

3 UMPIRE MECHANISM

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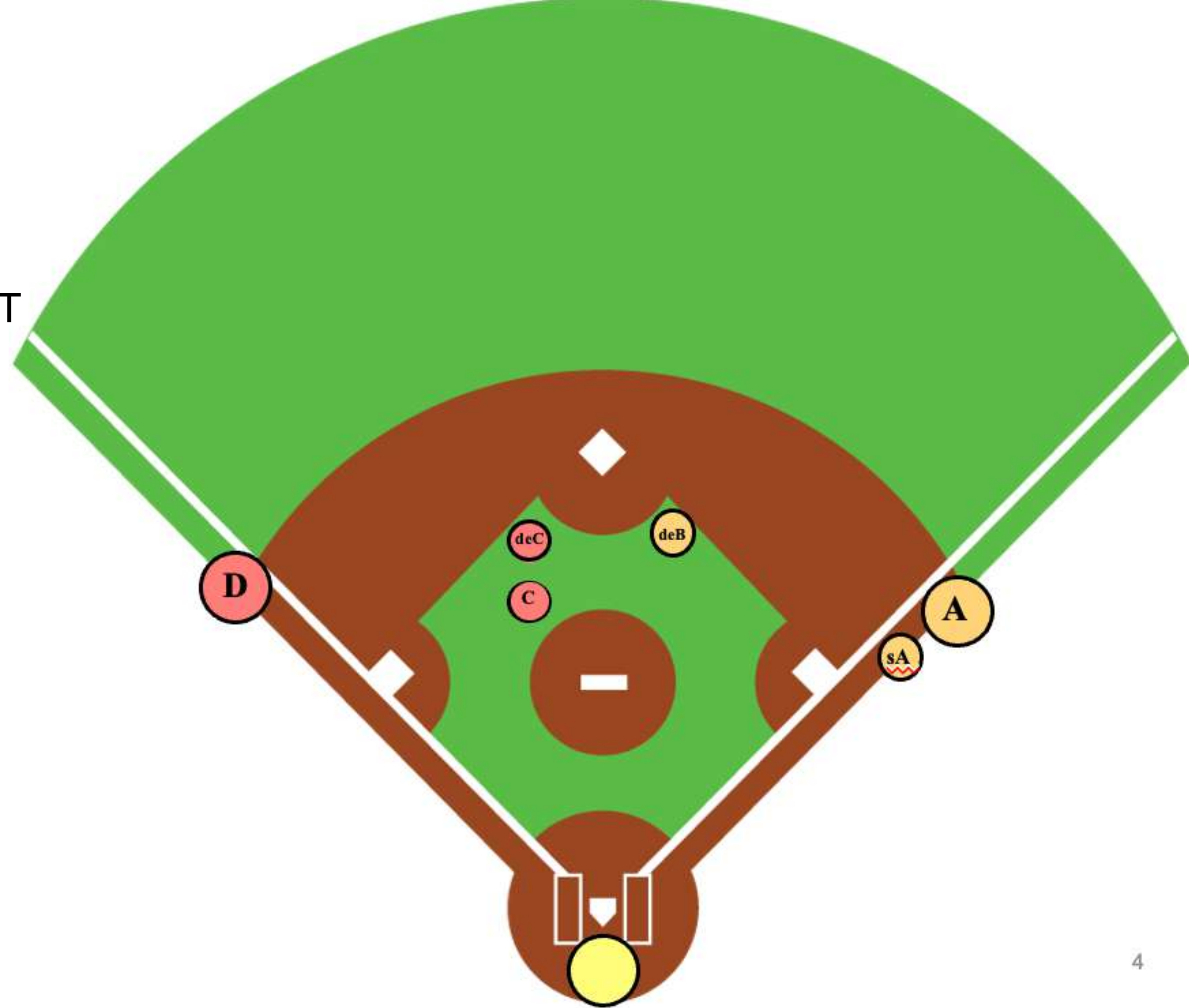
- Slide 25 – Corrected – movements of U1.
- Slide 26 - Corrected – movements of U1.
- Slide 29 – Corrected – U3 responsibilities regarding BR.
- Slide 41 – Corrected - U1 will go out on all fly balls.
- Slide 53 – Corrected – U3 will go out on TROUBLE only.
- Slide 64 – Corrected – heading (Fly ball to LCF).

3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

Starting Positions:

1. BOX THEM IN
2. COMMUNICATION IS VERY IMPORTANT
3. INFIELD UMPIRES MAY GO OUT
4. BALK CONCENTRATION
5. BASIC OUTFIELD COVERAGE
6. OVERTHROWS

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| A Position A | sA Position Shallow A |
| deB Position deep B | |
| C Position C | deC Position Deep C |
| U3 3rd Base Umpire | D Position D |
| U1 1st Base Umpire | PU Home Plate Un |

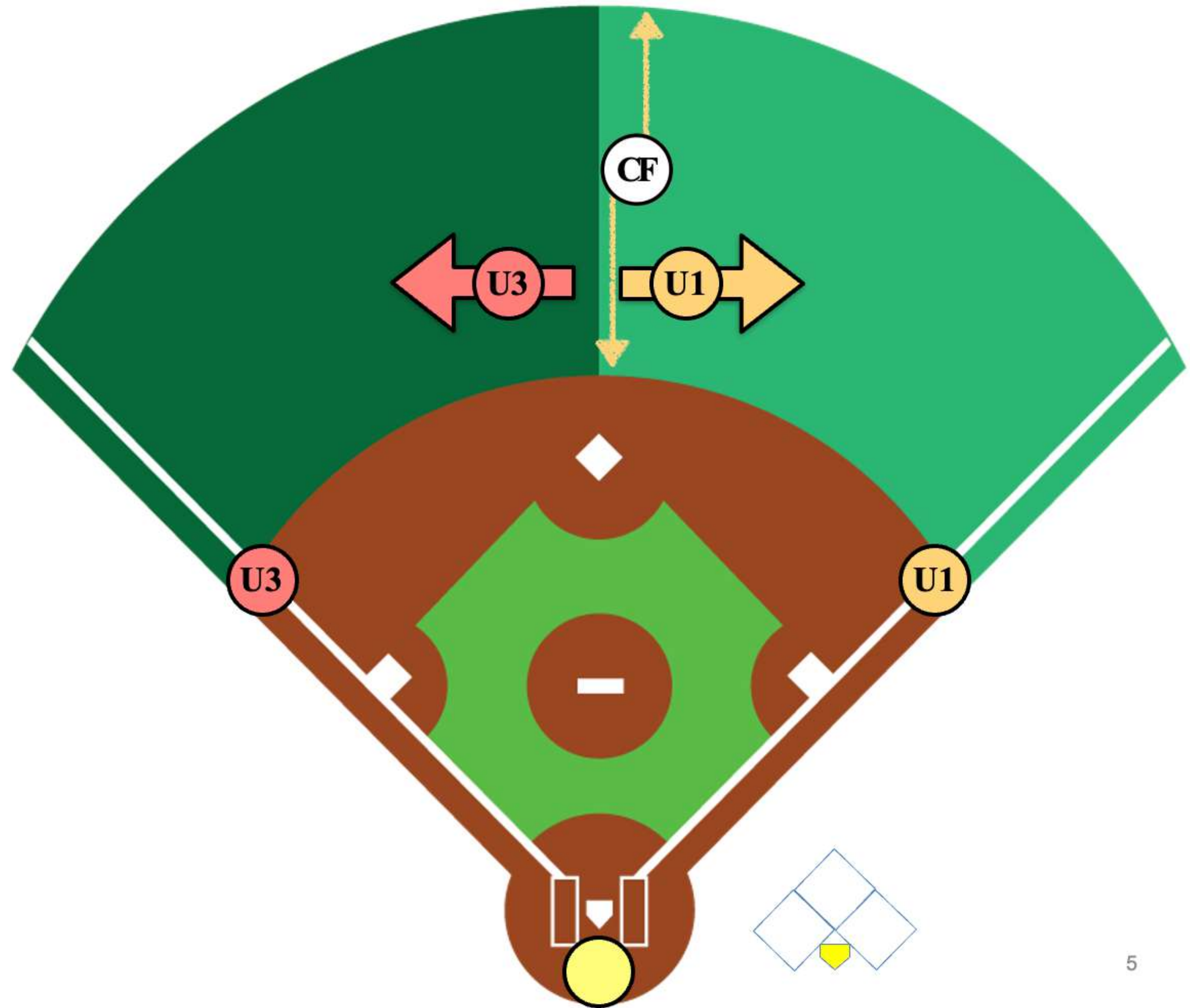


3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE.

