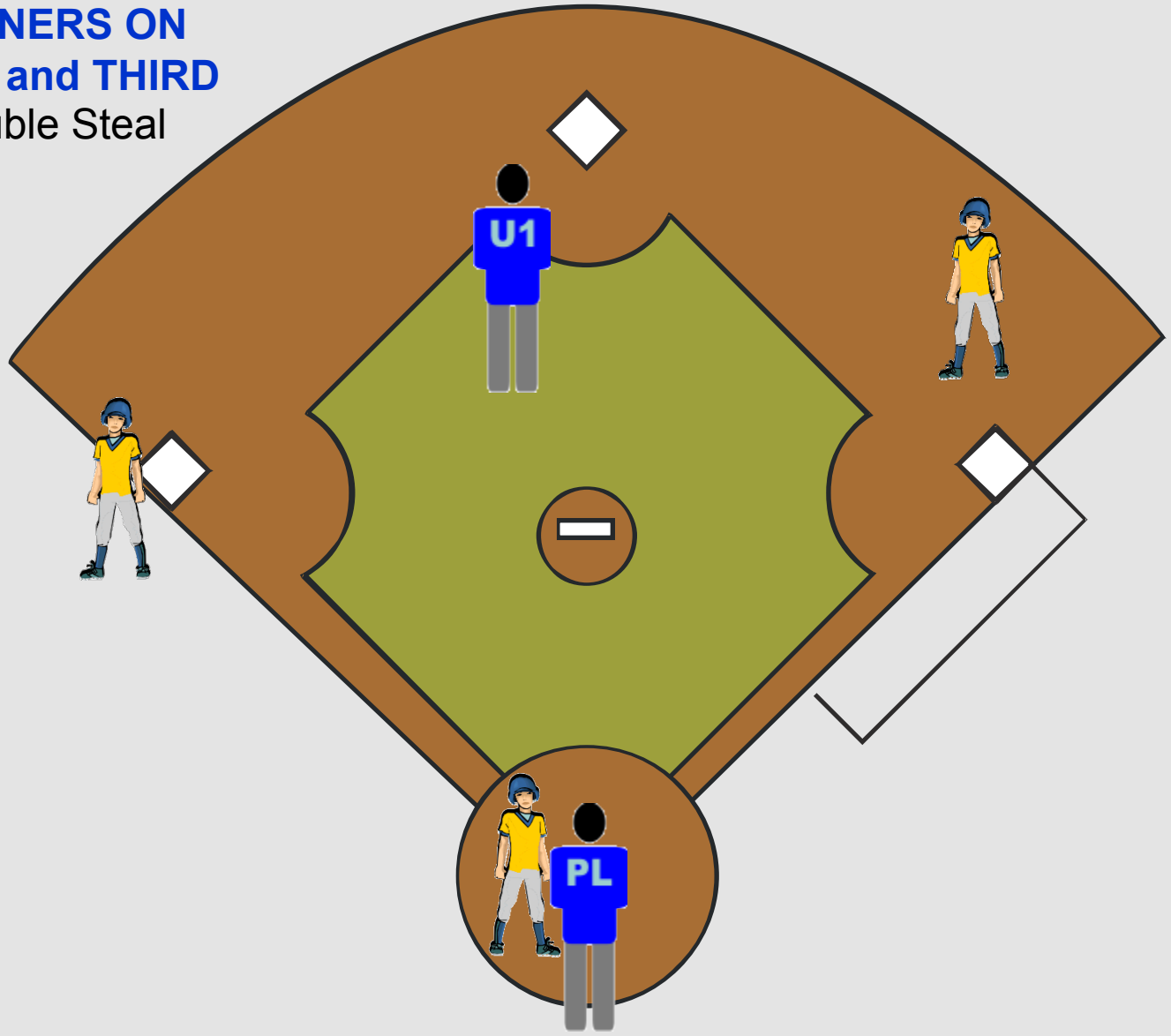

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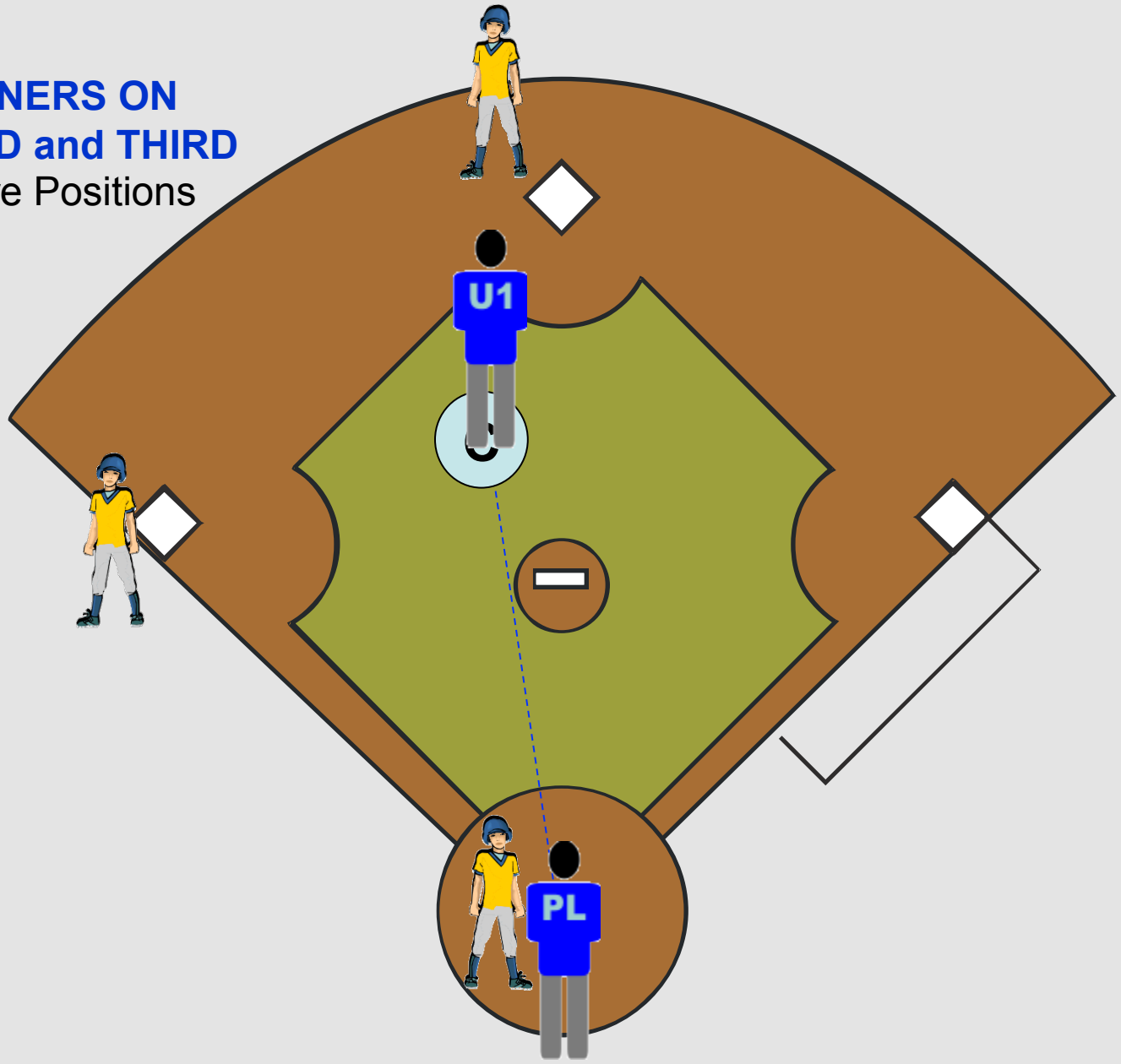

RUNNERS ON
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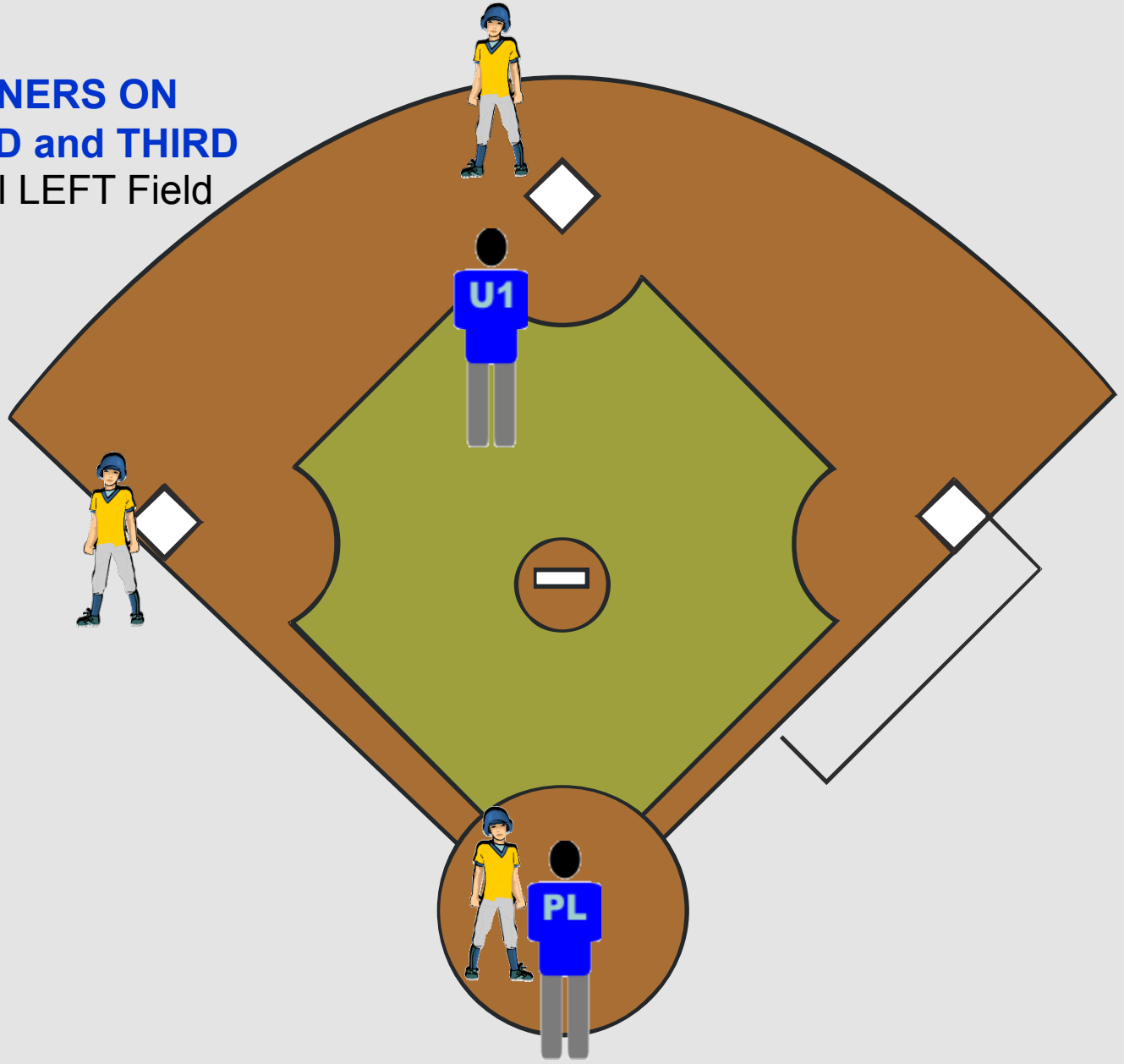

