

TIGERS PLAYBOOK



This playbook is a simplified (dumbed down) version of a High School Varsity Baseball playbook.

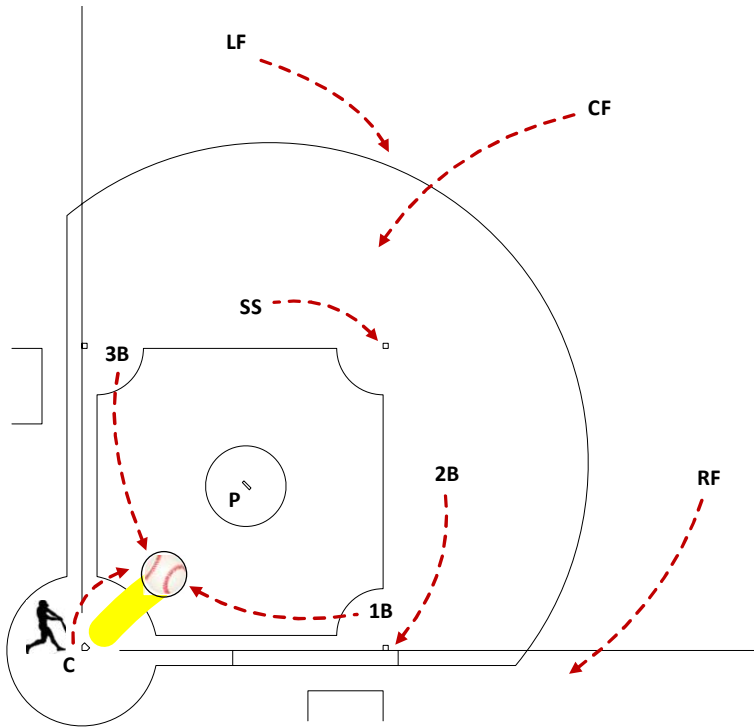
Our goal is to teach and learn fundamentals that help develop skills needed to compete at higher levels each year. Coaches will deviate from this playbook as needed based on abilities.

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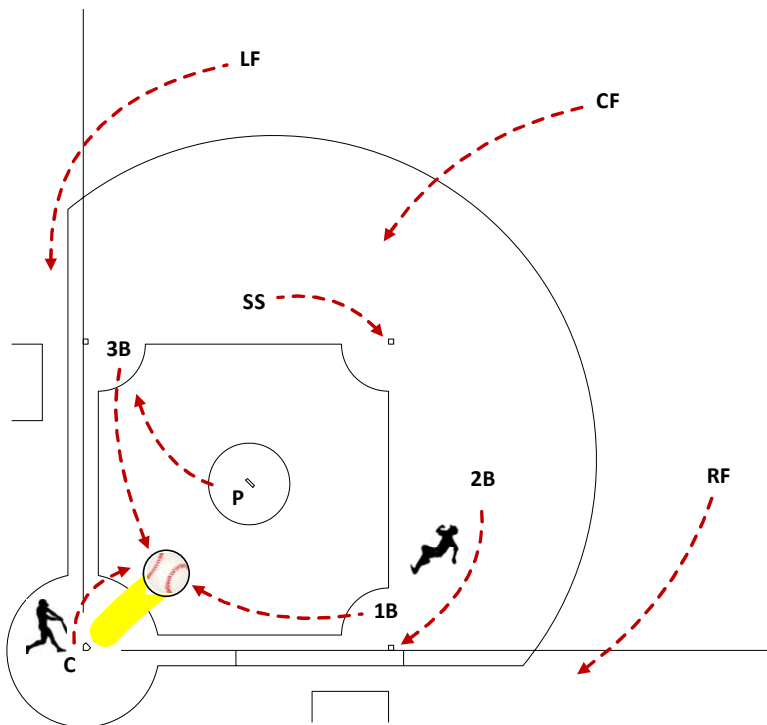
BUNT COVERAGES

