

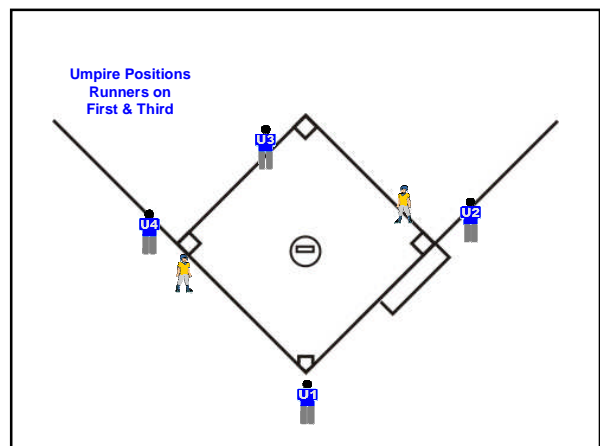
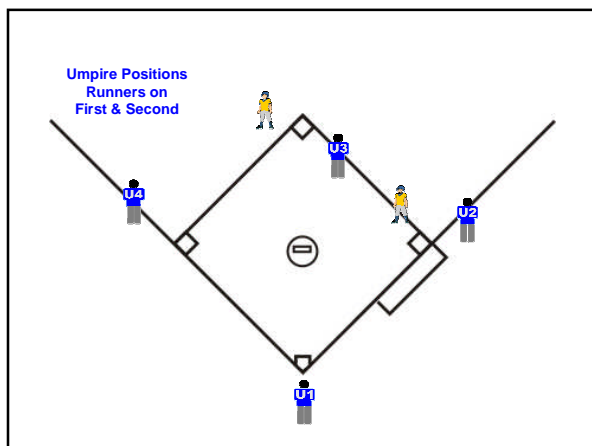
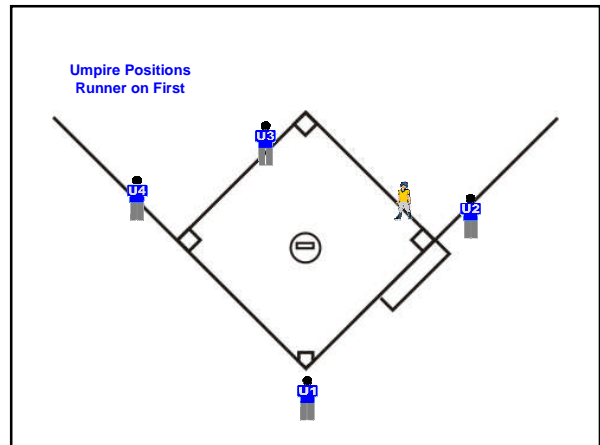
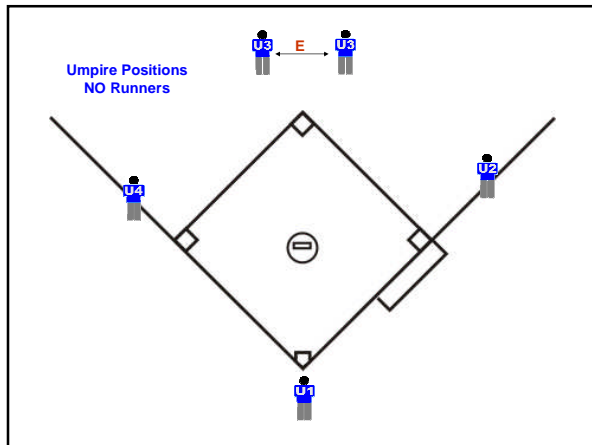
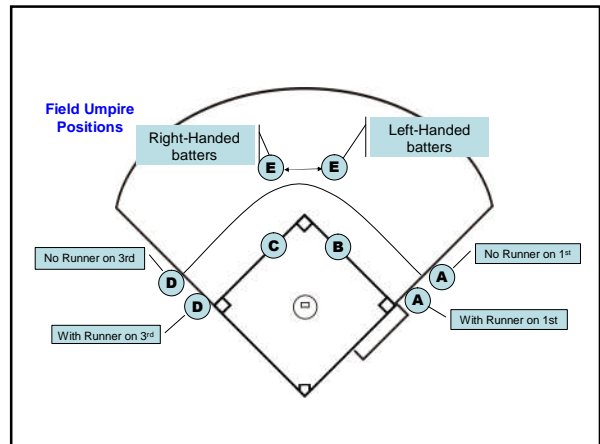
