

# Two person mechanics

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# Objectives

- Pre-game
- Communication (verbal & non-verbal)
- Umpire's position
- Umpire's responsibility
- Movement/Positioning
- Mechanics

# Pre-game

- Conducted at least 30 minutes prior to game
- Discuss areas of responsibility
- Work as a unit
- Expectations of the game

# Helpful tips

## **Establish pre-pitch routine**

- Anticipate next play (Movement)
- Identify jersey color for obstruction/interference
- Responsibility for tag ups
- Illegal pitch
- Runners on base

## **Big 6 (85% of the game)**

- Balls/strikes
- Fair/foul
- Safe/out
- All impact the flow of the game

# Communication

- Important aspect to a successful game
- Verbal with your partner
  - On tag ups
  - Catch/no catch
- Non-verbal
  - Eye contact
  - Signals



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\*\*\* If you deviate from normal movement you **MUST** communicate  
(ie Base umpire goes out)

# 4 Elements

- Runners
- Defensive player
- Base
- Softball

Watch your partner when ball is hit to outfield to observe what the rotation will be on the base

# Plate Umpire positioning

- Explain the “slot”
- On a fly ball in outfield
- Infield ball
- Dropped third strike



# Base umpire position

- Explain A,B,C slot
- No runners on base
- Runner on first
- Runners on first and second
- Bases loaded
- Steals



# Umpire Responsibility-Plate

## **Plate umpire**

- Pre-game with partner
- Plate conference
- Line-ups and substitutions
- Balls and strikes
- Fair or fair ball
- Safe and outs
- Catch or no catch on fly balls
- Signal infield fly when appropriate
- Illegal pitches
- Handle appeals by coaches

# Umpire Responsibility-Base

## **Base umpire**

- Safe and outs
- Illegal pitches
- Check swings (assist home plate umpire)
- Obstruction/interference
- Infield fly
- Ensure all bases are touched
- Tag ups

# Umpire movement

## Plate umpire

- Trail batted runner
- Location on catch/no catch
- No runners on vs runners on base

## Base Umpire

- Inside/out –Button hook
- Coverage on steals
- First call
- Relinquish runner to plate umpire
- Angles are your friend

# Umpire Rotation

- All scenarios can be found in the Umpires Manual
- Not all will be covered in class
- Several on field opportunities available

# Mechanics

## **Plate**

Position in “slot”

Timing on strike call

Good strike call

Dead ball

Loud calls

Punch out strike outs

## **Base**

Make call standing still

Solid out call (Hammer fist)

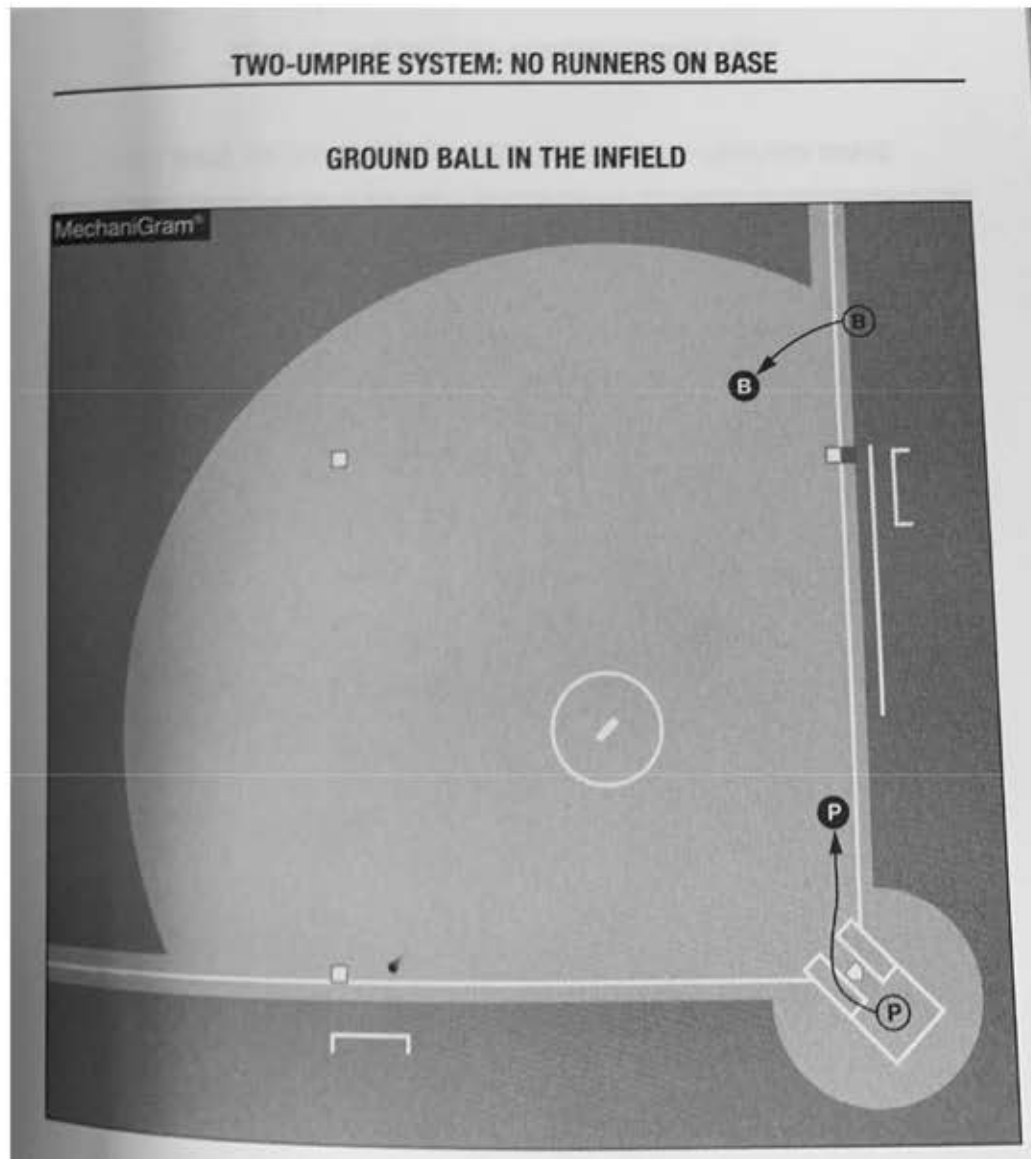
Smooth safe call (no swimming)