Bunt Coverages



No Baserunners

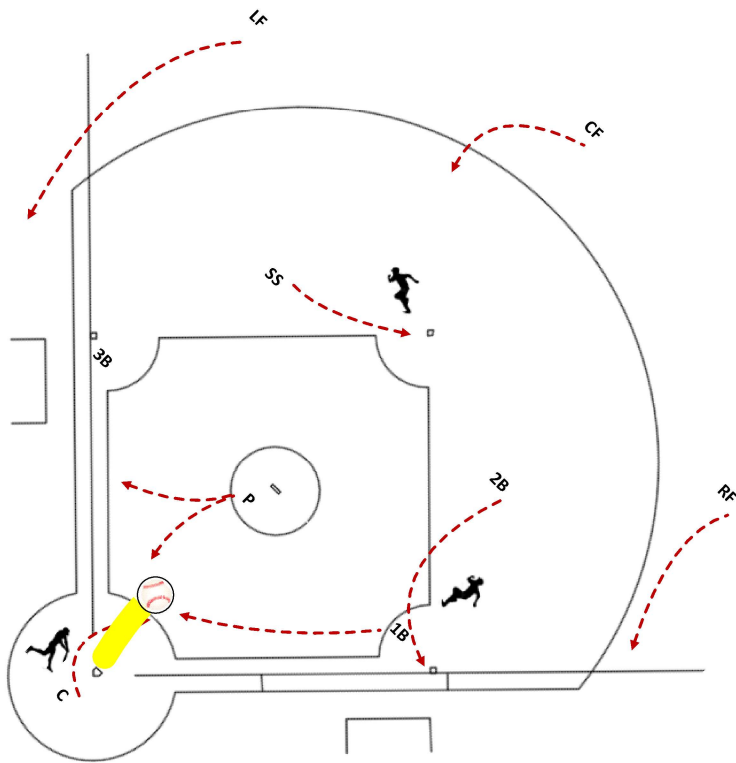
- Everyone is moving,
- The first and third baseman crash to the ball, do not fight with the catcher,
- The shortstop covers second base,
- Outfielders move to backup potential bad throws,
- The pitcher hangs back in case of hard bunt up the middle or a pop fly bunt,
- The pitcher overs 3rd base in case runner breaks to third on bad throws.



Base Runner on First

- Everyone is moving,
- The first and third baseman crash to the ball, do not fight with the catcher,
- The shortstop covers second base,
- The pitcher covers 3rd base in case the runner breaks to third,
- Outfielders move to backup potential bad throws.

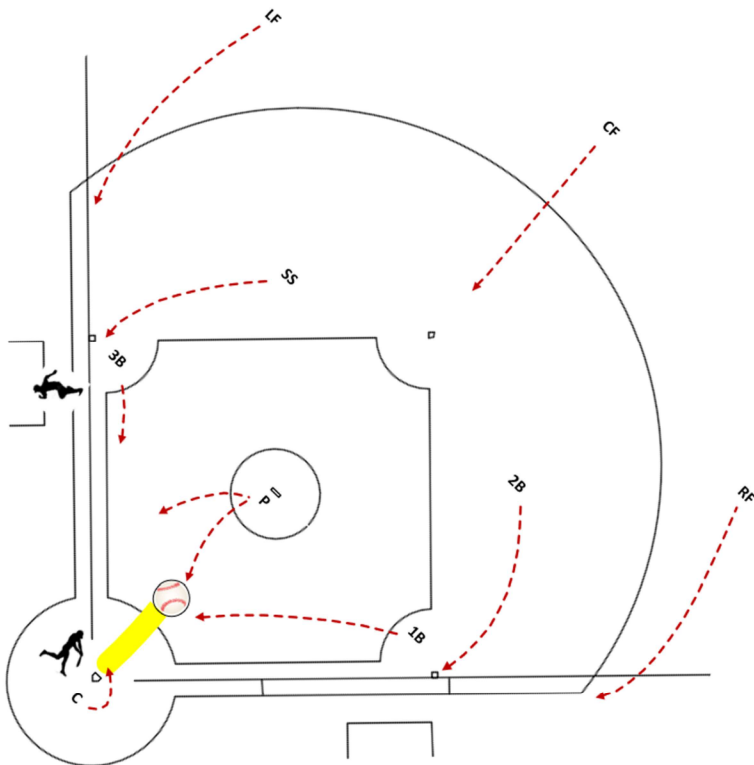
BUNT COVERAGES



Base Runner on 2nd Base

- Everyone is moving,
- The first and third baseman crash to the ball, do not fight with the catcher,
- The shortstop covers second base,
- The pitcher covers 3rd base in case the runner breaks to third,
- Outfielders move to backup potential bad throws.