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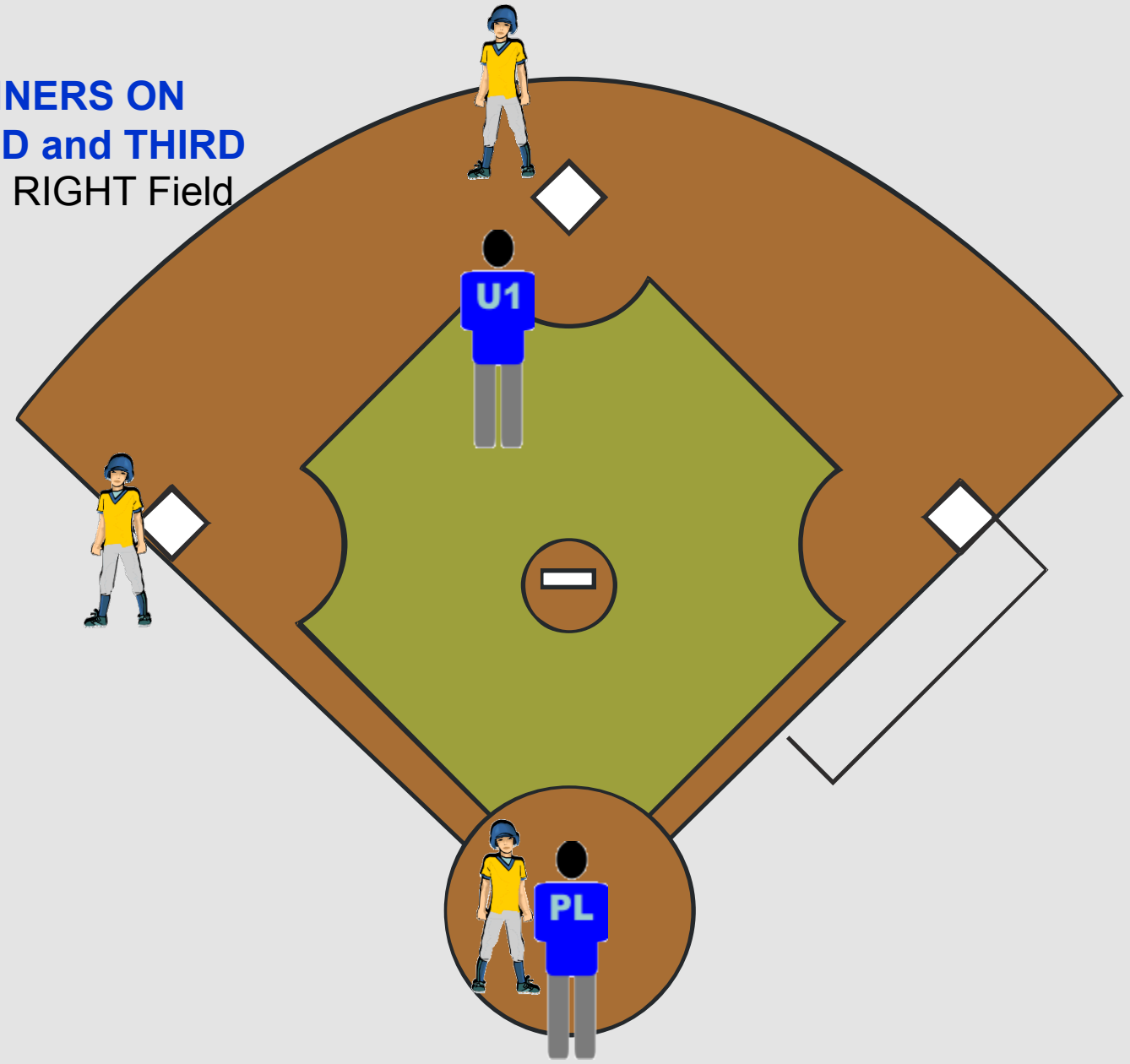

RUNNERS ON
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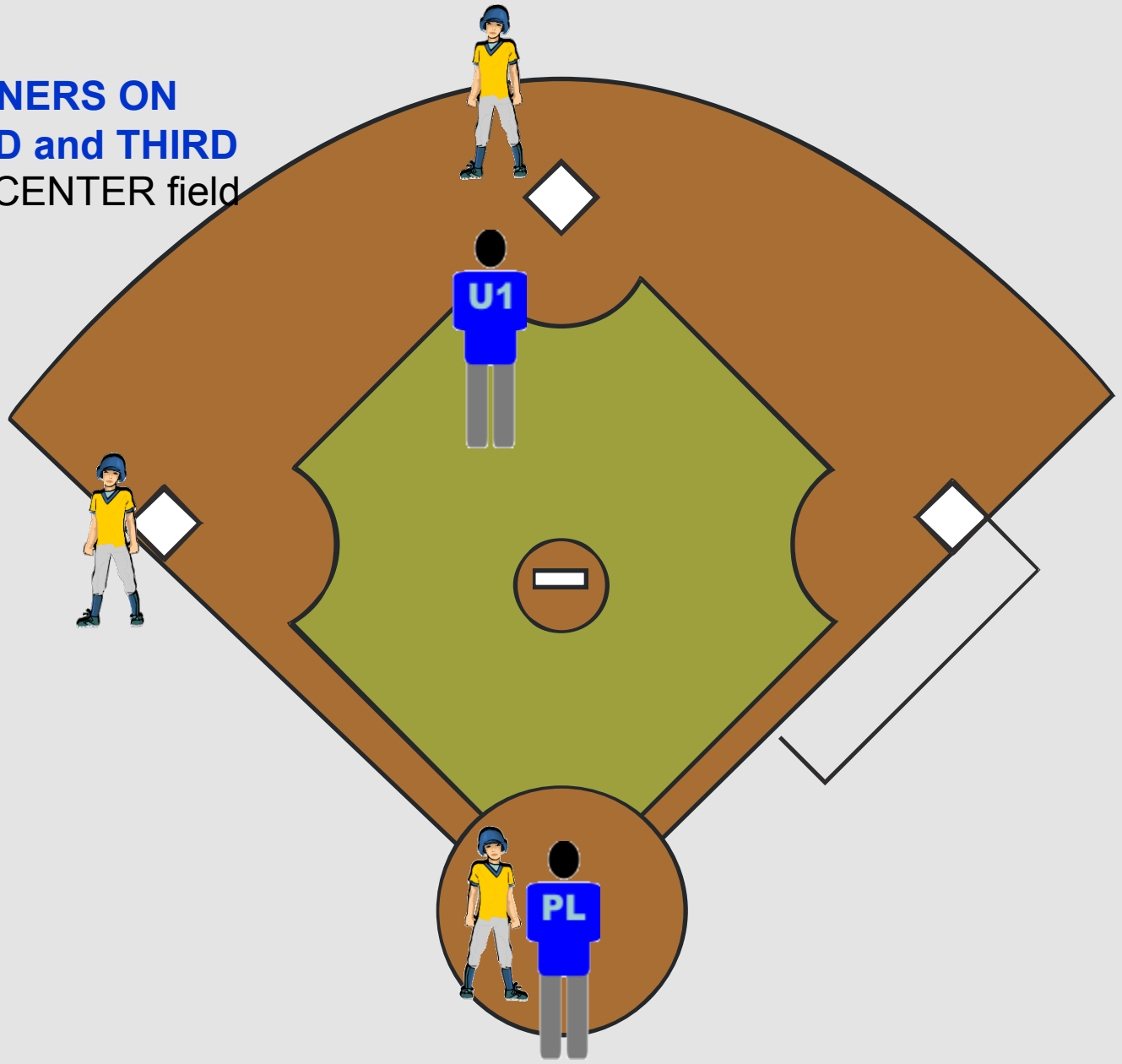

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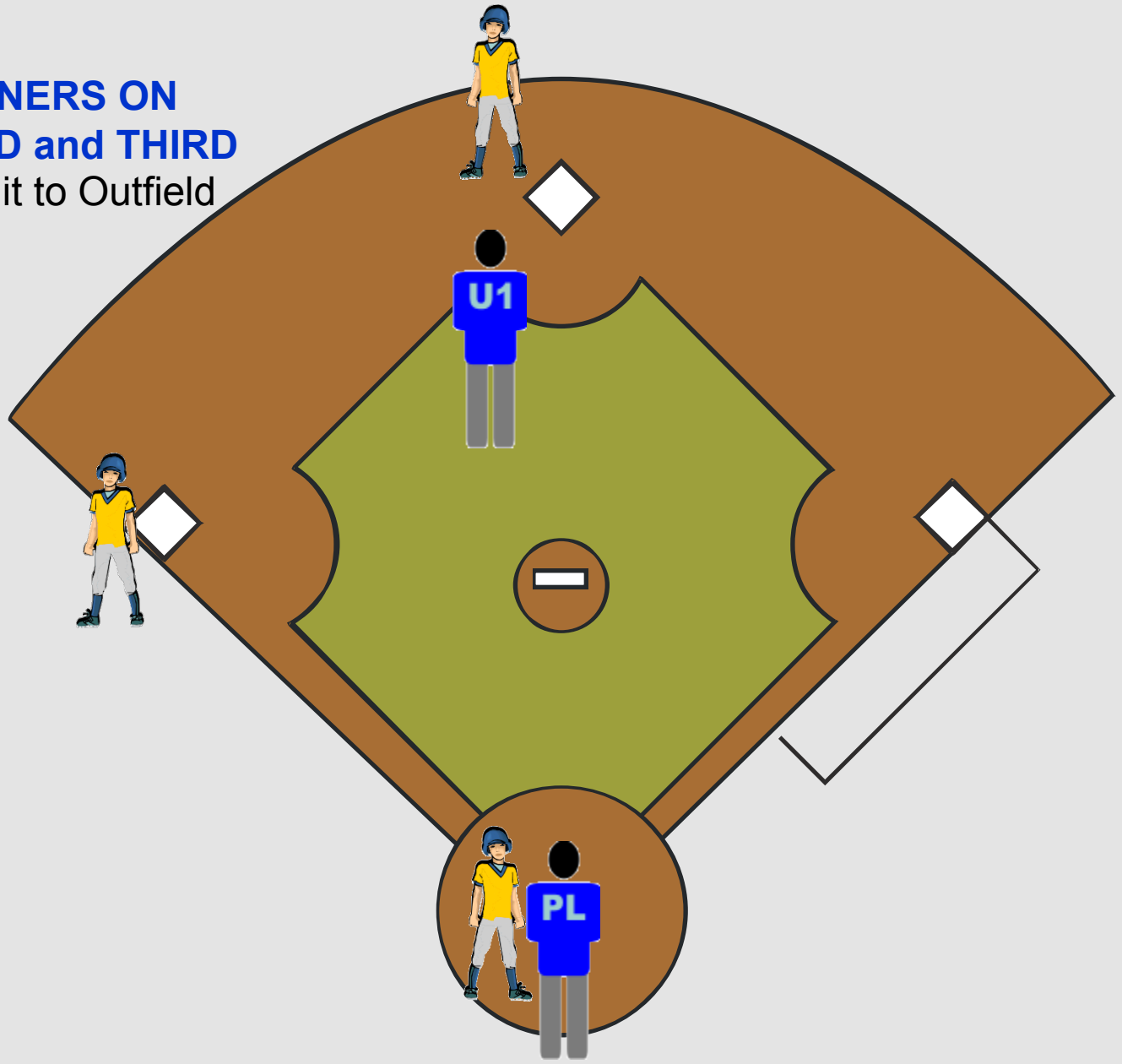

