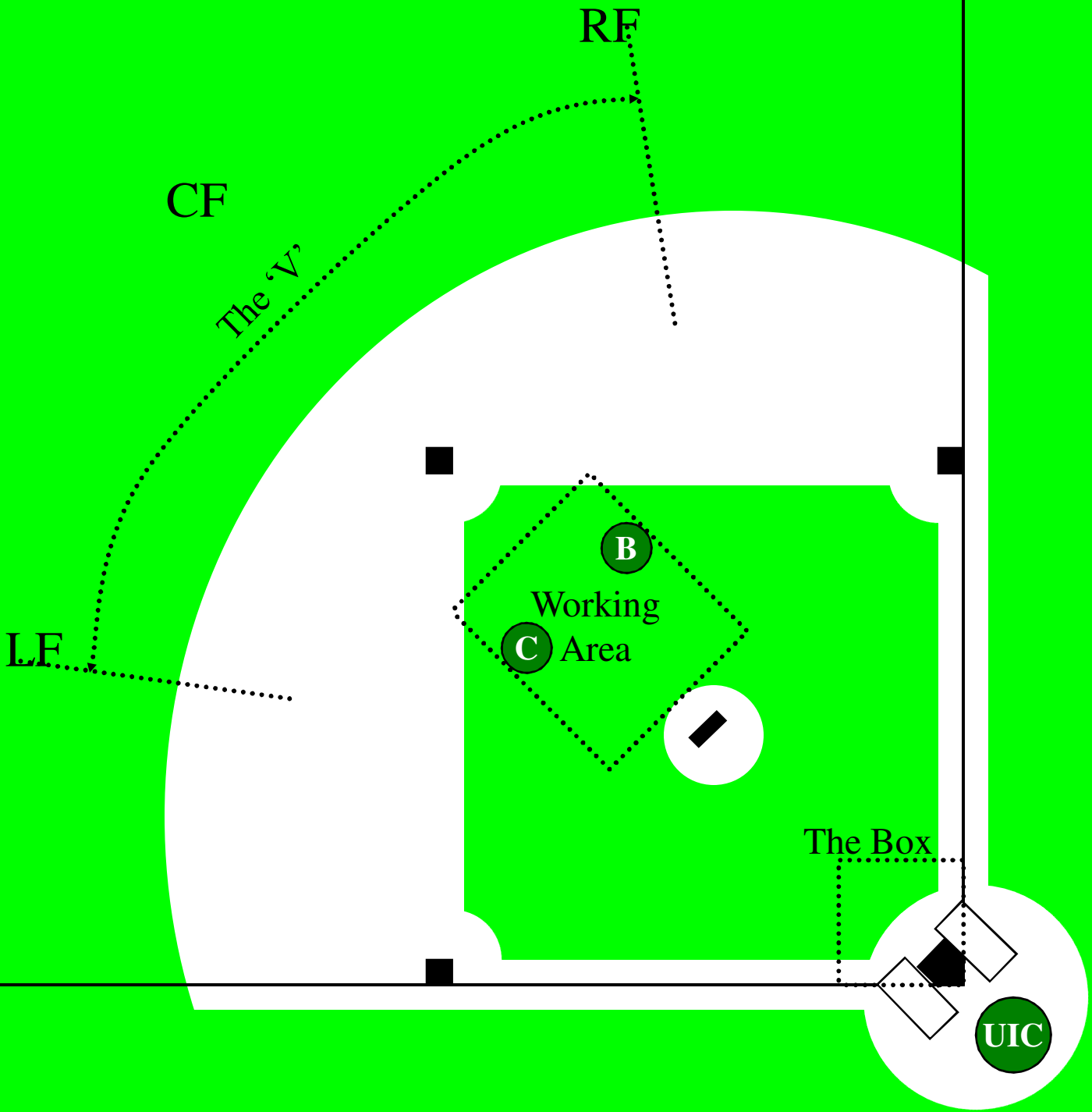


# Basic Umpire Positions



## Basic Terminologies

# Base Umpire Positioning

## Position A

No runners on base

## Position B

- Runner at first
- Runner at first and third

## Position C

- Runner at second
- Runner at first and second
- Runners at second and third
- Bases loaded
- Runner at third (may adjust to B)