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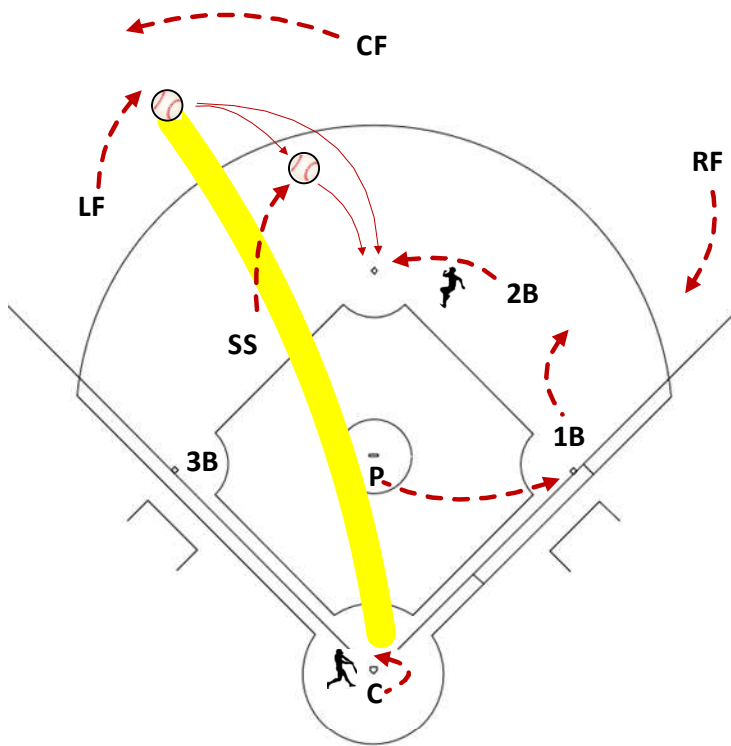


Runner on 3rd (Squeeze Play)

- Everyone is moving,
- The first and third baseman crash to the ball, do not fight with the catcher,
- The shortstop covers second base,
- The pitcher covers 3rd base in case the runner breaks to third,
- Outfielders move to backup potential bad throws.