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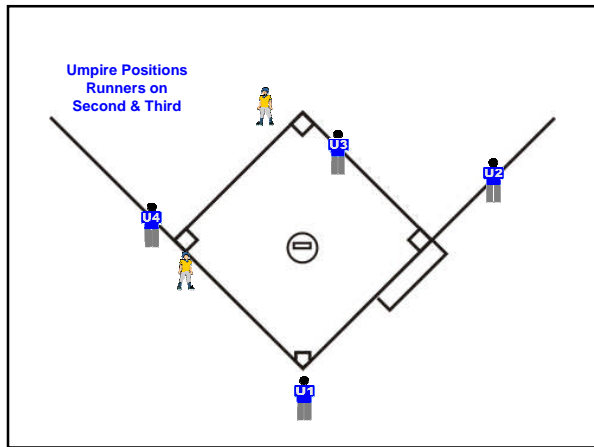
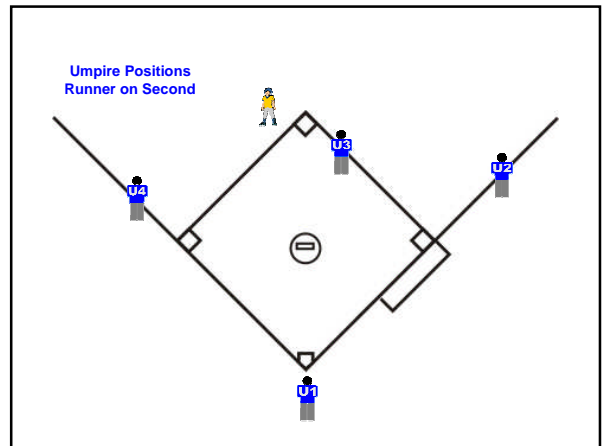
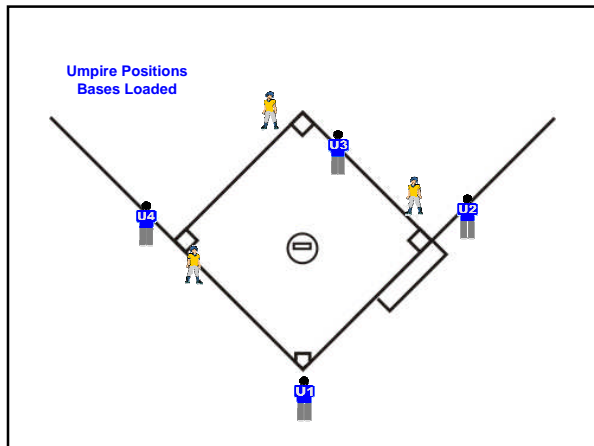
**Four – Umpire  
Mechanics**

