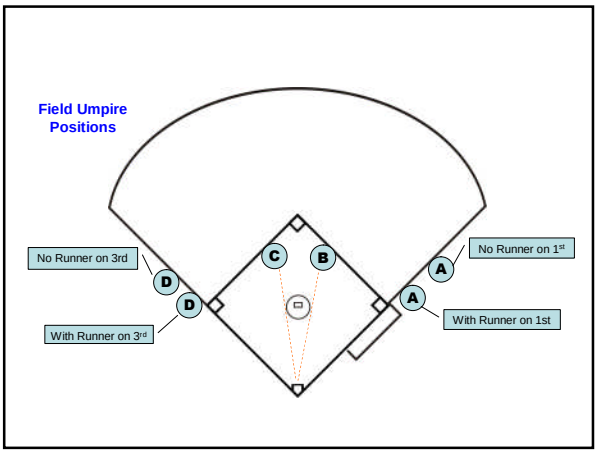
TASO - Baseball
Austin Chapter

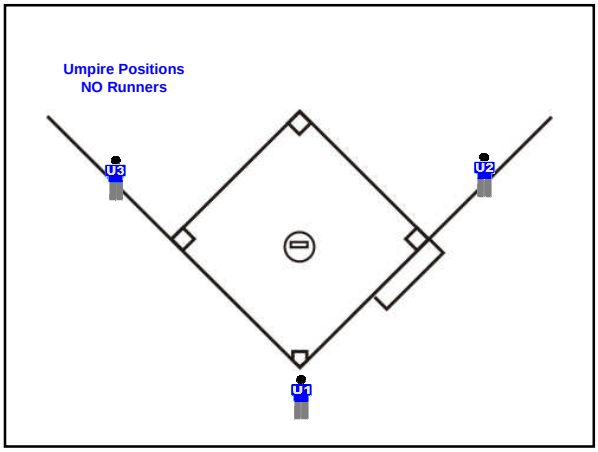
Three – Umpire Mechanics

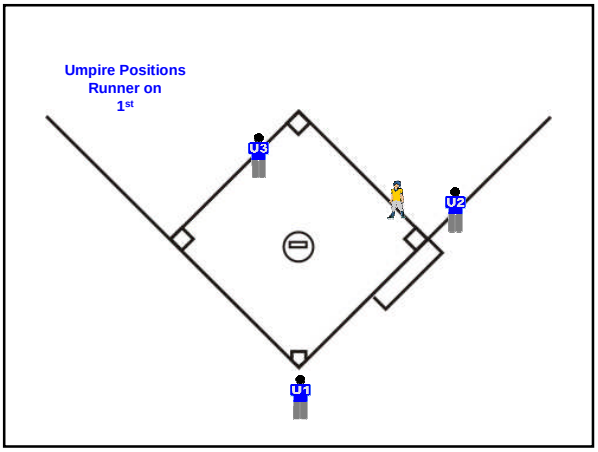
NFHS

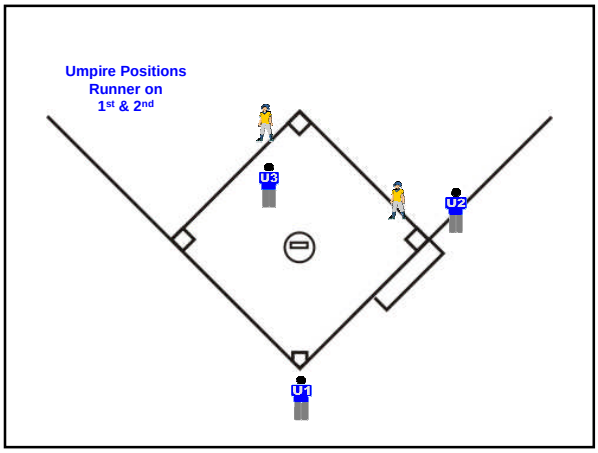
The objectives of 3-umpire mechanics

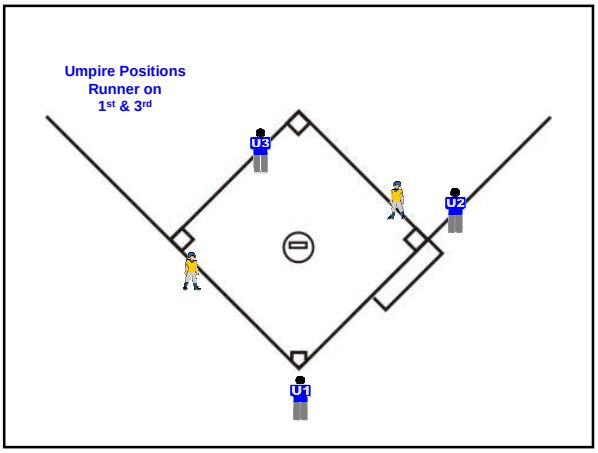
- Try to keep one umpire AHEAD of the lead runner
- If possible, "box" the runner between the three umpires



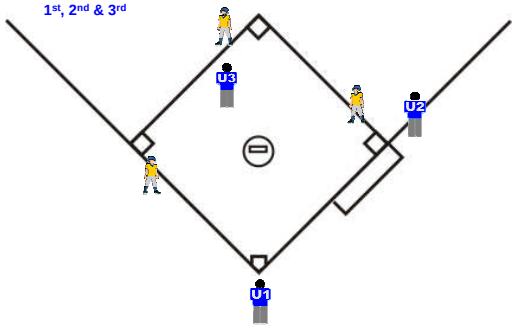








Umpire Positions
Runner on
1st, 2nd & 3rd



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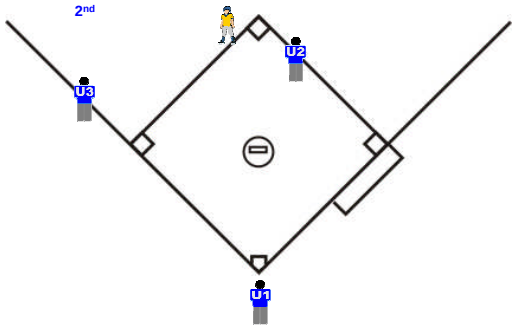
RUNNER on 1st