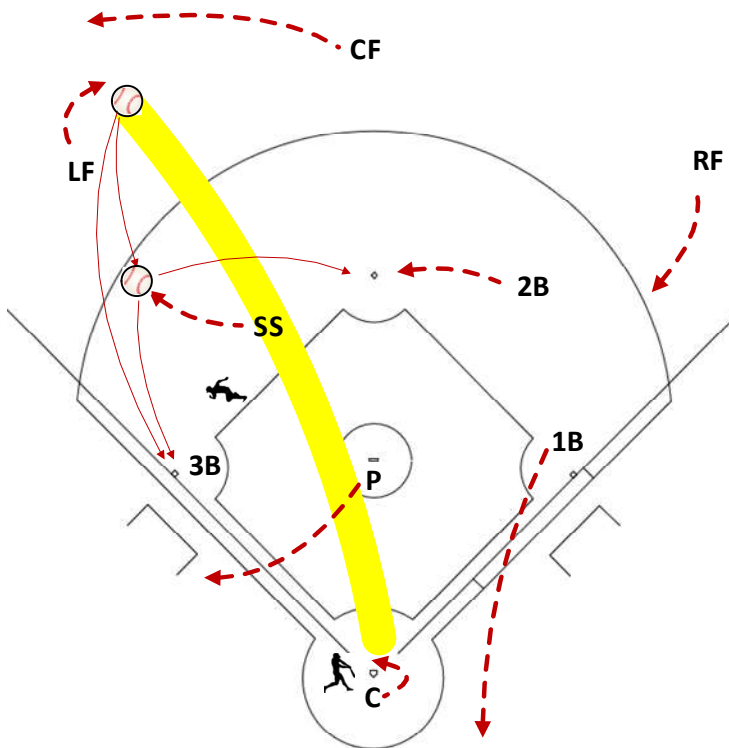
RELAYS / CUTOFFS

Relays / Cutoffs



Ball Hit to Left-Side- Play at 2nd Base

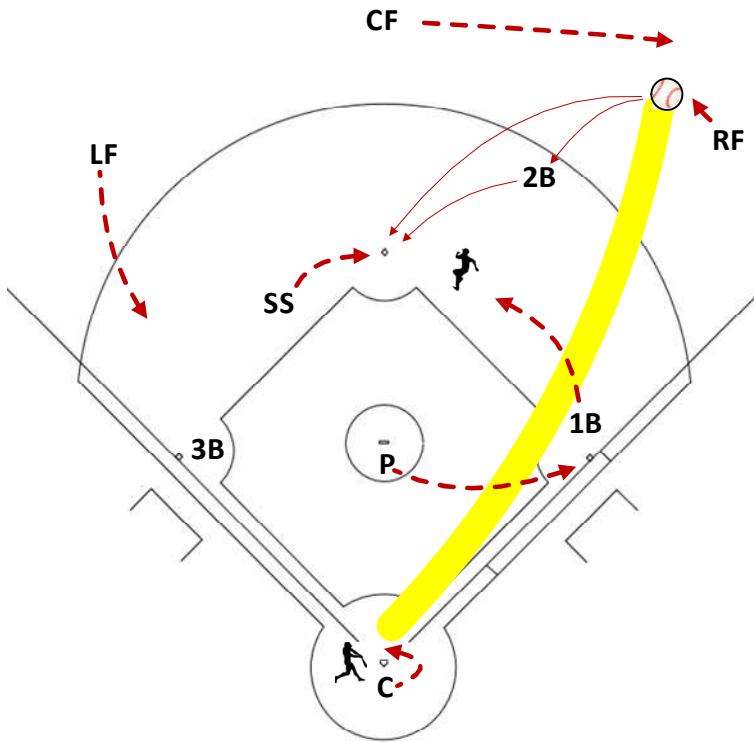
- Shortstop lines up as the outfield cutoff and 2nd baseman covers the bag,
- 1st baseman may follow the runner going to 2nd base,
- The pitcher slides over to cover 1st if the 1st baseman follows the runner,
- Outfielders move to backup any potential play,
- 3rd baseman stays at 3rd base.



Ball Hit to Left-Side- Play at 3rd Base

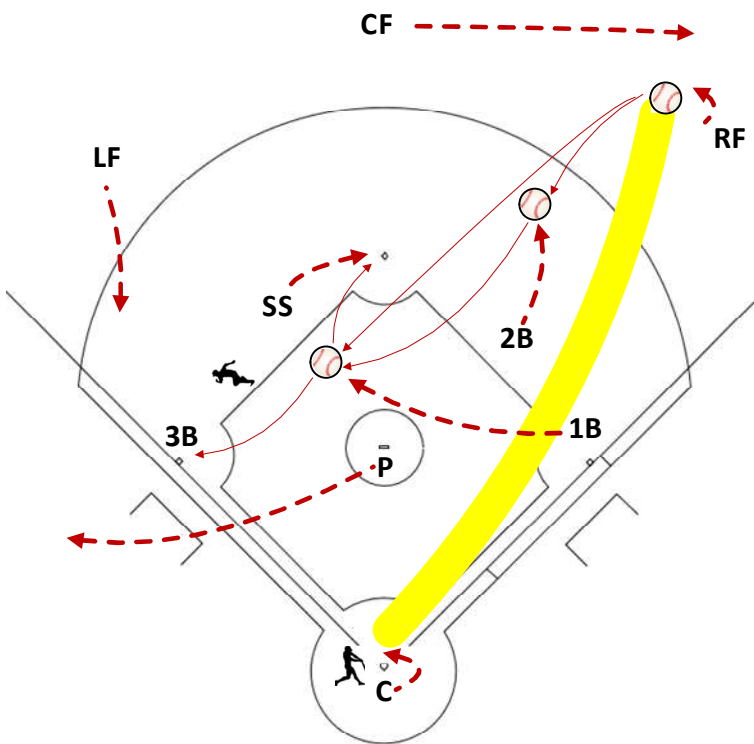
- The shortstop lines up as the outfield cutoff and the 3rd baseman covers the bag,
- The pitcher backs up the 3rd base and the 1st baseman backs up the catcher,
- The 2nd baseman covers 2nd base,
- Outfielders move to backup any potential play.