**NFHS**

## The objectives of 4-umpire mechanics

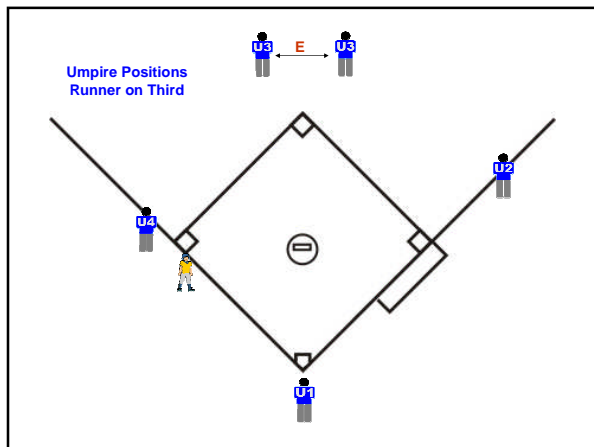
- Have an umpire at every base or close to every play
- Try to keep one umpire AHEAD of the lead runner
- If possible, “box” the runner between three umpires





**ANYTIME**  
there is a runner on  
1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>.....

**U3 will be in B or C**



**With NO RUNNERS or a  
Runner on 3<sup>rd</sup> ONLY**

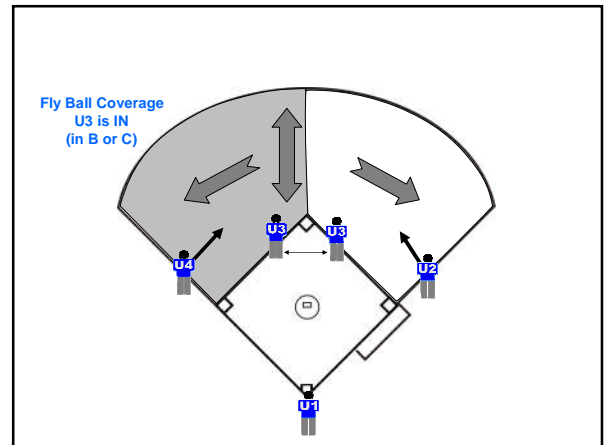
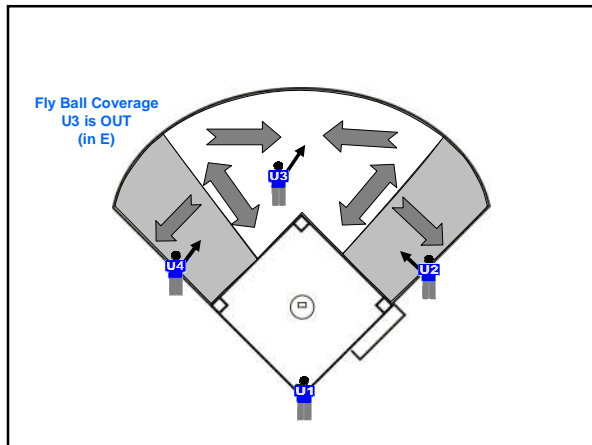
**U3 will be in E**

## Fly Ball Coverage

Someone goes out on  
**EVERY** fly ball -----  
 Except for very obvious  
 'cans of corn'

