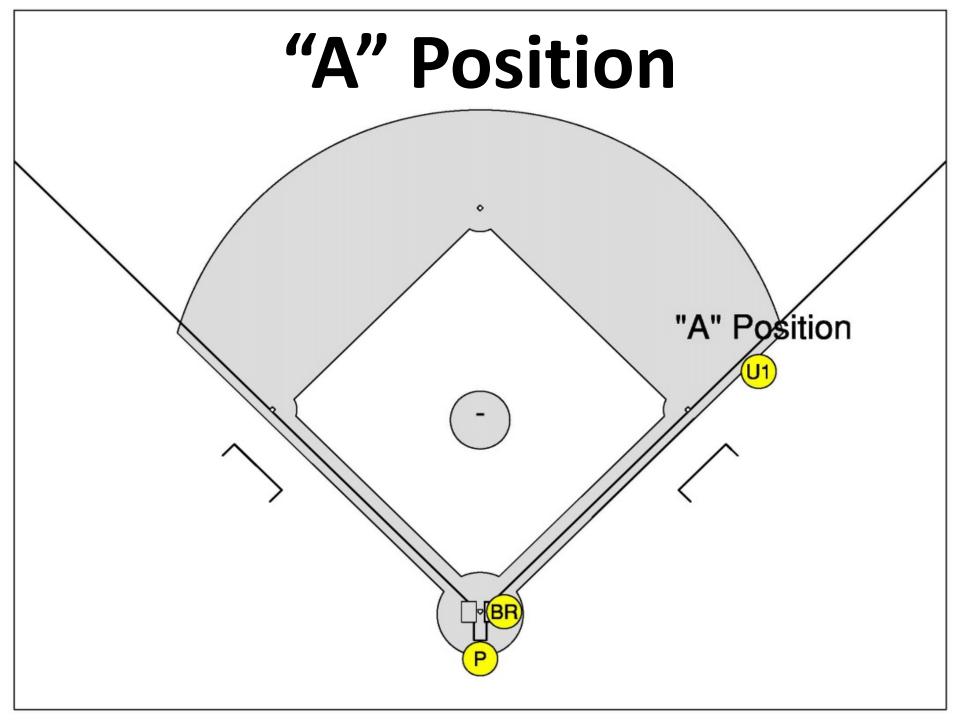
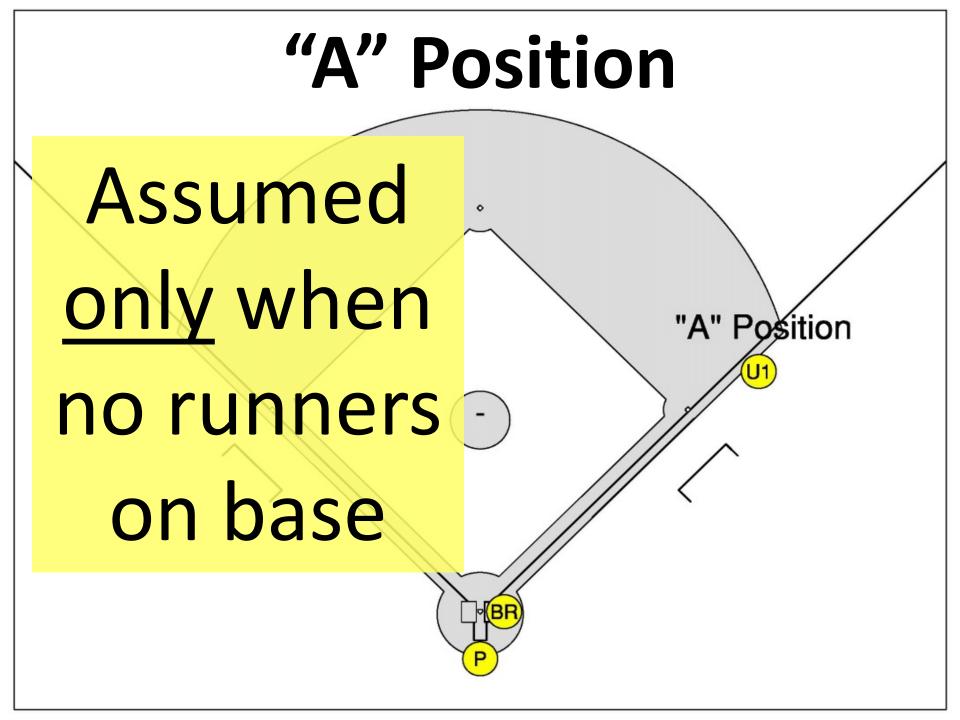
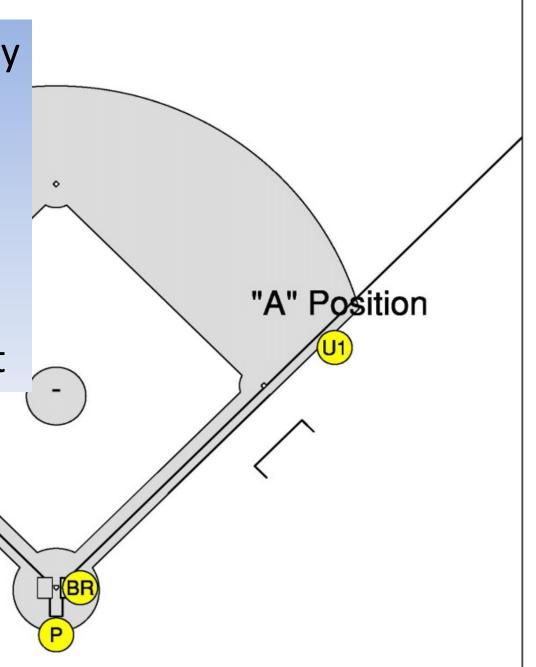
Two-Umpire Mechanics Starting Positioning 90-foot Diamond





