

**FREDERICKSBURG UMPIRES ASSOCIATION  
4-UMPIRE BASEBALL MECHANICS SUMMARY**

**NO RUNNERS ON BASE**

- *Positioning* – **U1** in **A** position, **U2** in **E** position (In outfield behind second base, shifted to side from which batter hits), **U3** in **D** position.
- *Fair/Foul* – **U1** calls right field line, **U3** calls left field line.
- *Catch/No Catch* – An umpire always goes on batted balls. Inside the “V” is **U2**, Right fielder coming straight in or toward right field line is **U1**, Left fielder straight in or towards left field line is **U3**.
- *Base Hits* – To left, **U3** takes batted ball, **U1** pivots to inside at 1<sup>st</sup>, **U2** moves to **B** position, has runner advance to 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Plate** rotates to 3<sup>rd</sup> and has runner advancing to 3<sup>rd</sup>, **U1** rotates to plate, and has runner coming home. To right, **U1** takes batted ball, **Plate** follows runner to 1<sup>st</sup>, **U2** moves to **B** Position and has runner advance to 2<sup>nd</sup>, **U3** holds in **D** position and takes runner advance to 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Plate** moves back to home and has runner coming home. Inside the “V”, **U2** takes batted ball, **U1** holds in **A** and has runner at 1<sup>st</sup>, **U3** moves to **C** and has runner advance to 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Plate** moves to 3<sup>rd</sup> and has runner advance to 3<sup>rd</sup>, **U1** moves to plate and has runner advance to home.
- *Three foot running lane* – **Plate Umpire** watch for possible interference by runner.

**RUNNER ON FIRST ONLY; RUNNER ON SECOND ONLY; RUNNERS ON FIRST & SECOND;  
RUNNERS ON FIRST & THIRD; BASES LOADED**

- *Positioning* – **U1** in **A** Position, **U2** in **B** or **C** position, **U3** in **D** position.
- *Fair/Foul* – **U1** calls right field line, **U3** calls left field line.
- *Catch/No Catch* – **U2** inside the V, **U1** has right fielder to right field line, **U3** has left fielder to left field line.
- *Base Hits* - From center to left field line, **U3** takes batted ball, **U2** stays in **B** position, has runner on advance to 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Plate** rotates to 3<sup>rd</sup> and has runner advancing to 3<sup>rd</sup>, **U1** stays in **A**, then rotates to plate, and has runner coming home. From center to right field line, **U1** takes batted ball, **Plate** follows runner to 1<sup>st</sup>, **U2** stays in **B** Position and takes runner advance to 2<sup>nd</sup>, **U3** holds in **D** position and takes runner advance to 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Plate** moves back to home and has runner coming home.
- *Infield fly (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> or Bases Loaded)* – Signal and Communicate. Any Umpire can call the Infield Fly Rule, partners should mirror it.

**RUNNERS ON SECOND & THIRD; RUNNER ON THIRD ONLY**

- *Positioning* – **U1** in **A** position, **U2** in **E** position (3<sup>rd</sup>) **C** (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>), **U3** in **D** position.
- *Fair/Foul* – **U1** has the right field line, **U3** has the left field line.
- *Catch/No Catch* - **U2** inside the V, **U1** has right fielder to right field line, **U3** has left fielder to left field line.
- *Tag-up* – If **U3** goes out on batted ball, plate had tag at 3<sup>rd</sup>, **U2** has tag at 2<sup>nd</sup>, **U1** has tag at 1<sup>st</sup>. If **U2** goes out, **U3** rotates and has tag at second, **U1** has tag at 1<sup>st</sup>, **Plate** has tag at 3<sup>rd</sup>. If **U1** goes out, **Plate** has tag at 1<sup>st</sup>, **U2** has tag at 2<sup>nd</sup>, **U3** has tag at 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- *Base Hit* – To left, **U3** takes batted ball, **U2** moves to **B** position, has runner advance to 2nd, **Plate** rotates to 3<sup>rd</sup> and has runner advancing to 3<sup>rd</sup>, **U1** stays in **A**, then rotates to plate, and has runner coming home. To right, **U1** takes batted ball, **Plate** follows runner to 1<sup>st</sup>, **U2** moves to **B** Position, has runner advance to 2<sup>nd</sup>, **U3** holds in **D** position and takes runner advance to 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Plate** moves back to home and has runner coming home. To center, **U2** takes batted ball, **U1** holds in **A** and has runner at 1<sup>st</sup>, **U3** moves to **C** and has runner advance to 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Plate** moves to 3<sup>rd</sup> and has runner advance to 3<sup>rd</sup>, **U1** moves to plate and has runner advance to home. When **U2** is in **B** or **C**, batted balls are covered as in previous paragraph.

*\*Check Swings* – **Plate Umpire** has the option of asking for assistance on check swings by batter. **Plate** may appeal to **U1** in position **A** for a right-handed batter, or **U3** in position **D** for a left-handed batter. Coach and Catcher do not have appeal authority in high school baseball.