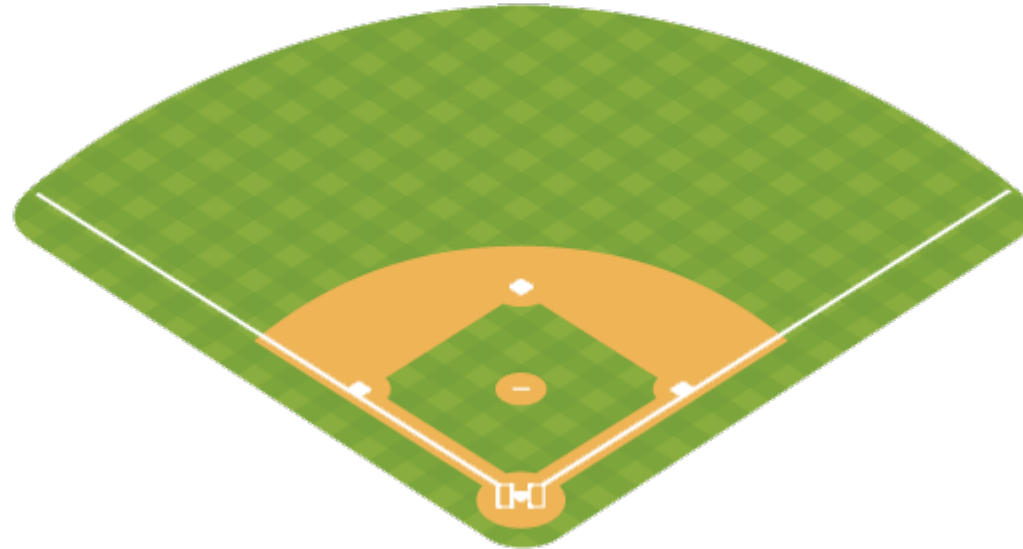




# TWO-UMPIRE SYSTEM





# Umpire Game Responsibilities



Which bases and runners is the BASE umpire responsible for?

With a 2-man crew, the Base Umpire (BU) has responsibility for ALL bases unless a different arrangement has been made with the Plate Umpire (PU) during their pre-game meeting.

## **For a two-umpire crew: one Plate Umpire and one Base Umpire**

- BU will make calls at all bases except home plate
- One exception - PU may opt to cover plays at 3rd base (3B) under some scenarios and cover come-back plays on runners returning to 1st base (1B) when BU is in a position other than A.



# PHBA Umpire Game Responsibilities



## Base Umpire

- Base Umpire in B or C position will be outside base paths for Baseball Pioneer and American Divisions plus All Softball divisions
- For Baseball National and Western, the Base Umpire in B or C position will be inside the base paths.
- Base Umpire will usually handle all base calls. Plate Umpire can help with 3<sup>rd</sup> Base calls in multiple base-runner situations (Confirm during pregame meeting)
- Base Umpire watches for checked swings / appeals.



# PHBA Umpire Game Responsibilities



## Base Umpire

- Base Umpire watches for dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strikes and signals accordingly to Plate Umpire (National and Western only)
- Base Umpire helps Plate Umpire with foul ball off batter's foot
- Base Umpire may call "time," then signals to Plate Umpire when play is ready to resume
- Base Umpire always brings plate gear in case needed to cover Plate Umpire duty

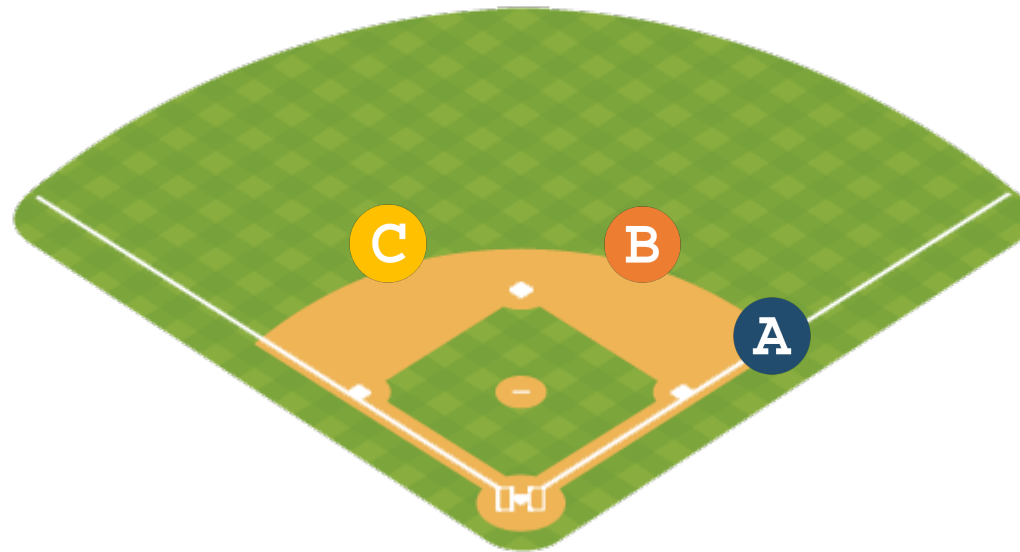


# Positioning



Where does the BASE Umpire stand at the start of each play?