- Start in foul territory
- 10-12 feet behind first baseman
- No closer than 15 feet behind first base
- Hands-on-knees set



"A" Position

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"Set" Position

"A" Position

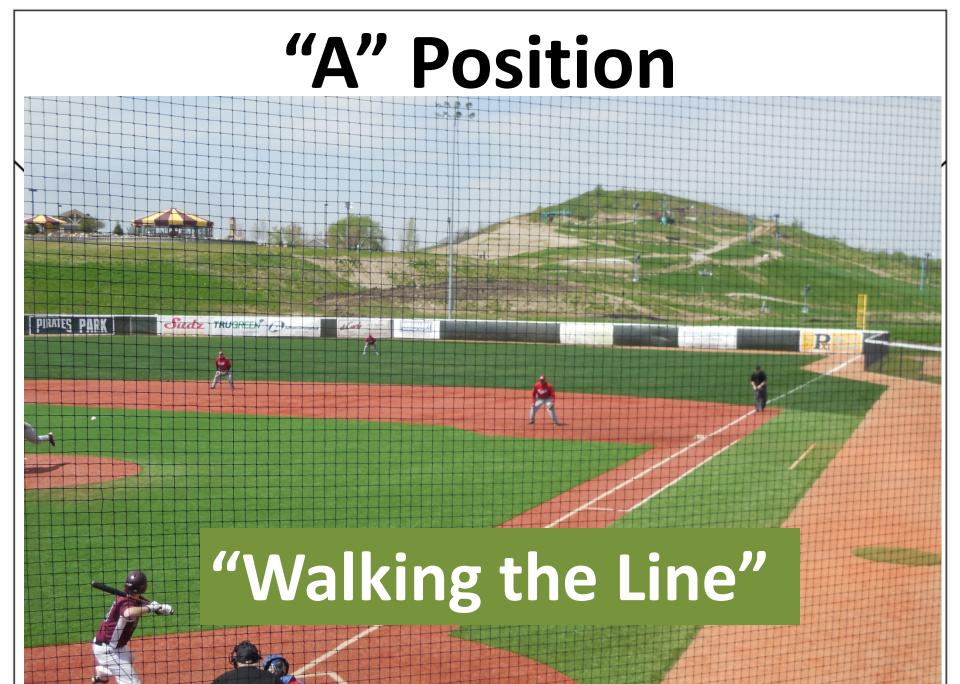


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"Walking the Line"



"A" Position

 With the base umpire in the A position, the plate umpire generally makes catch/no catch calls except....