U2 will be in "A"
and
U3 will be in "C"

Umpire Positions
Runner on
2nd



Umpire Positions
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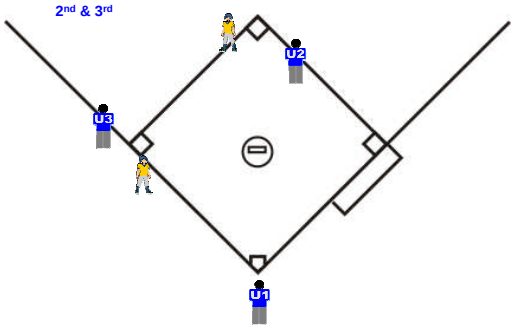

Anytime there is a
RUNNER on 2nd, but
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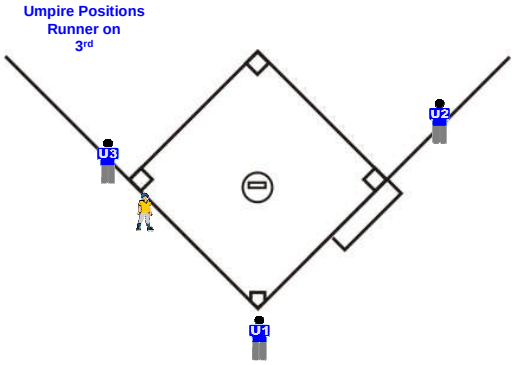
U2 will be in "B"
and
U3 will be in "D"

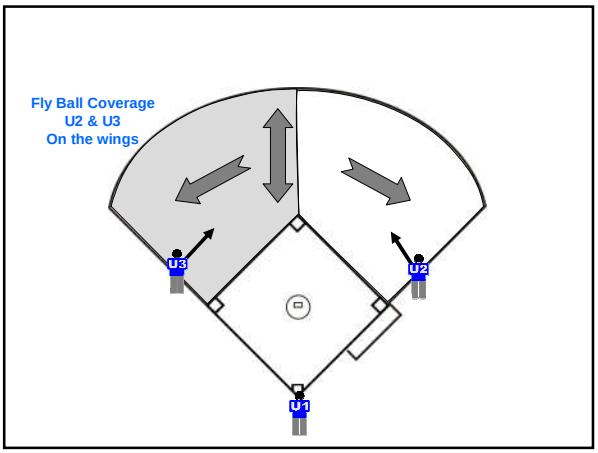
Umpire Positions
Runner on
3rd

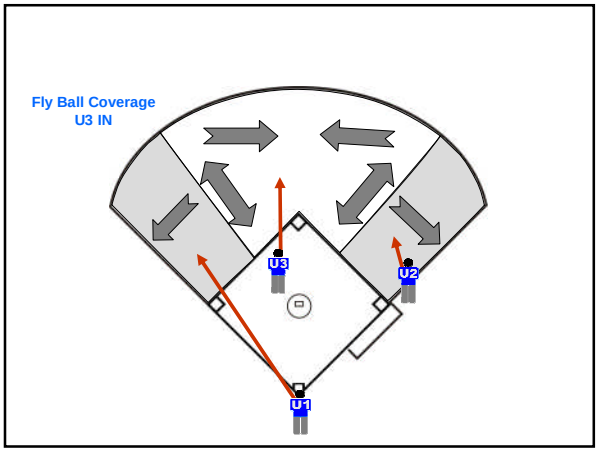


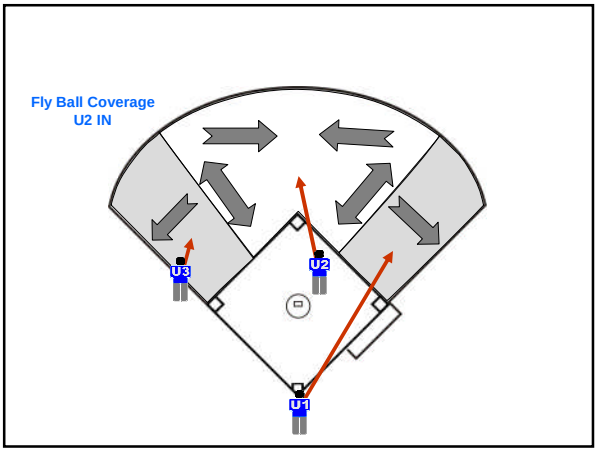
Anytime there is a

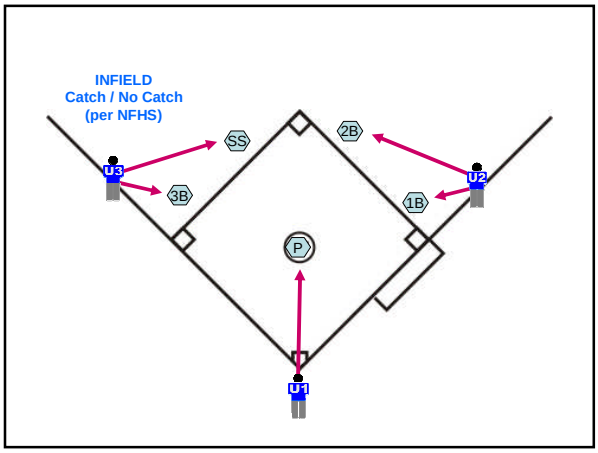
RUNNER on base OTHER THAN 1st

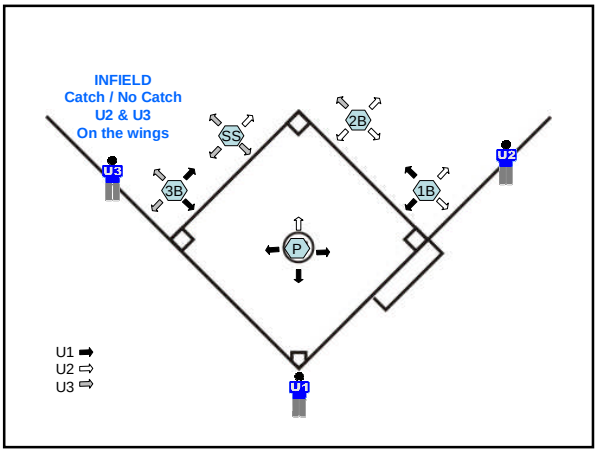
U3 will be in "D"

