



2021 HLL 3 Umpire Mechanics



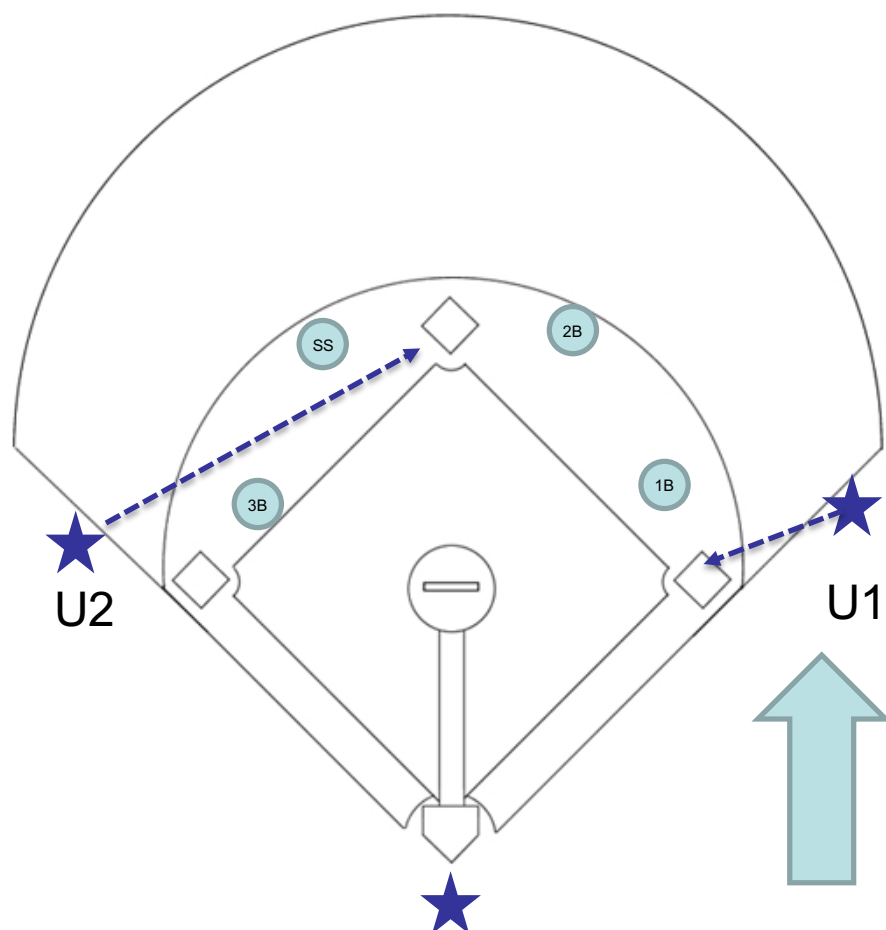
Work as a team

- Field and Plate Umpires need to work as a team to cover all the bases.
- Umpires will position themselves prior to the play based on runner position
- Umpires will move locations and shift focus depending on the outcome of plays
- At Majors coordinate with the Adult Umpire



Who watches 1st?

- Plate Umpire makes fly ball – Catch/No Catch calls
- Field umpires should focus on making sure runner(s) tag up, touch the bases, looking for obstruction, and calling any plays.
- On trouble balls field umpires can assist Plate by making a discrete sign – closed fist for catch, open hand for no catch.
- Let plate call catch/no catch to prevent multiple umps from calling it and risking different calls
- Note: Field Umpire in A or D position will make Fair/Foul call for any ball between home plate side of base to 12 ft behind the plate