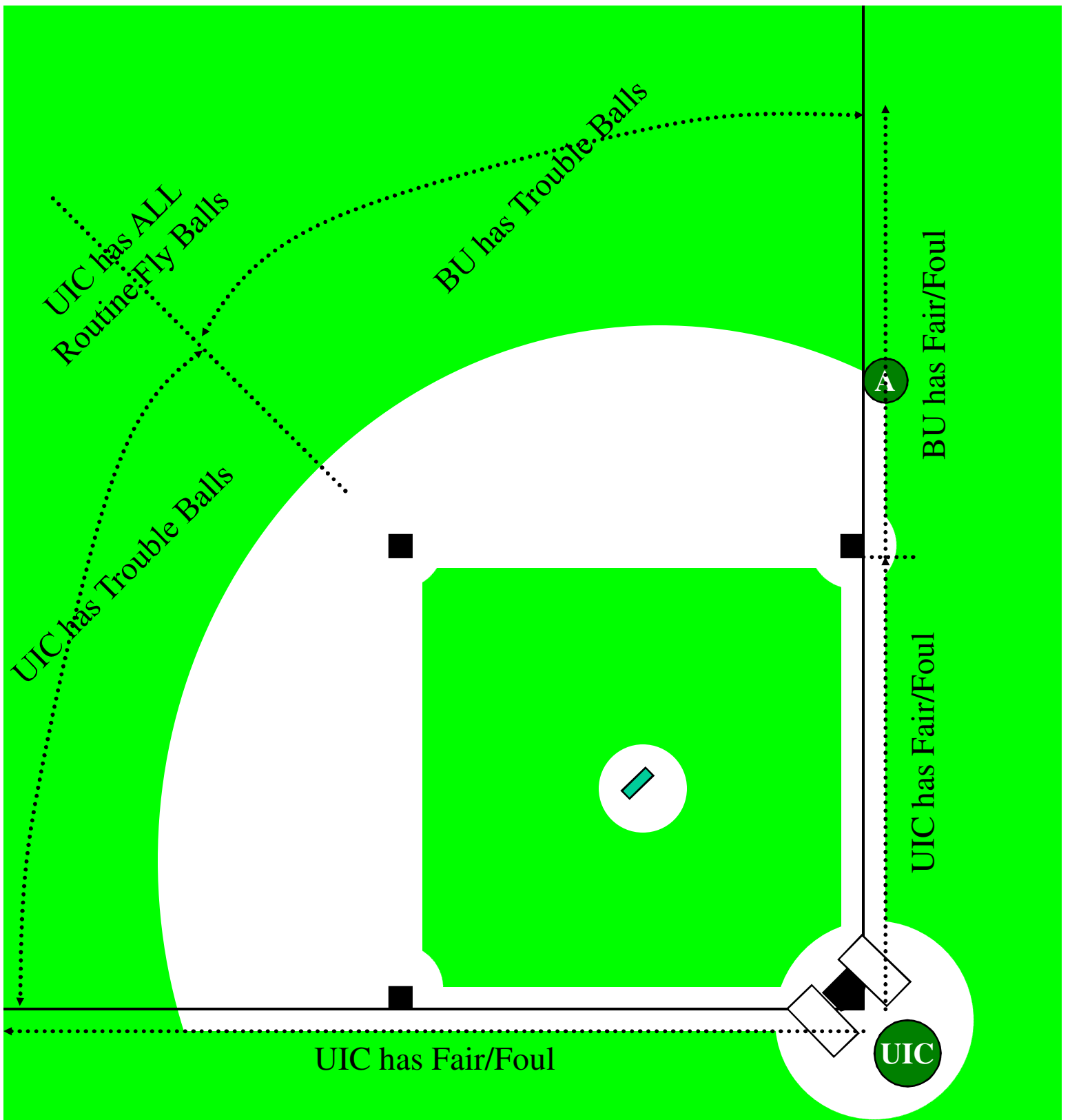
# Generalized Umpire Responsibilities

## Base Umpire

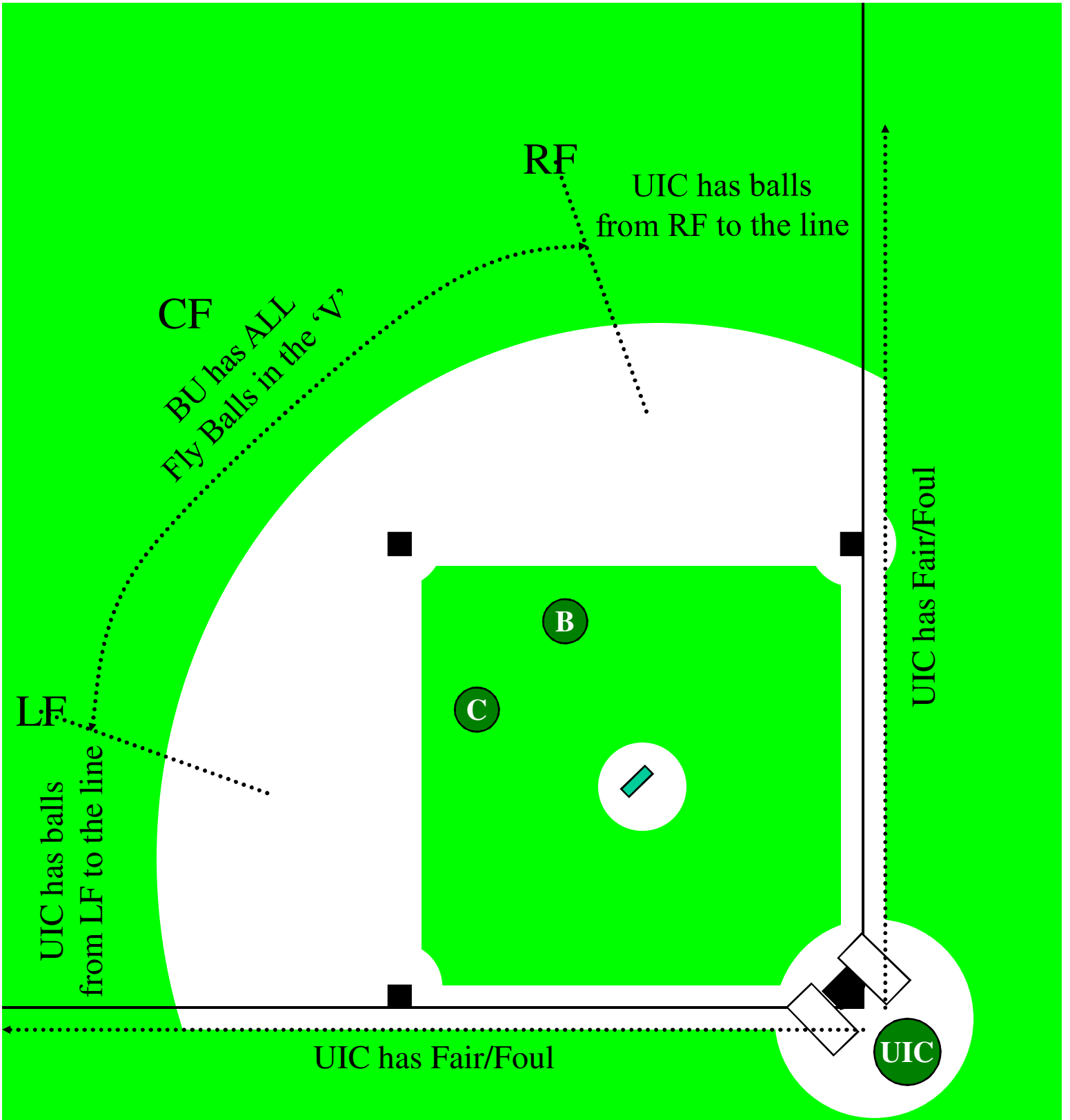
- Exchange signals with the UIC
- Balks
- Assist on Check Swing when asked by UIC
- All attempted pickoffs and steals (except home)
- Fair/Foul and Catch/No-Catch on ball in your area
- Initial play on batted ball on the infield
- All plays on bases except when UIC covers third, or when you 'go out'
- Base Touches and Tag-ups at second base, first base if UIC has the ball, and trailing runners at third base