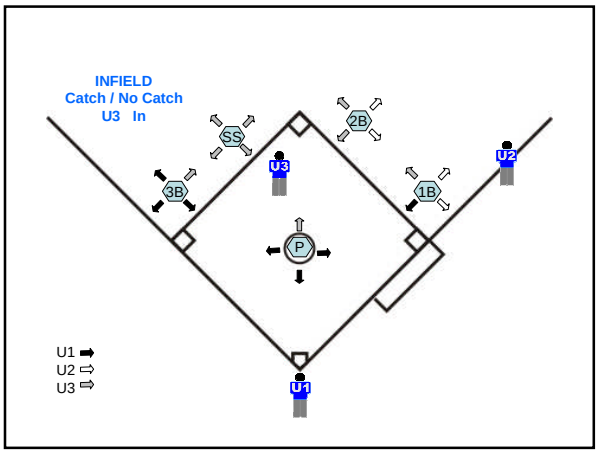


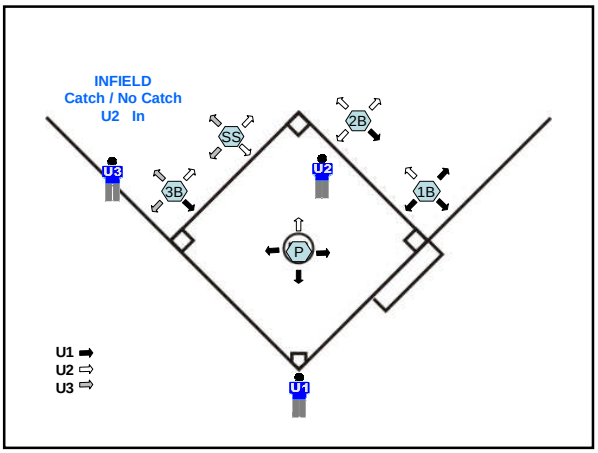









INFIELD
Catch / No Catch
U3 In
SS
2B
3B
1B
P
U3
U2
U1
U1
U2
U3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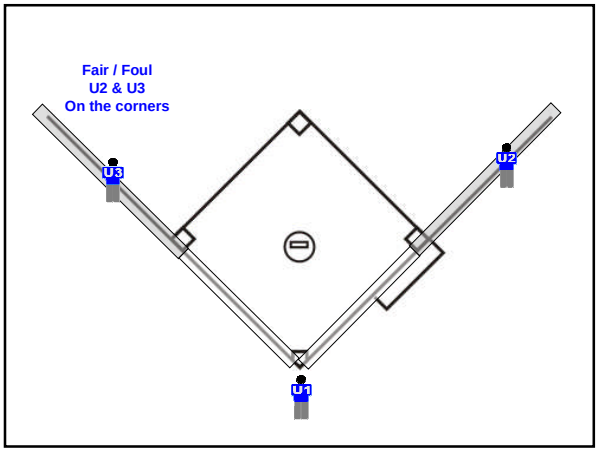
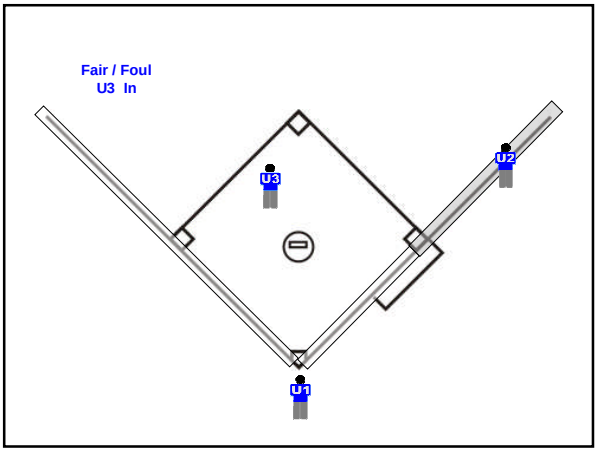