"A" Position

...when the base umpire goes out on a trouble ball. (*This is only done in A position.*)

Trouble Ball - "A" Position

"A" Positi

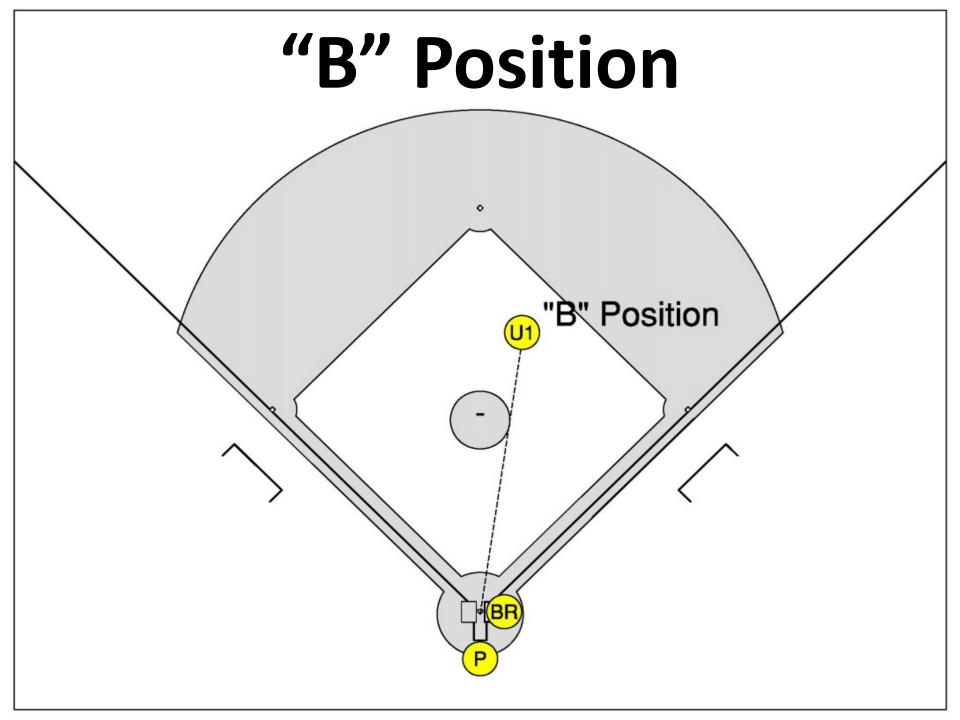
Trouble Balls – A Position

- Right fielder toward foul line
- Communicate with your partner
- Don't run directly at the fielder get a good angle
- Be ready to return to take the play at the plate

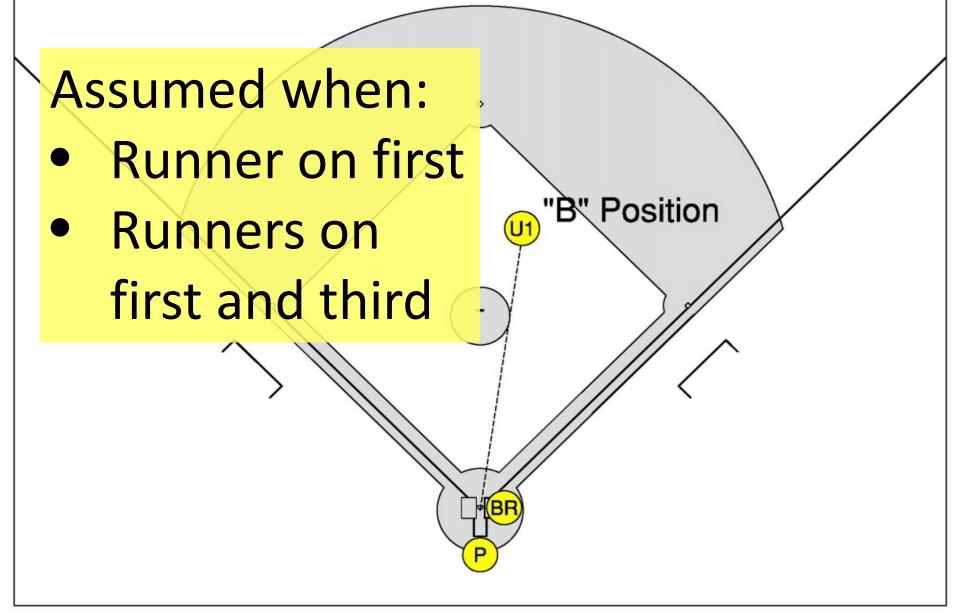
Trouble Balls - A batted ball hit to the outfield that will present a problem for a Coverage fielder. Examples: Fly ball with two fielders converging Position Potential for catch below the waist Fly ball that will require fair/foul decision