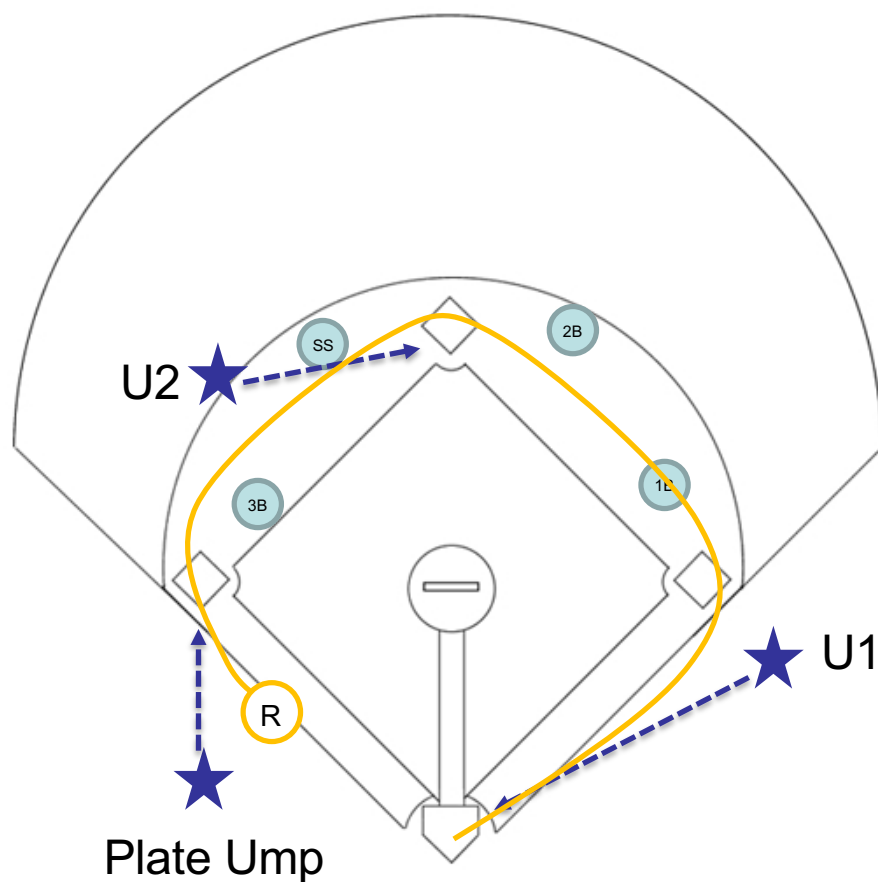


With no runners on base:

- Base umpires start in the “A” and “D” positions.
- When the ball is hit, the 1st umpire will take plays at first base, the 3rd base umpire will rotate and take plays at 2nd base, the plate umpire will rotate and take plays at third base.

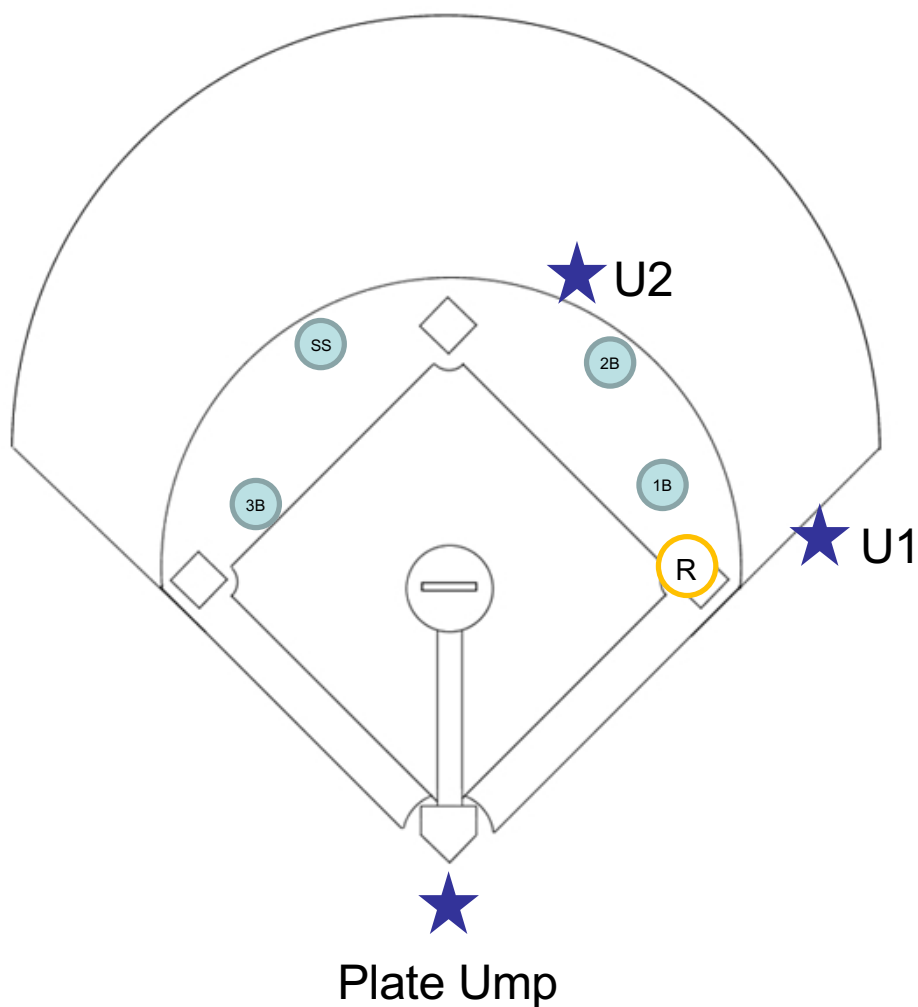
Plate Ump

Start 10-12ft behind 1st baseman
(never closer than 12 ft to 1st base)