Fair / Foul
U2 & U3
On the corners
U3
U2
U1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U3
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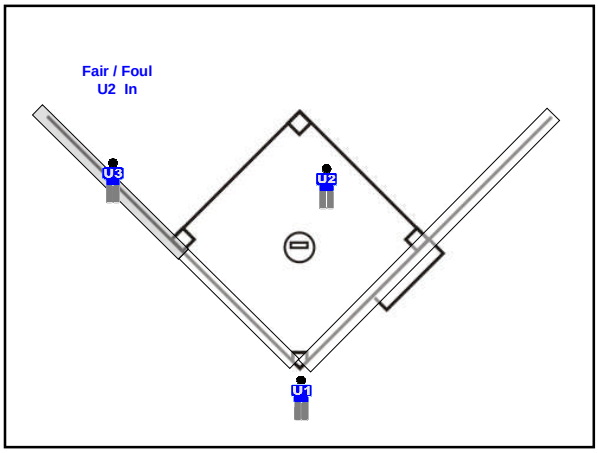
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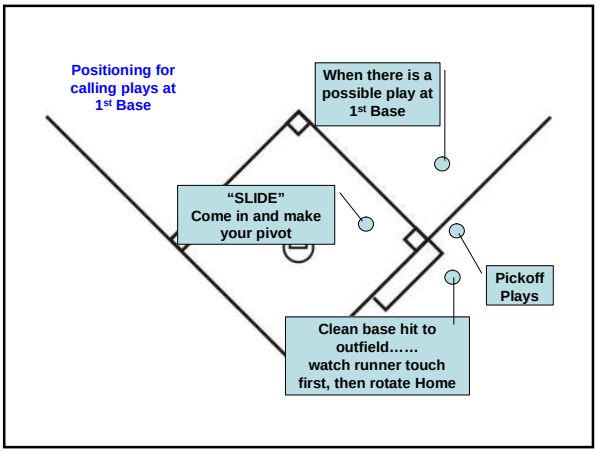
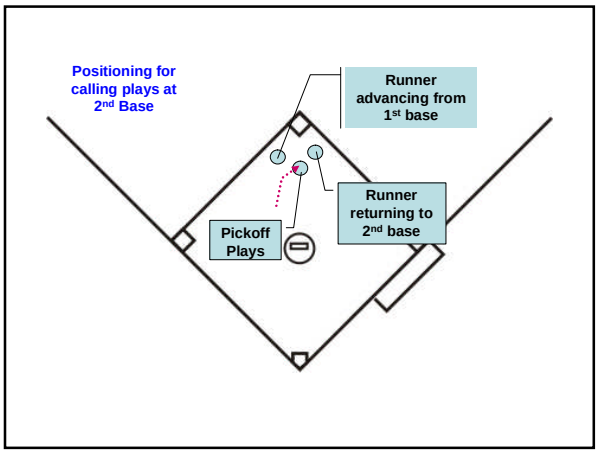
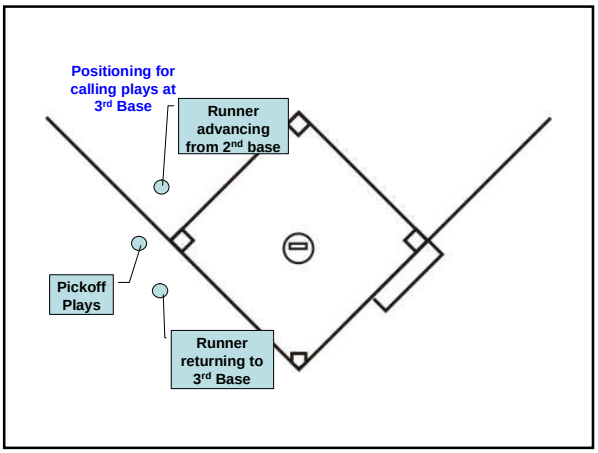
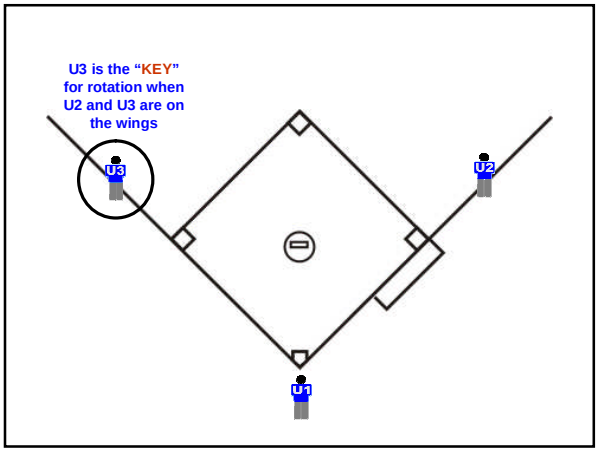
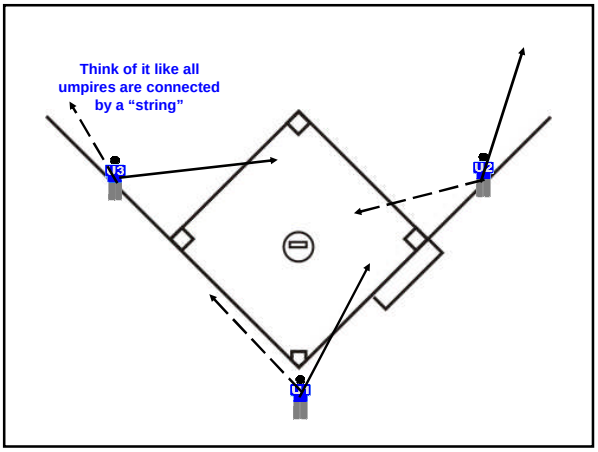

Positioning for calling plays at 1st Base
When there is a possible play at 1st Base
"SLIDE" Come in and make your pivot
Pickoff Plays
Clean base hit to outfield…… watch runner touch first, then rotate Home