## Plate Umpire

- Exchange signals with the BU
- Put ball in play after all dead balls
- Ball/ Strike call
- Fair/Foul and Catch/No-Catch on ball in your area
- Play at all bases if BU 'goes out'
- Base Touches and Tag-ups at third base, home plate, and first base if ball is hit to BU's outfield
- If no runners, trail batter halfway to first on ball in the infield
- Run scoring on a 'time play'



## Bases Empty – Fly Ball Responsibility



## Runners On Base – Fly Ball Responsibility

# **Review: Bases Empty – Umpire in Chief**

## **Priorities**

- An illegal pitch.
- The pitch: ball or strike.
- Check-swings and defensive appeals.
- Slow-rolling balls on either base line: fair/foul from home plate to either bag.
- A fair/foul call down the third-base or left-field line, or between home plate and first base.
- A ‘trouble ball’ in your area of the outfield – from center field to the left field foul area.
- All fly balls if the BU doesn’t go out.
- Batter/runner if the BU goes out.

**Your first concern is always the pitch: strike or ball.**

**Fair/Foul:** You have batted balls on the third-base side, and balls on the first base side that don’t go beyond the base.

**Field coverage:** You have all routine batted balls to the outfield, and any ball from center field to the left field foul area.

**On the bases:** If you cover a fly ball, return to cover a play at the plate; if BU goes out you have the runner all the way (until BU tells you he has the plate).

# **Review: Bases Empty – Base Umpire**

## **Priorities**

- An illegal pitch.
- Help UIC on a half-swing
- Batted ball that travels beyond first base – rule fair or foul at or near the right-field line.
- A ‘Trouble ball’ in your area of the outfield – From center field to the right field foul area.
- A ground ball in the infield: You have the play at first, and any other play that develops.
- A batted or bunted ball with batter, pitcher and first baseman all converging at the base.
- ‘Pressure’ from the second baseman.
- A clean hit, or any batted ball to UIC’s area.

**Start in position A.** (Adjust by the 1<sup>st</sup> baseman’s position).

**Fair/Foul:** You have batted balls on the first-base side that go beyond the base.

**Field coverage:** You have batted balls from center field to the right field foul area.

**On the bases:** On a ball hit into the outfield, you will come in and pivot and handle runner at all bases; If you go out on a fly, return in foul ground to cover a play at the plate.

# **Review: Runner at first base–Umpire in Chief**

## **Priorities**

- A balk or illegal pitch.
- The pitch: ball or strike.
- Check-swings and defensive appeals.
- All fair/foul calls down either foul line.
- A ‘trouble ball’ in your area of the outfield – outside the ‘V’.
- Double play – observe and support BU.
- A bunted ball with converging players – interference/obstruction.
- Runner advancing from first to third on any batted ball.

**Your first concern is always the pitch: strike or ball.**

**Fair/Foul:** You have all fair/foul decisions.

**Field coverage:** You have all batted balls to the outfield outside the ‘V’.

**On the bases:** You have any play at third on the runner from first on a batted ball. (Unless you are held in place by a fair/foul or catch/no-catch call keeps you on the first base line.)