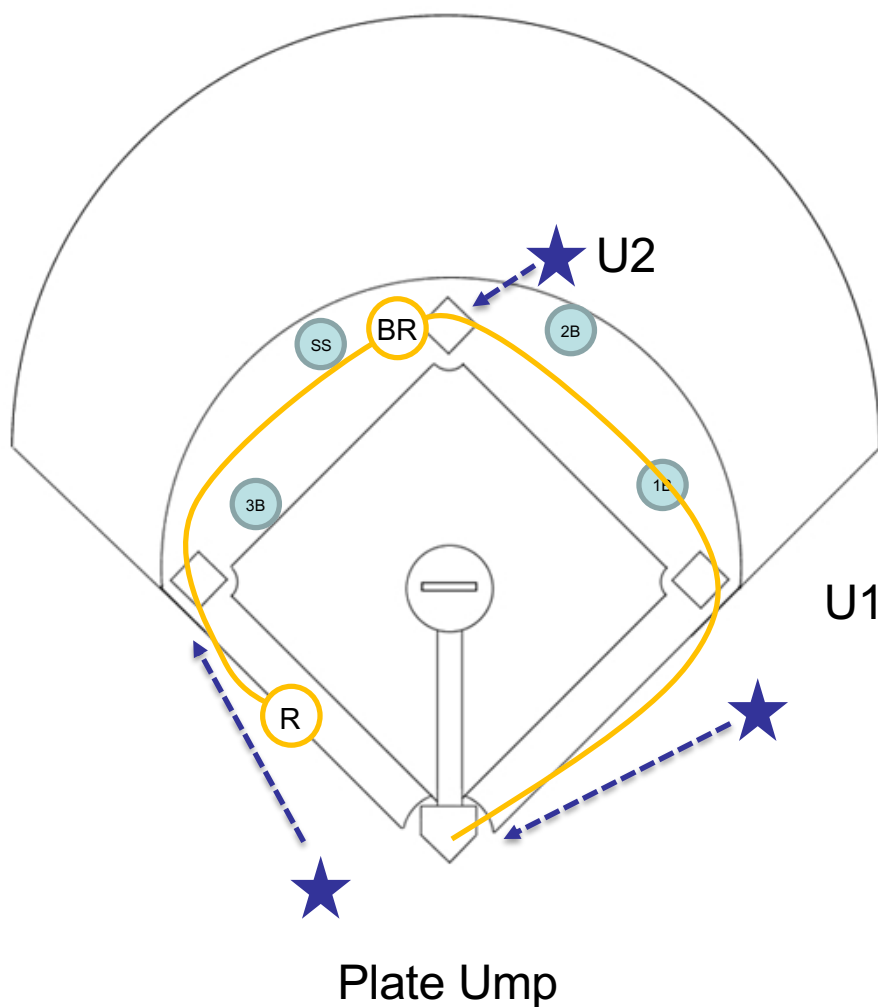
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- When the ball is hit, the 1st umpire will take plays at first base, the 3rd base umpire will rotate and take plays at 2nd base, the plate umpire will rotate and take plays at third base.
- If it looks like the runner may try to score, the 1st base umpire will rotate and cover home, AFTER the batter-runner is fully committed to 2nd base. He can't commit too early in case the batter-runner decides to run back to 1st base.