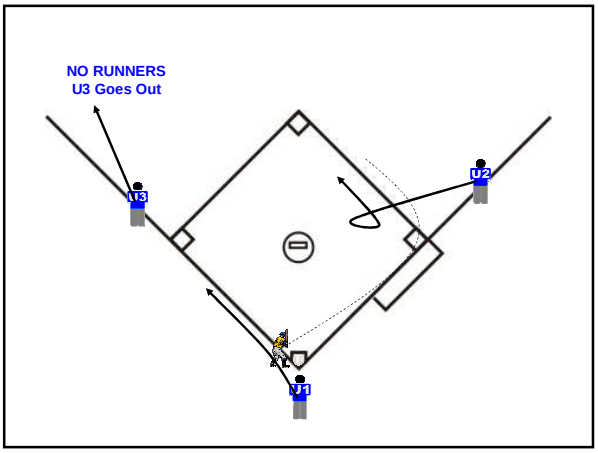




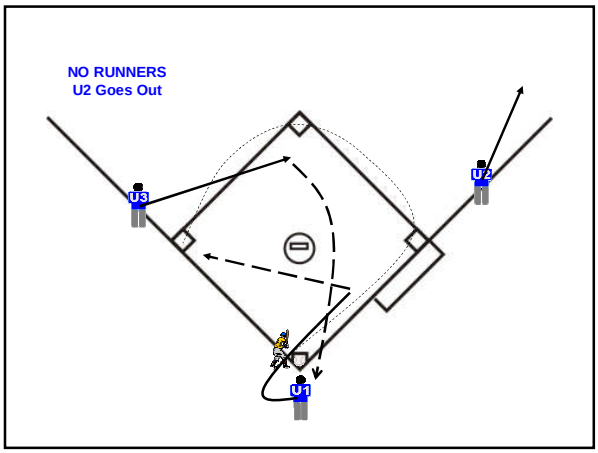


If you GO OUT

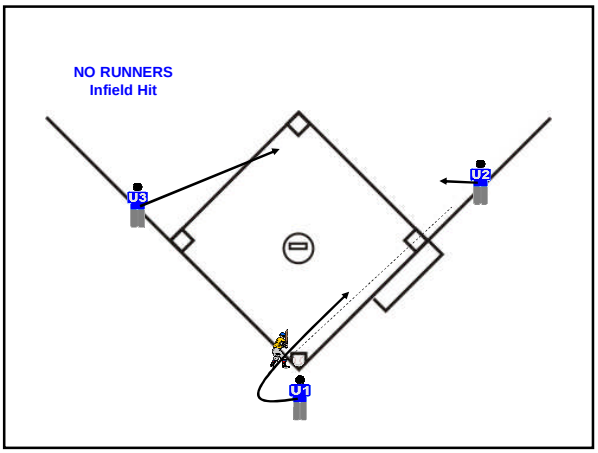
You ***STAY OUT***



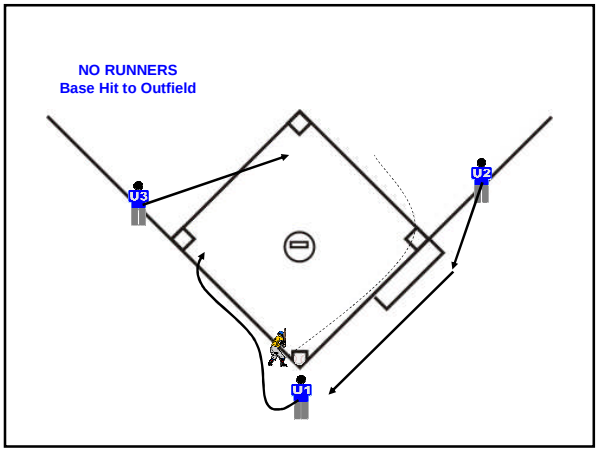
NO RUNNERS
U2 Goes Out



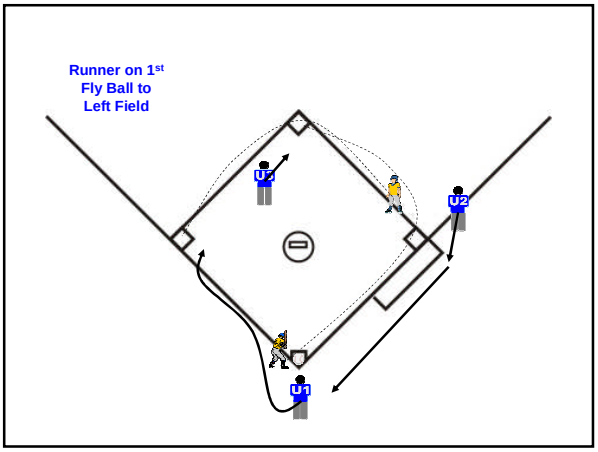
NO RUNNERS
Infield Hit



NO RUNNERS
Base Hit to Outfield



Runner on 1st
Fly Ball to
Left Field



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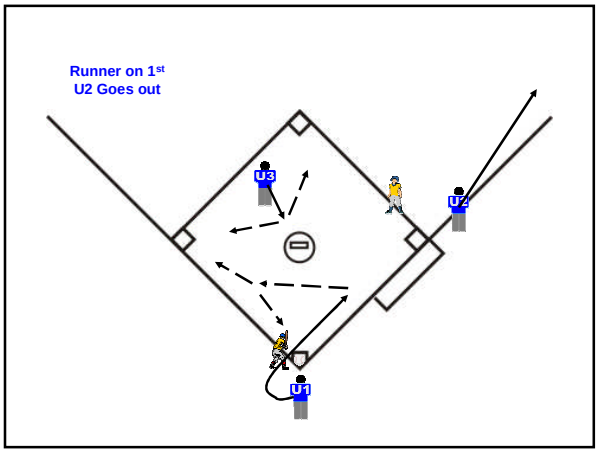
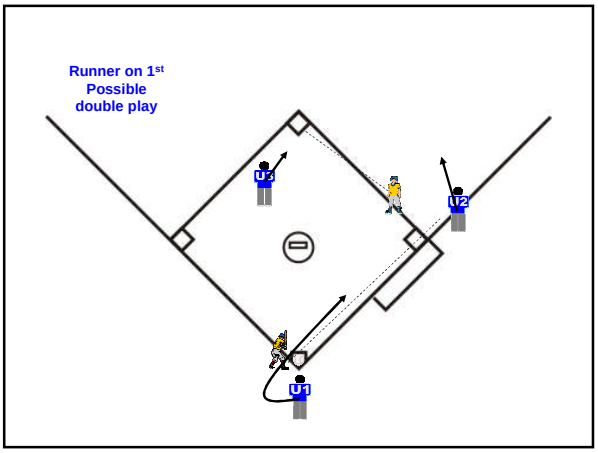
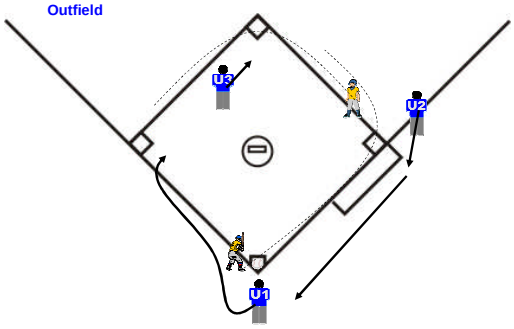