Point to the ground (Dropped third strike)

Point to the sky (Infield fly)

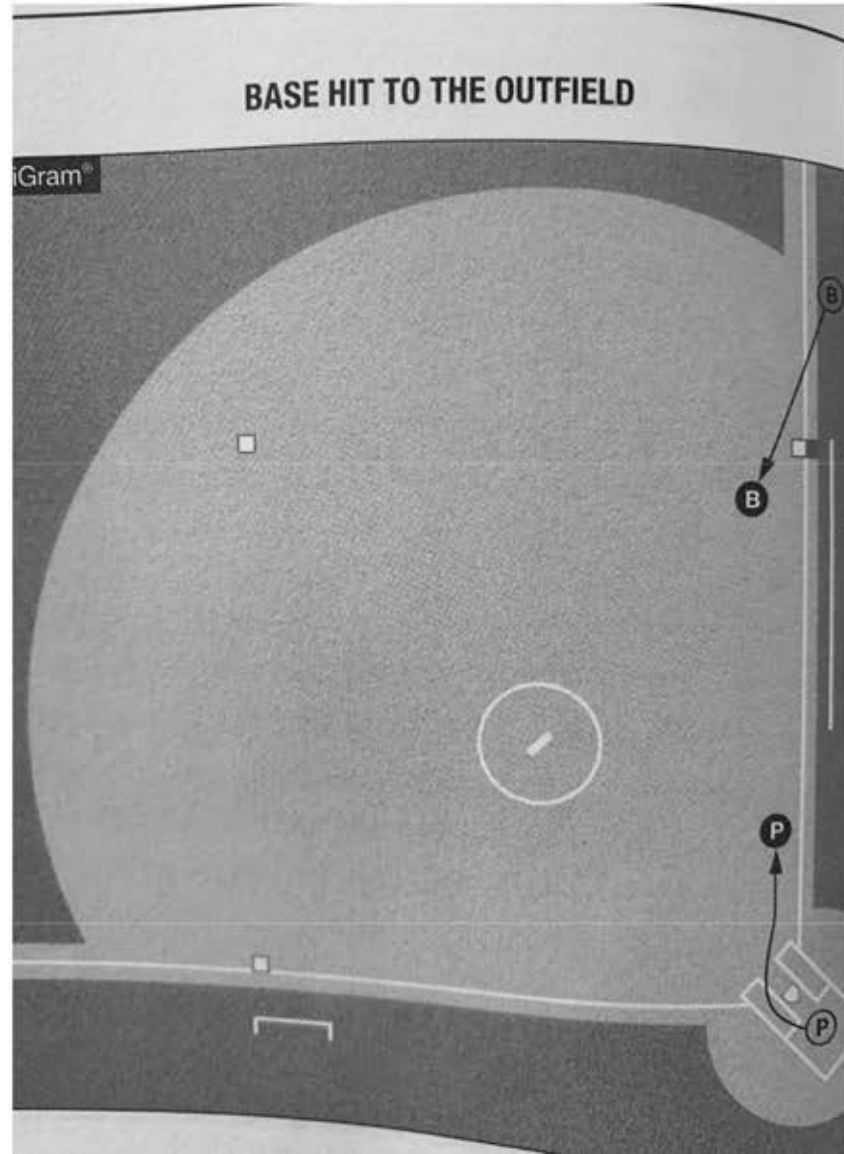
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