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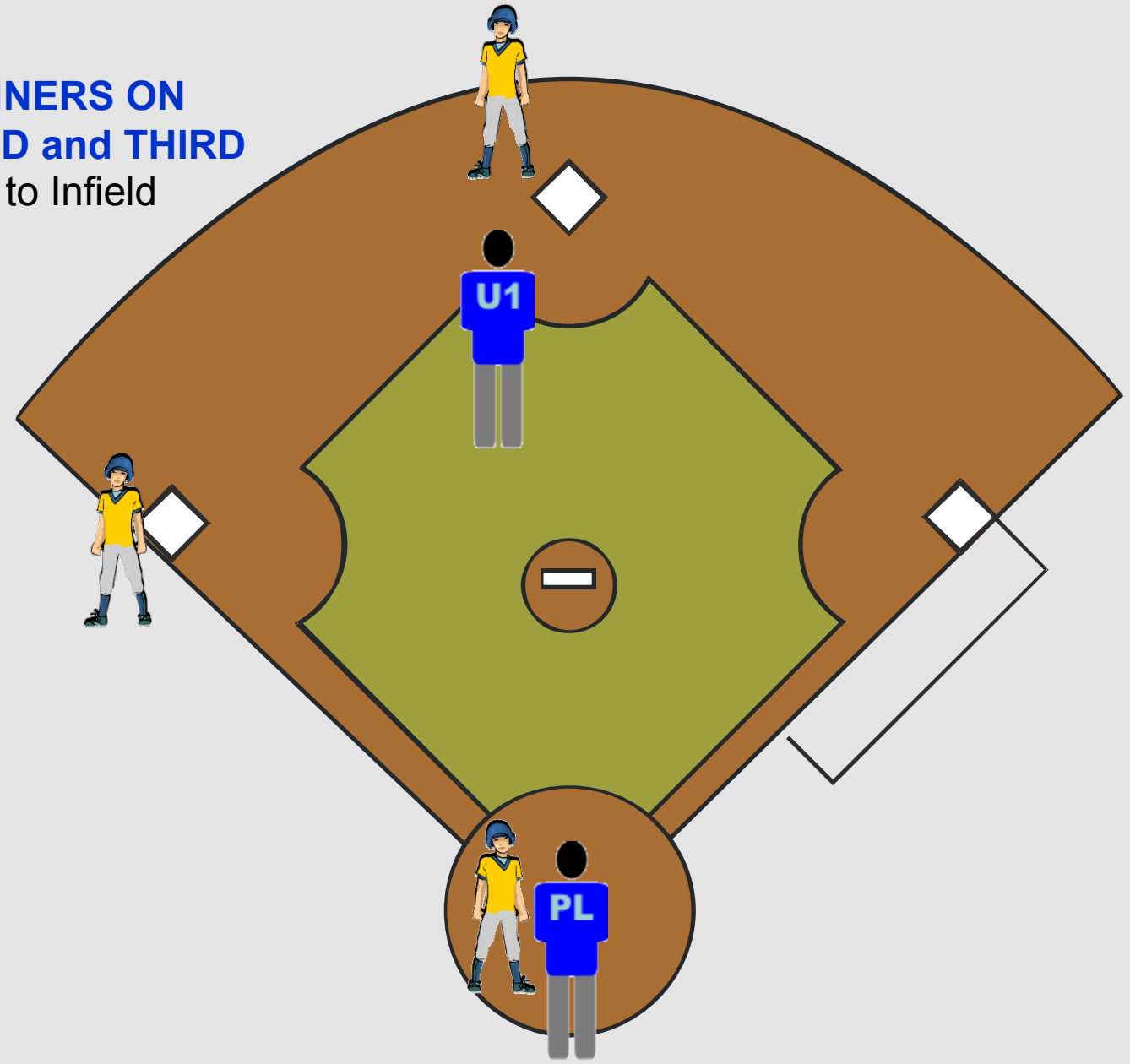
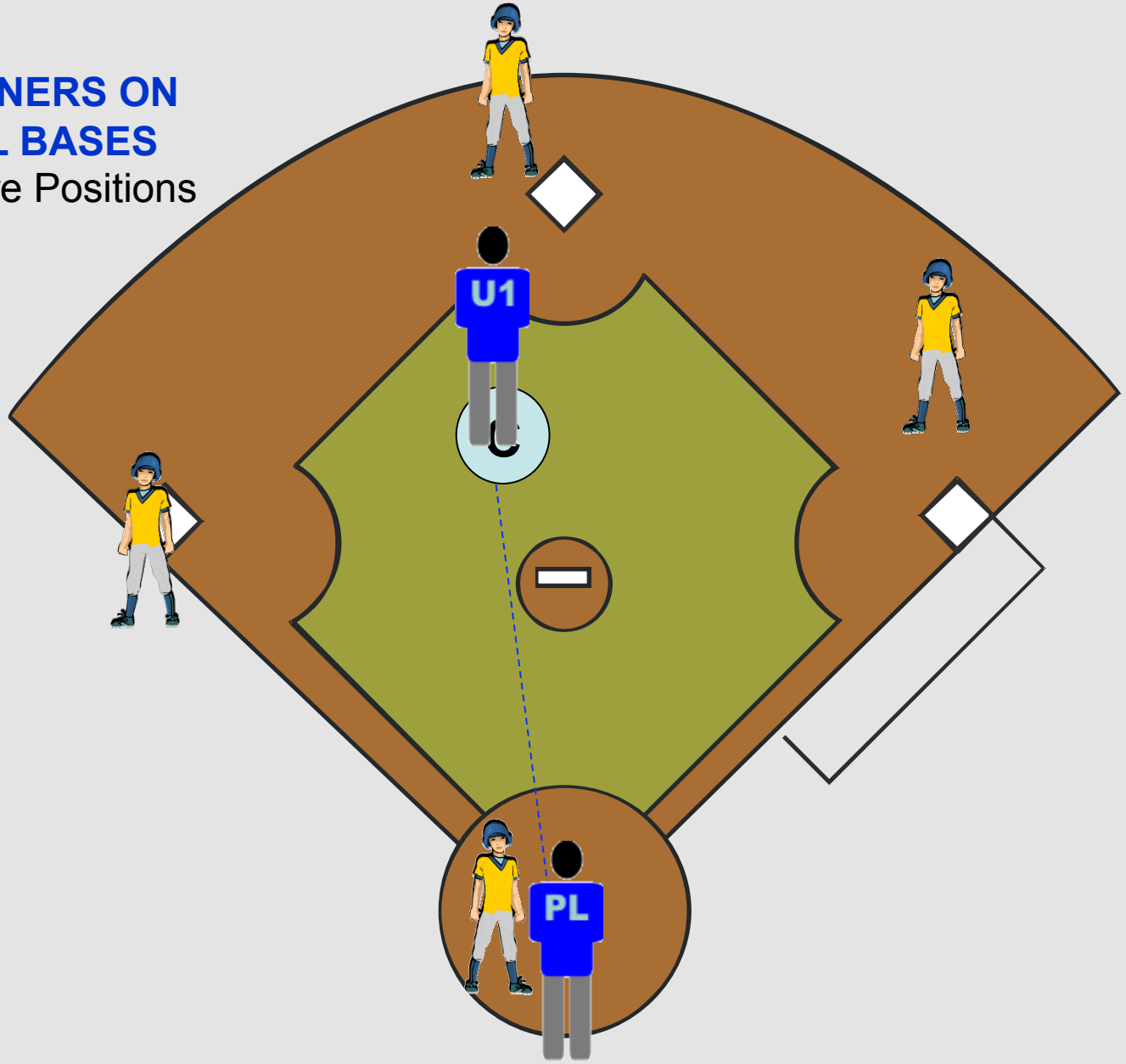


RUNNERS ON ALL BASES

Umpire Positions



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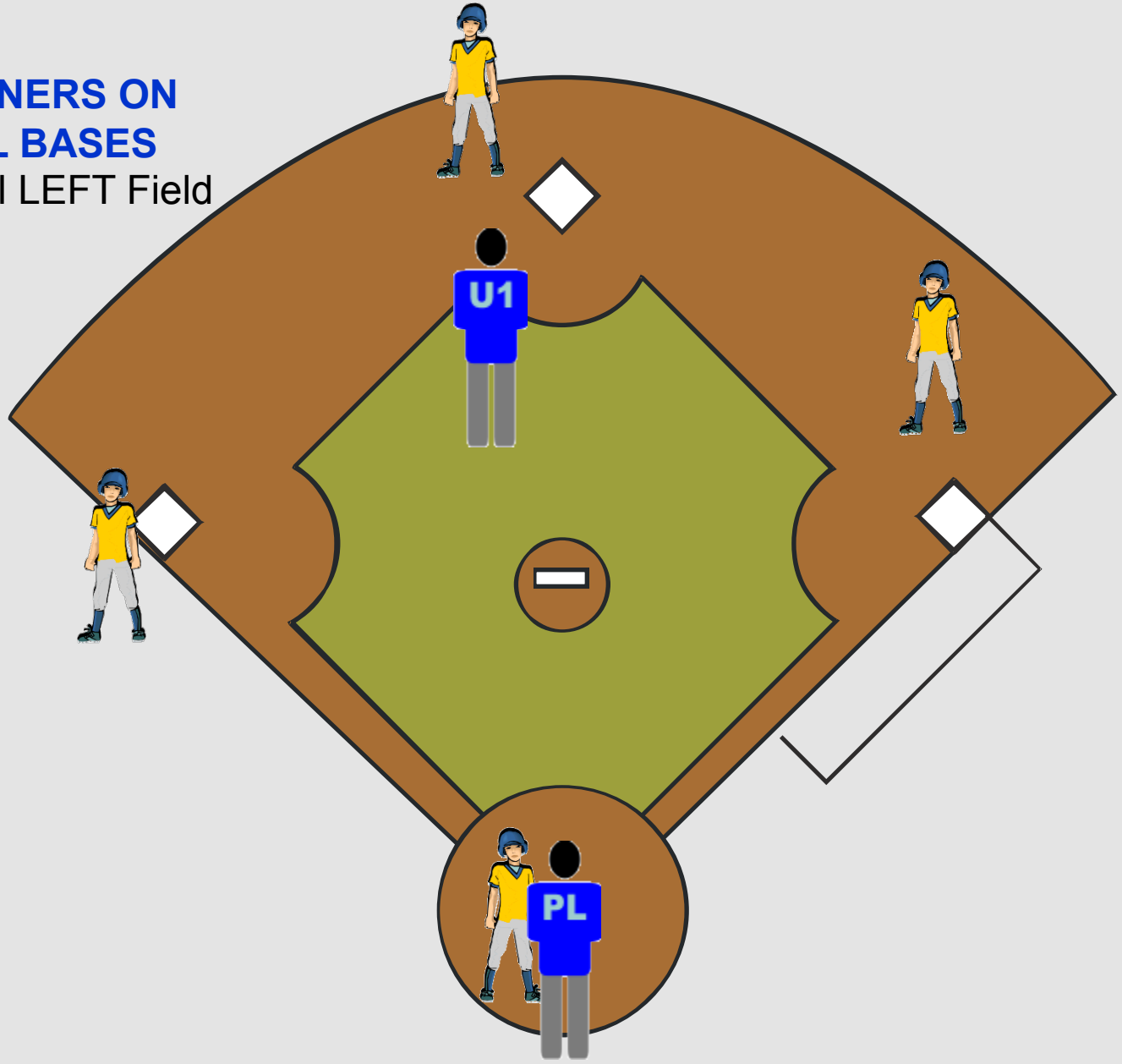