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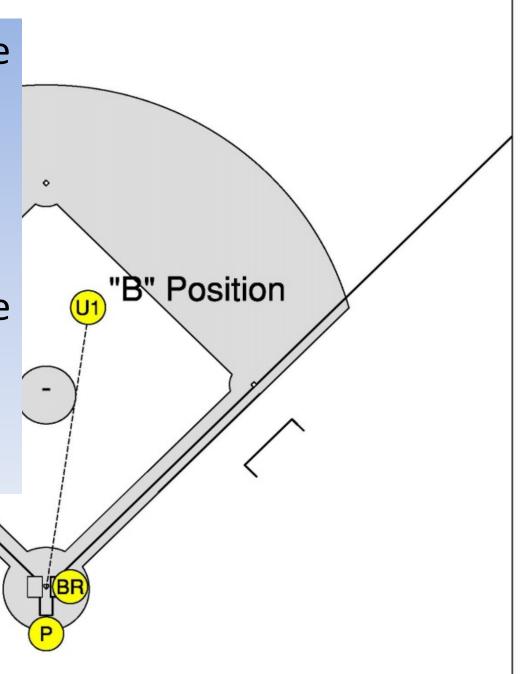
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"B" Position



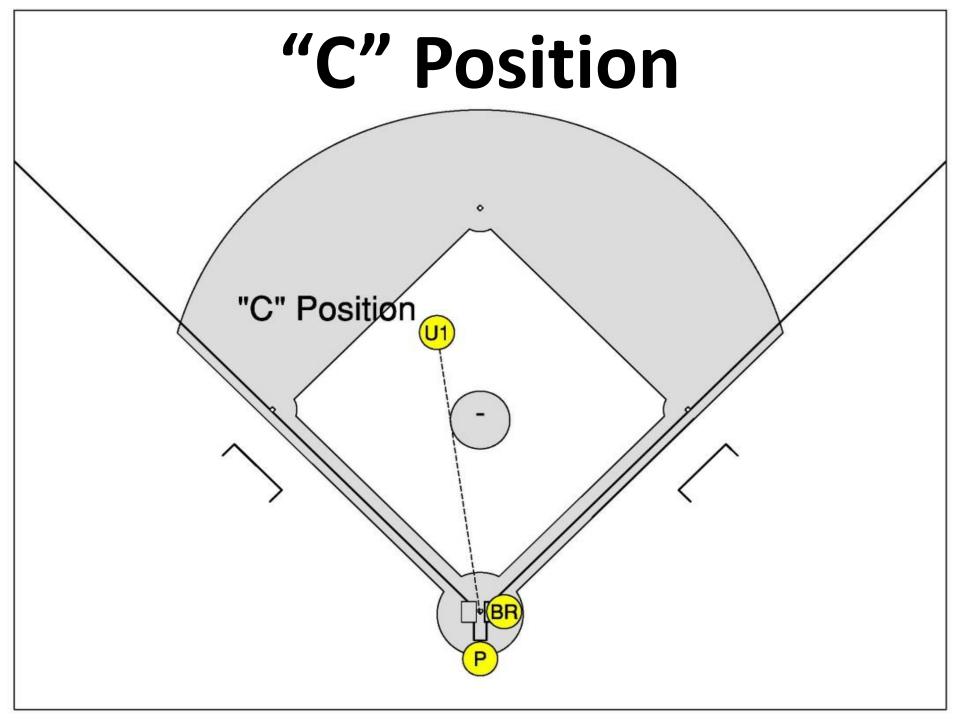
- First base side of the infield
- Halfway between pitching plate and second base
 - On a line from home plate to edge of mound
 - Hand-on-knees set



