

SECTION 8

RUNNERS ON FIRST AND THIRD; TWO OUT

- 8.1** The third base umpire will position himself/herself 6-8 feet behind the third baseman with both feet in foul territory.
- 8.2** 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.
- 8.3** With runners on first and third base with two out, on any ball hit, the plate umpire shall remain at home plate for possible plays. The third base umpire remains at third base for the touching of third and possible plays at that base. The infield umpire is responsible for plays at first and second, including plays on the batter-runner.
- 8.4** With runners on first and third 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.
- 8.5** Note that some crews prefer to leave the first base umpire at first base with runners on first and third and two out. This is permissible, and in that case the mechanics for fly balls and base hits would be the same as in Section of this manual.