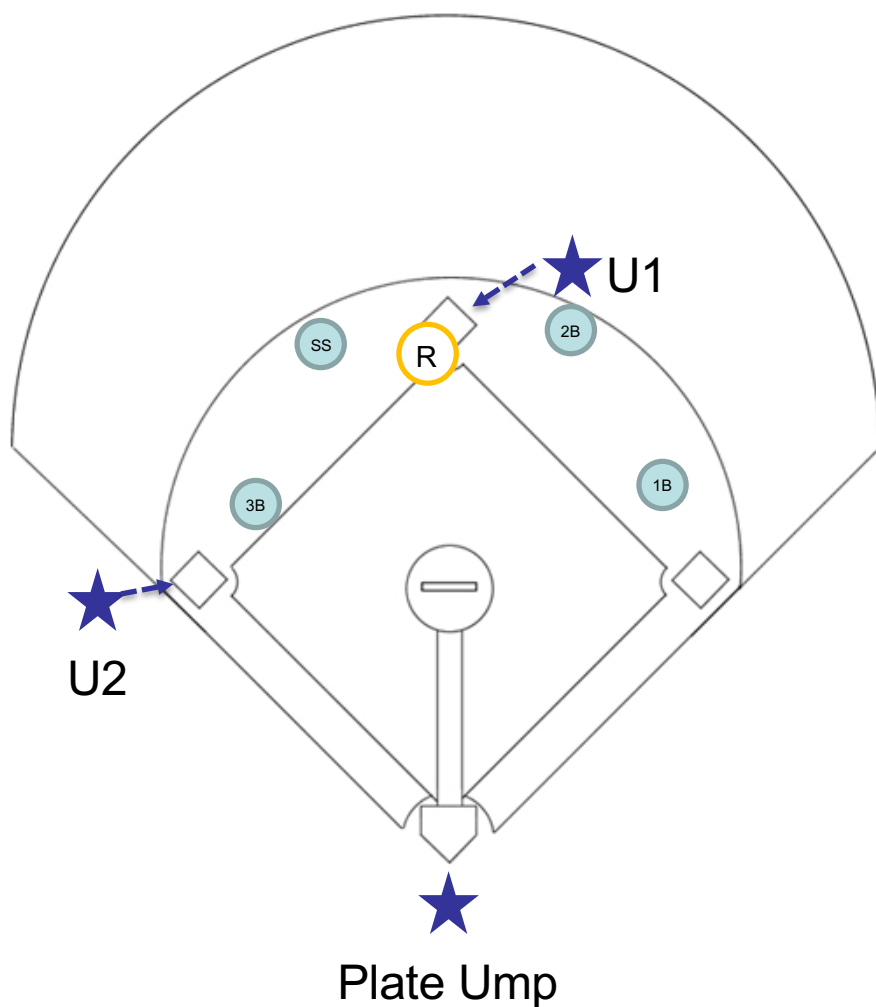
Runner on 1st Base only:

- Base umpires start in the “A” and “B” positions.
- When the ball is hit, the 3rd base umpire (in the “B” position) will take plays at 2nd base. The 1st base umpire will take plays at 1st base..



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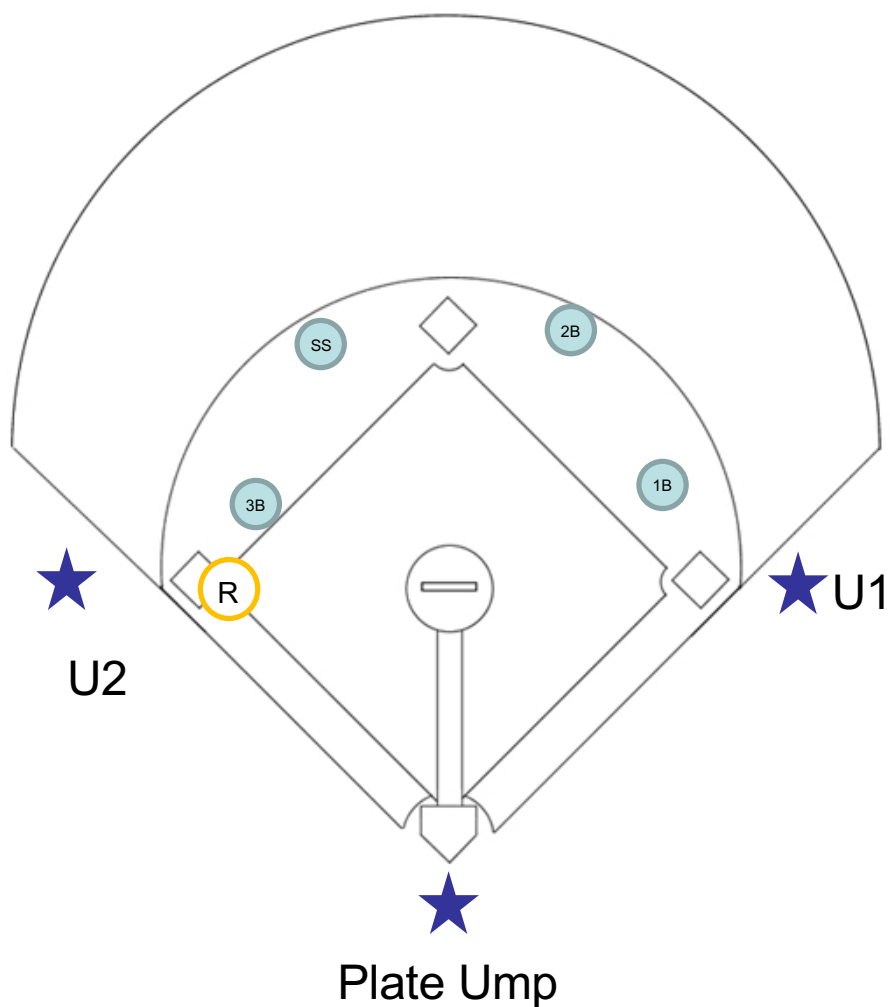
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- When the ball is hit, the 3rd base umpire (in the "B" position) will take plays at 2nd base. The 1st base umpire will take plays at 1st base.
- The plate umpire will rotate and take the play at third base if R1 attempts to go to third base. The first base umpire will rotate to home if R1 looks like he is going to try to score. The 3rd base umpire will take calls at first and second base on the batter-runner after the 1st base umpire vacates to cover home plate



