

# O. D. U. A.

## Two-Man System

### No Runners on Base

Positioning - Base Umpire in **A** Position (10-12 feet behind the first baseman, straddling the foul side of the line) should never be closer than 8 feet to first base

#### Fly Ball Responsibility

Centerfielder - straight in or towards right field is the **Base Umpires**

Centerfielder - towards left is the **Plate Umpires**

Fair/Foul

Catch/No Catch

Pause/Read/React

If Base Umpire goes out Plate Umpire takes the batter/runner, otherwise Base Umpire Pivots and takes the runner, if necessary (Stress on Communication)

#### Line Drives

Line drive to first baseman in front of the bag **Plate Umpire**

Line drive to first baseman beyond the bag **Base Umpires**

#### Ground balls

Base Umpire sets up at 90-degree angle three steps in

Plate Umpire up the line to the 45-foot line

Pause/Read/React

Overthrow - follow the ball

Watch for possible interference in the 3 foot running lane

Swipe tag where the Base Umpire ask for help

#### Base Hit

Base Umpire pivots and stays ahead of the batter/runner

#### Pop-up to infield

Base Umpire comes in and pivots

### Runner on First

Positioning - Base Umpire in **B** Position (careful not to get too deep)

#### Fair/Foul - Catch/No Catch Responsibility

All Fair/Foul - Catch/No Catch outside the "V" **Plate Umpire**

Catch/No Catch inside the "V" **Base Umpire** (Base Umpire **should not** leave the infield)

#### Line Drives

Directly at 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> baseman and in between **Base Umpire**

Towards the line or to the Pitcher **Plate Umpire**

Any doubt about Catch/No Catch the Fair/Foul decision takes precedence - point F/F first then C/NC

#### Ground Ball

Pause/Read/React - Let the throw take you to the play - watch for possible double play

#### Base hit

Plate Umpire has 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> responsibility - if Plate Umpire needs to stay with the ball then base Umpire has all (Stress on Communication)

Ball and Runner takes the Plate Umpire into the cutout

Base Umpire picks up the batter/runner

#### Pick-off at First Base

Base Umpire steps to the 45-foot line and turns to the base to improve the angle

#### Steal of Second Base

Base umpire drop step back and let the throw turn you - do not turn early

### RUNNERS ON FIRST & SECOND

Positioning - Base Umpire in **C** Position

Fly Ball Responsibility

Fair/Foul - Catch/No Catch Responsibility

All Fair/Foul - Catch/No Catch outside the "V" Plate **Umpire**

Catch/No Catch inside the "V" Base **Umpire** (Base Umpire **should not** leave the infield)

Tag-up **Base Umpire** has the initial play at 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> (Communication)

Ball and runner to 3<sup>rd</sup> **Plate Umpire**

Anytime with a runner on 2<sup>nd</sup> and the ball hits the ground the Plate Umpire should stay home

Infield fly with less than 2 out **Communicate** either Umpire can call the Infield Fly Rule, partner should mirror it

Line Drives

Same as with runner at 1<sup>st</sup> base

Ground Balls

Pause/Read/React - Let the throw take you to the play - watch for possible double play

Base Hit

Base Umpire takes the initial play on the infield Plate Umpire stays home - trade distance for angle

Pick-off at 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> and steal of 3<sup>rd</sup> **Base Umpire**

Time Play Situation

Plate Umpire clears the bat with runner in scoring position and sets up for possible "Time Play" if there are two outs - stress angle and emphasis here

### **RUNNERS ON FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD; SECOND and THIRD: SECOND ONLY**

Positioning - Base Umpire in **C** Position

Fly Ball Responsibility same as with runners on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tag-up at 3<sup>rd</sup> **Plate Umpire**

All other tag-ups **Base Umpire**

### **RUNNERS ON FIRST and THIRD**

Positioning - Base Umpire in **B** Position

Base Hit

Plate Umpire has 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> responsibility if the ball and the runner takes him to the cutout at 3<sup>rd</sup> Fair/Foul comes first  
**COMMUNICATE** - Plate Umpire should watch runner from third touch home as he moves up the line

All touches of third should be the Plate Umpires **EXCEPT** the batter/runner

All touches of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and the batter /runner should be the Base Umpires