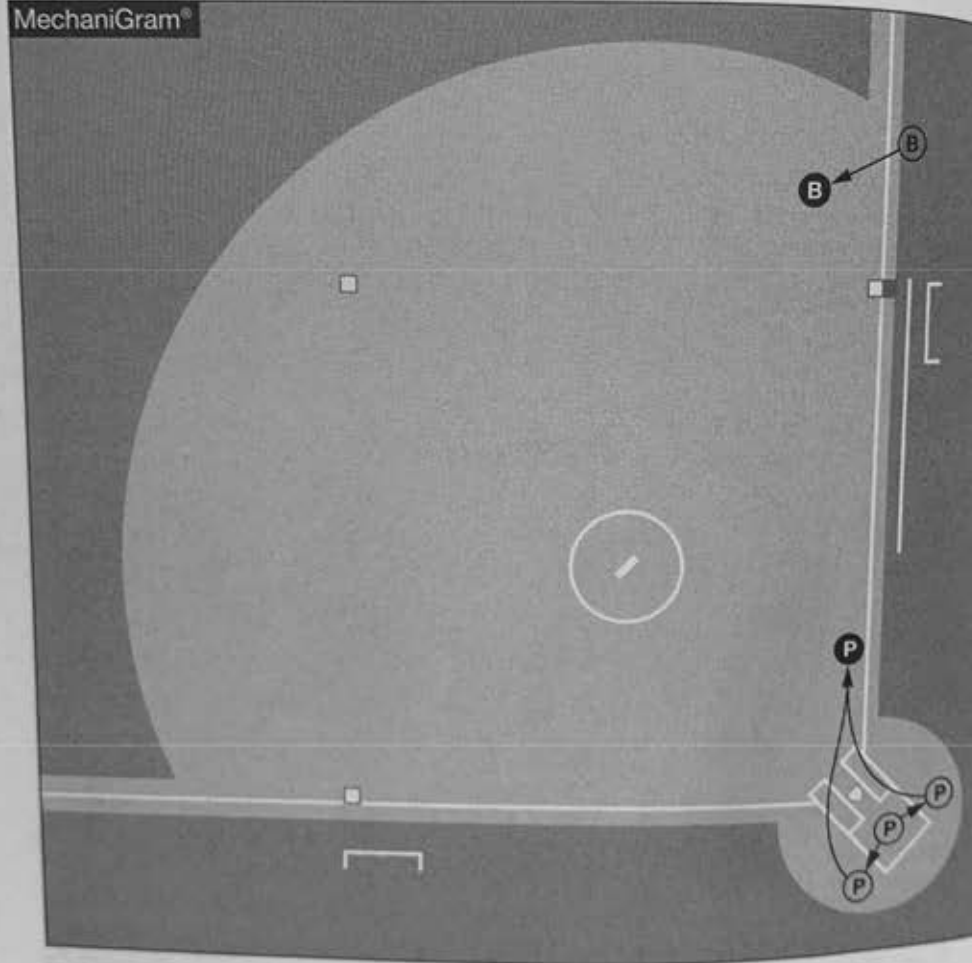
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# TWO-UMPIRE SYSTEM: NO RUNNERS ON BASE