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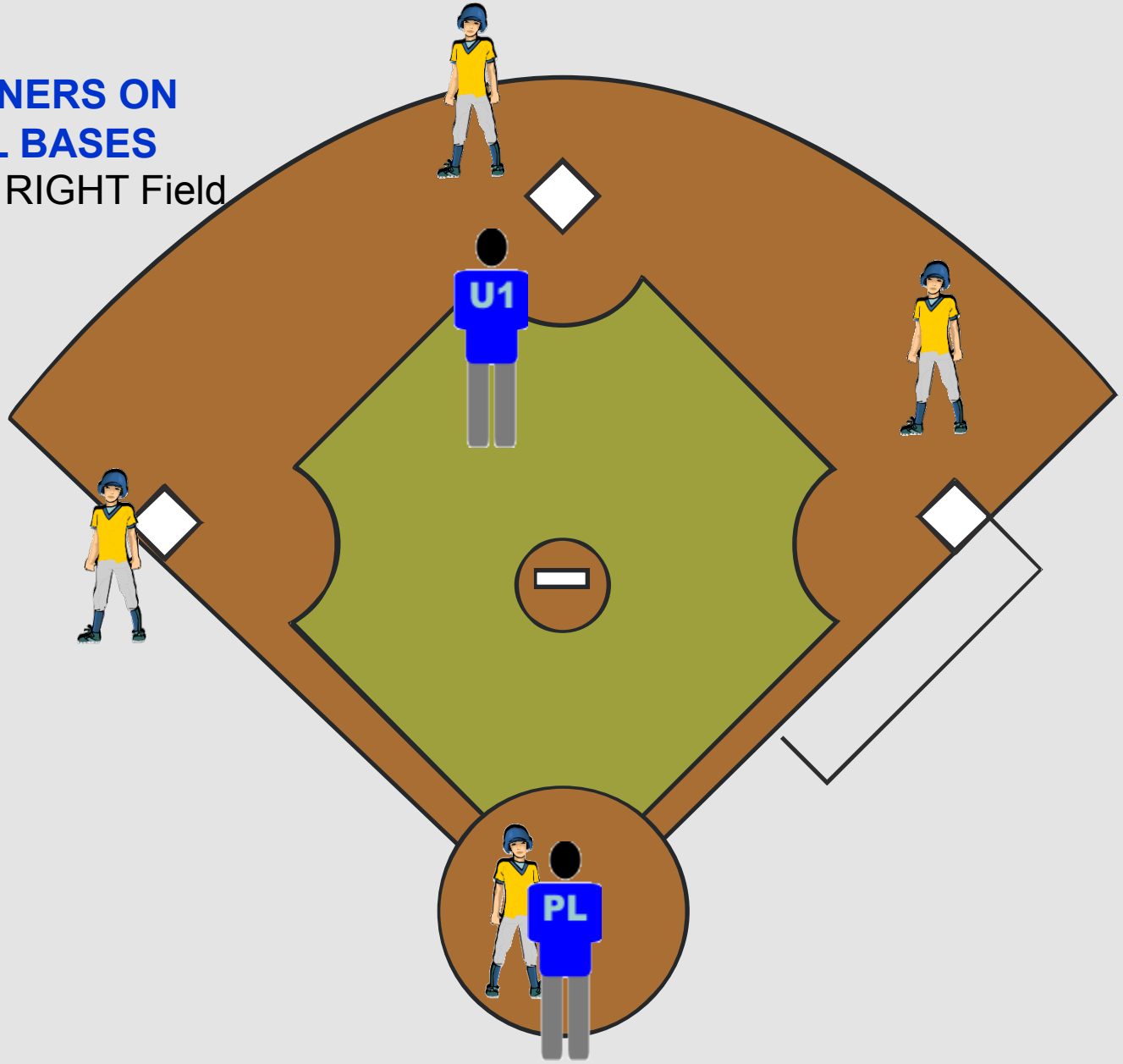

RUNNERS ON
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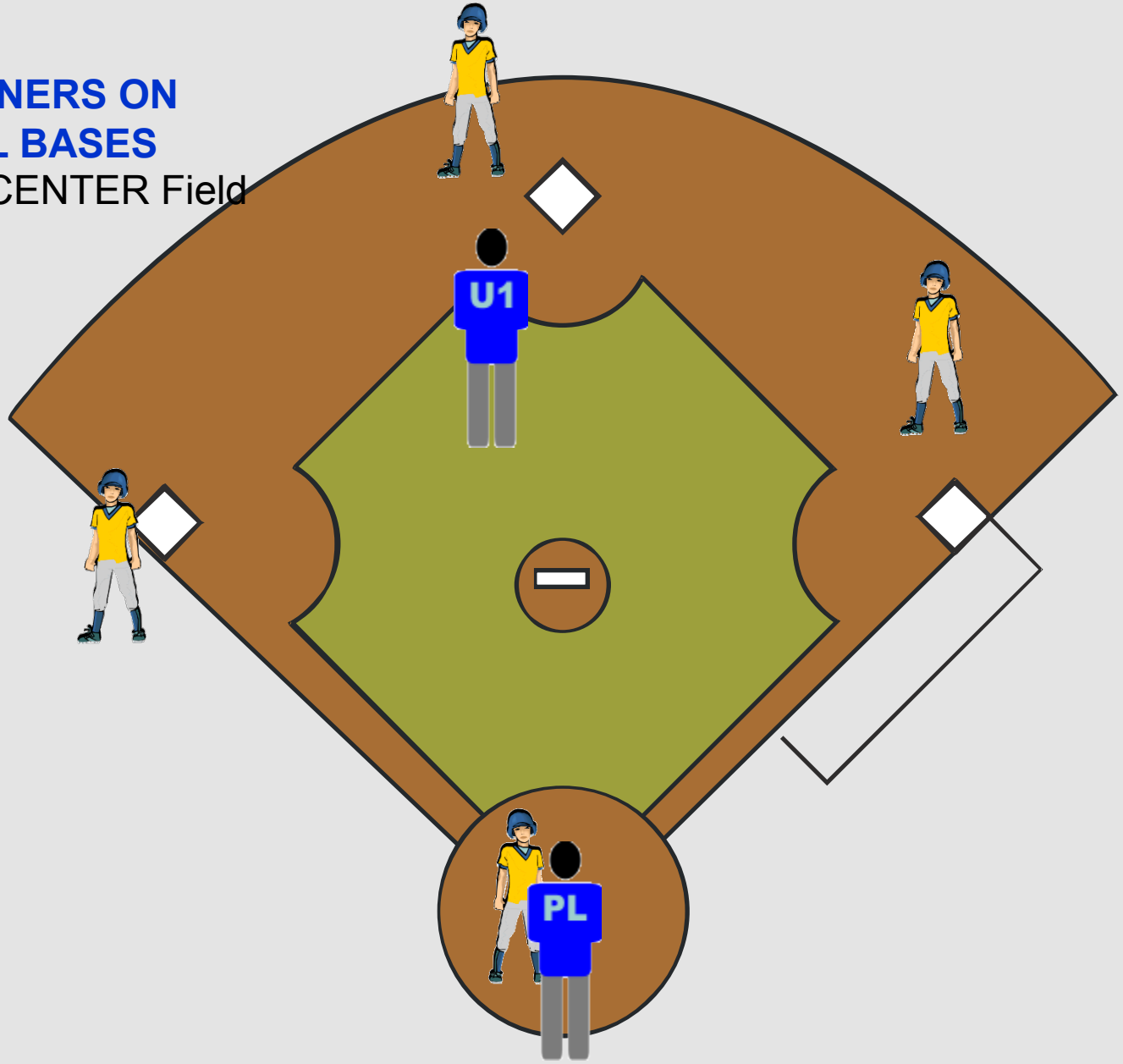
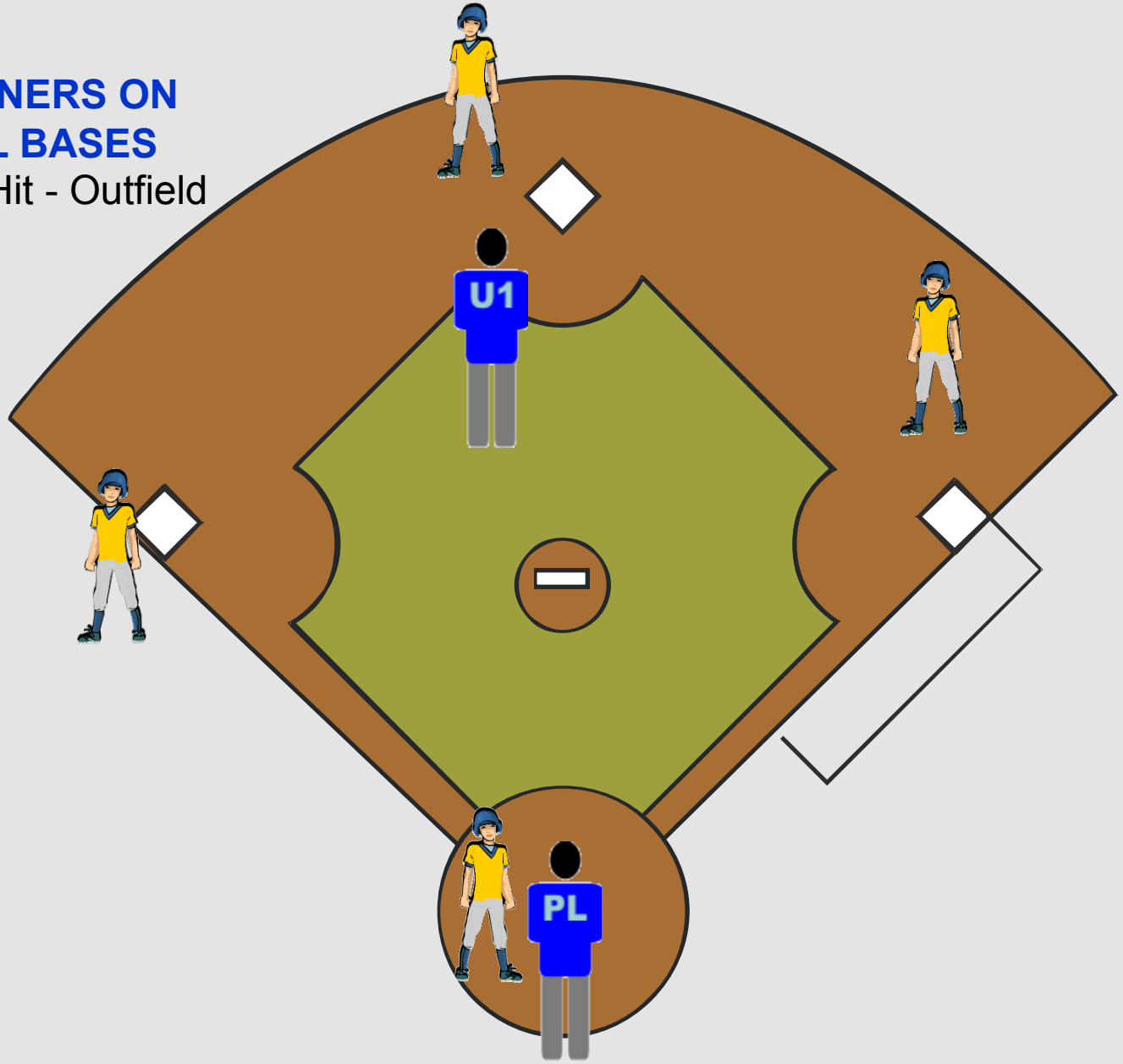


