

Group #1

Prepare the following information for group presentation:

- Explain how the PU and the BU divide responsibilities for making fair foul decisions on the infield when there is no runner on base.
- Explain how the PU and the BU divide responsibilities for making flyball/line drive decisions to the outfield (no runners on)
- On “normal” throws to first base from anywhere on the field, how do PU & BU divide responsibility's for the play at 1st base?
- On throws to first base from anywhere on the field, who is responsible for overthrows into dead ball territory?
- Describe the BU's action when a ball is hit slowly up the first base line that will require a fair or foul decision.
- What is the proper starting position for the BU with no on base and F3 playing in a normal position?

Group #2

prepare the following for group presentation

- How does F3's positioning influence or cause BU to adjust starting position A when F3 is on the infield grass (playing shallow)
- How does BU's fair/foul responsibilities adjust his starting position?
- How does F3's positioning influence or cause the BU to adjust starting position A when F3 is playing deep (near the outfield grass)?
- If F3 is playing "deep" what coverage responsibilities would this most influence or impact?
- Name 3 times BU can help the plate umpire with decisions involving the batter or batter-runner?
- Which umpire has initial responsibility for calling a runner's lane violation? Why?
- What are primary and secondary responsibilities and how are these terms used with referring to umpire jurisdictions.
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Group #3

Working First Base- Discussion questions

Prepare the following information for group presentation

Describe the proper footwork and action for the BU and PU when a throw is origination from F6

F1 comes in contact with the pitchers plate and assumes the pre-pitch position:

- What should PU be looking at when F1 comes in contact with the rubber ?
- What positioning objectives should PU seek to accomplish when F1 comes on contact with the rubber?
- What positioning objectives should BU seek to accomplish when F1 comes in contact with the rubber?

F1 begins the wind-up and delivery to the plate

- What positioning objectives should the PU seek to accomplish when F1 starts into the wind-up?
- When F1 starts the windup, what should the PU be observing?
- When F1 starts the wind-up, what should the BU be observing?

F1 leg kicks:

- When F1 starts his leg kick, what positioning objectives should PU be observing?
- Where should PU's eyes be focused and what should PU be observing?
- Where should BU's eyes be focused and what should BU be observing?

F1 releases the pitch:

- When F1 releases the pitch, where should PU's eyes be and what should they be doing throughout the entire pitch through reception by F2?
- When F1 releases the pitch, what positioning objectives must PU have accomplished?

- When F1 releases the pitch, where should the BU eye's be and what should they be doing throughout the entire pitch through reception by F2?
- If the batter doesn't make contact with the ball, describe the proper mechanics, signals and communication between the PU and the BU when PU requests help on a half-swing.

Group #4

Working First Base Discussion Questions

prepare the following for group presentation:

When the Batter makes contact with the ball:

- Which foot should BU always start with when the ball is hit into the infield?
- What is BU's first reaction on ground balls hit to the left side of the infield?
- What defines play position?
- What should BU's play positioning plan be on a “routine” play to F6 thrown to 1st base?
- Describe how BU's starting position influences his play positioning as the ball is fielded & thrown to 1st base?
- What adjustments to BU's positioning plan might be needed when F3 is playing “shallow” or “deep”?
- Why is it important for the BU to “bust in” as quickly as possible to the proper position for plays at 1st base regardless of how hard the ball is hit?
- Should BU regulate his movement into play based on how hard the ball is hit? Why?
- How and where should the PU move during a ground ball to F6?

When the batted ball is fielded by F6:

- What is more important: Proper angle or Proper distance?
- Explain the 90 degree theory
- Define the diagonal of the base and when it will help you establish the proper position for force plays at 1st base.

- What is the ideal distance for a force play at 1st base?
- What possible actions should BU & PU be aware of(anticipate) as the play develops so as not to be surprised when plays “break down” and occur?

Group #5

Working First Base -Discussion Questions

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F6 shuffle steps and throws for 1st base:

- How should BU position his body and watch the throw as it is fielded and thrown by F6?

Throw travels from F6 over pitchers mound:

- In the 1st half the throw's flight to 1st base, what should BU look for while reading the throw?
- Does BU follow the ball with his eyes all the way to F3's glove?

Throw travels the remainder of the distance from pitchers mound to F3:

- What is the umpire looking for when his eyes are focused on the base?
- What creates good timing?
- Which is more important: Proper timing or proper position? Why?
- Describe the proper eye movement for the BU on a ground ball to the shortstop who makes a good throw to first baseman whos on the base when
 - (a)the throw beats the BR
 - (b)The BR beats the throw

When will the umpires timing be quicker when the BR is safe or when the BR