## BUNT OR BOUNCING BALL FIELDER IN FRONT OF THE PLATE

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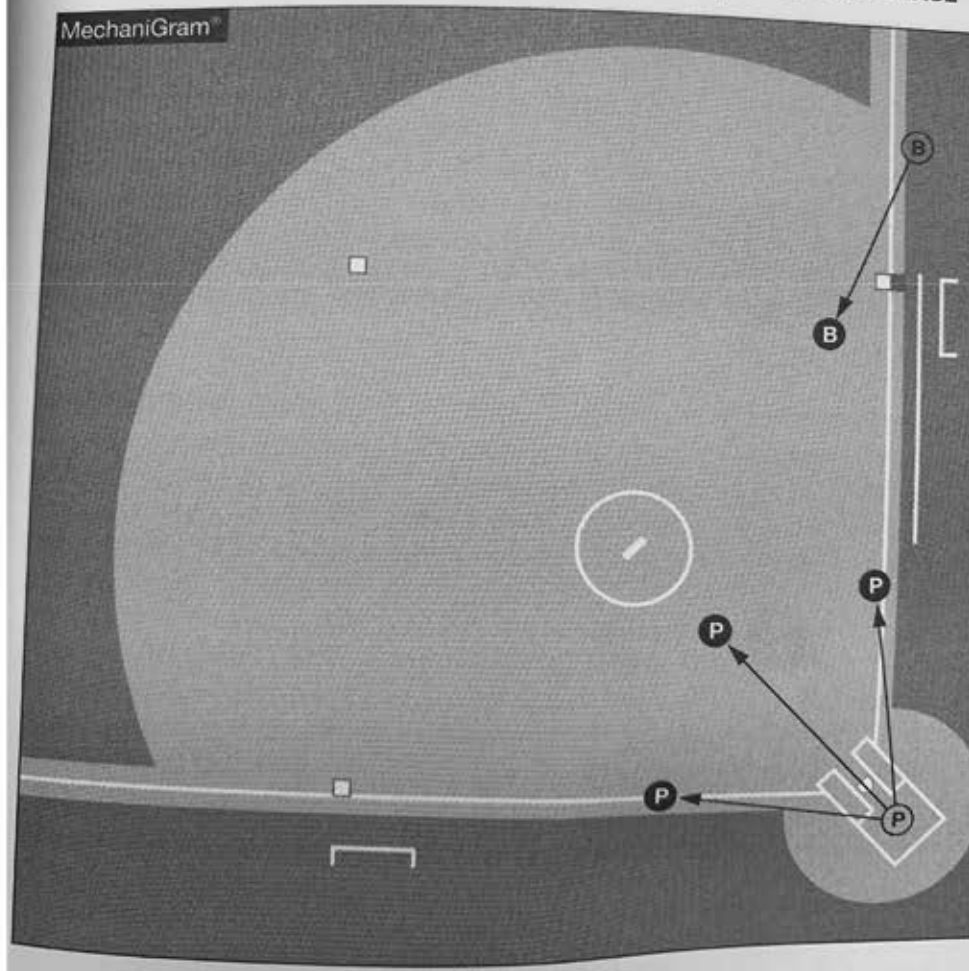




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FLY BALL TO THE OUTFIELD, BALL IS CAUGHT, B DOES NOT CHASE

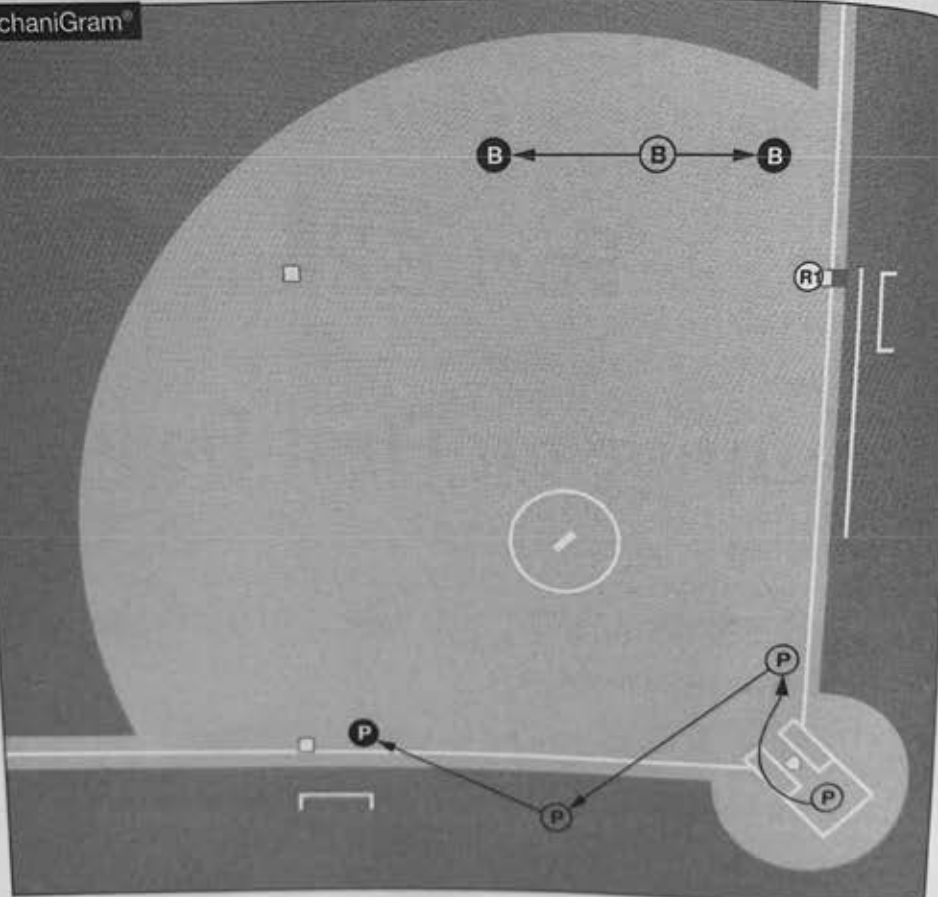
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## TWO-UMPIRE SYSTEM: RUNNER ON FIRST BASE