THE FIRST BASE UMPIRE IS KEY FOR OUTFIELD COVERAGE. HE/SHE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CENTERFIELDER STRAIGHT IN, STRAIGHT BACK AND ALL THE WAY TO THE RIGHT FIELD FENCE

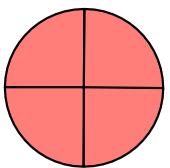
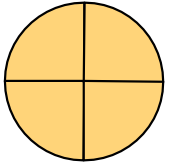
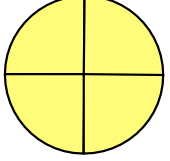
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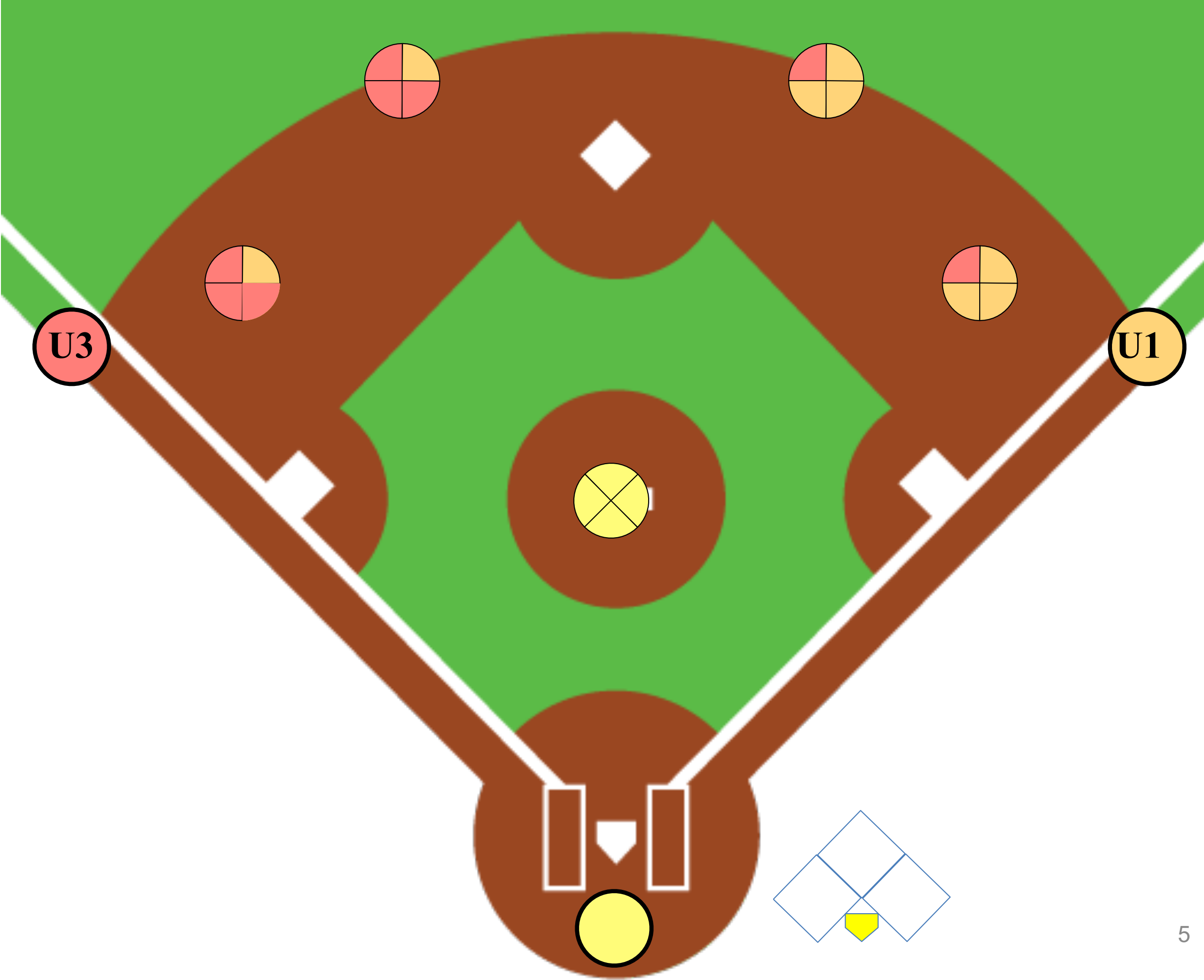


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INFIELD CATCH COVERAGE

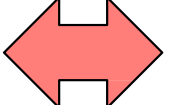
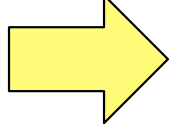
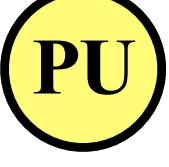
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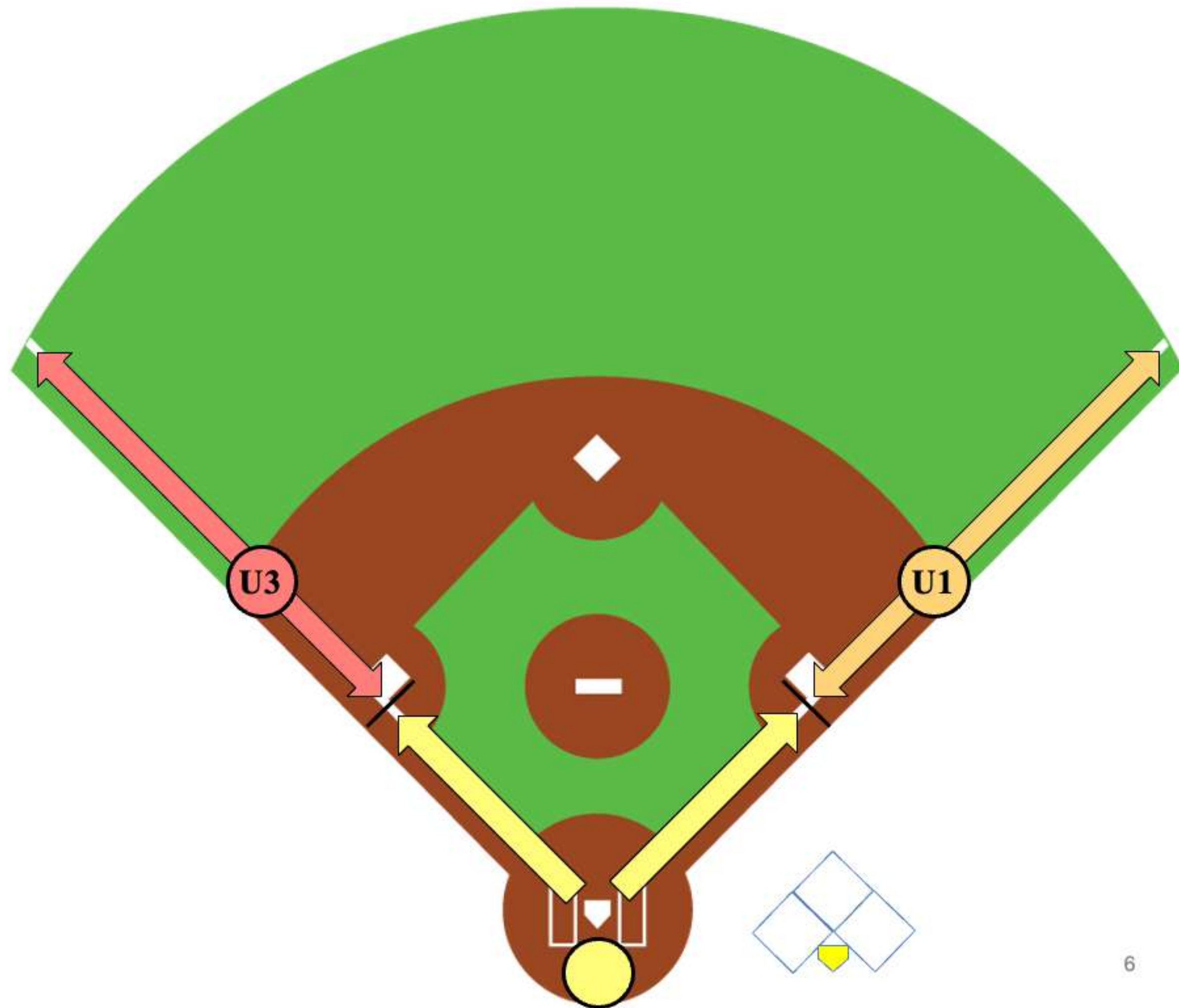
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-  1st Base Umpire
-  Home Plate Umpire
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FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE

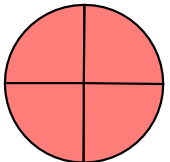
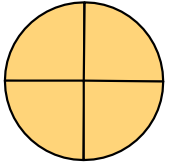
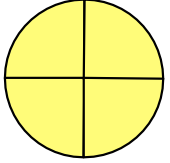
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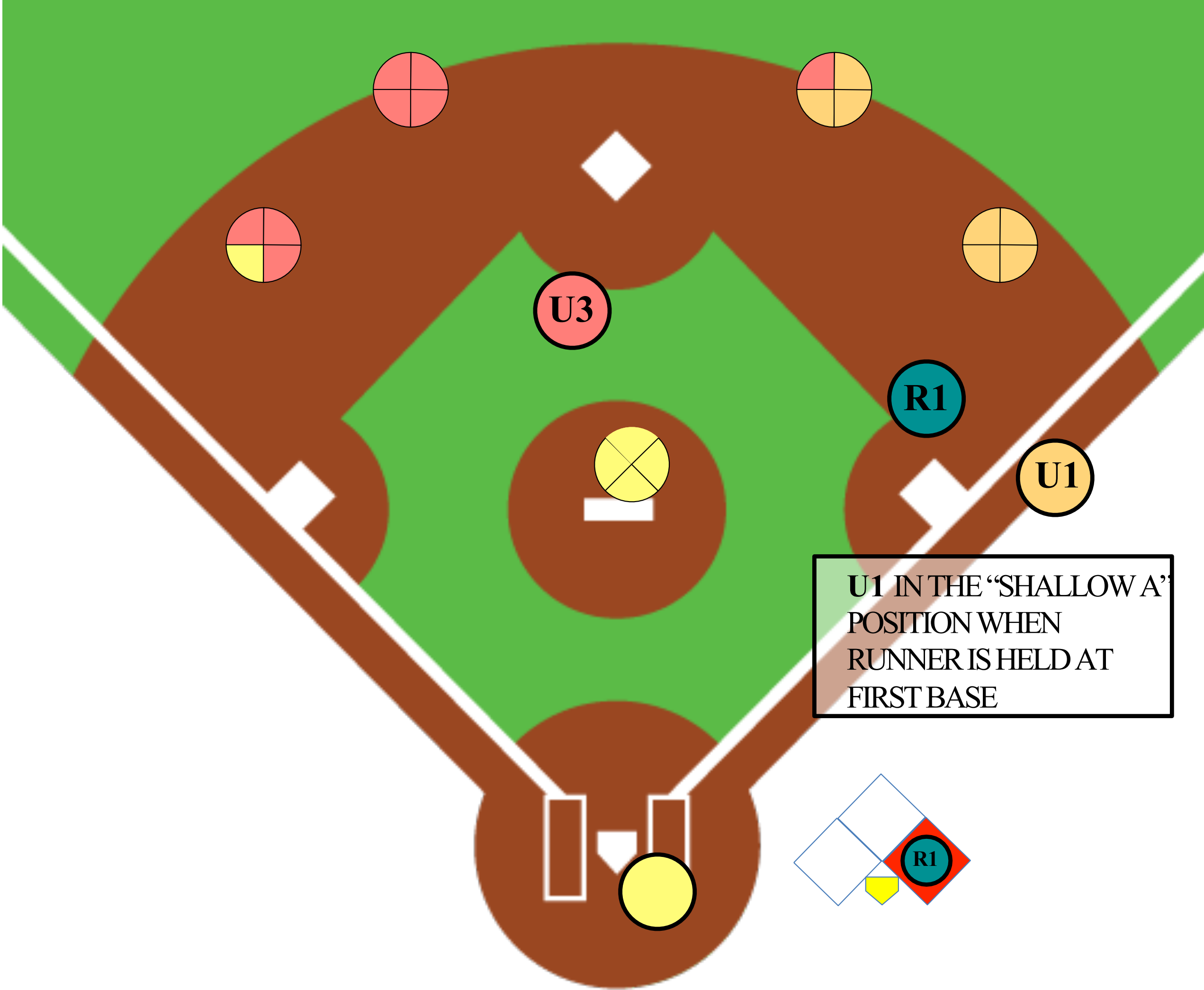
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INFIELD CATCH COVERAGE