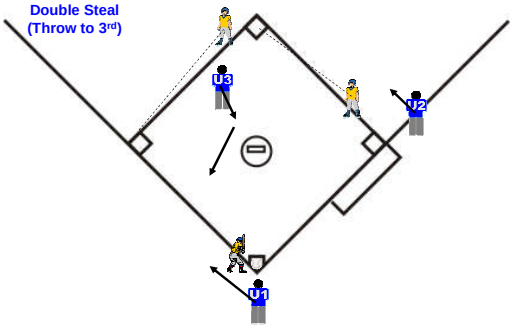
Runner on 1st
Possible
double play



Runner on 1st Base Hit to Outfield



Runner on 1st & 2nd Double Steal (Throw to 3rd)



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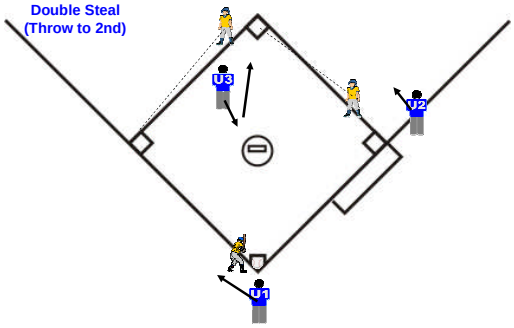

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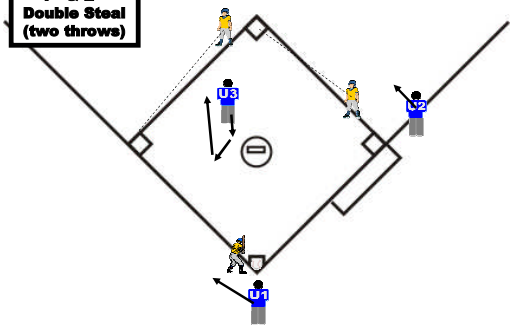
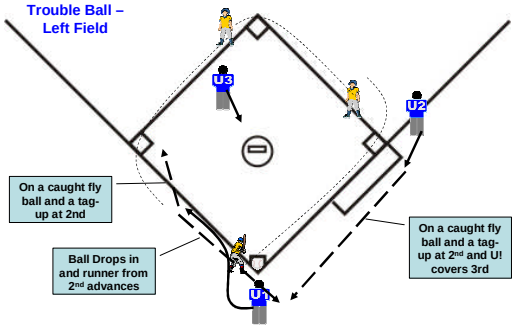


Runner on 1st & 2nd Trouble Ball – Left Field



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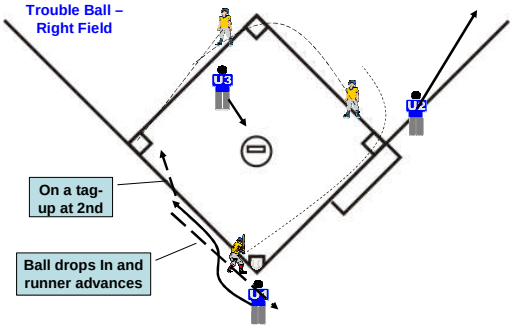
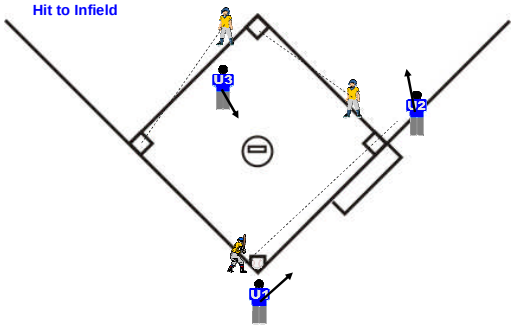
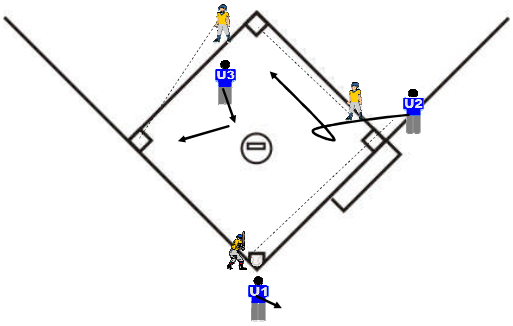