### GROUND BALL IN THE INFIELD

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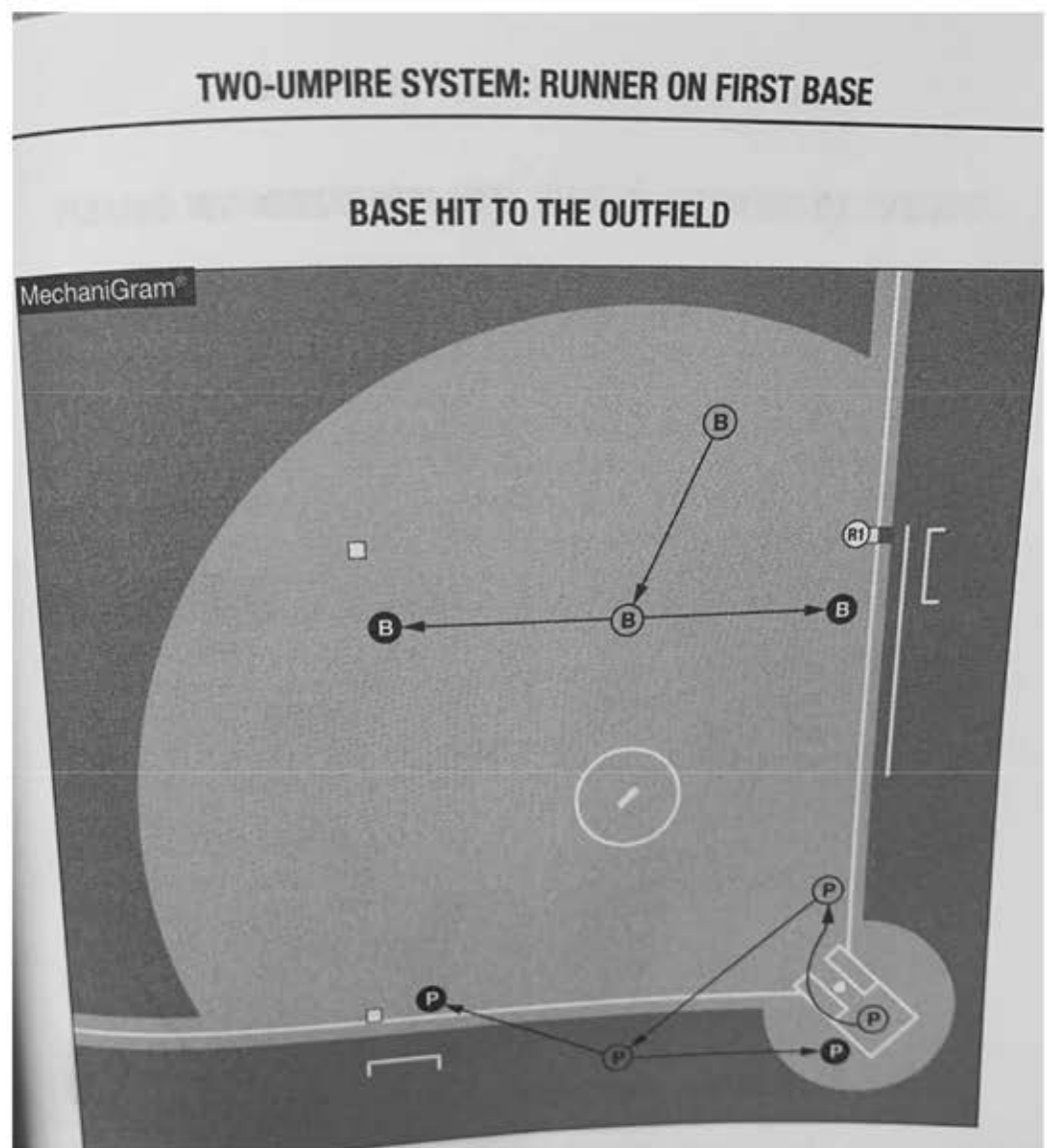