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-  3rd Base Umpire
-  1st Base Umpire
-  Home Plate Umpire
-  Runner on 1st

-  3rd Base Umpire
-  1st Base Umpire
-  Home Plate Umpire



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FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE

↔ 1st Base Umpire

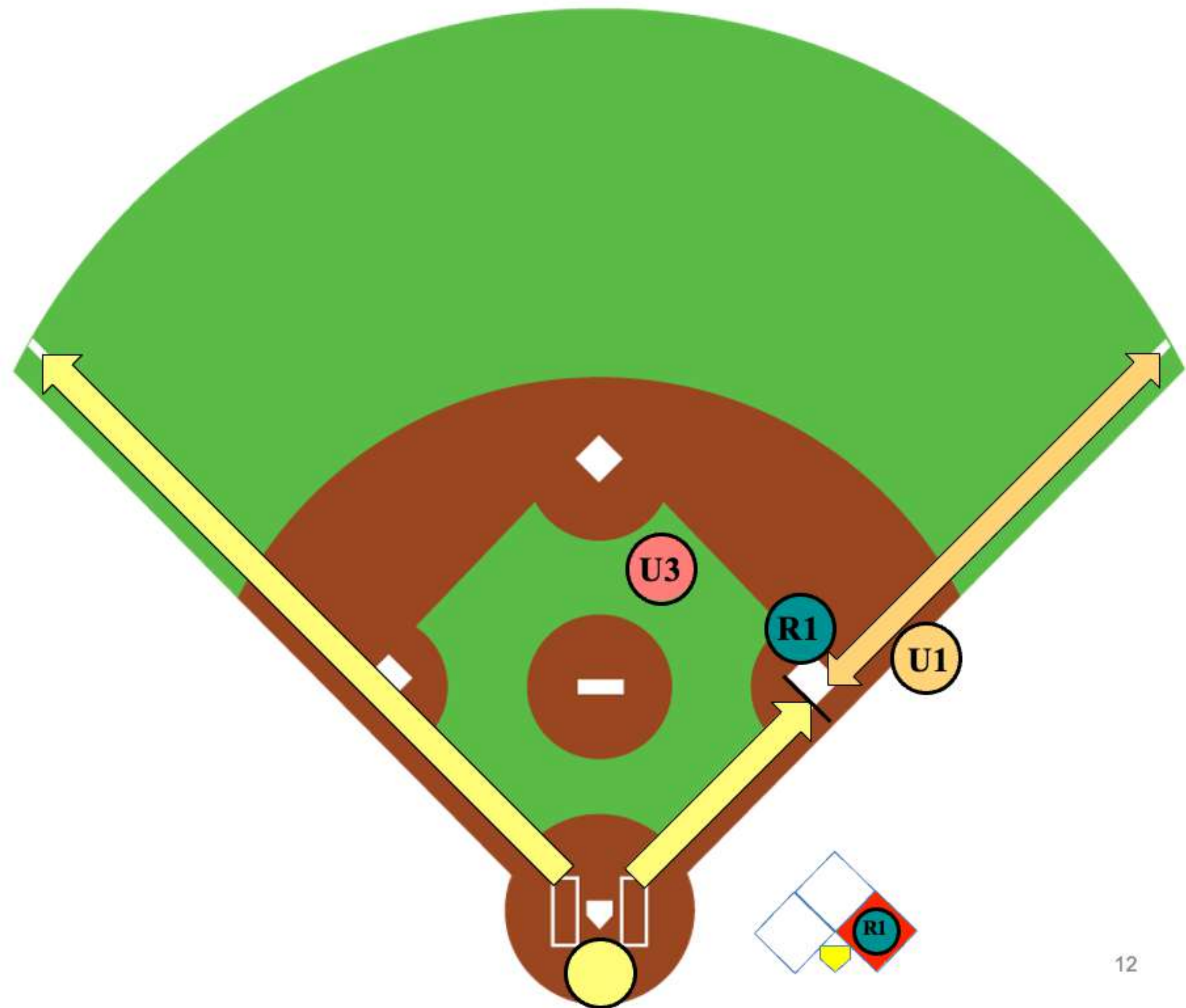
→ Home Plate Umpire

● R1 Runner on 1st

● U3 3rd Base

● U1 1st Base U

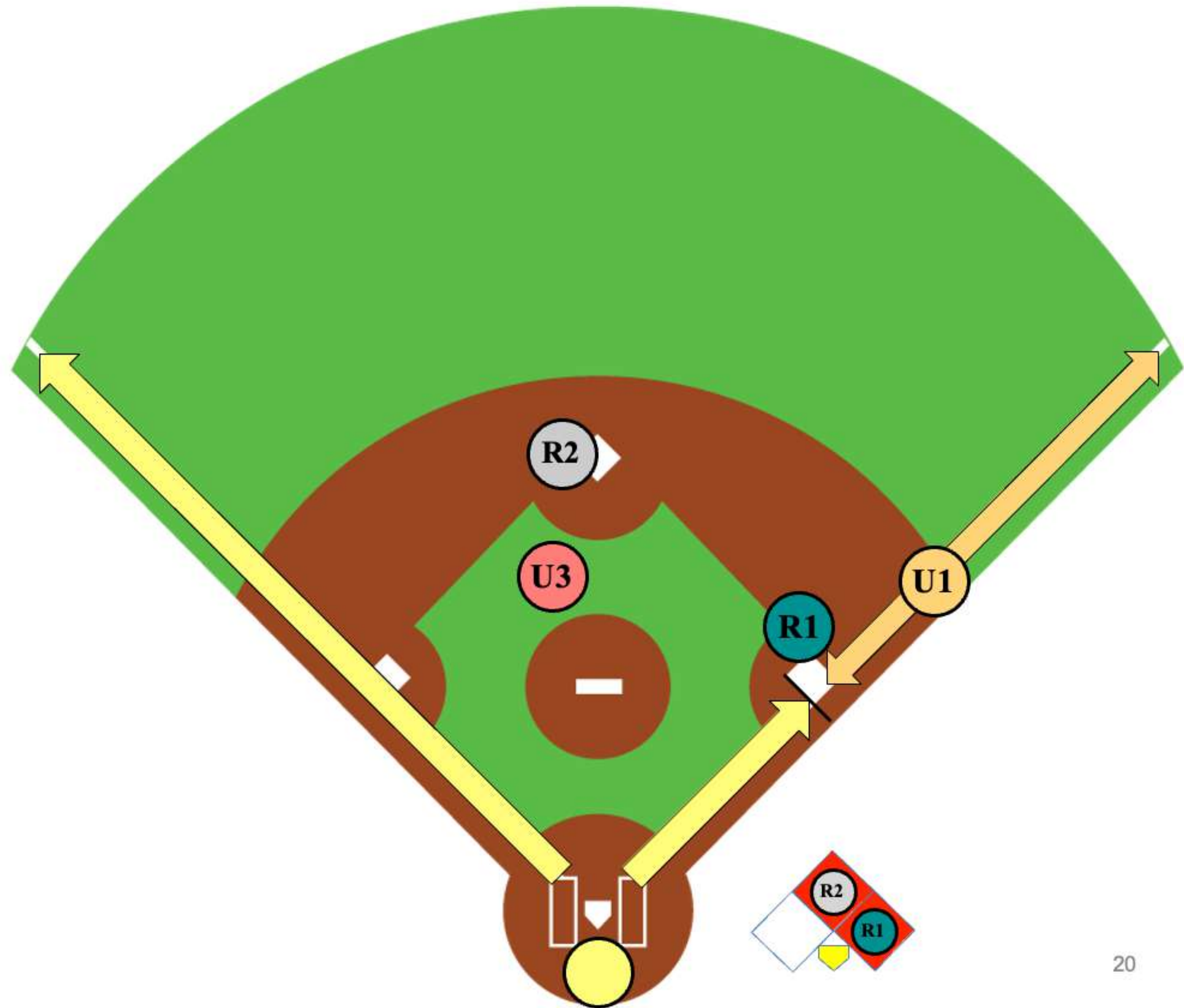
● PU Home Pla



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FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE

- ↔ 1st Base Umpire
- ➡ Home Plate Umpire
- R1** Runner on 2nd
- R2** Runner on 2nd
- U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- U1** 1st Base Umpire
- PU** Home Plate Umpire



