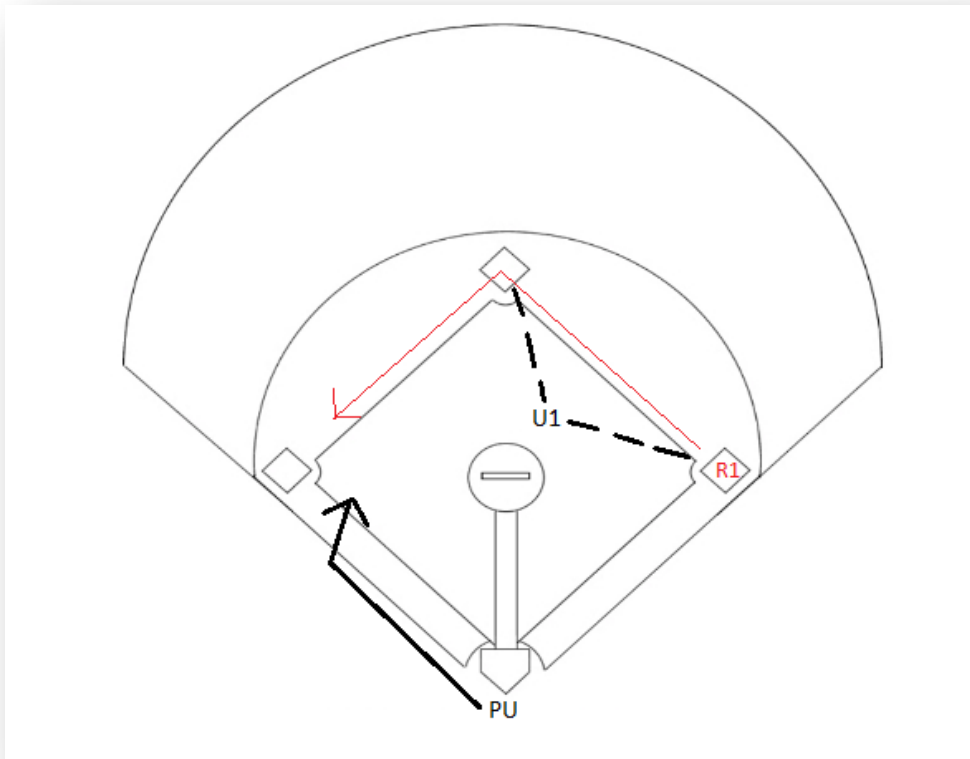


1st to 3rd Rotations



When there is a runner (R1) on ONLY 1B and a base hit gets through the infield, the 2 man crew must split responsibilities to be able to see plays properly. In this situation, here are the responsibilities:

U1 (Field Umpire) – U1 is responsible for everything that happens between 1B and 2B. Obstruction, interference, out, safe, and BASE TOUCHES. Yes, even though there are multiple runners (the batter-runner and R1), you must still see R1 touching second and the batter-runner touching first. You are responsible for any play that occurs at 1B or 2B. You are also still responsible for CATCH/NO CATCH by the portion of the outfielders have. (See fly-ball responsibilities)

PU (Plate Umpire) – AFTER determining FAIR/FOUL, it is the plate umpires responsibility to cover 3B in the event of a play there on a throw from the outfield. The PU should run up the third base line in foul territory. IF it appears there will be a play at 3B, the PU should cut into the grass to get a good angle on the play. If there will not be a play at 3B, the plate umpire needs to retreat back to home plate to see a possible play there. Remember, plate umpire is still responsible for his CATCH/NO CATCH and also the BASE TOUCHES at 3B and HOME, interference, and obstruction for any runner that passes 2B. Upon reaching 3B, the PU should alert U1 verbally (“I’m at 3!”) to which U1 can respond with a simple hand gesture indicating he heard you. Conversely, if the PU goes back to HOME or stays home, he should verbally alert U1 with “I’m at home” or something similar. Again, U1 needs to respond with some indication that this was heard.

SIGNALING – U1 and PU need to be communicating with hand signals anytime there is a single runner on first. This can be done simply with a point to 3B by the PU or a point towards 1B by U1. This should be done along with signaling outs.