

SECTION 1

NO RUNNERS ON BASE

- 1.1** The first base umpire will be positioned about 10-12 feet behind the first baseman with both feet in foul territory. The third base umpire should be in the same approximate position behind the third baseman.
- 1.2** On all ground balls, fly balls, and line drives to the infield the first base umpire will come into fair territory staying to the outside (outfield) of the infield and set up in a position to render a decision at first base if necessary. The first base umpire will be responsible for the batter-runner touching first and any play that may develop at first on the batter-runner. He/she will also be responsible for taking the batter-runner into second should a play develop there. The third base umpire will come into fair territory, staying to the outside of the infield, and take a position that will give him/her the best angle to observe the play and be able to offer any assistance that may be needed. The third base umpire will be responsible for any touch of third or any play that may develop at third on the batter-runner should the ball not be caught or an overthrow occur. On all fly balls and line drives, the home plate umpire will be responsible for the catch/no catch and will come into fair territory in front of the pitcher's mound and move into a position where he/she has the best view of the ball. On ground balls the home plate umpire will clear the catcher and trail the batter-runner up the first base line and will be responsible for any ball going into dead ball territory and to be able to assist, if asked, the first base umpire with a pulled foot; swipe tag; etc. The home plate umpire will also be responsible for any touch of home or any play that may develop at home plate.
- 1.3** On all fly balls and line drives to the outfield, (with the exception of "trouble" balls), the responsibility for the catch/no catch will belong to the home plate umpire. The first base umpire will pivot into the infield and will be responsible for the batter-runner touching first; for any play back into first and for taking the batter-runner into second if he/she should attempt to advance, if the ball is not caught. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield, keeping the ball in front of him/her and take a position that will offer the best angle to observe the play and to offer any assistance that may be needed. The third base umpire will be responsible for any play that may develop at third base on the batter-runner. The home plate umpire will come into fair territory in front of the pitcher's mound and move into a position where he/she has the best view of the ball. The home plate umpire will have the responsibility for the catch/no catch on the fly ball or line drive and will be responsible for any touch of home or any play that may develop at home plate.

- 1.4** On base hits to the outfield the first base umpire will pivot into the infield and will be responsible for the batter-runner touching first and for any play that may develop on the batter-runner continuing on to second or returning to first. The third base umpire will pivot into the infield, keeping the ball in front of him/her and take a position that will offer the best angle to observe the play and offer any assistance that may be needed. The third base umpire will be responsible for the touch of third and for any play that may develop at third on the batter-runner. The home plate umpire will come into fair territory in front of the pitcher's mound and move into a position where he/she has the best view of the play. The home plate umpire will be responsible for any touch of home or any play that may develop at home plate.
- 1.5** If the first base umpire goes out on a "trouble" ball, the third base umpire will pivot into the working area and be responsible for the batter-runner touching first, any play back into first, and for the touch or any play that may develop at second or third on the batter-runner advancing should the ball not be caught. The home plate umpire will come out from behind home plate going a few feet into foul territory and a few feet down the third base line to observe the play and to be ready to offer any assistance that may be needed. The home plate umpire will be responsible for the touch and any play that may develop at home plate. Once an umpire has gone out, he/she will stay out until the play has ended. The umpire should wait until all action has ceased before returning to his/her position.
- 1.6** If the third base umpire goes out on a "trouble" ball, you will revert back to the two umpire system. The first base umpire will pivot in and be responsible for the batter-runner touching first, second or third base and for any plays that may develop on the batter runner. The home plate umpire will come into fair territory in front of the pitcher's mound to observe the ball and be ready to offer any assistance that may be required. The home plate umpire will be responsible for any touch of home or any play that may develop at home plate.