3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD -
CATCH

- RF

Right Field
- LF

Left Field
- 

Fly Ball CATCH
- 

Runner's path
- R2

Runner on 2nd
- R1

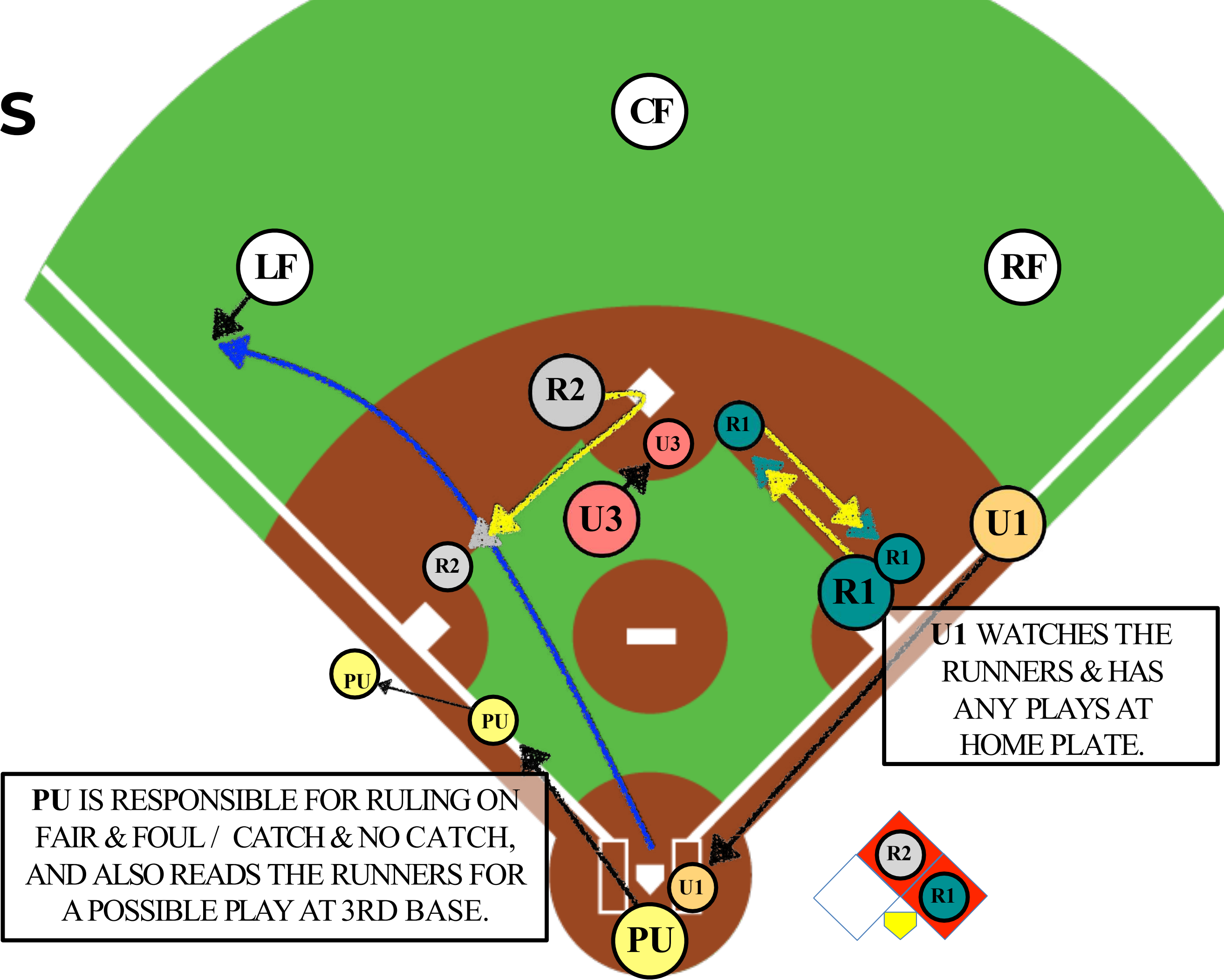
Runner on 1st
- CF

Center Field
- U3

3rd Base Umpire
- U1

1st Base Umpire
- PU

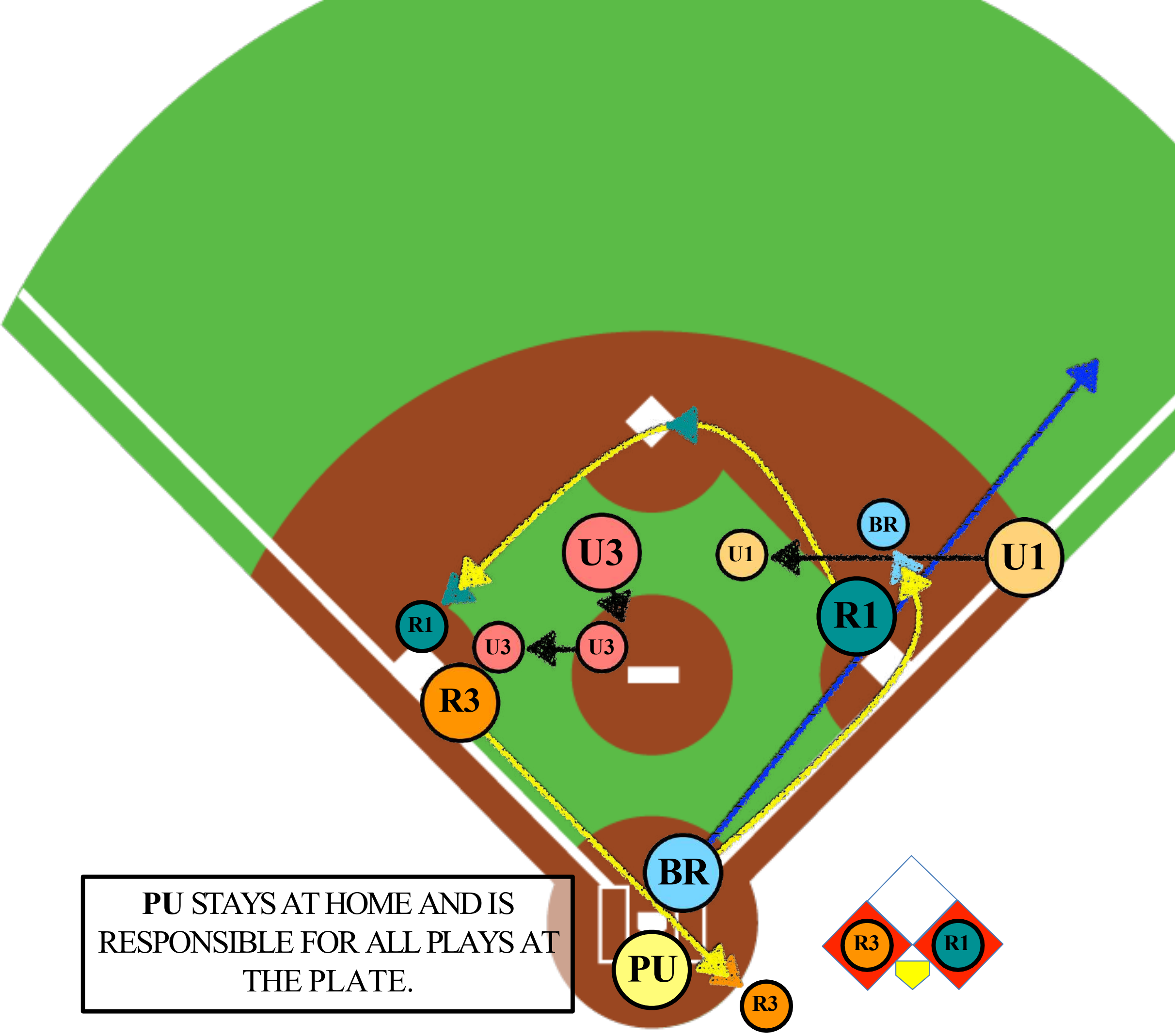
Home Plate Umpire



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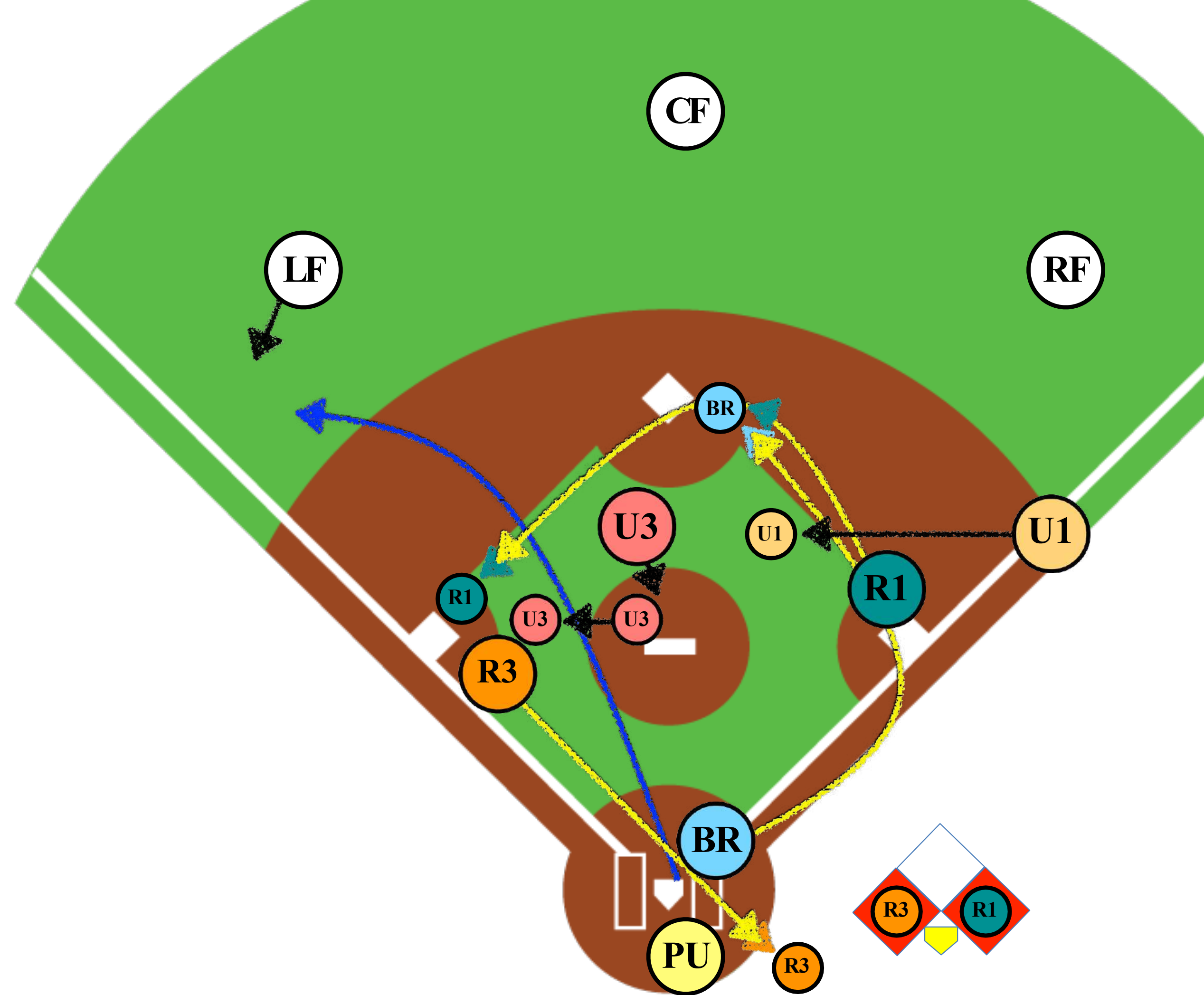