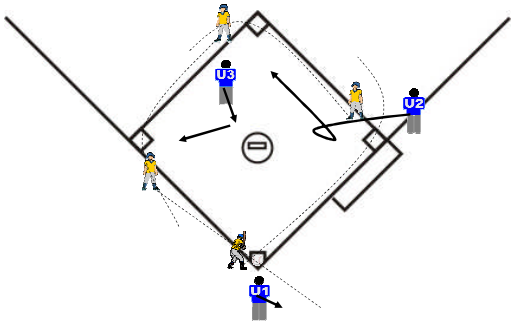
Runner on
1st & 2nd
Hit to Infield



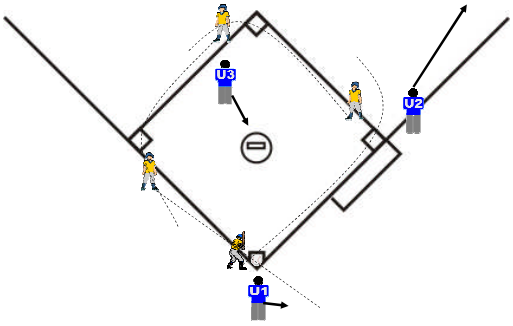
Runners 1st & 2nd
Base hit to outfield



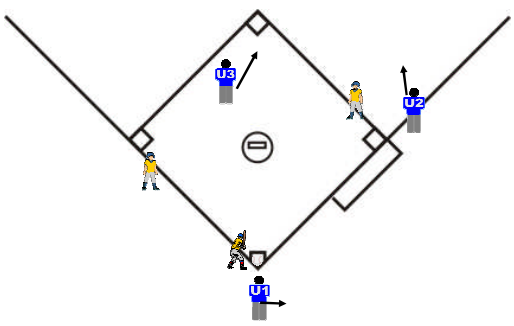
Bases Loaded
Base hit to outfield



Bases Loaded
Fly ball to right field



Runner 1st and 3rd
Infield Hit



Runner 1st and 3rd
Base Hit to
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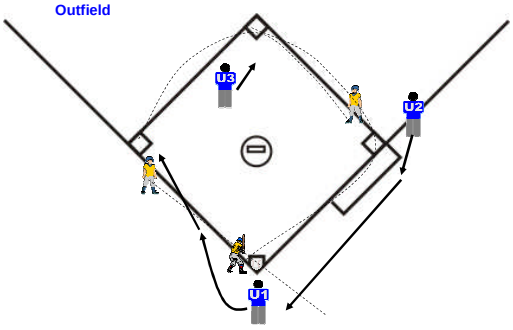
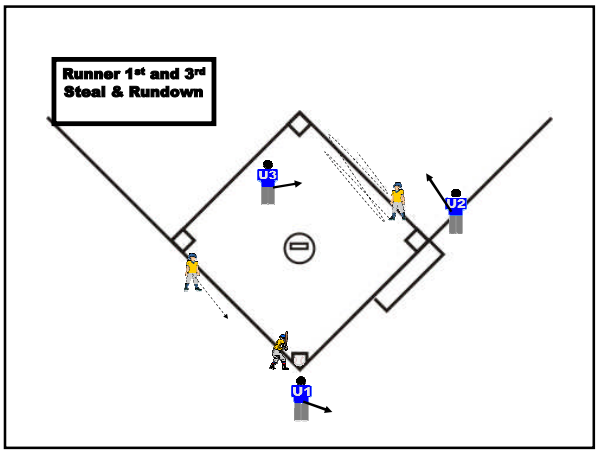
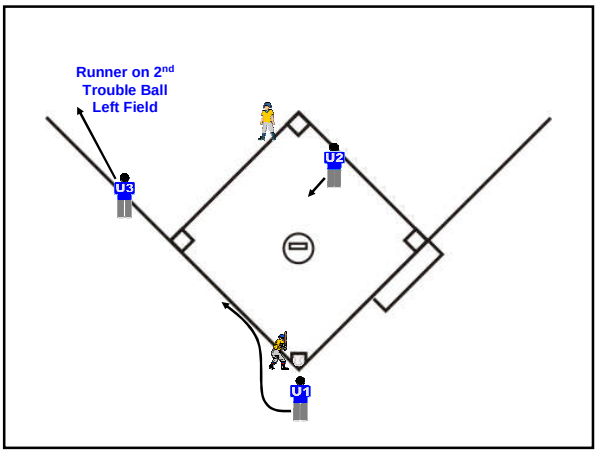
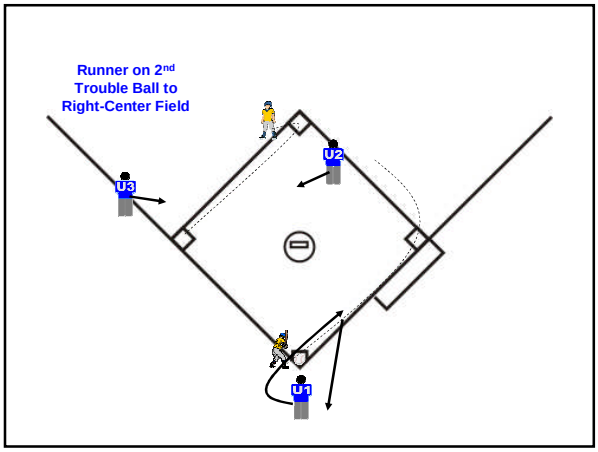