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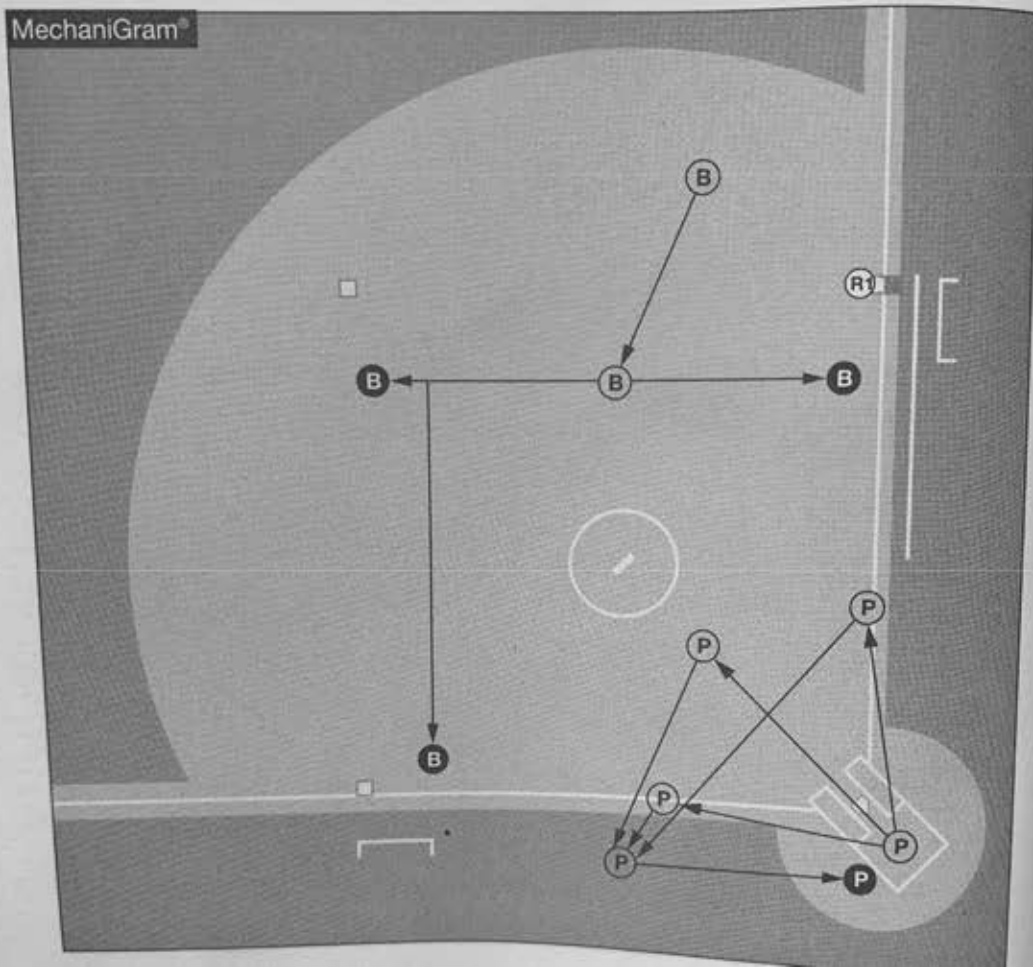
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