

SECTION 4

RUNNERS ON FIRST AND SECOND; TWO OUT

- 4.1** The third base umpire will position himself/herself 6-8 feet behind the third baseman.
- 4.2** The first base umpire will position himself/herself halfway between the pitcher's mound and second base on the first base side of the mound.
- 4.3** With runners on first and second with two out, fly ball and line drive responsibilities remain the same as with runners on second and third. The plate umpire will remain at home.
- 4.4** With runners on first and second with two out, on any ball hit, the third base umpire is responsible for the touching of third base and possible plays at third base. The infield umpire is responsible for the touching of first and second and possible plays at first and second base, including plays on the batter-runner.
- 4.5** Note that some crews prefer to leave the first base umpire at first base with runners on first and second with two out. This is permissible, and in that case the mechanics for fly balls and base hits would be the same as in Section 3 of this manual.