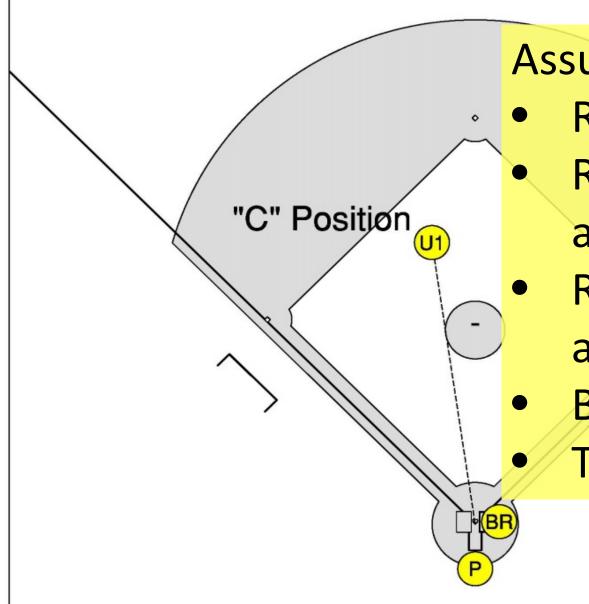


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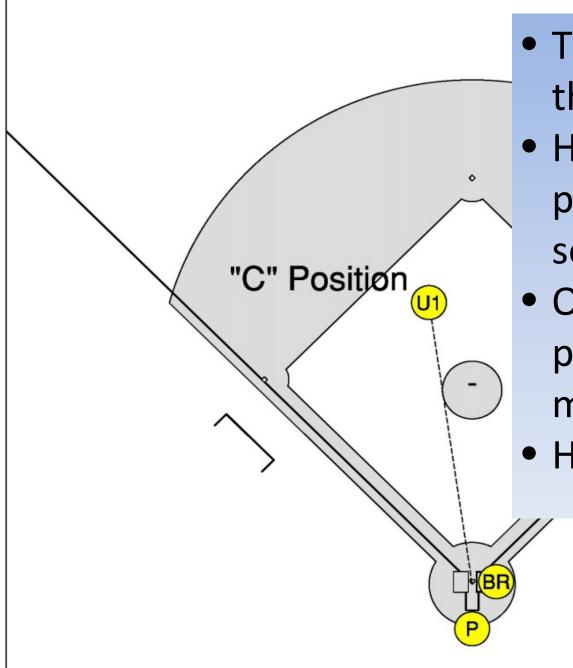


"C" Position



Assumed when:

- Runner on second
 - Runner on first and second
 - Runner on second and third
 - Bases loaded
 - Third base only

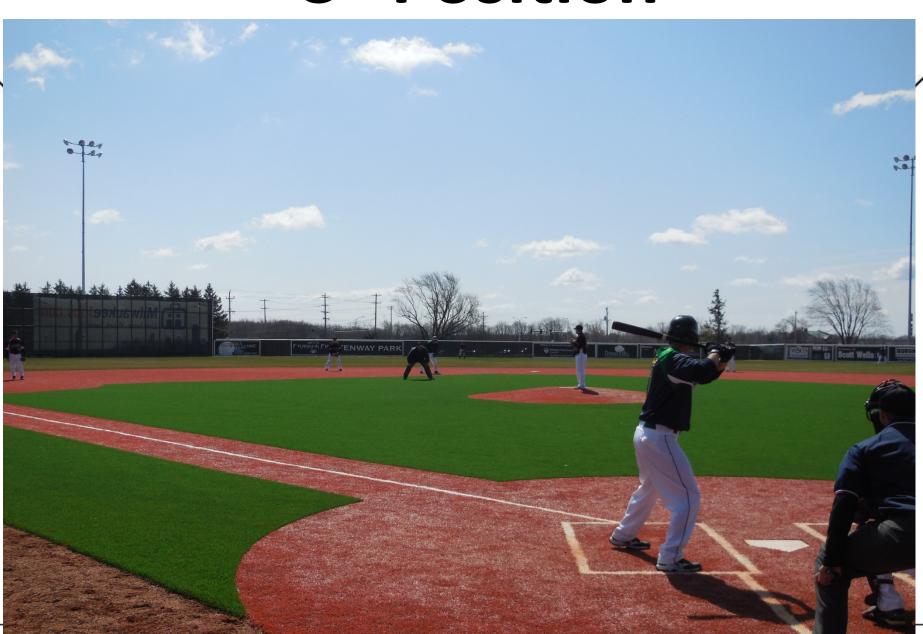


- Third base side of the infield
- Halfway between pitching plate and second base
- On a line from home plate to edge of mound
- Hands-on-knee set