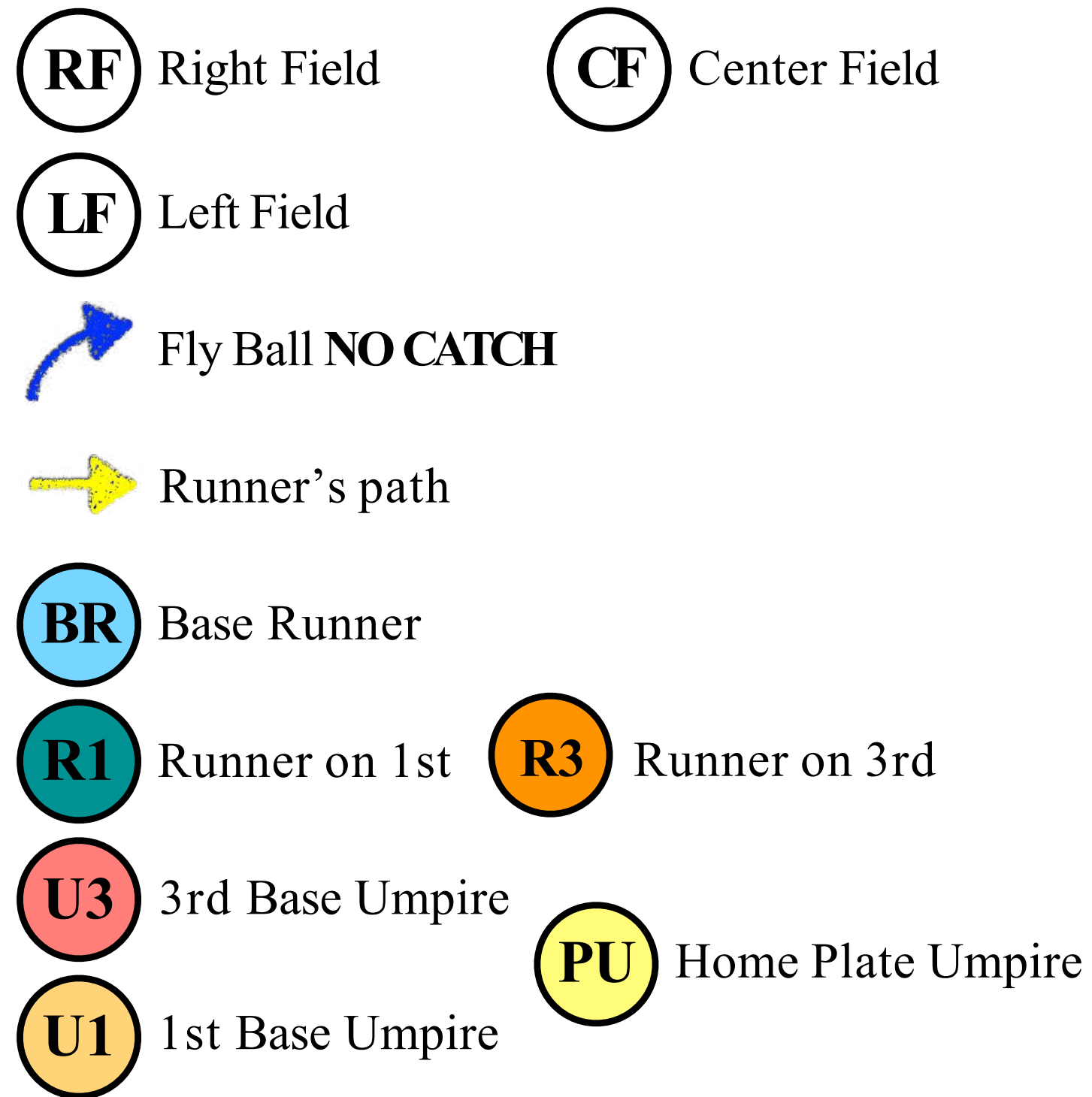
CLEAN HIT TO THE
OUTFIELD

- ➡ Runner's path
- ➡ Hit
- BR Base Runner
- R1 Runner on 2nd
- R3 Runner on 3rd
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire



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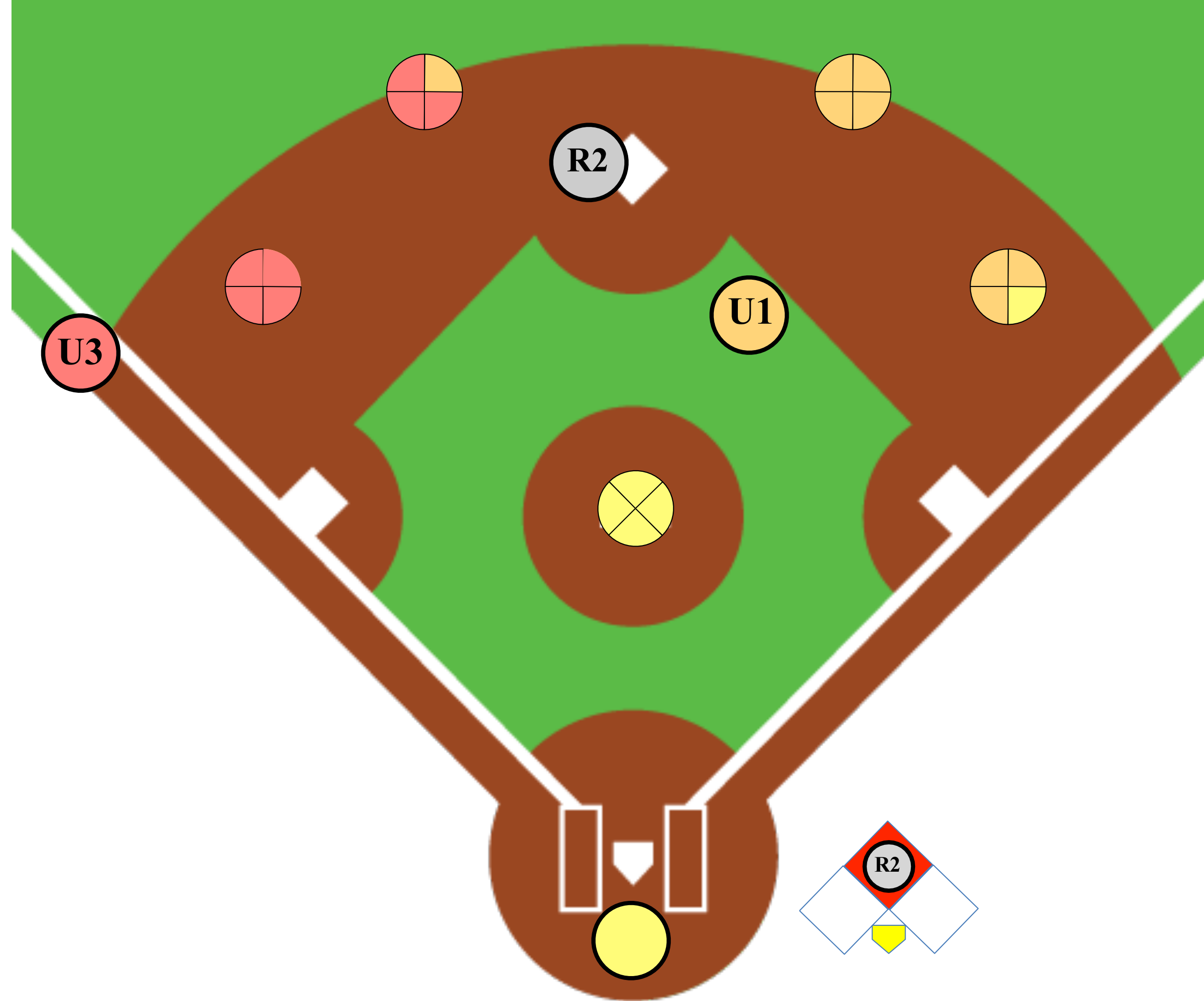
FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD LINE -
NO CATCH