RELAYS / CUTOFFS



Ball Hit to Right Side- Play at 2nd Base

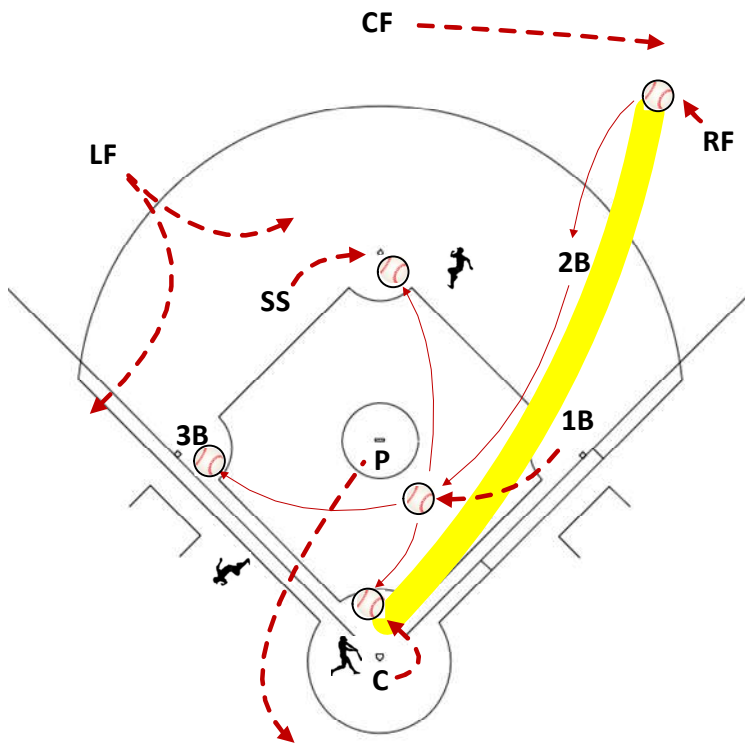
- The 2nd baseman lines up as the outfield cutoff and shortstop covers the bag,
- 1st baseman may follow the runner going to 2nd base,
- The pitcher slides over to cover 1st if the 1st baseman follows the runner,
- Outfielders move to backup any potential play,
- 3rd baseman stays at 3rd base in case runner breaks for 3rd.



Ball Hit to Right Side- Play at 3rd Base

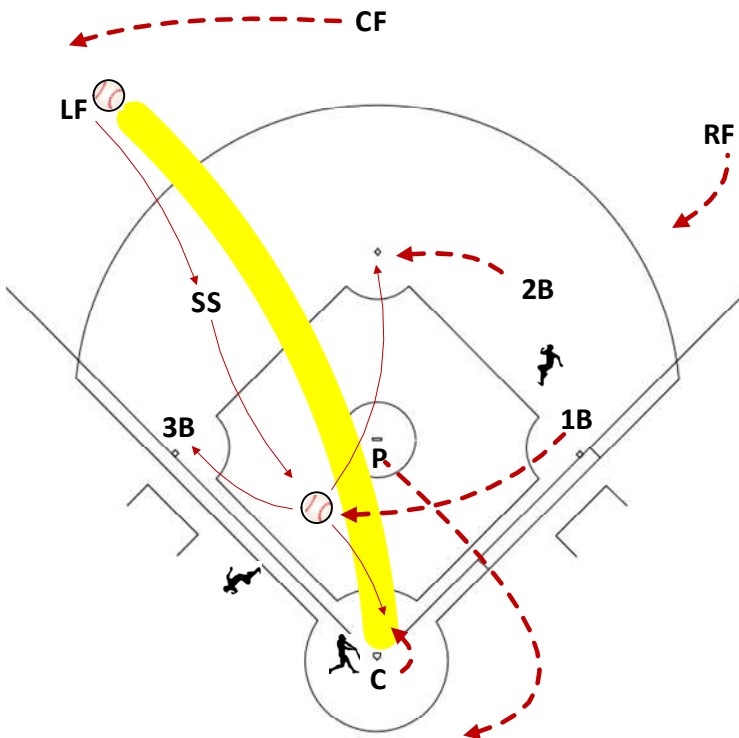
- The 2nd baseman lines up as the outfield cutoff and shortstop covers the bag,
- The pitcher backs up the 3rd base,
- The shortstop covers 2nd base,
- The 1st baseman becomes the infield cutoff for play at any runner,
- Outfielders move to backup any potential play.