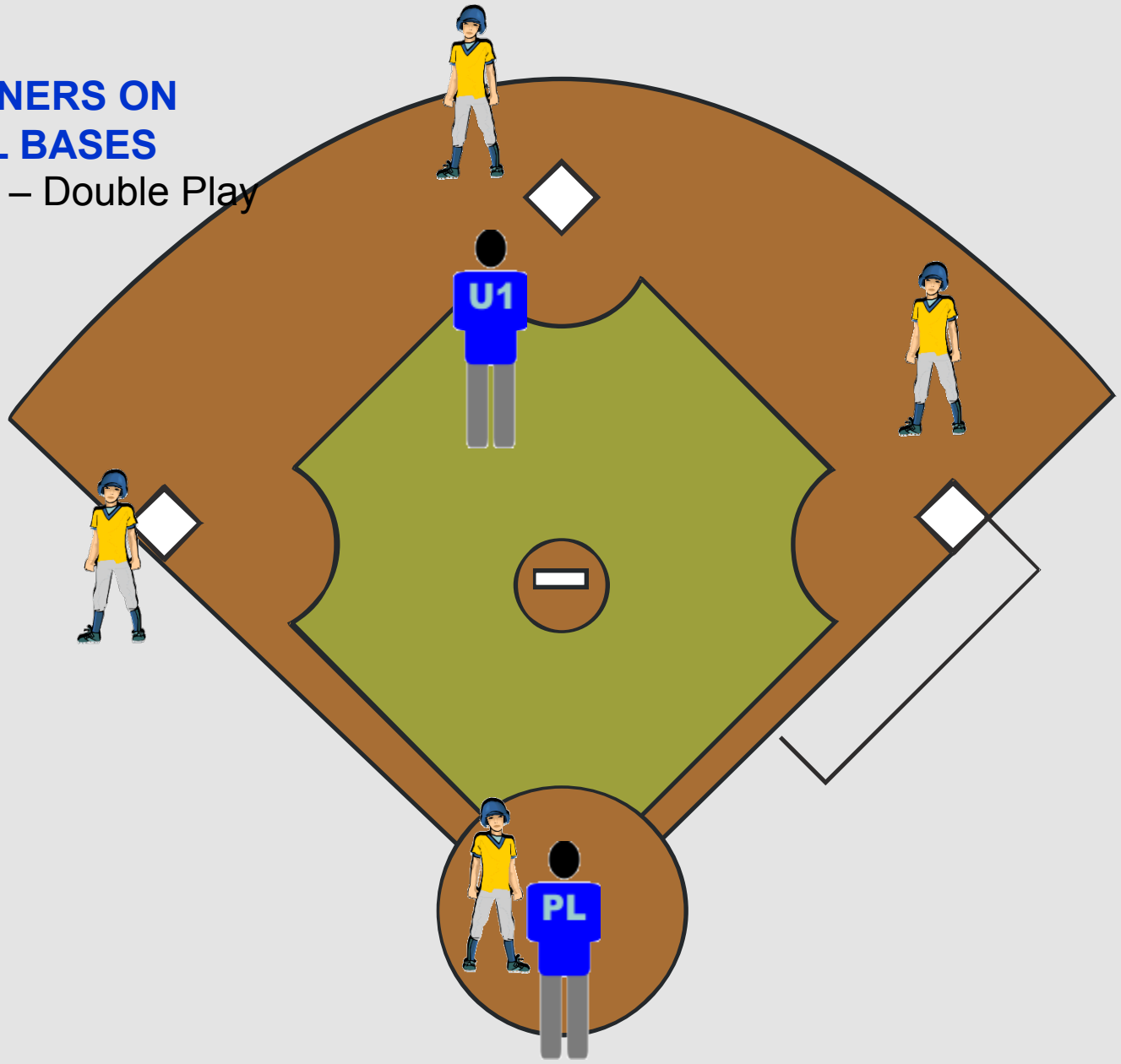
RUNNERS ON ALL BASES

Base Hit - Outfield



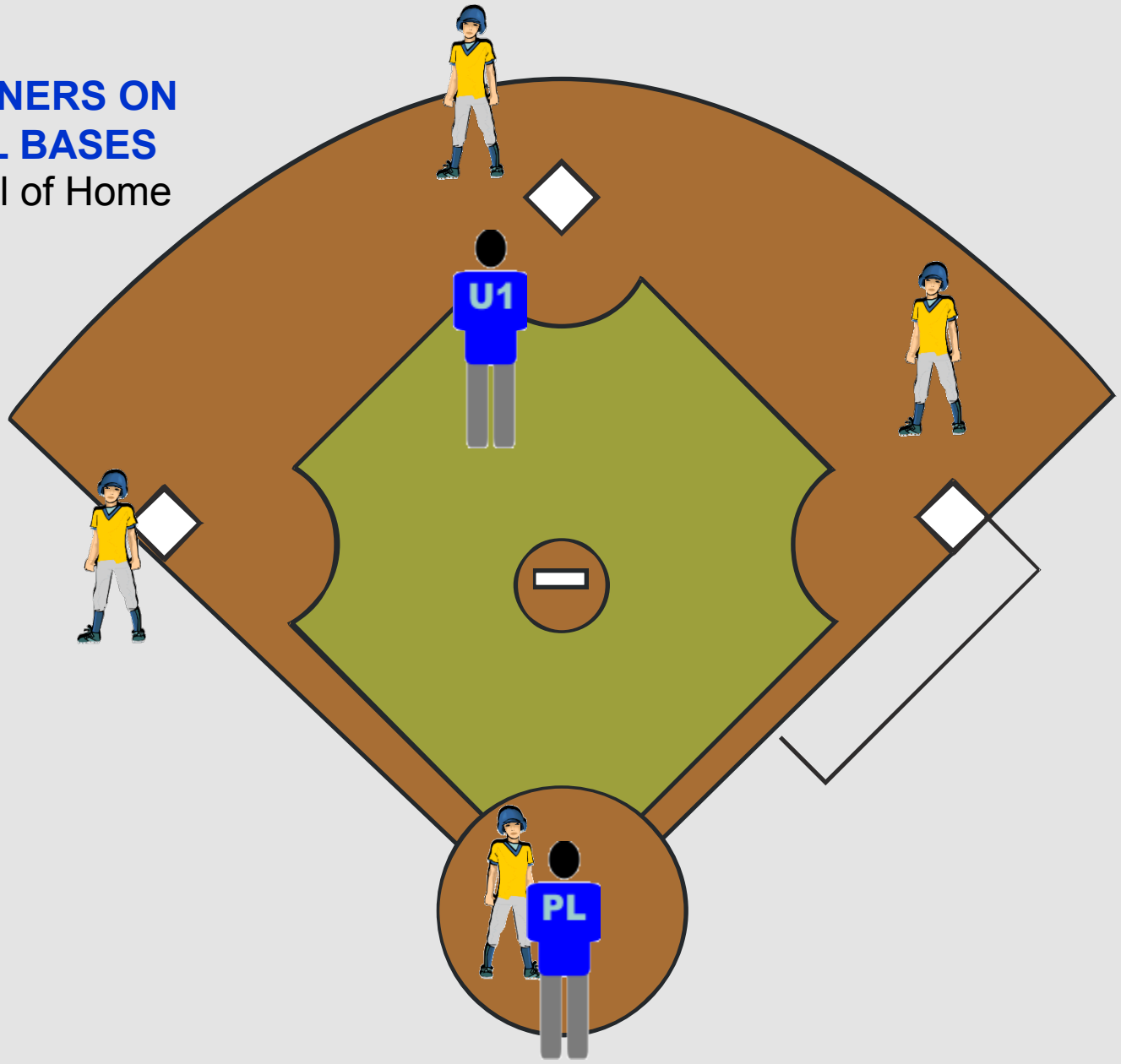
RUNNERS ON ALL BASES

Infield Hit – Double Play



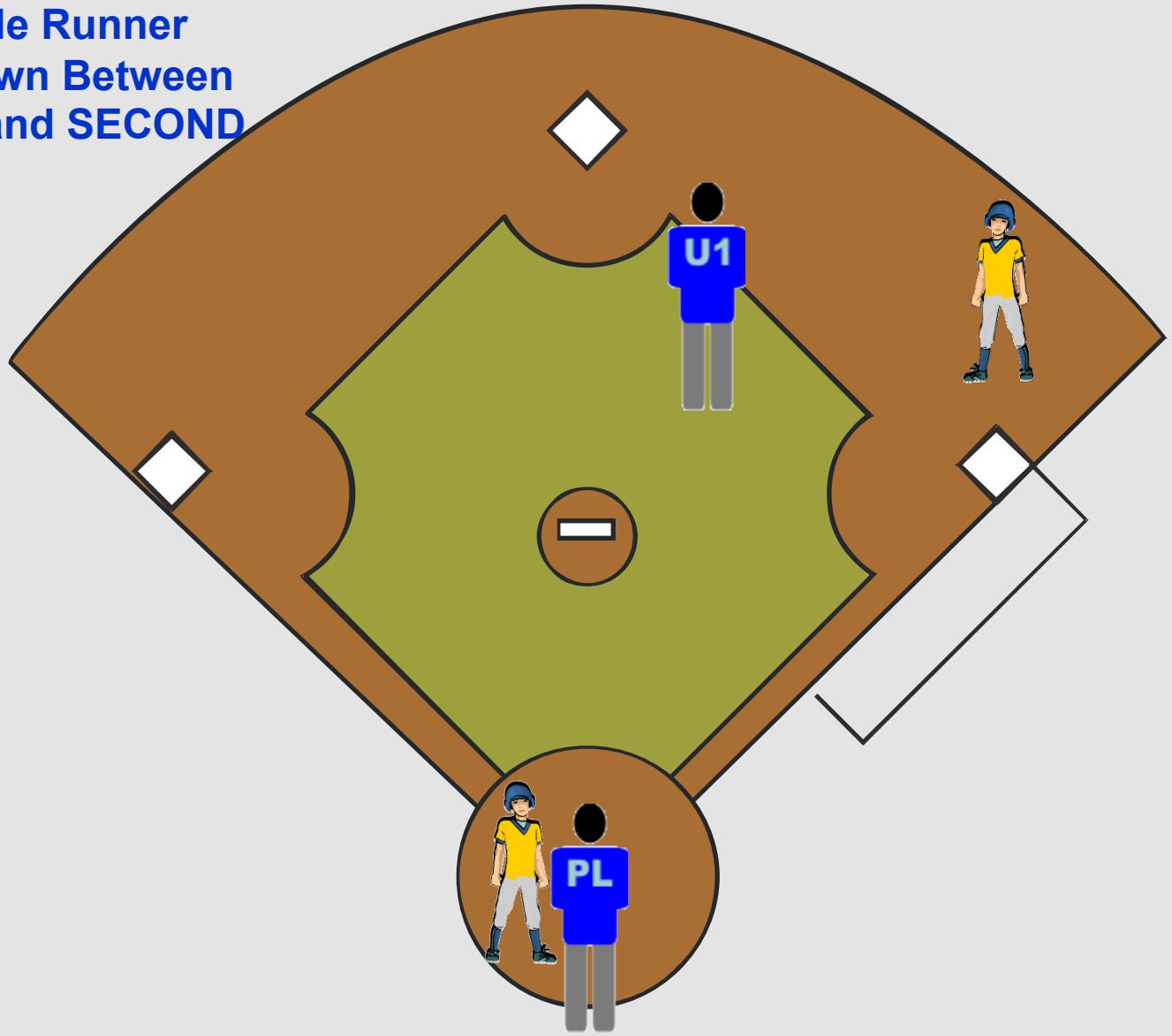
RUNNERS ON ALL BASES

Steal of Home



Handling Rundowns

Single Runner Rundown Between FIRST and SECOND