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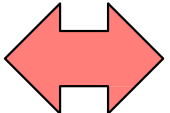
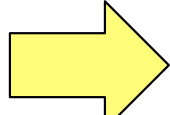
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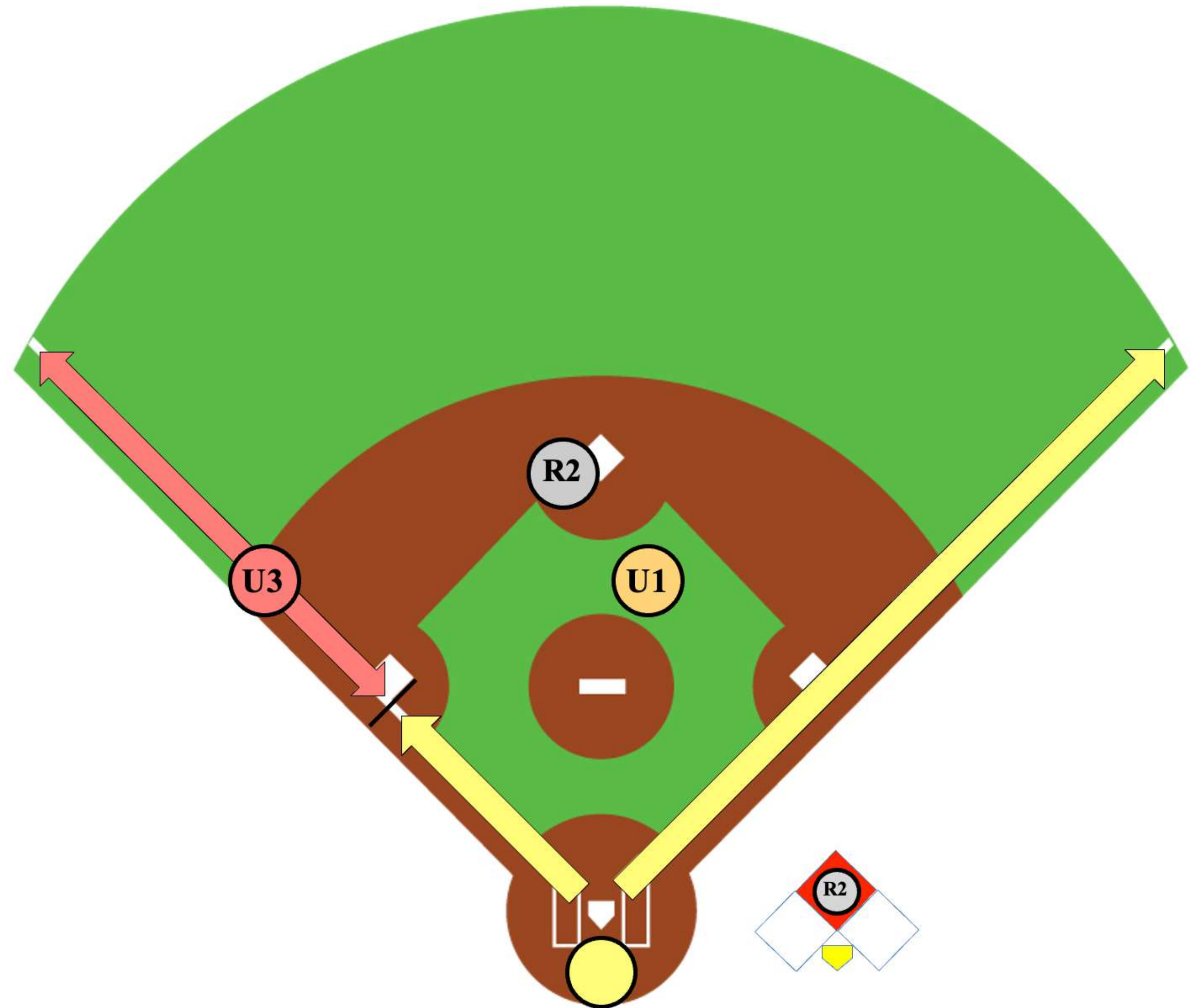
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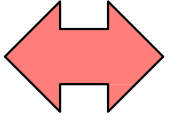
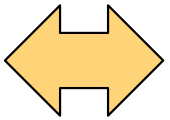
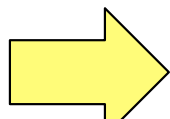
FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE
WITH LESS THAN 2 OUTS

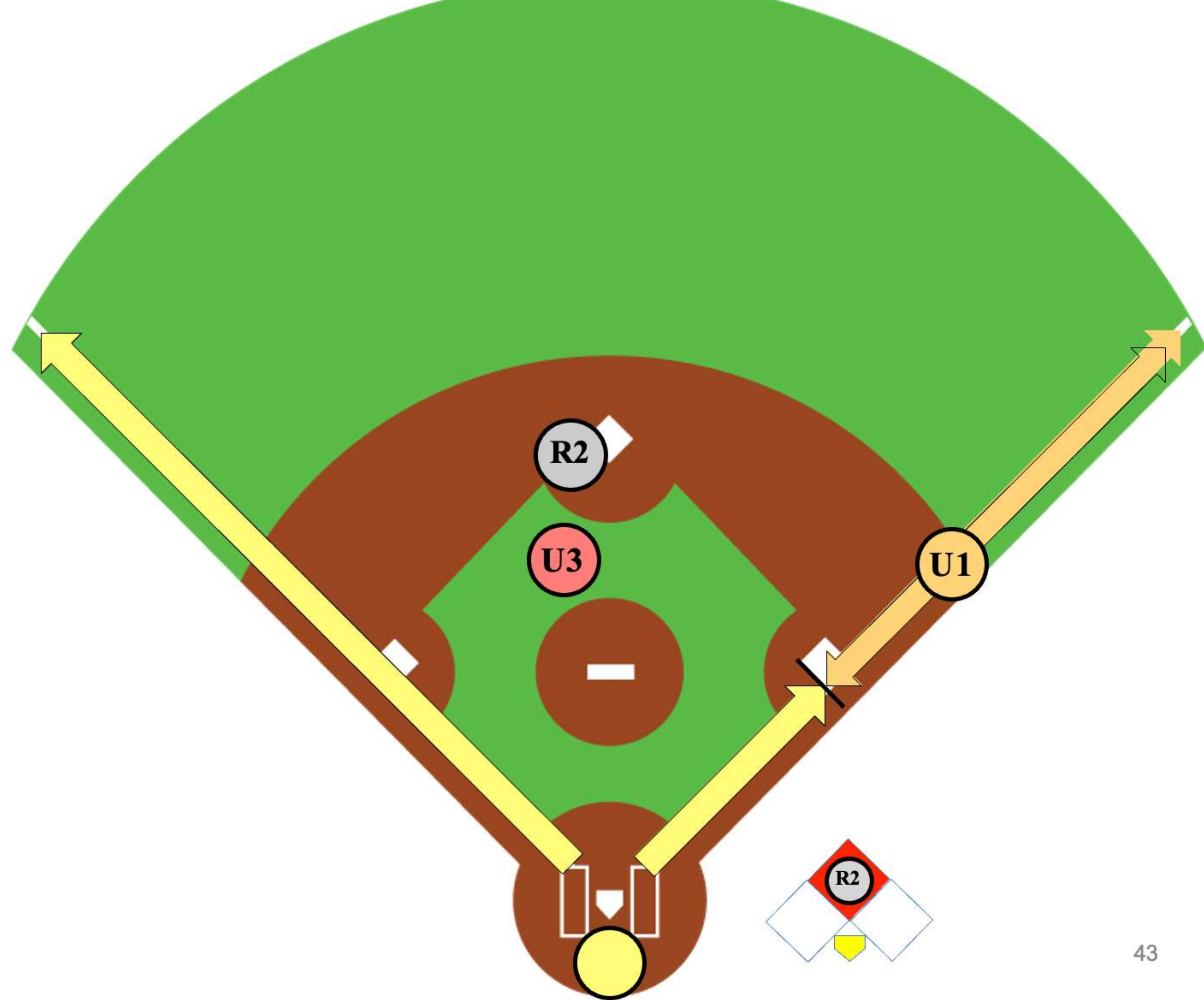
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-  1st Base Umpire
-  Home Plate Umpire
-  Runner on 2nd
-  3rd Base Umpire
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-  Home Plate Umpire



3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE WITH 2
OUTS

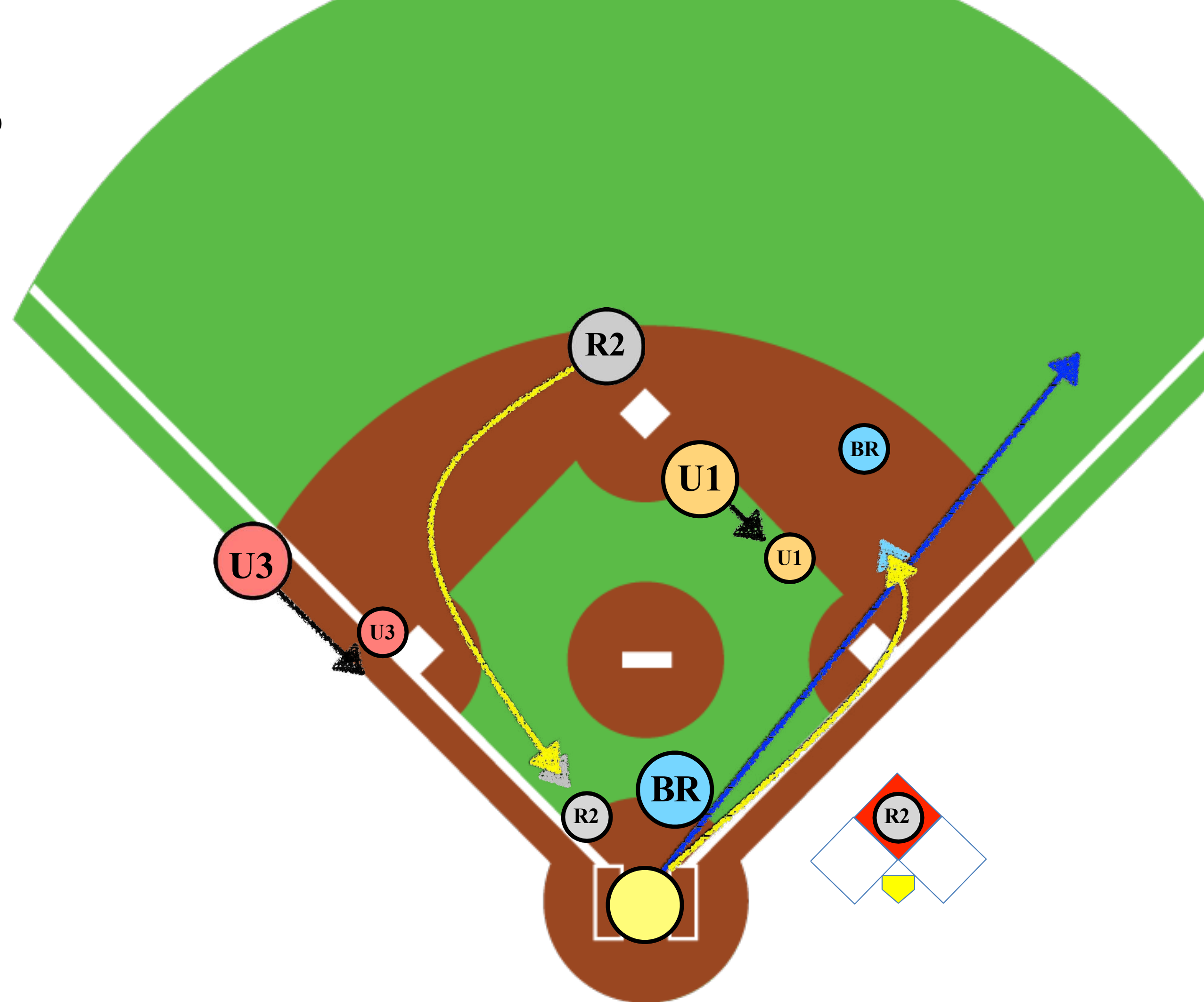
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-  Runner on 2nd
-  3rd Base Umpire
-  1st Base Umpire
-  Home Plate Umpire