Runner on 2nd base only:

Base umpires start in the “B” and “D” positions.

When the ball is hit, the plate umpire and 3rd base umpire will stay put. The 1st base umpire will take plays at first and second base.



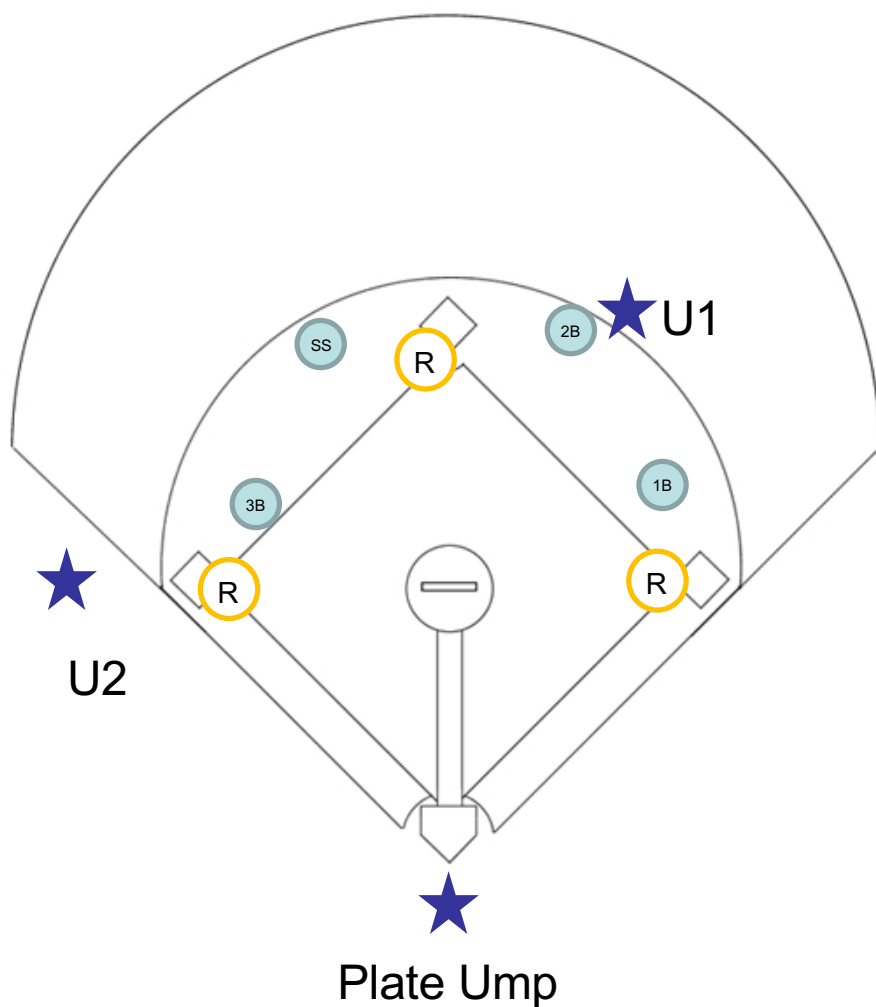
Runner on 3rd base only:

Base umpires start in the "A" and "D" positions.

When the ball is hit, the base umpires have to read each other. What they do depends on where the ball is hit and what R3 is going to do.

If R3 is scoring easily, then everyone rotates like no runners were on base.

If R3 shows no indication of scoring, then the first base umpire has to take the batter-runner to second base.



Runners on 1st & 2nd; 1st & 3rd; 2nd & 3rd, and bases loaded:

Base umpires start in the “B” and “D” positions.

Whenever there are multiple runners and one of the runners is in scoring position (@ 2nd or 3rd base), the plate umpire will always stay home.

The 3rd base umpire will take plays at 3rd base. The 1st base umpire will take plays at 1st and 2nd base.