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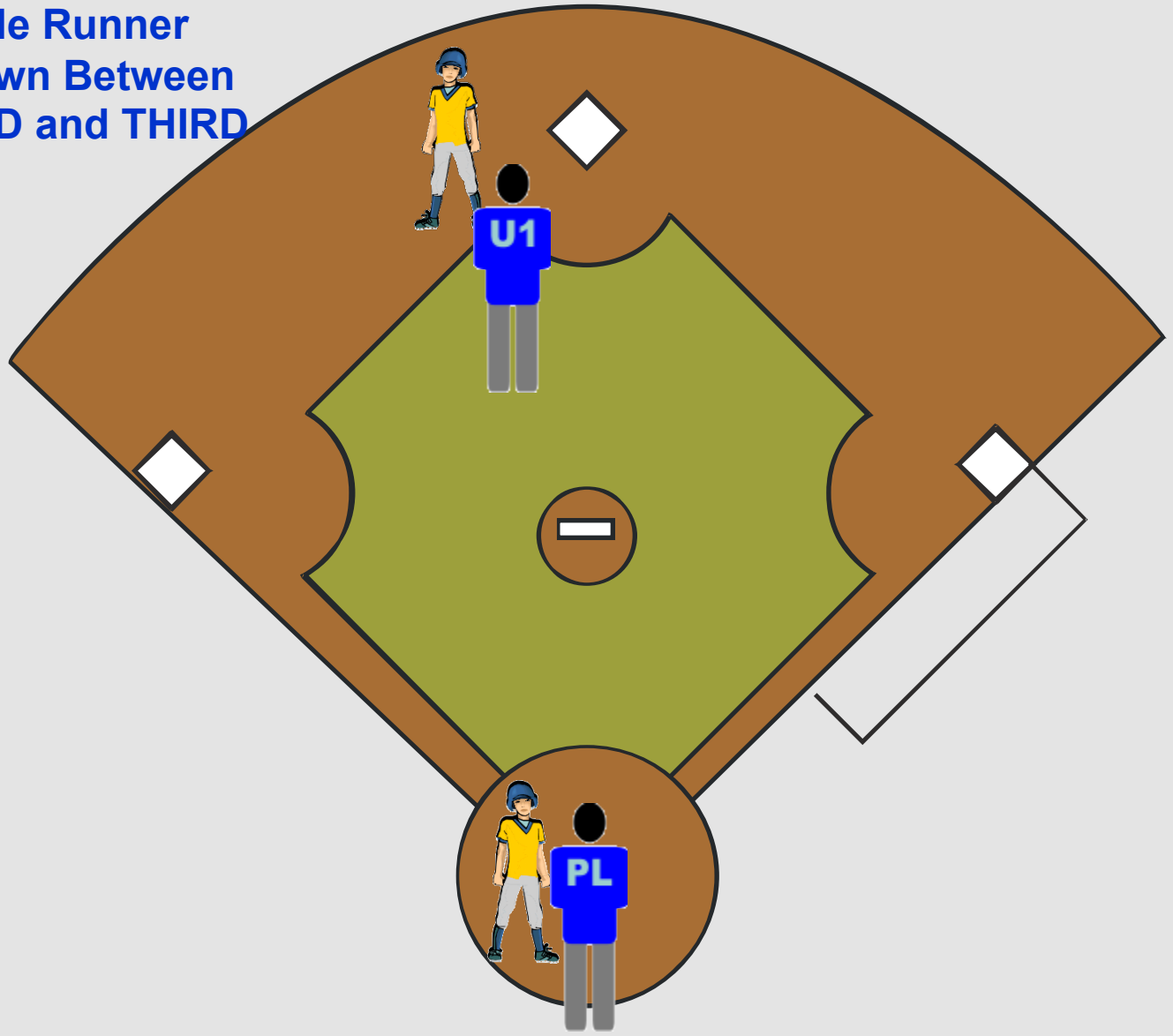

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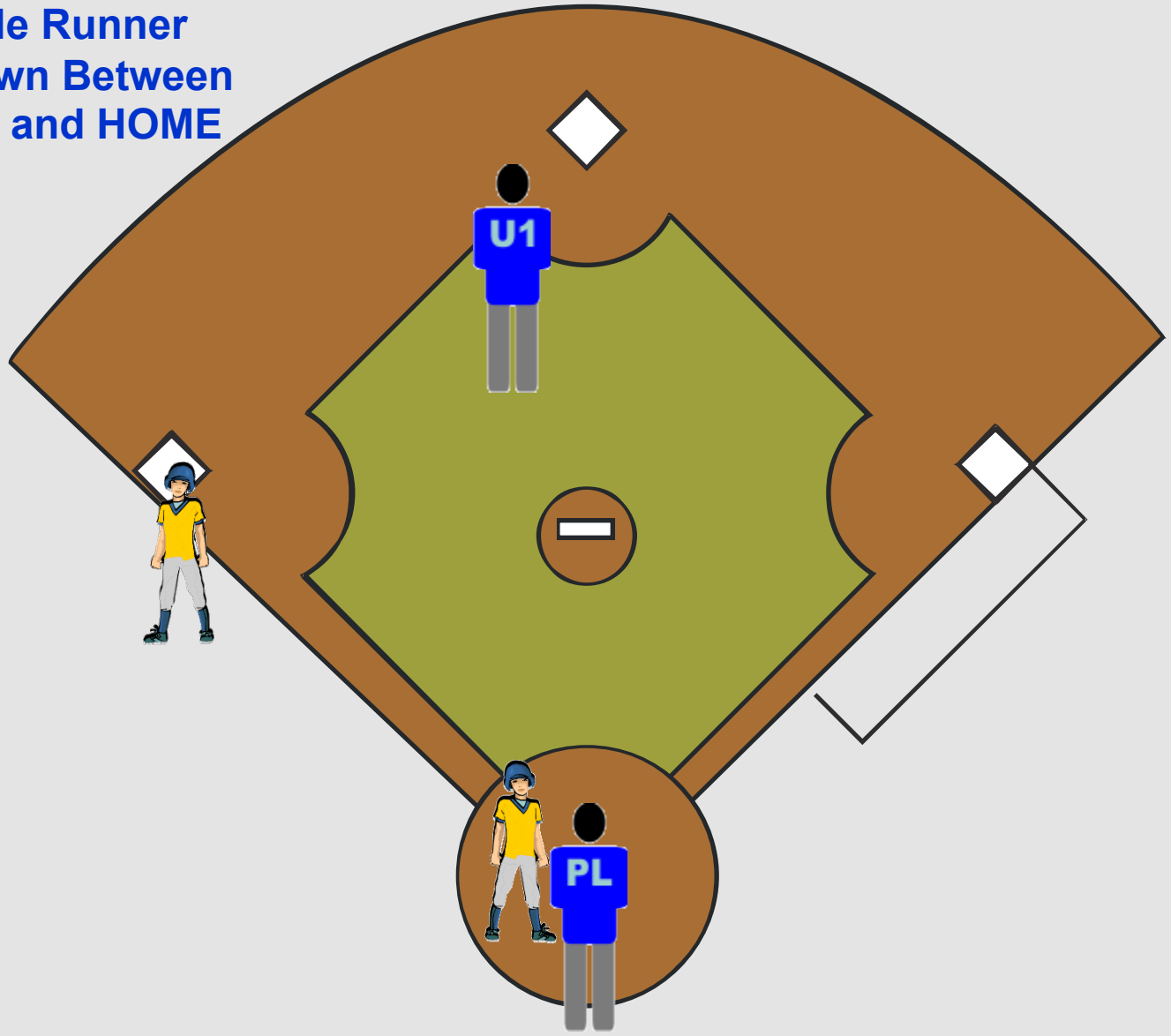

Runners on
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Rundown Between
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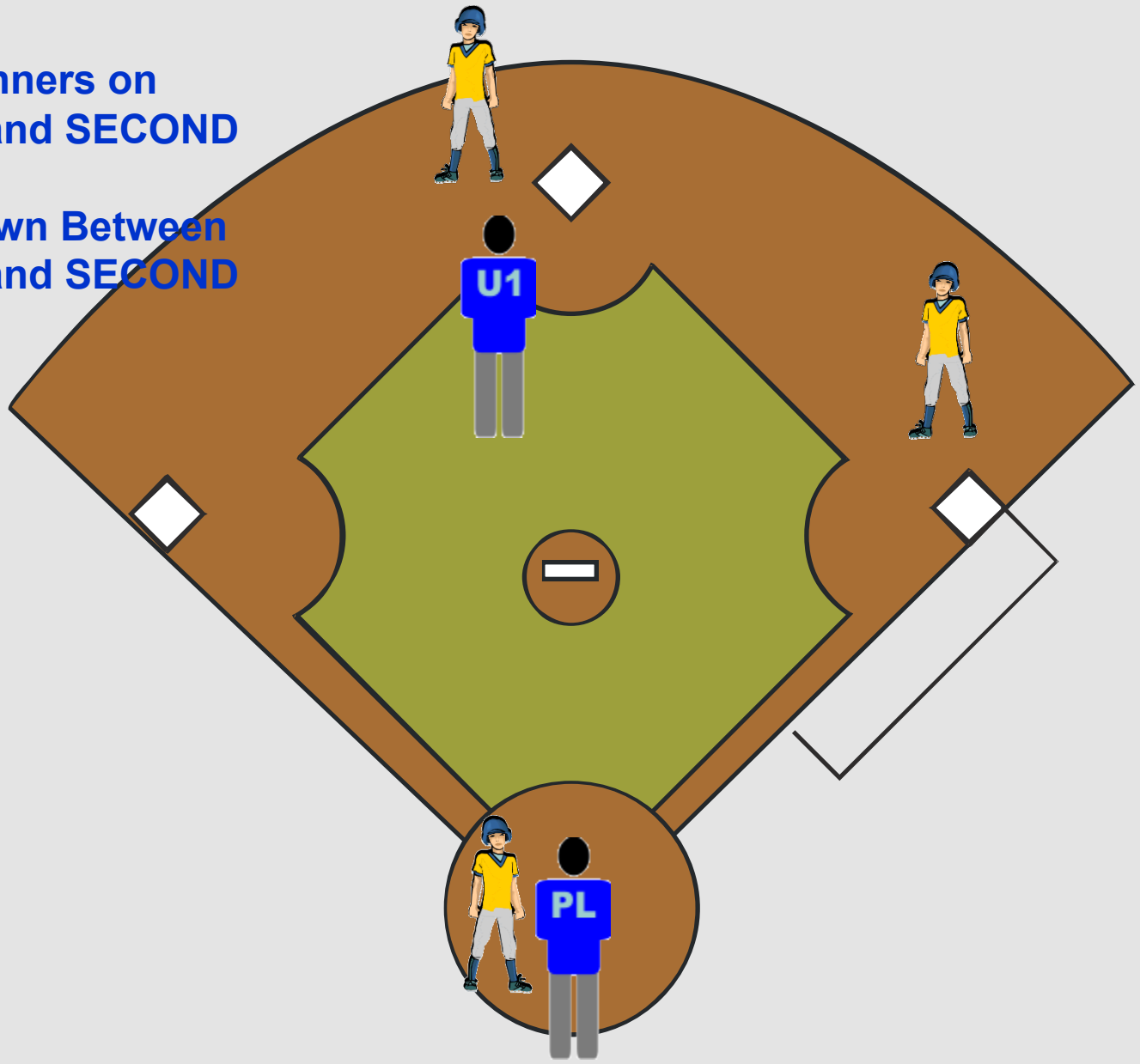