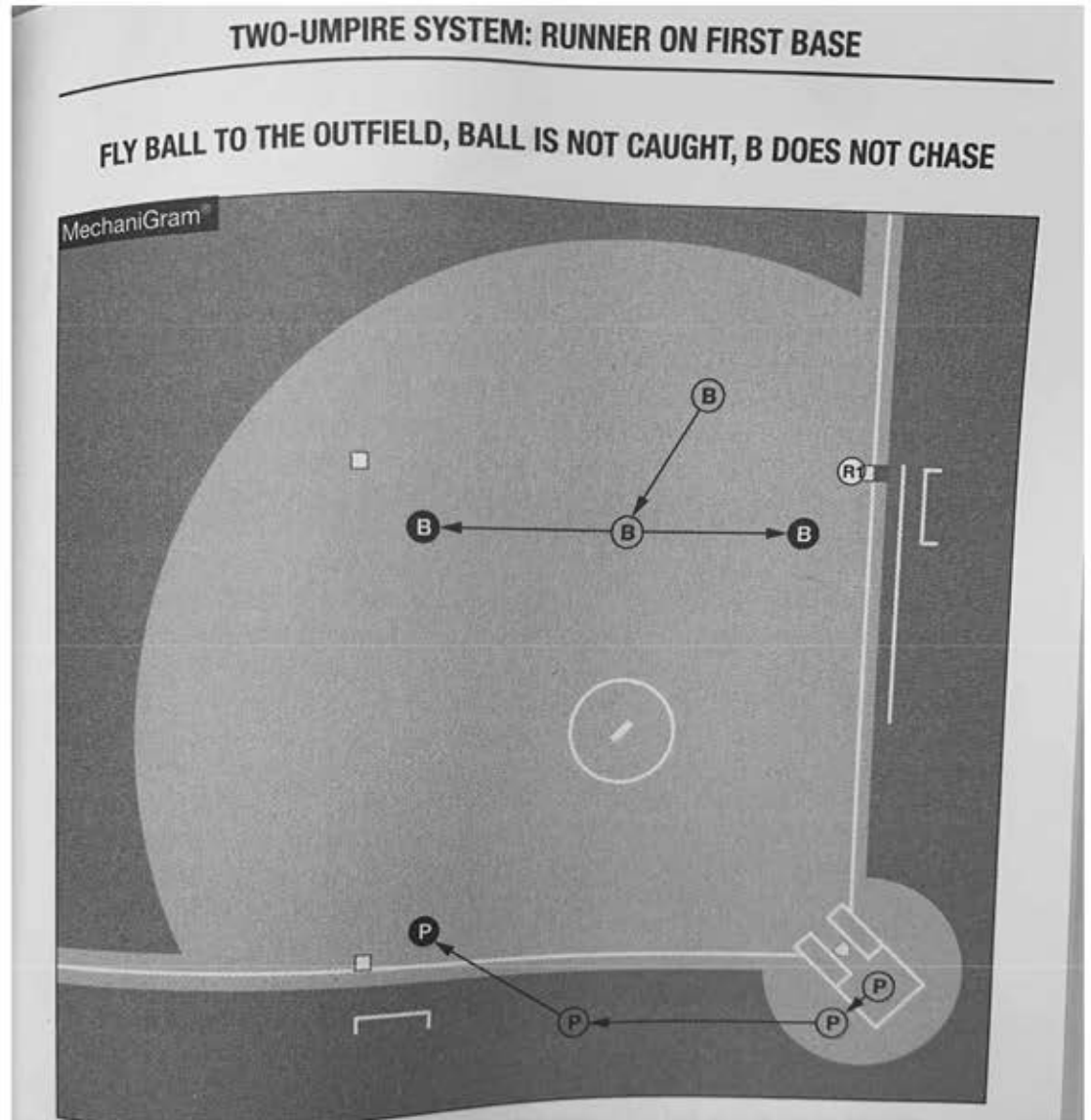
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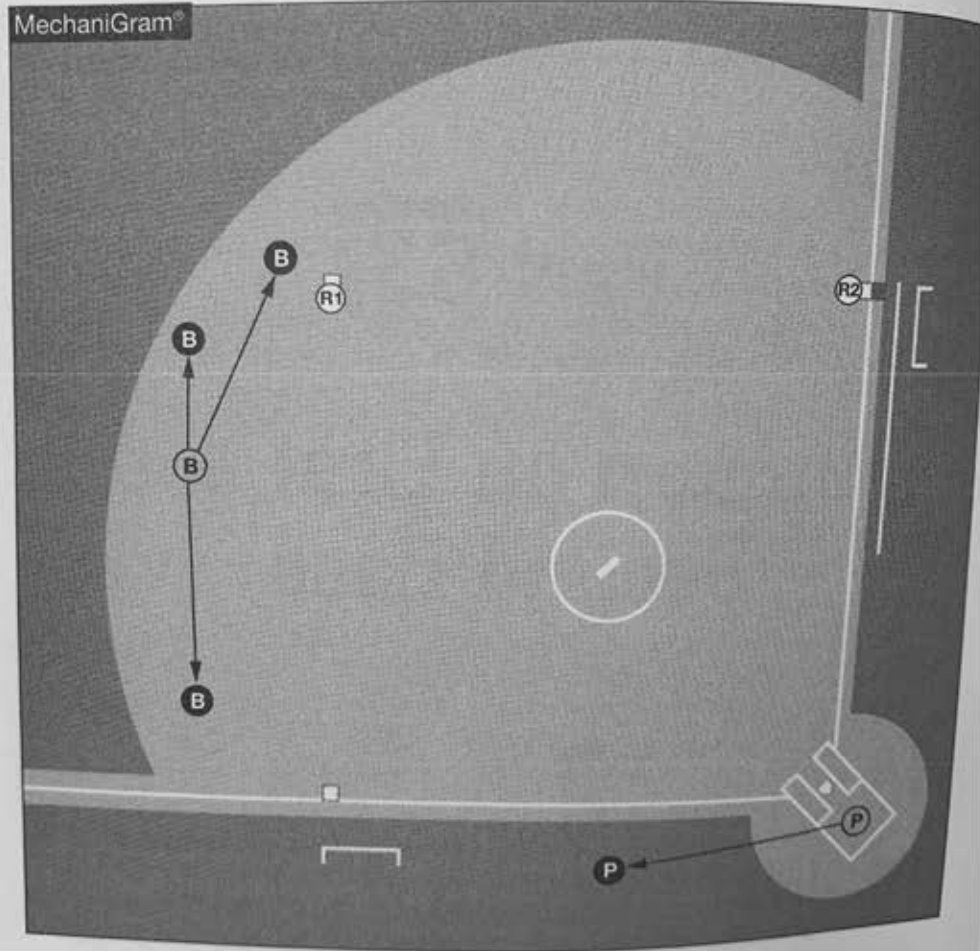