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CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

-  Base Hit
-  Runner's path
-  Base Runner
-  Runner on 2nd Base
-  3rd Base Umpire
-  1st Base Umpire
-  Home Plate Umpire

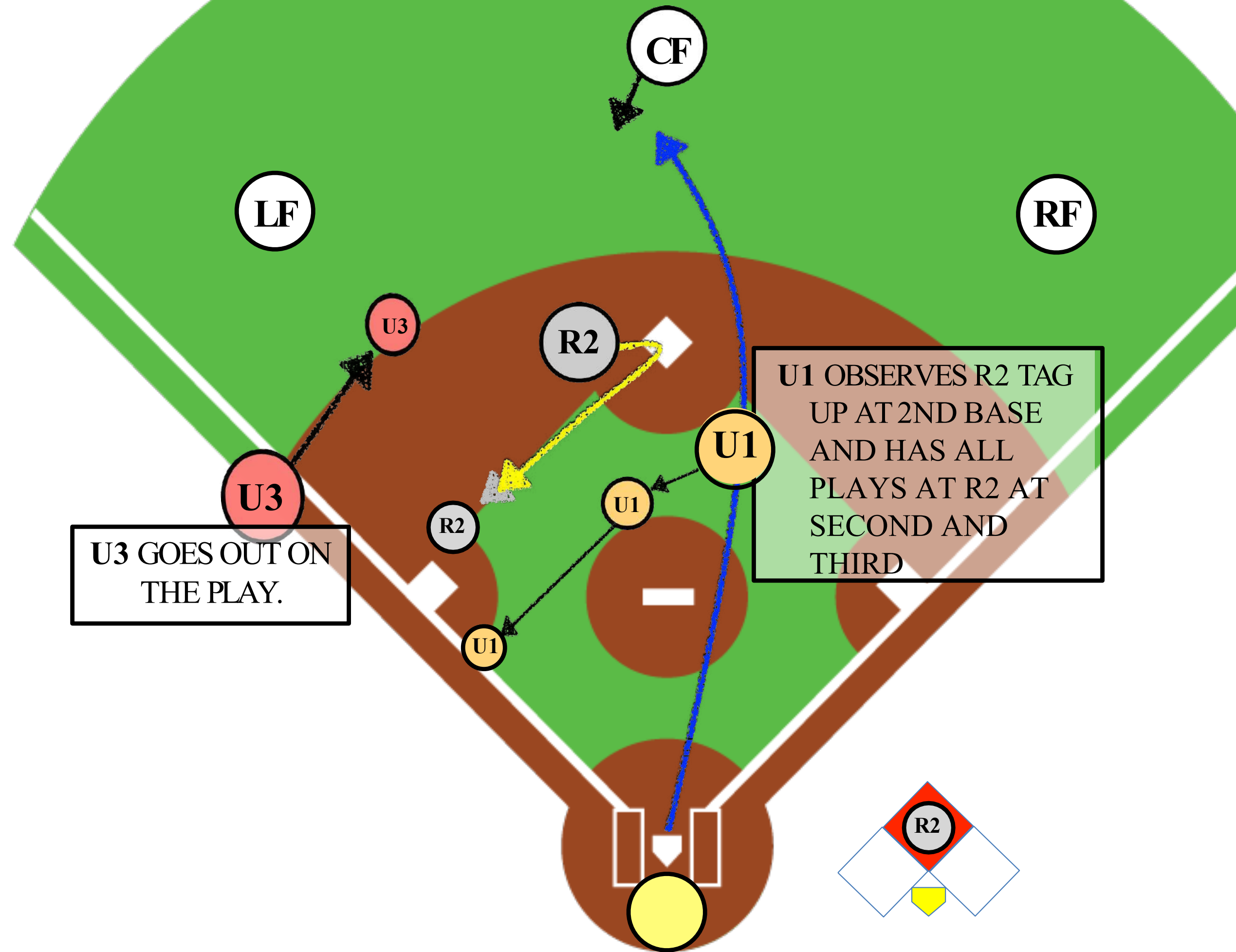


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FLY BALL TO CENTER FIELD - CATCH

- CF** Center Field
- RF** Right Field
- LF** Left Field
-  Fly Ball **CATCH**
-  Runner's path
- R2** Runner on 2nd
- U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- U1** 1st Base Umpire

PU Home Plate Umpire

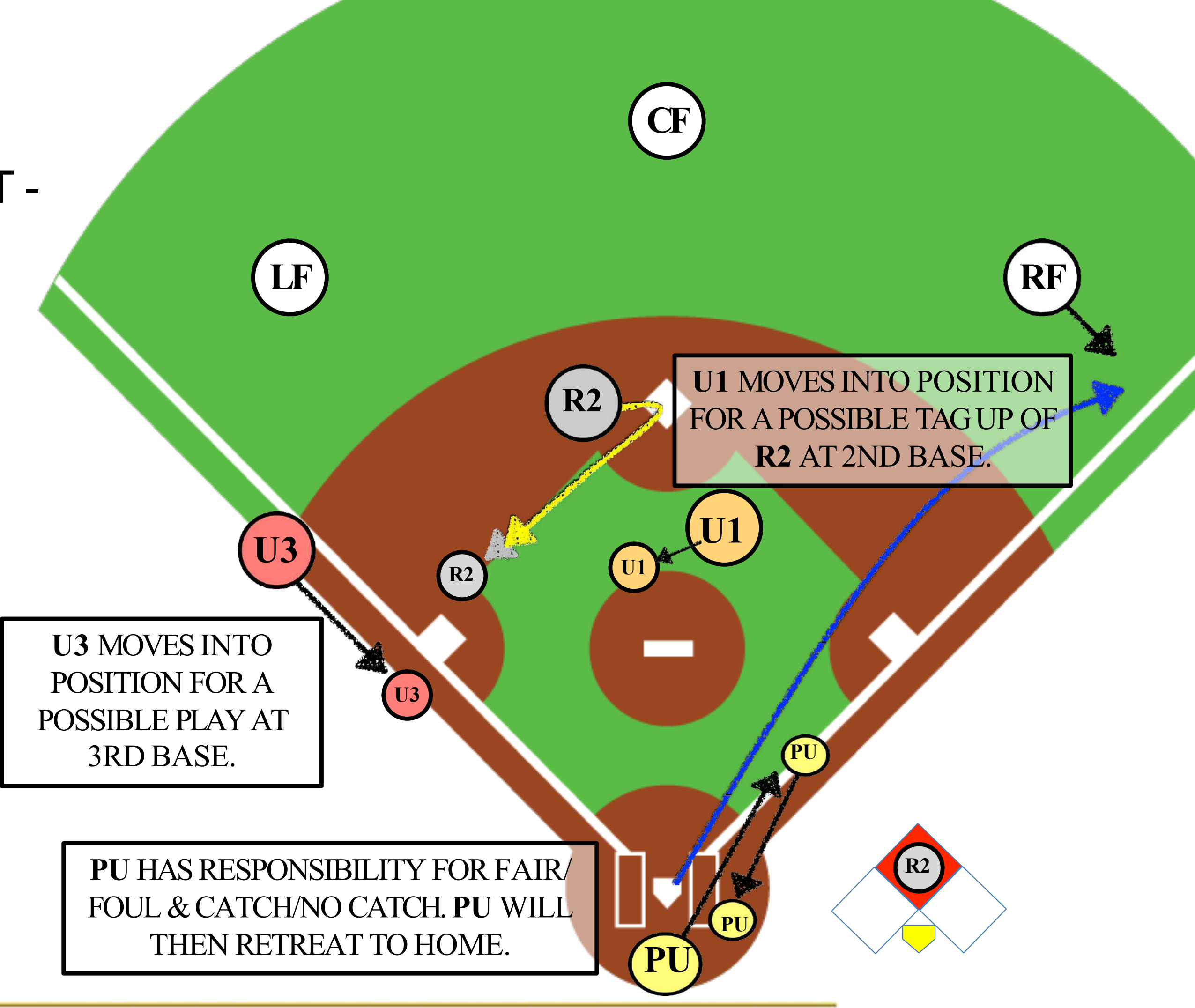


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FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELDERS LEFT -
CATCH

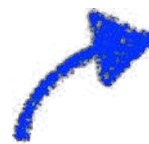
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-  Fly Ball **CATCH**
-  Runner's path
- R2** Runner on 2nd
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PU Home Plate Umpire



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FLY BALL TO RIGHT | CENTER -
CATCH