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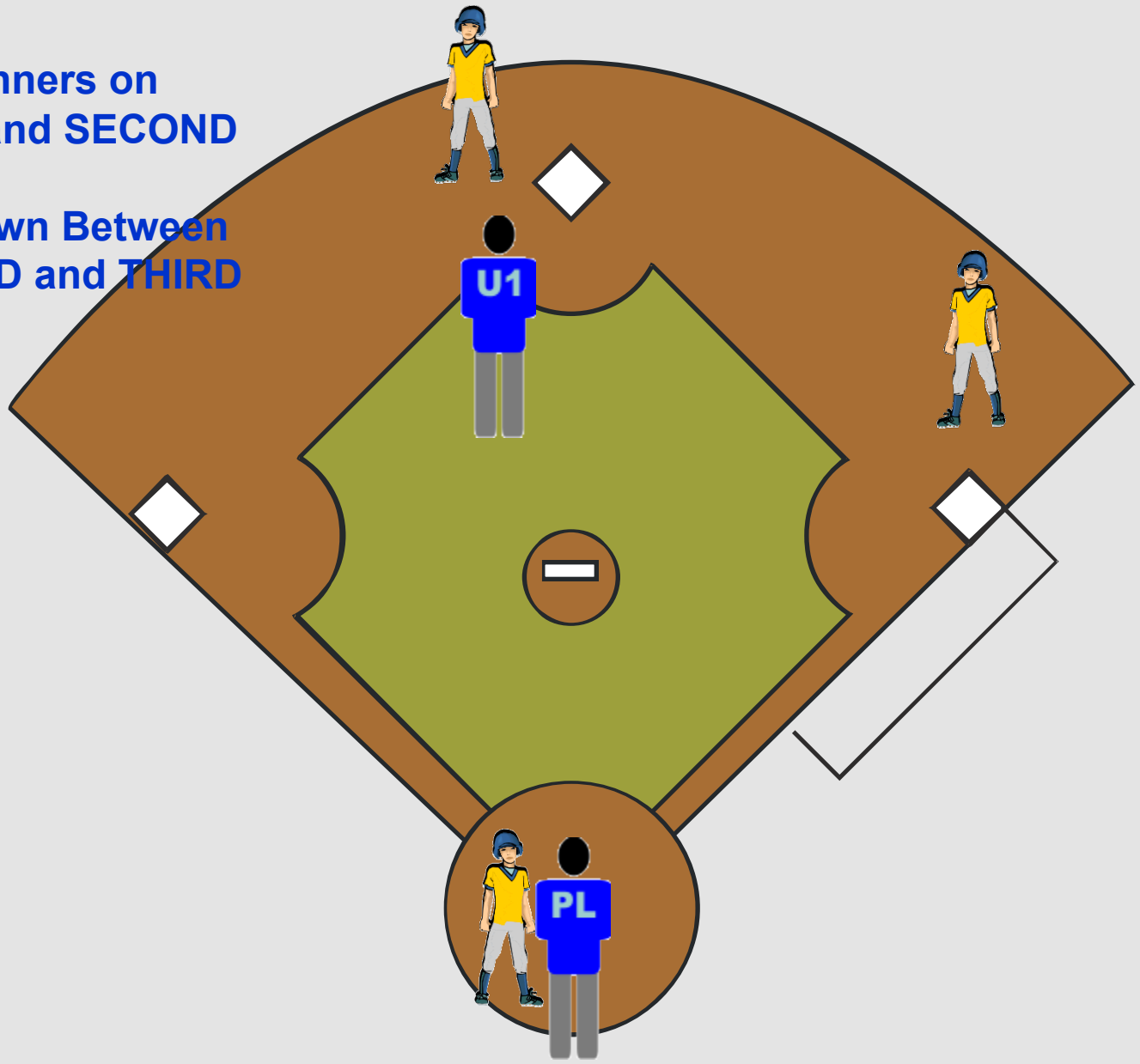

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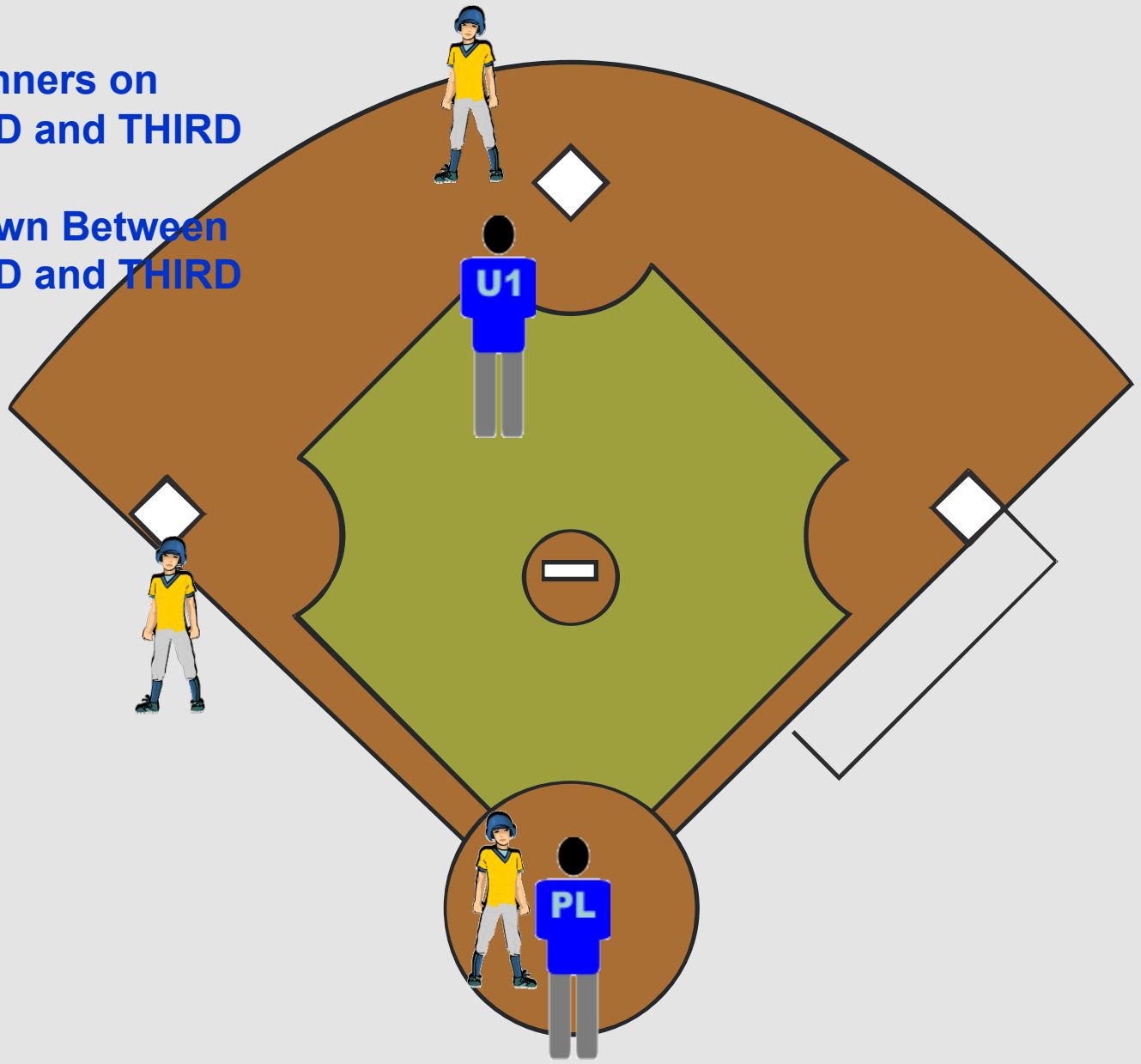

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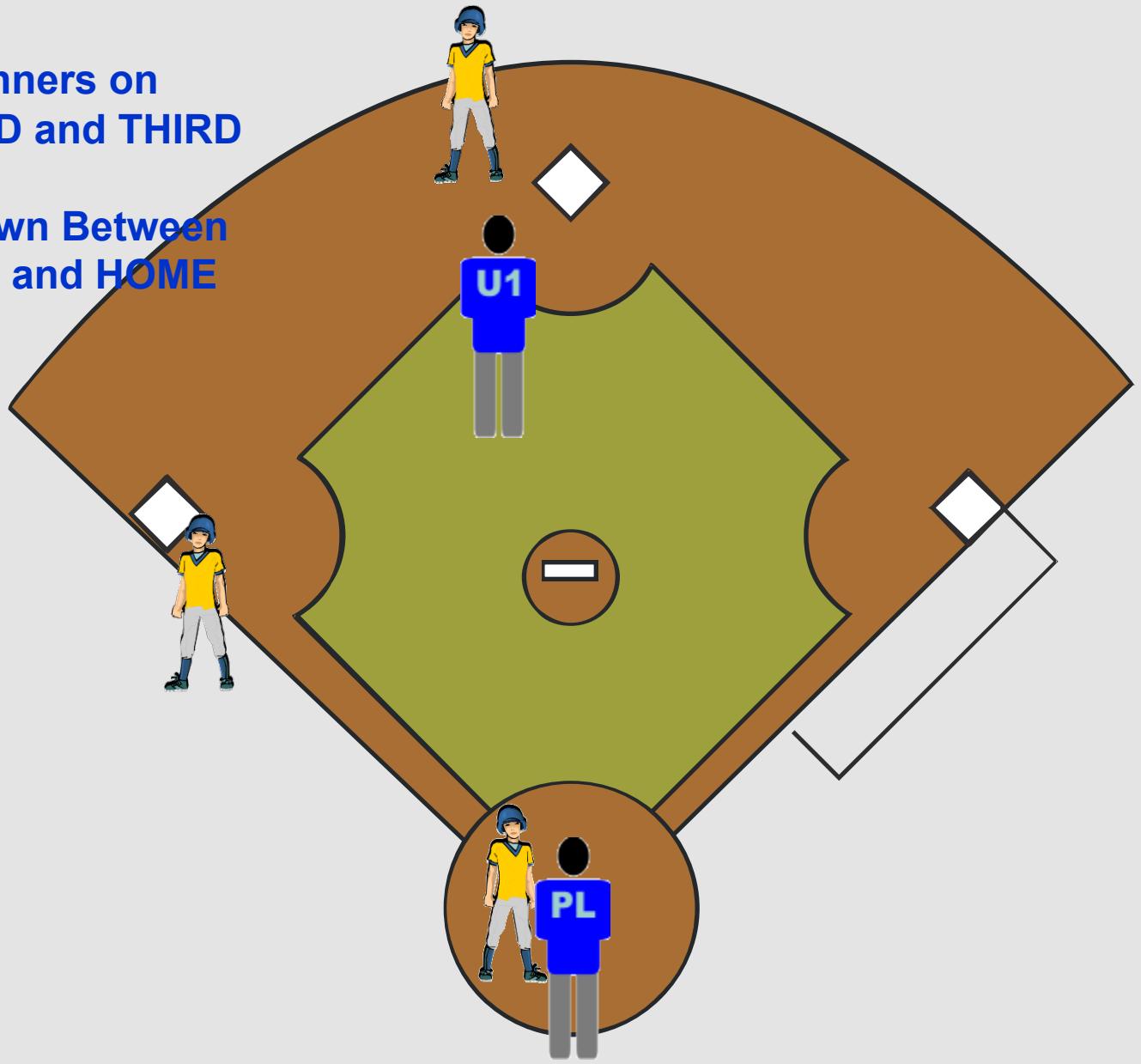
Rundown Between THIRD and HOME