If you **GO OUT**

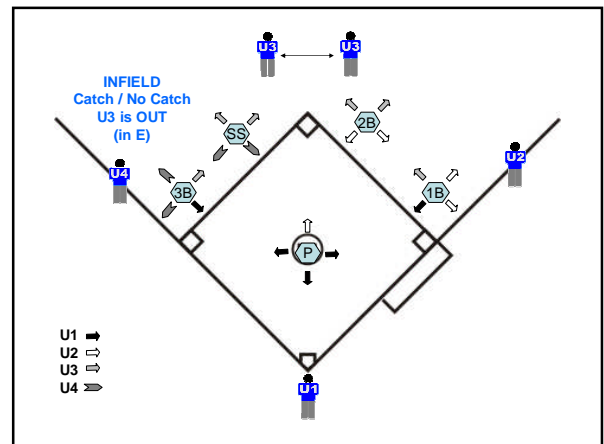
You **STAY OUT**

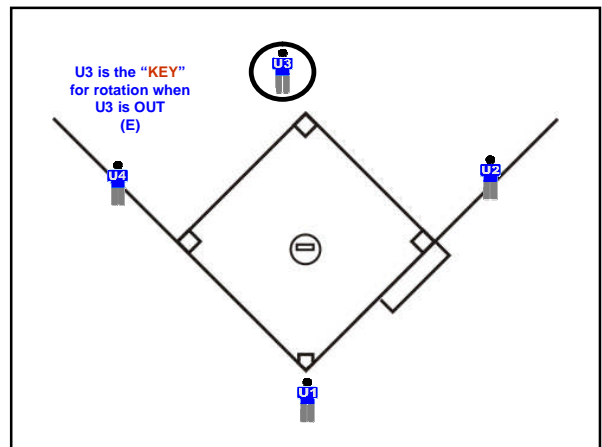
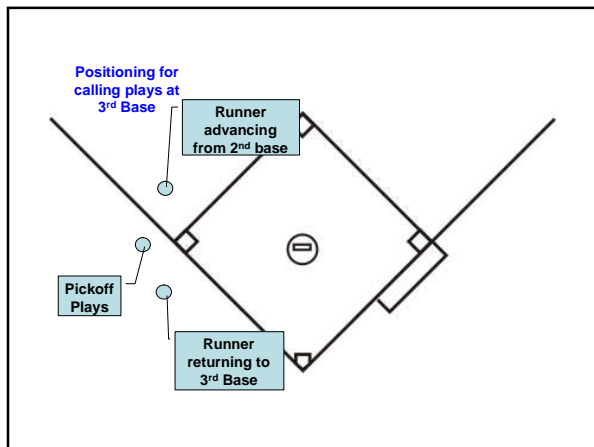
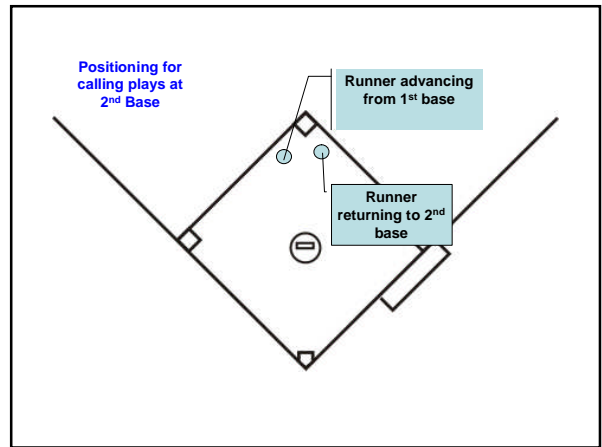
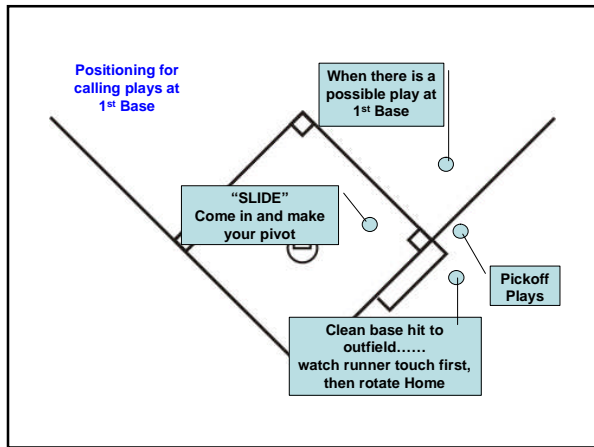
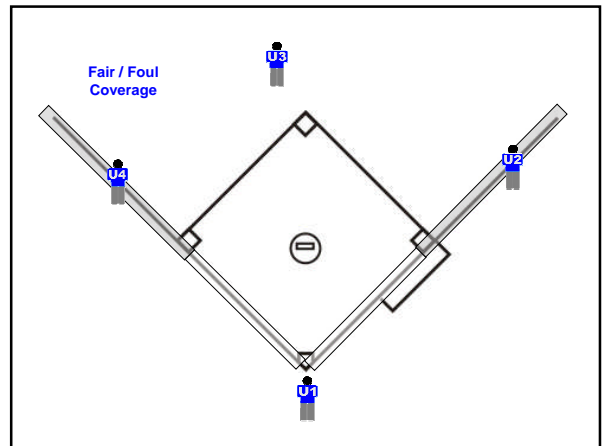
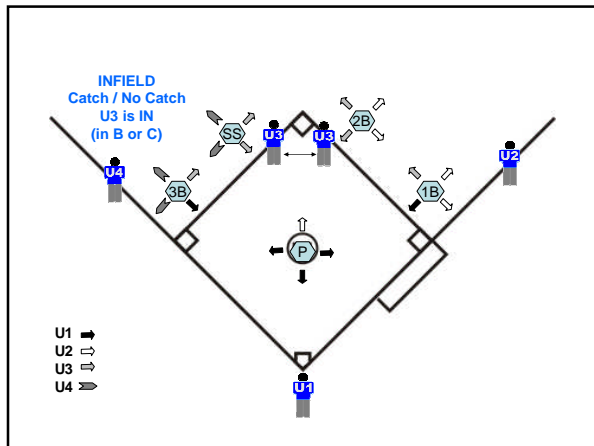


