

3 Man Mechanics Simplified

No Runners on

- Fair Foul Responsibility
- Initial Positions
- Routine Ground Ball- U3 goes to 2nd- U1 makes call at 1st. PU helps with pulled foot.
- Clean hit-U3 goes to 2nd-U1 goes to coach's box PU goes up to third...U1 can go down to plate if play is going there
- Divide the outfield by the centerfielder, if U3 goes out, U3 stays out. U1 comes in and take batter runner. It is now a 2-man game.
- If U1 goes out, plate has touch at 1st and back play at 1st. U3 has plays at 2nd and 3rd . PU goes back to plate.

Runner on 1st

- U3 is Deep B or Deep C
- U1 moves in closer to 1st base for pick offs
- Hit to outfield---rotate--PU goes to third--U3 stays in middle and goes to working area, keep an eye what is happening between 1st and 2nd, U1 goes into coach's box and goes down to plate if runner goes from 2nd to 3rd.
- Groundball--U3 in middle for double play at 2nd-- U1 back up for play at 1st, PU going to help at 1st
- Flyball to right field --U1 goes out...2 Man game--U1 stays out

Runner on 1st and 2nd

- U3 in C
- U1 in A...read if defense is set up for pick off
- U1—if the Batter Runner is going to 2nd...you are going with him, come in a pivot.
- If PU goes up to third, U1 goes down to the plate, trouble ball down left field line, routine fly ball down less than 2 outs
- Fly ball down right field line—U1 goes out -2 man game

Bases Loaded

- U3 in C
- U1 in A
- PU Stays
- If U1 goes out it is 2-man game
- If BR goes to 2nd U1 comes in and pivots and goes to 2nd with him.

1st and 3rd

- U3 in C
- U1 has pick off at 1st
- PU stays home, has trouble ball down left field line.
- U1 if BR is going to 2nd pivot and take runner to 2nd.

Runner on 2nd less than 2 outs

- U1 is in Deep B
- U3 in D
- U3 goes out it is a 2-man game
- Fly ball to right field---PU has fair foul, catch no catch, U1 has the tag up, U3 goes to coach's box to line up the play

Runner on 2nd with 2 outs

- U1 is in the A
- U3 is in the C
- Theory is the out will most likely come at 1st base.
- PU stays home.
- U1 pivots with batter runner into 2nd. U3 takes runner on 2nd into 3rd and BR into 3rd

Runner on Third

- U1 in A
- U3 in D, but be in fair territory---runner on third will block you.
 - Pick off from pitcher at the 3rd, quick steps to coach's box for angle
 - Back pick from catcher, quick steps to coach's box for angle
- Clean hit
 - U3 delay to make sure no play at third and run to 2nd base.
- U3 goes out-U1 must go across the field for any play that happens at 3rd base on runner at 3rd---good luck with that!

Take aways!

- U3 decides what U1 does—should U1 go in or stay out
- U1 go into the coach's box on a clean hit where you don't need to make a call.
- In many cases where the BR is going to 2nd base U1 should be going with U1.
- The bases must be covered...so get there!
- On a steal, U1 should follow to 2nd
- If U1 goes out, with no one on, PU has back play at 1st.
- In between innings if there is an issue U1 and U3 should talk to fix it... leave PU alone!