As Base Umpire you will be positioned at one of three positions, depending on where runners are located on the bases. If you forget what position you should be at when a play starts, stand in the POSITION that is directly **in front** of the lead runner.





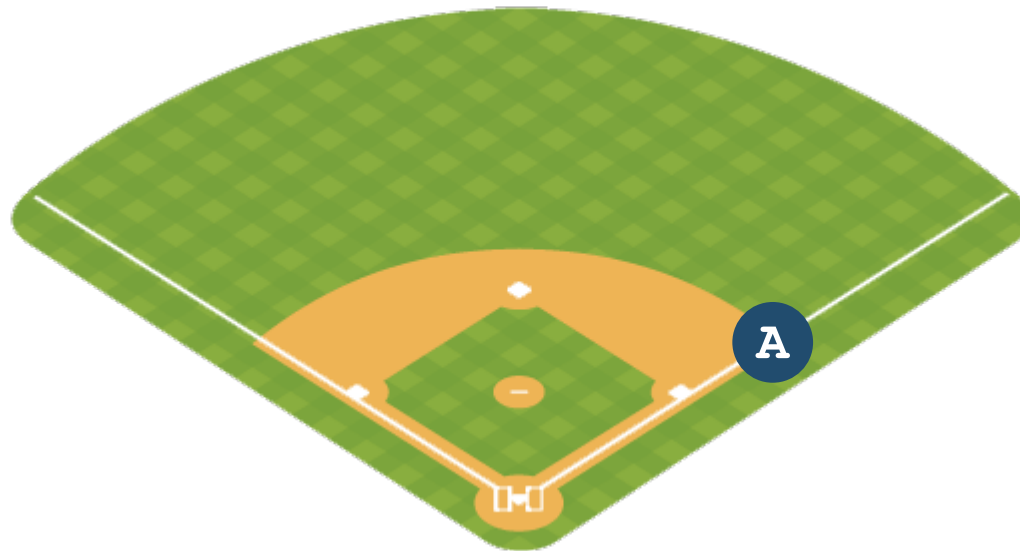
# A-Position



10 – 12 feet behind 1st base in foul territory, with your right foot just outside the foul line

## When?

- No Runners on Base





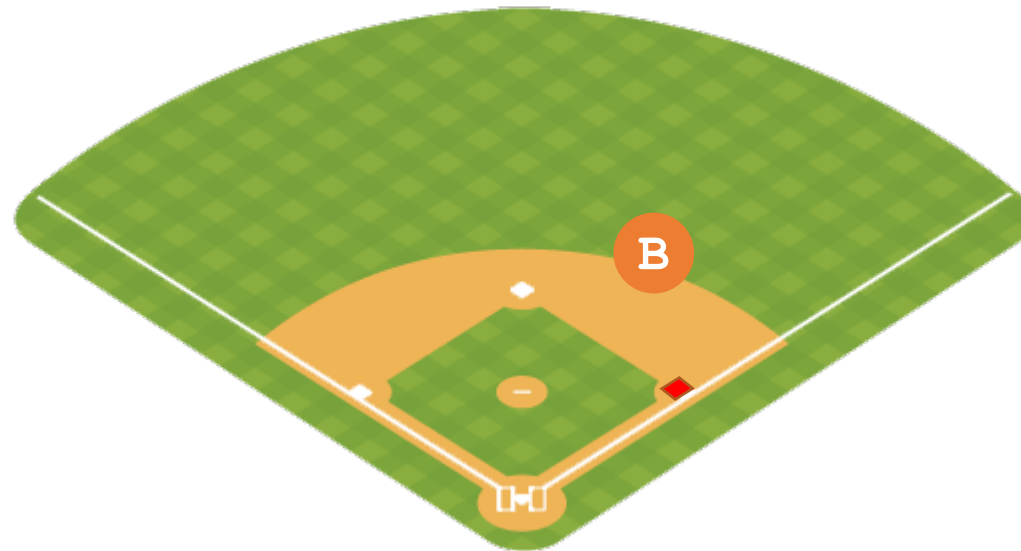
# B-Position



2 – 3 steps behind and 2 – 3 steps to the left of the 2nd baseman (in normal position)

## When?

- Runner on 1B Only





# C-Position



2 – 3 steps behind and 2 – 3 steps to the right of the shortstop (in normal position)

## When?

- Runner on 2B
- Runner on 3B
- Runners on 1B & 2B
- Runners on 1B & 3B
- Runners on 2B & 3B
- Runners on 1B, 2B, & 3B