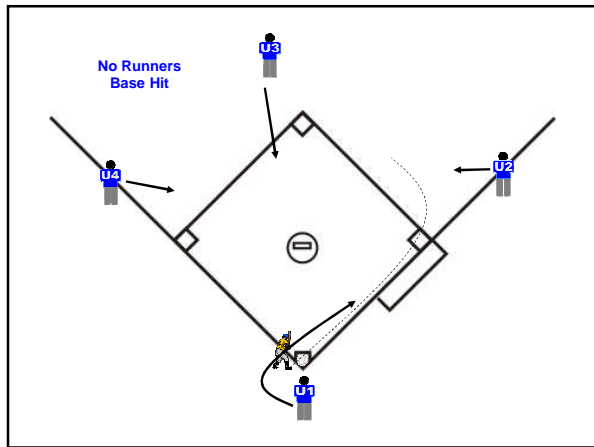
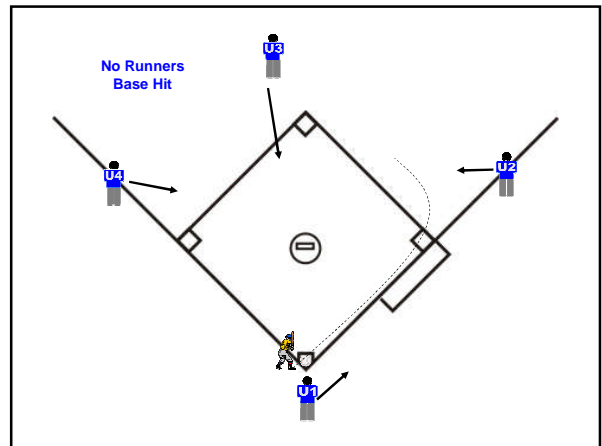
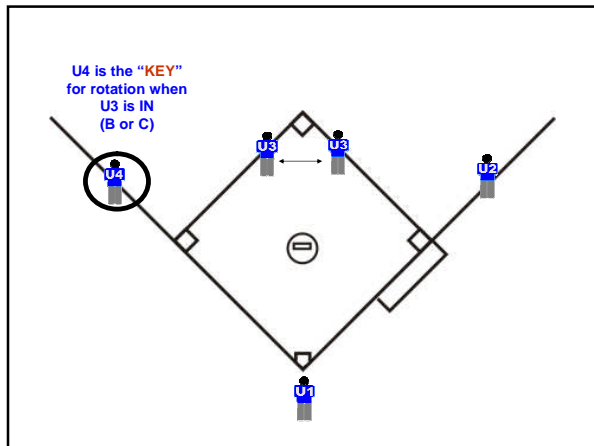
## Fly Ball Coverage

When U3 is inside (in B or C)  
 He **STAYS** inside

U3 does **NOT** go out for a fly  
 ball, leave that to U2 and U4

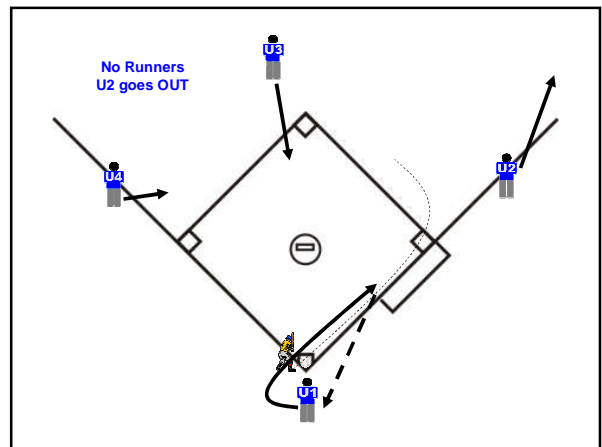
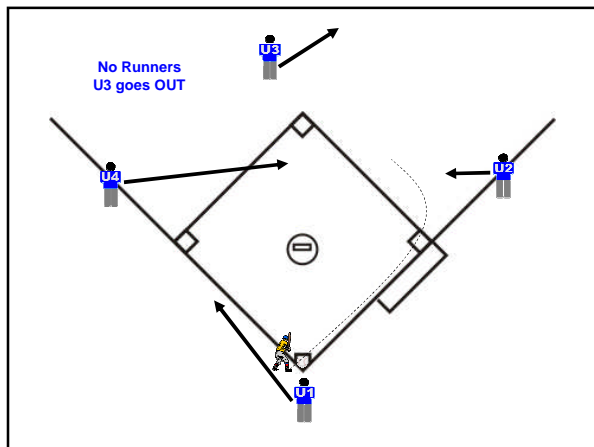