RELAYS / CUTOFFS



Ball Hit to Right Side- Play at the Plate

- The 2nd baseman lines up as the outfield cutoff and shortstop covers 2nd base,
- The 1st baseman becomes the infield cutoff for play at any runner,
- The pitcher backs up the catcher,
- Outfielders move to backup any potential play,
- 3rd baseman stays at 3rd base.

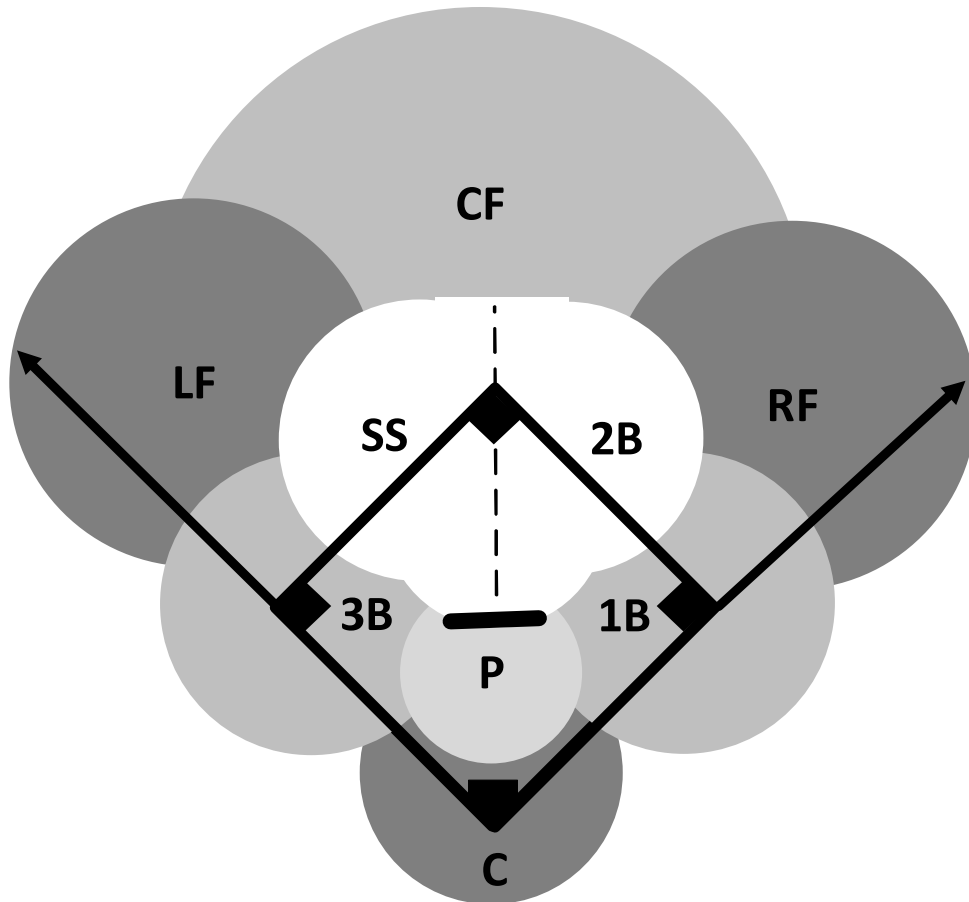


Ball Hit to Left-Side- Play at the Plate

- The shortstop lines up as the outfield cutoff and 2nd baseman covers 2nd base,
- The 1st baseman becomes the infield cutoff for play on any runner,
- The pitcher backs up the catcher,
- Outfielders move to backup any potential play,
- 3rd baseman stays at 3rd base.