# **Review: Runner at first base – Base Umpire**

## **Priorities**

- A balk or illegal pitch.
- Pick off attempt at first base by the pitcher.
- Help UIC on a half-swing.
- Pick off attempt at first base by the catcher.
- A second base steal attempt.
- A ‘Trouble ball’ in your area of the outfield –  
The ‘V’ from the left fielder to the right fielder.
- A ground ball in the infield: You have the first play on the infield, both ends of a double play, and all plays at second base. (The UIC has the lead runner at third and any play at home.)
- A batted or bunted ball with batter, pitcher, first and second basemen all converging at the base.
- A ball hit to the outfield followed by a play on the runner at first or second.
- Batter advancing to second or third on a hit.
- Runner advancing to third on a hit when UIC cannot help.

## **Start in position B.**

**Fair/Foul:** No responsibility.

**Field coverage:** You have batted balls in the ‘V’.

**On the bases:** All plays at first and second, the batter at third, and the runner at third if UIC does not cover.

# **Review: Runners at first and second base – Umpire in Chief**

## **Priorities**

- A balk or illegal pitch.
- The pitch: ball or strike.
- Check-swings and defensive appeals.
- All fair/foul calls down either foul line.
- A ‘trouble ball’ in your area of the outfield – outside the ‘V’.
- All plays at home plate.
- Double –play in the infield – observe and support BU.
- A bunted ball with converging players – interference/obstruction.
- An infield fly.

**Your first concern is always the pitch: strike or ball.**

**Fair/Foul:** You have all fair/foul decisions.

**Field coverage:** You have all batted balls to the outfield outside the ‘V’.

**On the bases:** You have all plays at home plate, you may also have a play with the runner advancing from second to third after tagging up on a fly ball. (Unless you are held in place by a fair/foul or catch/no-catch call that keeps you on the first base line.)

# **Review: Runners at first and second base – Base Umpire**

## **Priorities**

- A balk or illegal pitch.
- Pick off attempt at second or first base by the pitcher.
- Help UIC on a half-swing.
- A third base steal attempt (glance).
- A double steal with possible first play at second base.
- Pick off attempt at first or second base by the catcher.
- A ‘Trouble ball’ in your area of the outfield –  
    The ‘V’ from the left fielder to the right fielder.
- A ground ball in the infield: You have all plays on the infield.
- A batted or bunted ball with batter, pitcher, first and second basemen all converging at the base.
- A ball hit to the outfield followed by a play on any runner at any base.
- An infield fly.

## **Start in position C.**

**Fair/Foul:** No responsibility.

**Field coverage:** You have batted balls in the ‘V’ (and responsibility for runner tag-ups).

**On the bases:** All plays at first, second, and third (unless UIC has called out that he has third after a catch).

# **Review: Bases Loaded - Umpire in Chief**

## **Priorities**

- A balk or illegal pitch.
- The pitch; ball or strike.
- Check-swings and defensive appeals.
- All fair/foul calls down either foul line.
- A ‘trouble ball’ in your area of the outfield – outside the ‘V’.
- A fly ball in the outfield; observe tag at third and developing play at the plate.
- All plays at home plate.
- A bunted ball with converging players – Interference/obstruction.
- An infield fly.

**Your first concern is always the pitch: strike or ball.**

**Fair/Foul:** You have all fair/foul decisions.

**Field Coverage:** You have all batted balls to the outfield outside the ‘V’.

**On the bases:** You have all plays at home plate; You also have R3 tagging up at third.

# **Review: Bases Loaded - Base Umpire**

## **Priorities**

- A balk or illegal pitch.
- Pick of attempt at any base by the pitcher.
- Help UIC on a half-swing.
- Pickoff at any base by the catcher.
- A 'trouble ball' in your area of the outfield –  
In the 'V' from the left fielder to the right fielder.
- A ground ball in the infield: You have all plays at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>; UIC will 'stay home' and will cover all plays at the plate.
- A bunted ball with converging players at first.
- A ball hit to the outfield followed by a play at any base.
- An infield fly.

## **Start in position C.**

Adjust based on game situation (stretch/windup, etc.).

**Fair/Foul:** No responsibility (echo UIC Foul call).

**Field Coverage:** You have all batted balls to the outfield inside the 'V'.

**On the bases:** You have all plays at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>; (Except; UIC will have R3 tagging up and advancing to home.).