

UIC – home plate umpire

U1 – 1st base umpire

U3 – 3rd base umpire

Four positions: A, B, C, & D. U3 can be in B or C, U1 will only go to B.

A – same as two-umpire, foul territory, responsible for fair/foul bag and beyond. With R1 you want to move closer to 1st to handle a pick-off attempt. Should be in the window between 1st and runner. Once the ball is put into play, back up to handle play at first.

B – line up on edge of grass. Much deeper than 2 man. Don't have to worry about pick-off at 1st.

C – same as two-umpire, if you have a potential steal at 3rd. Be deeper if no possible steal (bases loaded). Behind fielders when infield in for play at plate.

D – 3rd base umpire, foul territory, responsible for fair/foul bag and beyond. U3 can move into fair territory with a runner on third and a left-handed batter to have a clear view for check swings.

Anytime a base umpire goes out on fly ball/trouble ball, the other base umpire will be responsible for all runners and plays at 1st, 2nd, and/or 3rd.

The plate umpire will not rotate to third unless something REALLY strange happens like a run-down. There are two exceptions:

- 1. R1 only, U3 goes out on a trouble ball from the infield.**
- 2. R1 and R3, U3 goes out on a trouble ball from the infield.**

The plate umpire will be responsible for calls on the batter runner back into 1st when U1 goes out on a fair/foul or trouble ball with nobody on.

The plate umpire will have primary coverage on running lane interference at all times. With nobody on, the plate umpire should be moving up the first base line unless they have fair/foul coverage on third base line.

The plate umpire will only have outfield coverage in two different situations:

- The left fielder is going to the line when U3 is inside the diamond.
- The right fielder going to the line when U1 is in the "B" position.

The plate umpire will tag R3 on all fly balls.

Any time there are two out, U1 will be in A.

Initial starting positions:

Nobody on: U1 is A, U3 is D (both in foul territory).

- U3 has all outfield catches from CF to left field line. U1 has all outfield catches from CF to right field line. IF CF is charging straight in, U1 has the call. Go out if you think it will be a trouble ball. That is a benefit of three umpire crew.
- U3 should be moving to take BR into 2nd. On hits to left of CF U1 should handle BR just like in 2 man. If U3 goes out, U1 has BR at 2nd and 3rd. UIC is camped at home
- U3 keys off U1. CF going towards left and all way to left foul territory.
- UIC has no fly ball coverage.
- U3 on ground balls and base hits will move towards 2nd during play, ready to take BR into 2nd if there is overthrow or BR is stretching hit to outfield into a double.
- If U3 goes out, U1 must take BR to all bases.
- UIC will stay at home.
- If fly ball is U1 coverage, UIC has touch at 1st.
- If U1 goes out, UIC is responsible for BR rounding first and back into bag.

Runner on 1st: U1 is A (up close to 1st base for pick-off) U3 is deep C or deep B. If left-handed hitter, stay in C.

- U1 has fly balls CF coming in and all way to right foul territory. Go if you think it will be a trouble ball.
- U1 on any ground balls (potential double play) back up as your initial position you will be too close for play at 1st.
- U3 has safe/out at 2nd and then stays there for potential force play slide rule violation.
- U3 will leave infield if fly ball is high and there is potential trouble. U3 needs to make sure U1 will be able to get in to cover everything. U3 has all routine fly balls (use V).
- UIC will have trouble balls for left fielder going towards line as well as fair/foul.
- On base hit and nobody goes out. UIC stays at home. U3 will take R1 from 2nd into 3rd. U1 will slide in and take BR from 1st to 2nd.
- If U1 goes out on fly ball, U3 must take potential double play back into first.
- IF U3 goes out, U1 must come into infield to take BR. UIC will take play into third, but like two men, must be ready to get home. **THIS IS AN EXCEPTION FOR UIC NOT STAYING HOME!!**

Runner on 2nd less than two outs: U1 is B, U3 is D (foul territory).

- U1 will leave infield if fly ball is high and there is potential trouble. U1 has all routine fly balls (use V).
- UIC will have trouble balls for right fielder going towards line.
- U3 has trouble balls CF coming in and all way to left field foul territory. Go out if you think it will be a trouble ball.