## TWO-UMPIRE SYSTEM: RUNNERS ON FIRST AND SECOND BASE

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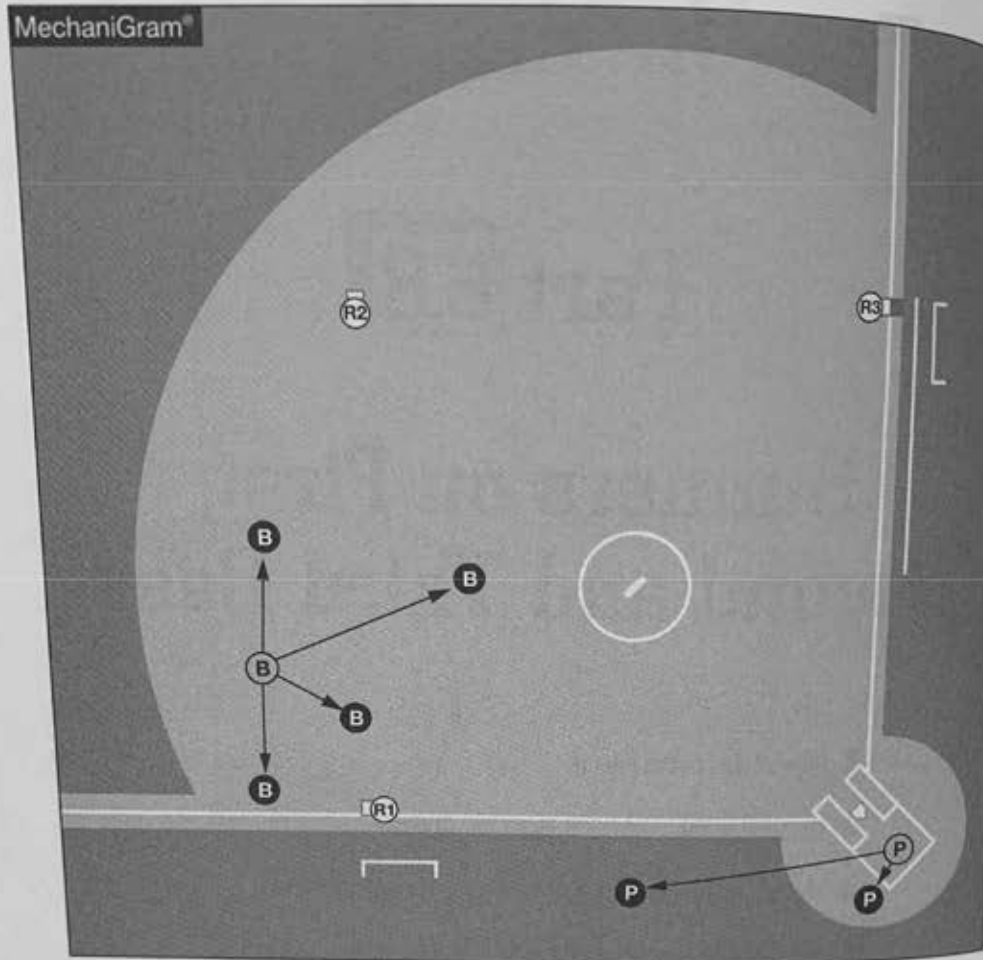
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# TWO-UMPIRE SYSTEM: RUNNERS ON FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD BASE

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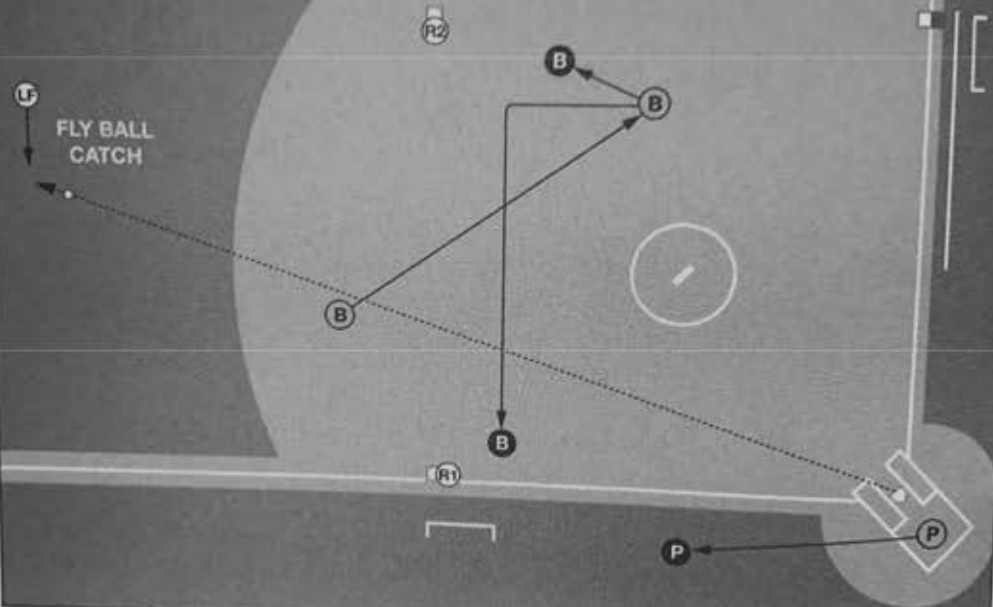
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## TWO-UMPIRE SYSTEM: RUNNERS ON SECOND AND THIRD BASE

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# Video Resources

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhCk8R\\_G378](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhCk8R_G378)
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