POP FLY COVERAGE

Pop Fly Coverage



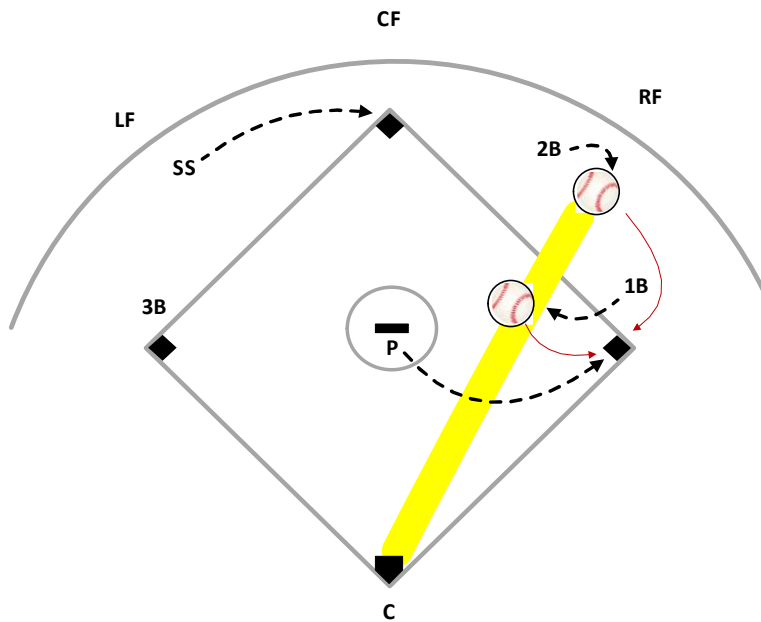
Pop Fly Communications

Any sort of communication needs to be repeated **THREE** times. To call off other fielders for the ball, a fielder yells, "**Mine, Mine, Mine**"; not "I got it".

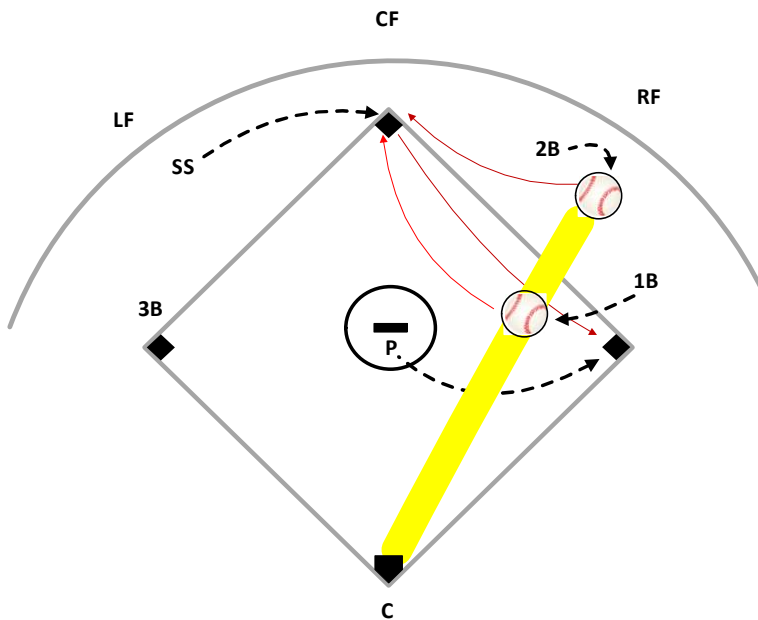
Fly Ball Pecking Order

1. **All outfielders overrule infielders**, and the **Centerfielder** overrules all outfielders,
2. The **Shortstop** overrules all infielders,
3. The **Second Baseman** overrules the **First** baseman and the **Pitcher**,
4. The **First** baseman and **Third** basemen overrules the **Pitcher** and **Catcher**,
5. The **Pitcher** overrules the **Catcher**,
6. **The Pitcher NEVER takes a fly ball behind the mound!**

