

SECTION 11 RUNNER ON THIRD BASE ONLY

- 11.1** With a runner on third base only, the third base umpire will position himself/herself 6-8 feet behind the third baseman with both feet in foul territory.
- 11.2** The first base umpire will position himself/herself 10-12 feet behind the first baseman with both feet in foul territory.
- 11.3** On balls hit to the infield, the third base umpire will remain at third base for a possible play there. The first base umpire will come in and set up for a possible play at first base. Should the ball be overthrown, then the first base umpire will continue on into the infield, pivot, and take the batter-runner into second base or back into first base.
- 11.4** On a fly ball where the runner from third base may be tagging up to advance, the third base umpire will position himself/herself in such a position as to line up the tag. The first base umpire will come in and pivot; assuming full responsibility for the batter-runner going into second base or returning to first base should the ball be dropped.
- 11.5** On a clean base hit, the third base umpire will come into the infield and take responsibility for the batter-runner going into second base **except** that the responsibility for the batter-runner on a stand-up double will be the same as outline in paragraph 6 of Section 1, “No Runners on Base.” The first base umpire will come in, pivot, and take the batter-runner into second base or back into first base, again as outlined in paragraph 6 of Section 8.1 of this manual.
- 11.6** With a runner on third base only, if the third base umpire goes out, the first base umpire will come in, pivot, and take responsibility for the batter-runner. You will then revert back to the two-umpire system.
- 11.7** With a runner on third base only, if the first base umpire goes out, the third base umpire will come into the center of the infield and take responsibility for the batter-runner going into second base or returning to first base. The home plate umpire will drop back into foul territory and take responsibility for the runner on third tagging up. In this situation, the third base umpire is responsible for the batter-runner touching first base.
- 11.8** With a runner on third base only, on a fly ball or line drive from left field to center field where neither umpire goes out, the third base umpire will have responsibility of the tag up at third base and will also have the responsibility of the catch/no catch decisions. The first base umpire will come in, pivot, and take responsibility of the batter-runner going into second base or returning to first base.