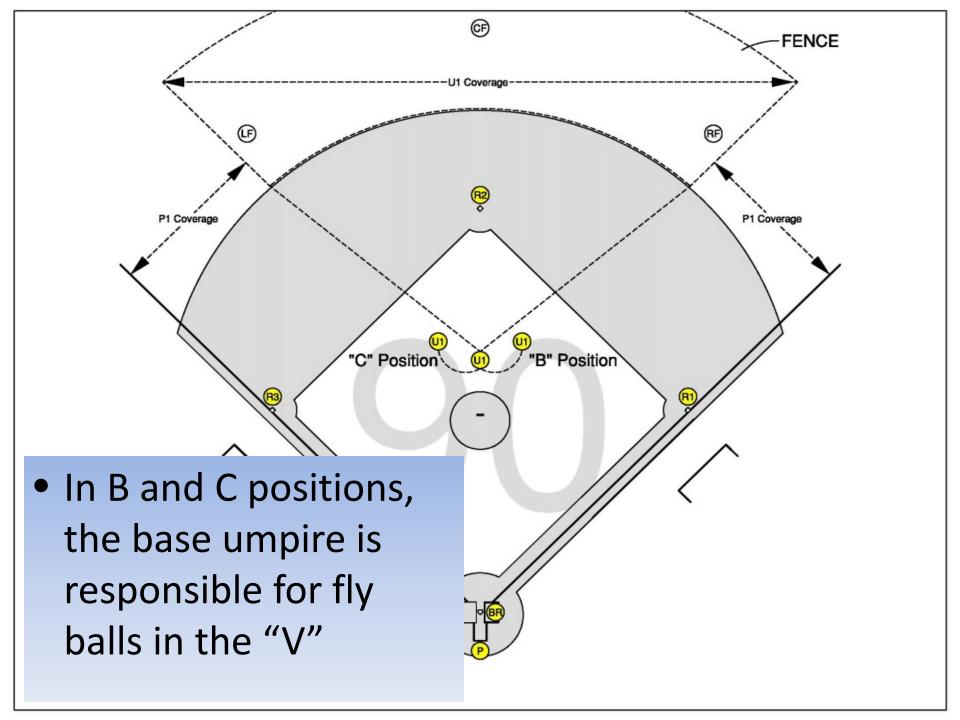


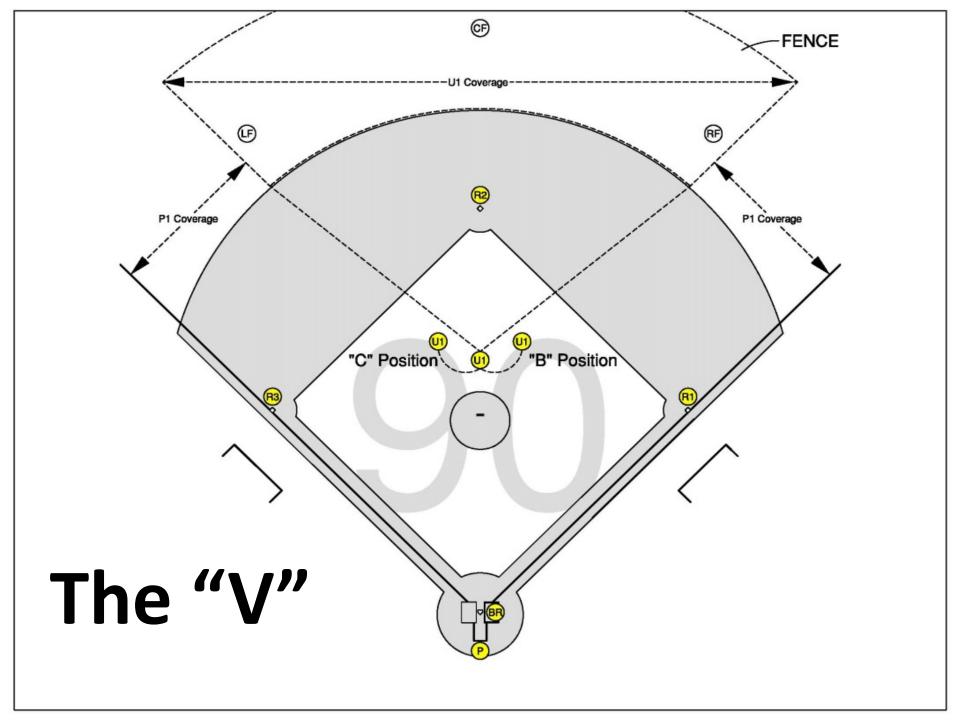
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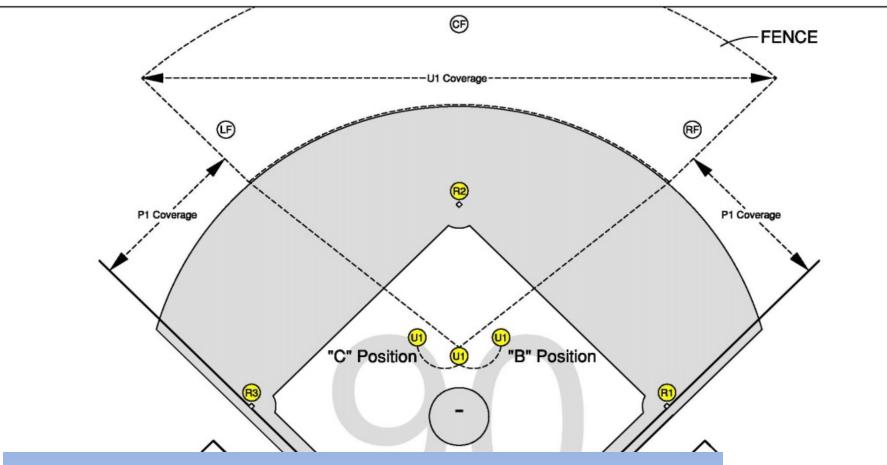