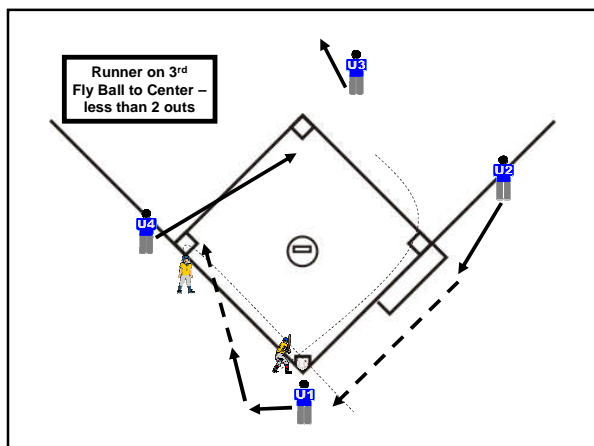
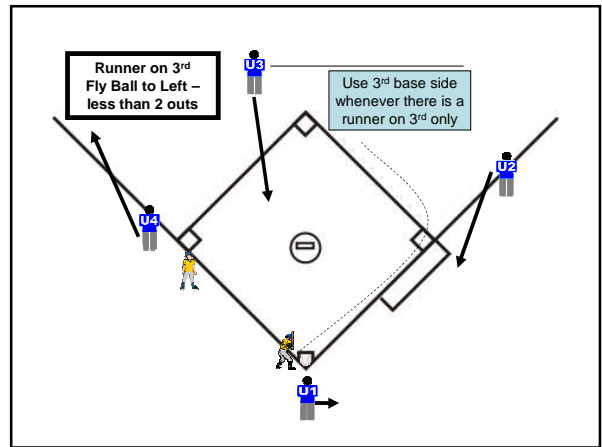
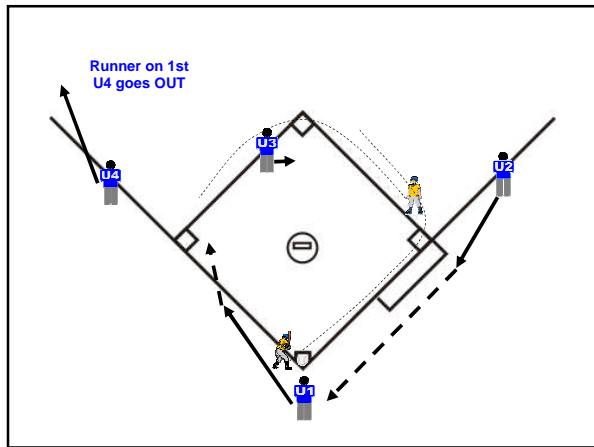
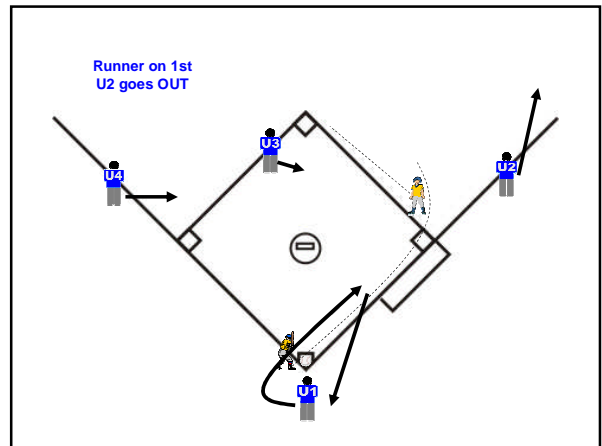
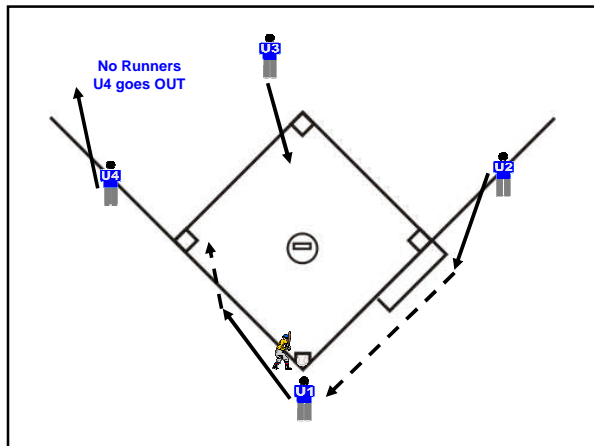




If ANY umpire goes out on a fly ball.....

Revert to  
**THREE-UMPIRE** Mechanics





No Matter What Happens.....or  
Who misses a rotation

**FILL THE HOLE !!!**

We can talk about missed  
coverage later.....but  
SOMEONE has to MAKE THE CALL