

## SECTION 7

### RUNNERS ON FIRST AND THIRD; LESS THAN TWO OUT

- 7.1 The third base umpire will position himself/herself halfway between the pitcher's mound and second base on the third base side of the mound in a position ready for plays at second or third.
- 7.2 The first base umpire will position himself/herself 6-8 feet beyond the first base bag with both feet in foul territory.
- 7.3 Fly ball responsibility remains the same as with runners on first and second or with a runner on first base only. The plate umpire is responsible for the runner on third tagging up and advancing to home plate.
- 7.4 With runners on first and third base and less than two out, on a base hit the plate umpire will come up to third base and assume the responsibility of the runner going to third base from first base. The infield umpire, after watching the runner from first base touch second base and seeing that he/she is in fact going to advance to third base, will slide over to the first base side of the mound and assume responsibility for the batter-runner advancing to second base or returning to first base. After the first base umpire has watched the batter-runner touch first and has seen the runner on first **committed** to third base, he/she will come to the plate for any possible play there.
- 7.5 With runners on first and third base and less than two out, on a fly ball where the runner on third is tagging up, the responsibility for the tag up and the play at the plate belongs to the plate umpire. The first base umpire will come in and pivot, lining up the tag from first base and assuming responsibility of the runner on first. The infield umpire has the responsibility for the play at second base. Should the runner tagging up at third base hold up and true to third base, the infield umpire also has responsibility for the play back into third. In that situation (play back into third), if the runner on first base tags up and goes into second base, the responsibility for him/her belongs to the first base umpire.