Runners on 2nd and 3rd less than two outs: U1 is B, U3 is D (foul territory).

- U1 will leave the infield if fly ball is high and there is potential trouble. U1 has all routine fly balls (use V).
- UIC will have trouble balls for right fielder going towards line.
- U3 has fly balls CF coming in and all way to left field foul territory. Go if you think it will be a trouble ball.

Runners on 1st and 3rd : U1 is A (up close to 1st base for pick-off) U3 is medium C

- U1 has fly balls CF coming in and all way to right foul territory. Go if you think it will be a trouble ball.
- U1 on any ground balls (potential double play) back up as your initial position you will be too close for play at 1st.
- U3 will leave infield if fly ball is high and there is potential trouble. U3 has all routine fly balls (use V).
- UIC will have trouble balls for left fielder going towards line.
- On base hit and nobody goes out, U1 should take BR to 2nd. UIC stays home. U3 move to B position and be ready to pick up BR.
- If U1 goes out on fly ball, U3 must take potential double play back into first.
- IF U3 goes out, U1 must come into infield to take BR. UIC will still take play into third, but like two man, must be ready to get home. **THIS IS AN EXCEPTION FOR UIC NOT STAYING HOME!!**

Runners on 1st and 2nd: U1 is A (should be back), U3 is C (same depth as two man)

- U1 has fly balls CF coming in and all way to right foul territory. Go if you think it will be a trouble ball.
- U3 will leave infield only if fly ball is high and there is potential trouble. U3 has all routine fly balls (use V).
- UIC will have trouble balls for left fielder going towards line.
- On base hit and nobody goes out, U1 should take BR to 2nd. UIC stays home.
- If U1 goes out on fly ball, U3 must take all base runners at all bases.
- IF U3 goes out, U1 must come into infield to take all runners at all bases.
- ~~UIC will take R2 into 3rd on a tag up. U1 will rotate towards home. U3 is now responsible for R1. Used strikethrough to indicate not doing this.~~

Runners on 1st and 2nd and 3rd: U1 is A (should be back), U3 is medium C (if infield is in, U3 should be behind infield)

- U1 has fly balls CF coming in and all way to right foul territory. Go if you think it will be a trouble ball.
- U3 will leave infield if fly ball is high and there is potential trouble. U3 has all routine fly balls (use V).
- UIC will have trouble balls for left fielder going towards line.
- On base hit and nobody goes out, U1 should take BR to 2nd. UIC stays home.

- If U1 goes out on fly ball, U3 must take all base runners at all bases.
- If U3 goes out, U1 must come into infield to take all runners at all bases.
- If there is a pick-off at 3rd, U3 has it (even if behind when infielders are all in).

Runner at 3rd: U1 is A, U3 is D

- U1 has fly balls CF coming in and all way to right foul territory. Go if you think it will be a trouble ball.
- U3 keys off U1. CF going towards left and all way to left foul territory.
- UIC has no fly ball coverage.
- U3 on ground balls and base hits will move towards 2nd during play, ready to take BR into 2nd if there is an overthrow.
- If U3 goes out, U1 must take BR to 2nd.
- If fly ball is U1 coverage, UIC has touch at 1st.
- If U1 goes out, U3 responsible for BR rounding first and back into bag.
- If fly ball and potential tag up, U3 should try to take tag up, but UIC should be aware in case U3 can't.

Check swings: go to umpire opposite batter (right hand batter to U1).

U3 in D and runner on third with left hand batter may start in fair territory for possible check swing.

Line drives in the infield:

- UIC has all line drives to pitcher.

U1 – A U3 – D

- U1 has 1st baseman and 2nd baseman toward U1 and in and SS towards 2nd
- U3 has 3rd baseman and SS towards U1 and in and 2nd baseman towards 2nd

U1 – A U3 – C

- U1 has 1st baseman.
- U3 has 2nd baseman and SS and 3rd baseman toward U3 and in.
- UIC has 3rd baseman to line.

U1 – B U3 – D

- U3 has 3rd baseman
- U1 has SS and 2nd baseman and 1st baseman toward U1 and in.
- UIC has 1st baseman to line.

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