Infield Play

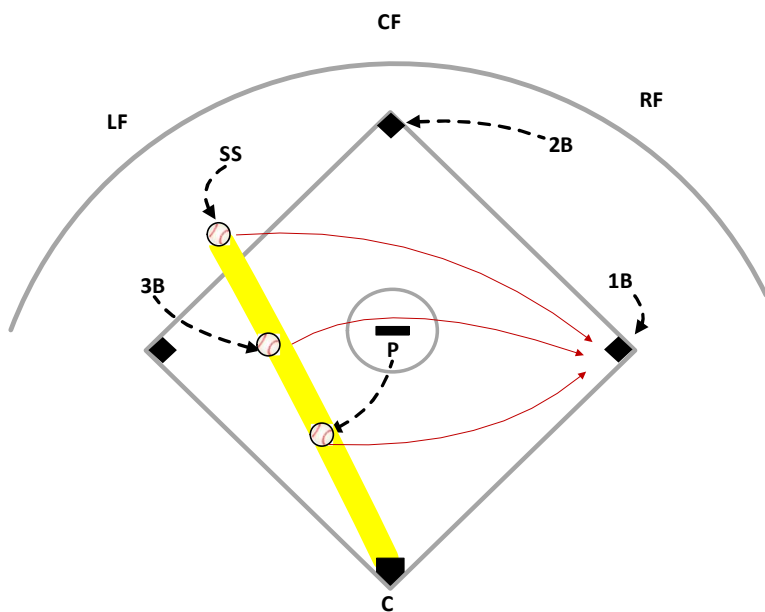
Ball Hit to Right Side (Play at 1st)

- Pitcher **ALWAYS** covers 1st base on a ground ball hit to the right side, but can be called off by the 1st baseman,
- The 1st baseman can field any ground ball he can get to **on his feet** (inward or lateral), or lets the ball through to the 2nd baseman,
- The shortstop covers 2nd base,
- Outfielders need to find a place to back up any play.



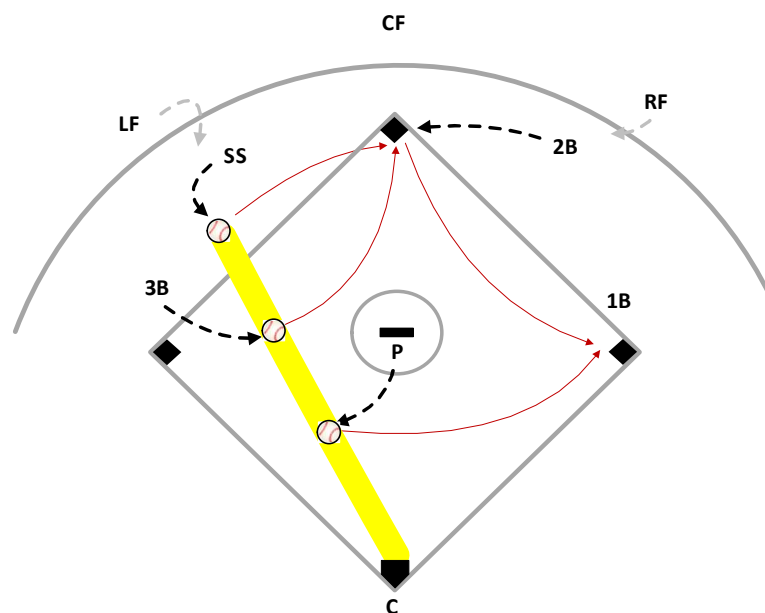
Ball Hit to Right Side (4-6-3 & 3-6-1 DP)

- Pitcher **ALWAYS** covers 1st base on a ground ball hit to the right side, but can be called off by the 1st baseman),
- The 1st baseman can field any ground ball he can get to **on his feet**, or lets the ball through to the 2nd baseman,
- The shortstop will cover 2nd base,
- If runner is on 1st, the 1st baseman throws to 2nd for 3-6-1 DP, or
- The 2nd baseman throws to the shortstop OR 1st base for either an out at 1st, OR a 4-6-1 DP.
- Outfielders need to find a place to back up any play.



Ball hit to Left Side (Play at 1st)

- The pitcher fields the ball and throws to 1st base or lets the ball go through,
- The 3rd baseman can field any ground charging in and get to the ball **on his feet** or lets the ball go through. Do not smother the ball or cut off the shortstop,
- The 2nd baseman covers 2nd base,
- Outfielders need to find a place to back up any play.



Ball Hit to Left Side (5-4-3 & 6-4-1 DP)

- The pitcher fields the ball and throws to 1st base, or lets the ball go through,
- The 3rd baseman fields any ground ball he can get to **on his feet**, throws to 2nd base to start 5-4-3 DP, or lets the ball through to the shortstop who fields the ball and starts a 6-4-3 DP,
- The 2nd baseman will cover 2nd base,
- Outfielders need to find a place to back up any play.