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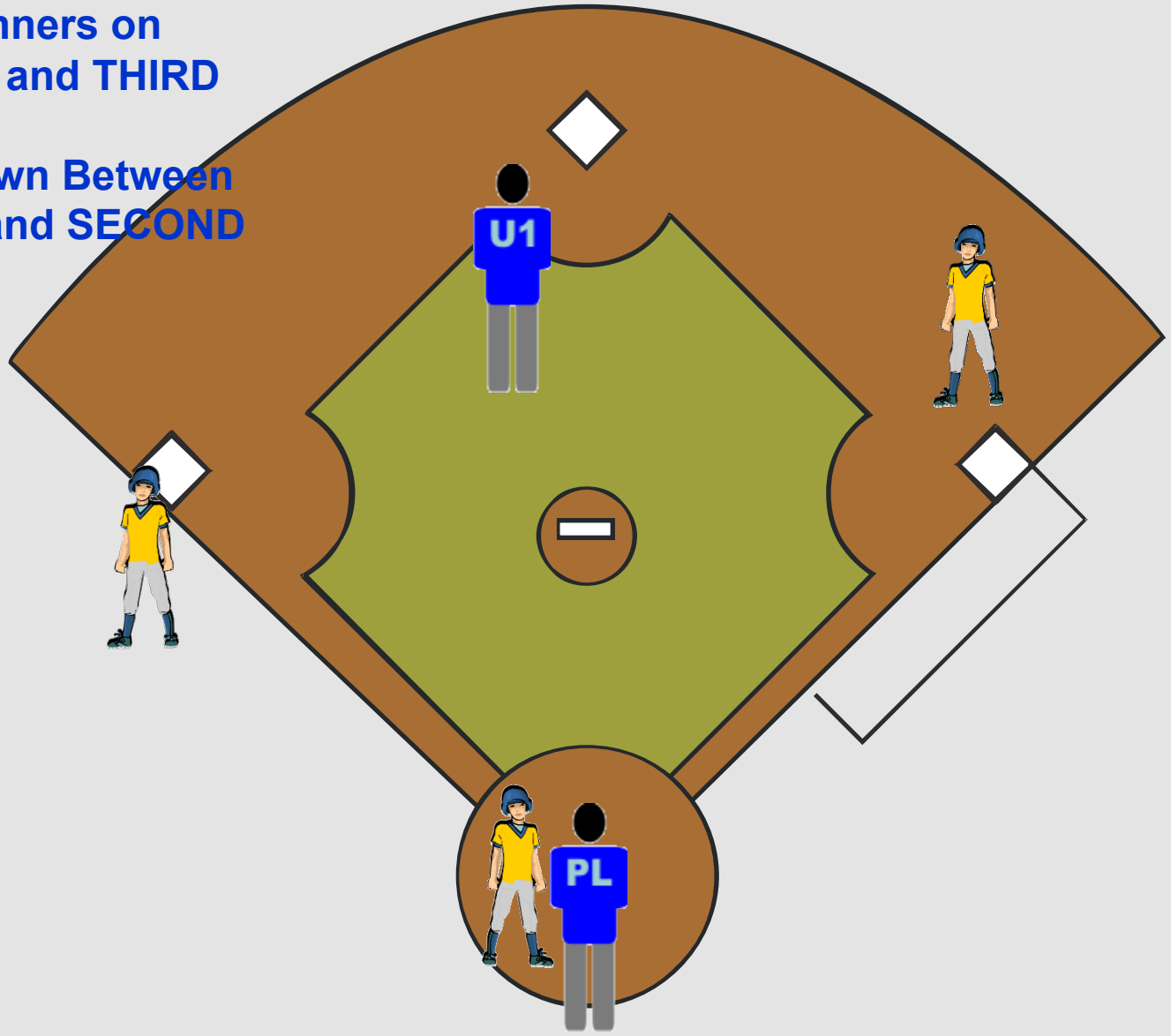

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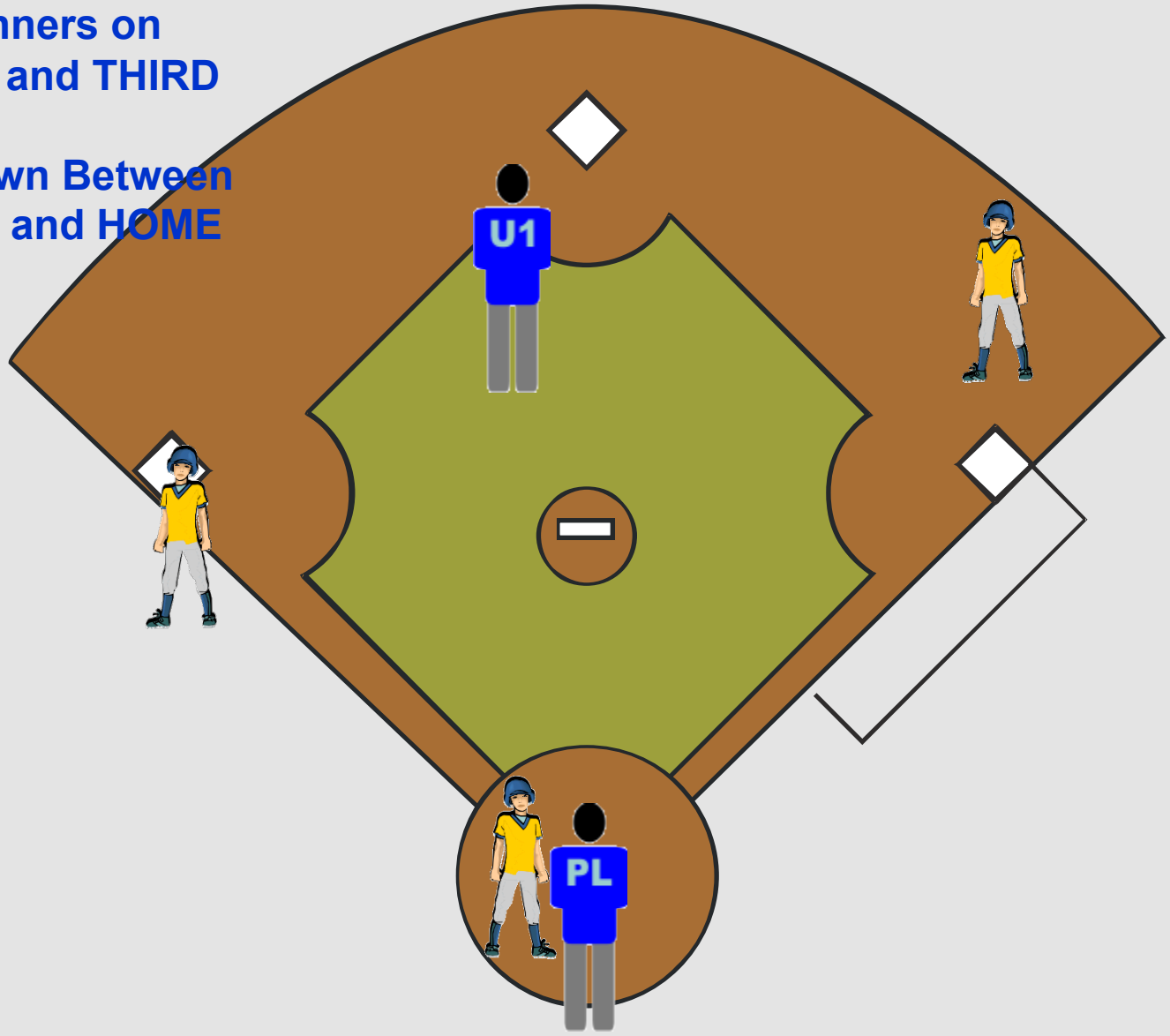

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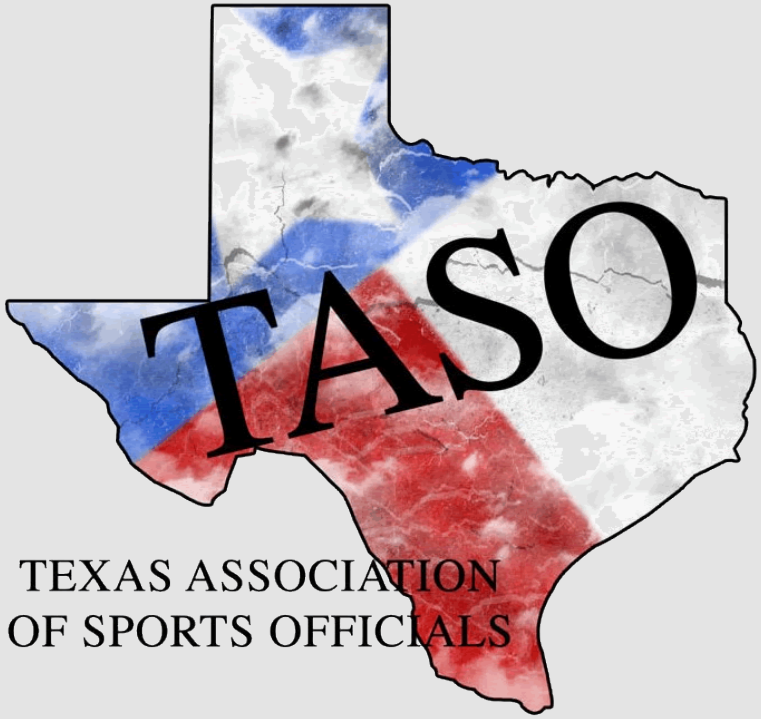
Pause - Read - React

Get in the Proper POSITION

Get Set - Observe It - Call It

Use Proper TIMING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