Blue, can you give me a step? While you're in B or C positions, some second basemen, "C" Position shortstops and runners may ask you if you can move a step over. Always do so, one step isn't going to impact you.

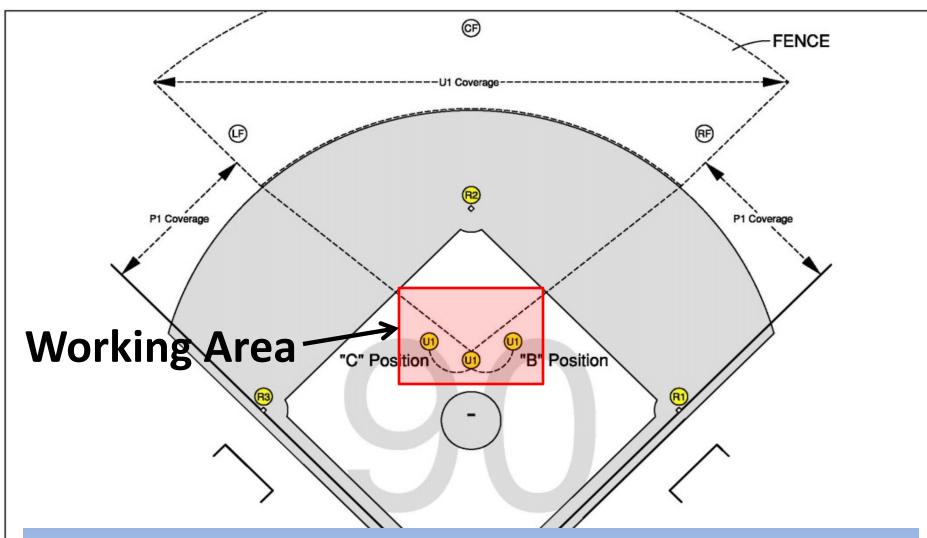
Two-Person "B" and "C" Umpire Responsibilities 90-foot Diamond







 With base umpire in B or C, plate umpire has the foul lines and fly balls with the left or right fielders heading toward the foul lines

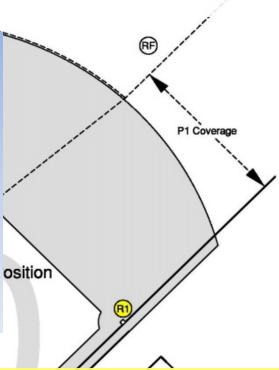


- Base umpire will remain in the working area for catch/no catch decisions in the outfield
- Never cross onto the infield dirt to view a catch

Tag Ups

- Plate umpire has all tagups at third base.
- Base umpire has all tagups at first and second bases.

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This may mean backing up from the ball to open up a field of view of the catch and runners.

Plate Coverage of Third Base

When does the plate umpire lend a hand with calls at third base?

- Sometimes with no runners on base, plate umpire will take the runner into third base
- More commonly, with a runner on first and a clean hit to the outfield, plate umpire will come up to cover third.
- Discuss this coverage during your pregame!

