



SECOND BASEMAN

1. Understands our philosophy of “keeping runner honest”
2. Knows how to signal to pitcher that he wants a throw
3. Knows footing on double play move
4. Knows count, outs, score, situational
5. If backing throw to 2B (catcher throwing to SS) understands where to play
6. Knows he cuts throw from RF to 2B (maybe) and 3B.
7. Communicates with P as to what role he has on grounder to P with runner on 1B.
8. Understands he has 1-2 more seconds than a LEFT SIDE infielder to make the play. Does not rush, and gets the job done.
9. Can throw a GUN to home
10. Knows his other middle infielder and works together on double-play moves
11. Knows when to underhand toss and when to throw to 2B on a double-play move
12. Cancatch a foul ball down RF line - knows that many fouls behind 1B are easier for 2Baseman than 1B.
13. COMMUNICATES and CALLS each fly ball.
14. Understands he has to cover 1B on sacrifice bunts. This seems simple - but is forgotten WAY too often.
15. Understands 2B has priority over 1B on fly balls - and must communicate.
16. Rellays to the OF how many outs, situational items -- every batter.
17. Works with SS to squeeze the second base with a runner on 1B - or we will have a delayed steal work against us.
18. Understands it's ok to dive for the ball to make a play. There are times when ball needs to stay in IF.
19. Knows outfield has priority over infield on flyballs.
20. When you call for a ball - an OF can call you off - acknowledge and get out of the way in a direction that wont impede the play.
21. With a runner on 2B - knows that any ground ball hit his direction - he absolutely has to keep the ball in the infield - and come up with a chance to throw to 3B or home.
22. On hit-and-runs the middle infielder should “shuffle to cover” second base and not cross his feet and run to second base. This will allow him to react to a ball hit behind him. Remember you are a FIELDER during the game. Emphasizing this on a steal attempt as well. We don't want to give hitters an extra 90' of “green space”
23. Understands that with runners on 1st and 2nd - a double play attempt - if you can't get out at 1B - you can aggressively FAKE throw to 1B and come up ready to pick player off at 3B attempting to score.
24. Knows and communicates with SS who is covering on a steal attempt.
25. On all steals - if you are receiving the throw from C - be in front of the base. CATCH the ball first.
26. Understands if he is called off a short OF fly ball, he must rush back to cover 2B.
27. On short hop throws from the catcher down to second base - the 2Bman should stay at the base and start with his glove down and then come up if needed. He should not leave the base as it takes longer to slap a tag from off the base.
28. Understands with runner on 2nd—we keep the runner honest. We don't hold him on the base.
29. Knows to PINCH the MIDDLE with SS on every throw from C to P with runner on base.

DRILLS to PRACTICE at HOME

- Grounders, turning two, covering base.
- Have someone play catcher and throw ball down—get timing down covering 2B on a steal.
- Practice covering 1B on bunt situations.
- Practice relays from OF and where to play. Also understand you are “director” for SS cutting throws to you from LF, LC.