Runner 1st and 3rd
Steal & Rundown
U3
U2
U1


Runner on 2nd
Trouble Ball
Left Field
U3
U2
U1


Runner on 2nd
Trouble Ball to
Right-Center Field
U3
U2
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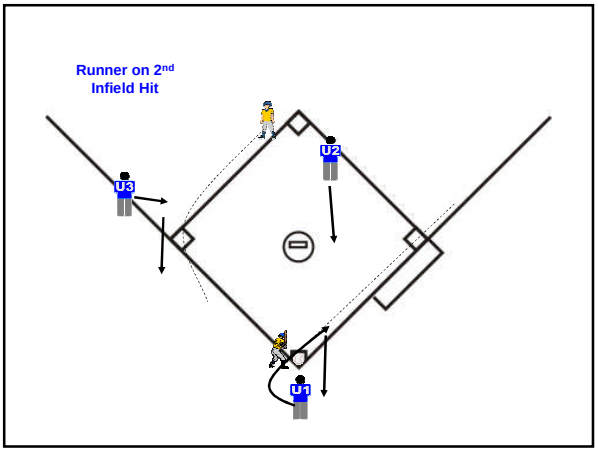
Runner on 2nd
Infield Hit
U3
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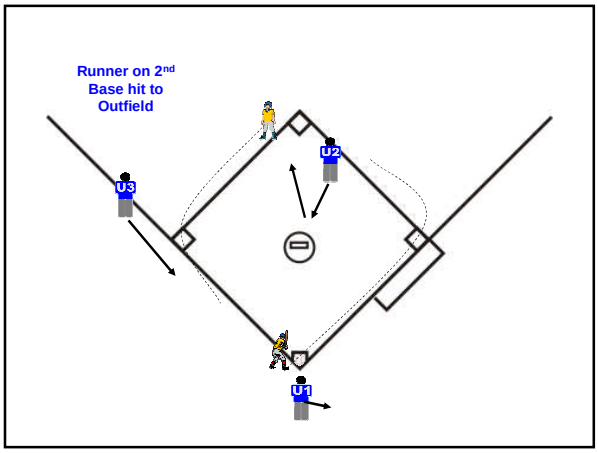
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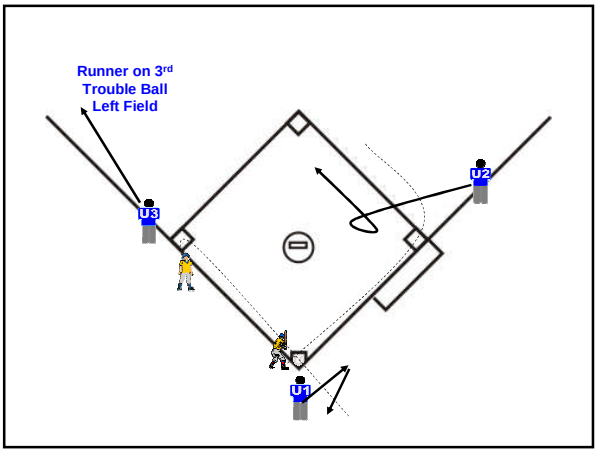
Runner on 3rd
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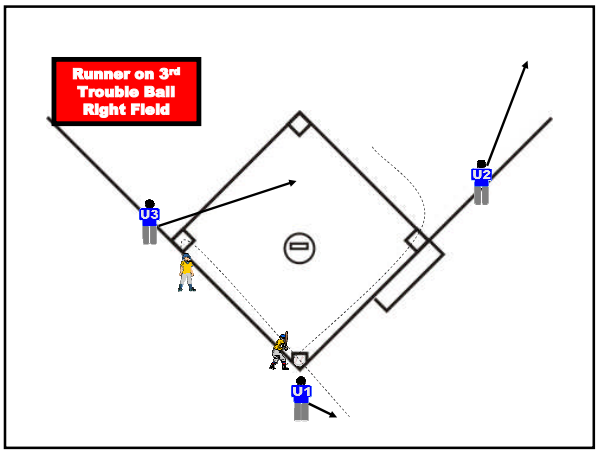

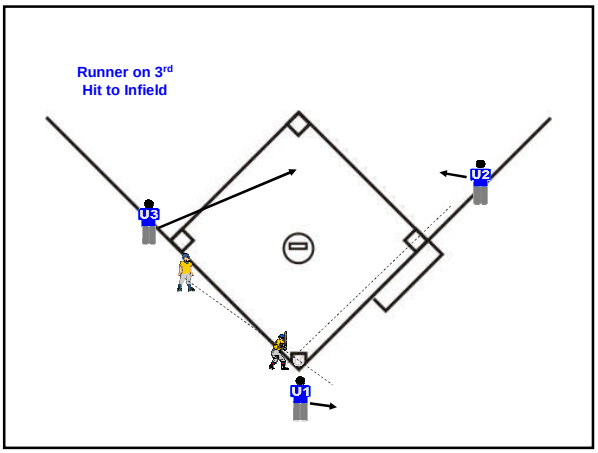

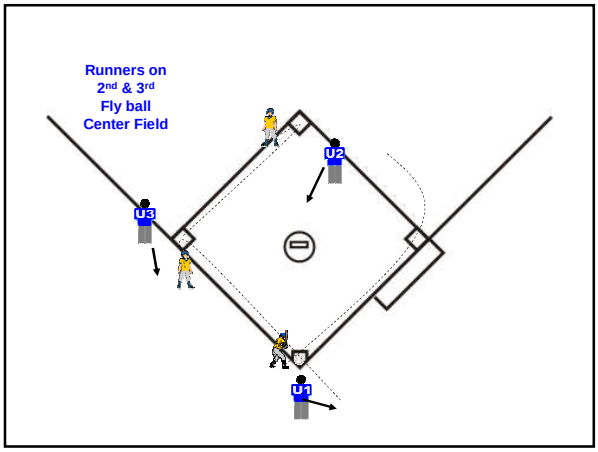

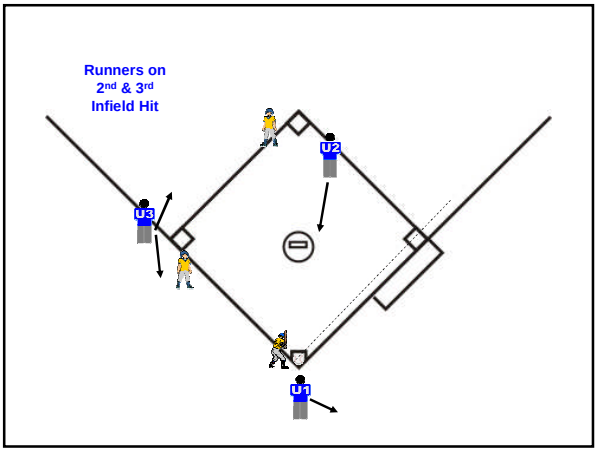

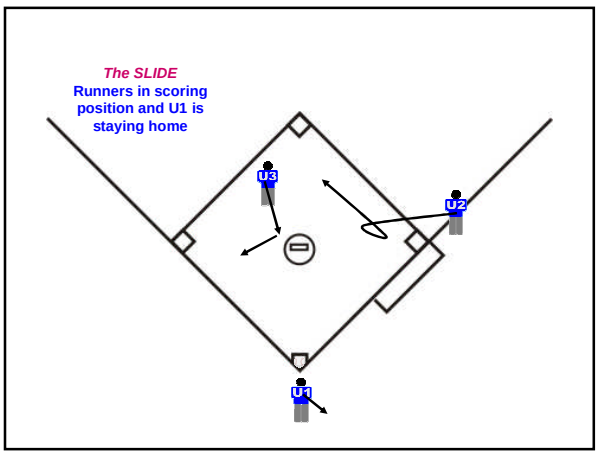

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Who misses a rotation

FILL THE HOLE !!!

We can talk about missed
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SOMEONE has to MAKE THE CALL