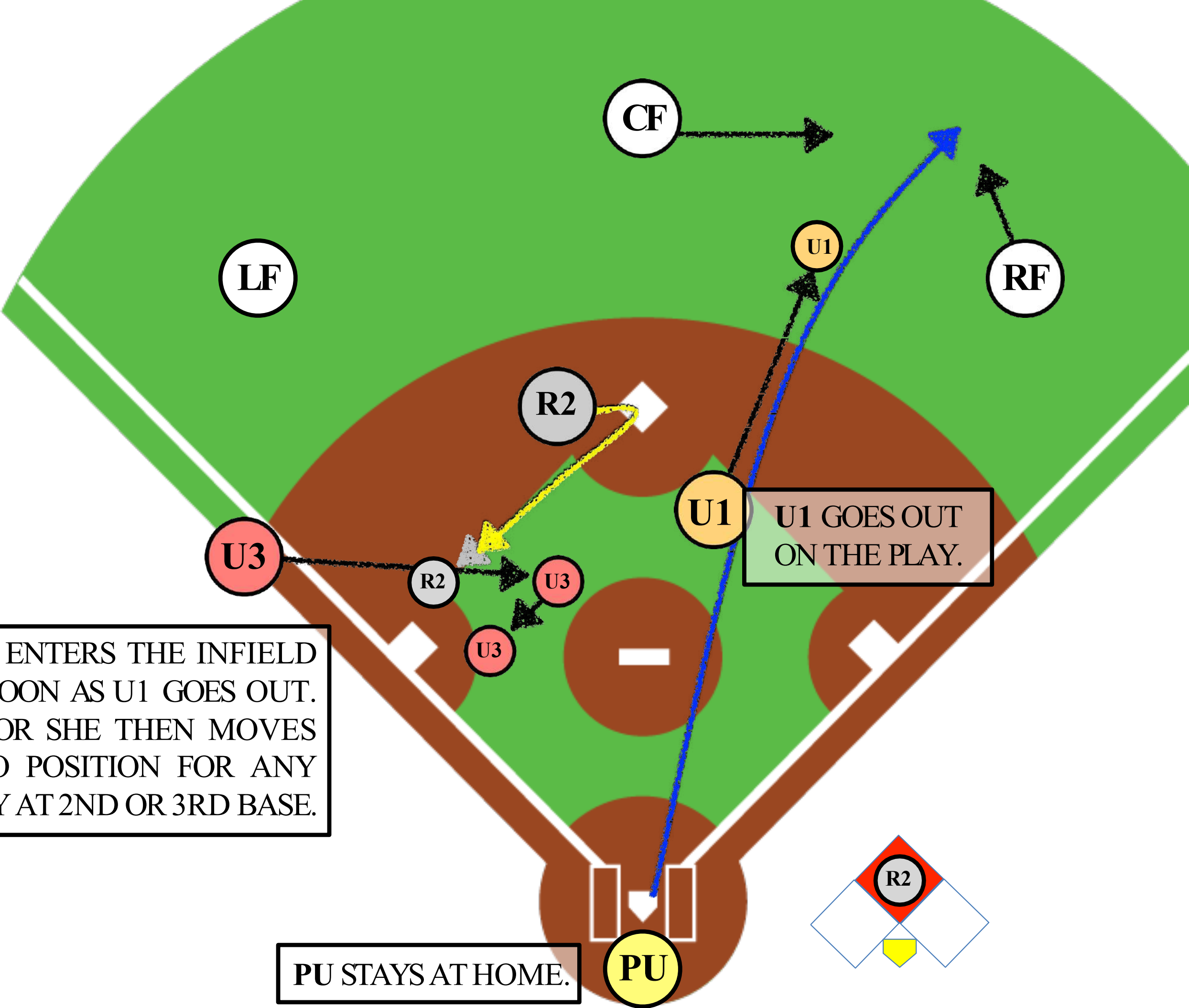
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-  Fly Ball **CATCH**
-  Runner's path
- R2** Runner on 2nd
- U3** 3rd Base Umpire

- U1** 1st Base Umpire
- PU** Home Plate Umpire

U3 ENTERS THE INFIELD AS SOON AS U1 GOES OUT. HE OR SHE THEN MOVES INTO POSITION FOR ANY PLAY AT 2ND OR 3RD BASE.

U1 GOES OUT ON THE PLAY.

PU STAYS AT HOME.



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FLY BALL TO RIGHT | CENTER -
NO CATCH

- RF

Right Field
- CF

Center Field
- LF

Left Field
- Fly Ball NO CATCH
- Runner's path
- BR

Base Runner
- R2

Runner on 2nd
- U3

3rd Base Umpire
- U1

1st Base Umpire
- PU

Home Plate Umpire

U3 ENTERS THE
INFIELD AS SOON AS U1
GOES OUT. HE OR SHE
WATCHES FOR **BR**'S
TOUCH OF 1ST BASE.

PU STAYS AT HOME & HAS BASE
TOUCH OF **R2** AT 3RD BASE.

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BASE HIT WITH 2 OUTS

- ➡ Base Hit
- ➡ Runner's path
- BR Base Runner
- R2 Runner on 2nd Base
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire

U3 HAS ANY PLAY ON SECOND AND THIRD, INCLUDING THE BR

PU STAYS AT HOME & HAS BASE TOUCH OF R2 AT 3RD BASE.

U1 DROPS DOWN AND HAS ALL PLAYS AT FIRST

3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

OBVIOUS EXTRA BASE HIT WITH 2 OUTS

– NO IMMEDIATE PLAY INTO SECOND BASE

➡ Base Hit

➡ Runner's path

BR Base Runner

R2 Runner on 2nd Base

U3 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire

PU Home Plate Umpire

U3 HAS ANY POTENTIAL PLAY ON R2 AT 2ND AND THIRD. U3 CHECKS U1 AND MAY SLIDE TO 3RD ONLY AFTER R2 COMMITS HOME

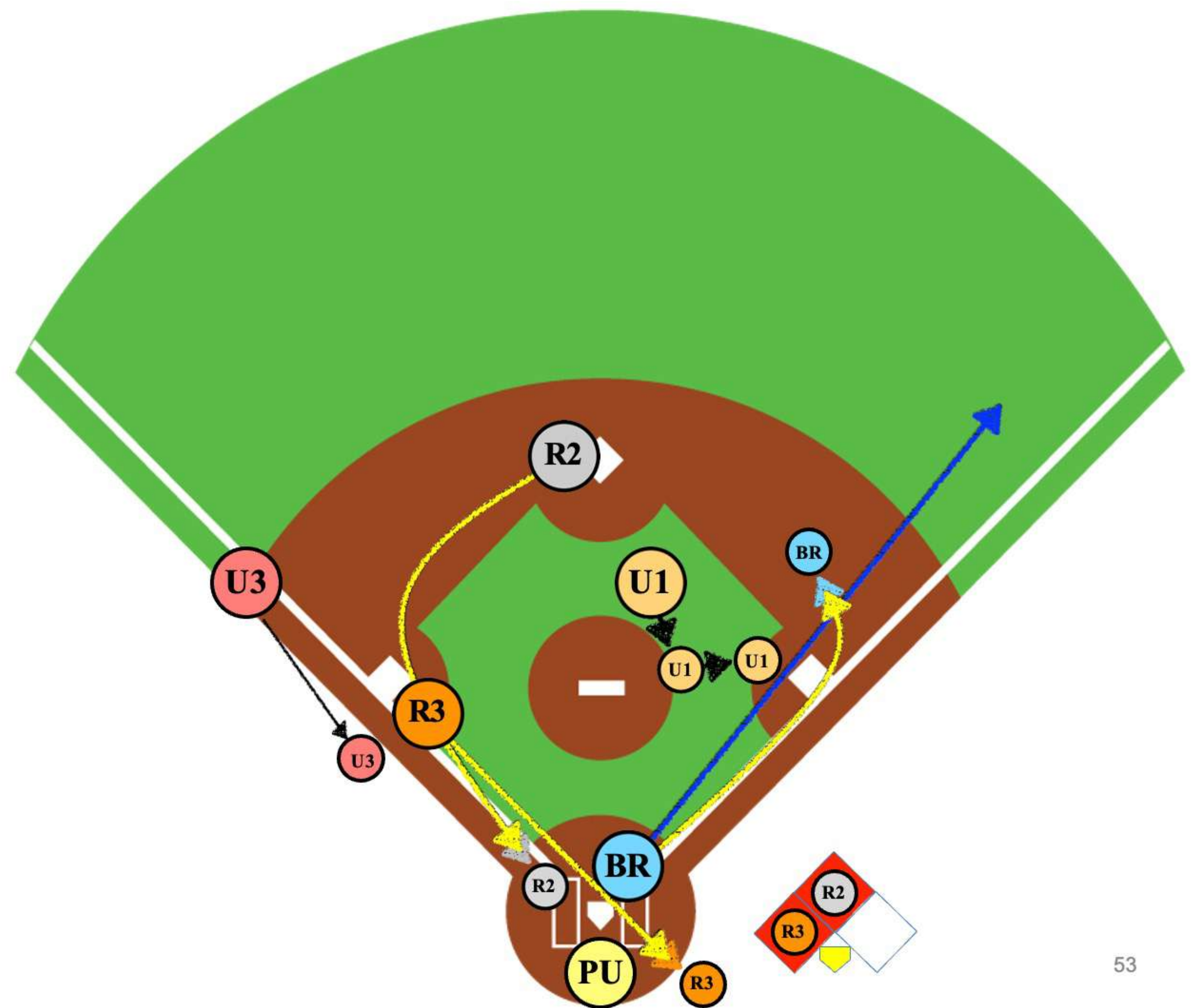
PU STAYS AT HOME & HAS BASE TOUCH OF R2 AT 3RD BASE.

U1 WATCHES BR'S TOUCH OF 1ST BASE AND COMMUNICATES TO U3 TO SLIDE. THIS TECHNIQUE MAY ONLY BE USED WHEN THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE PLAY AT 2ND ON BR!

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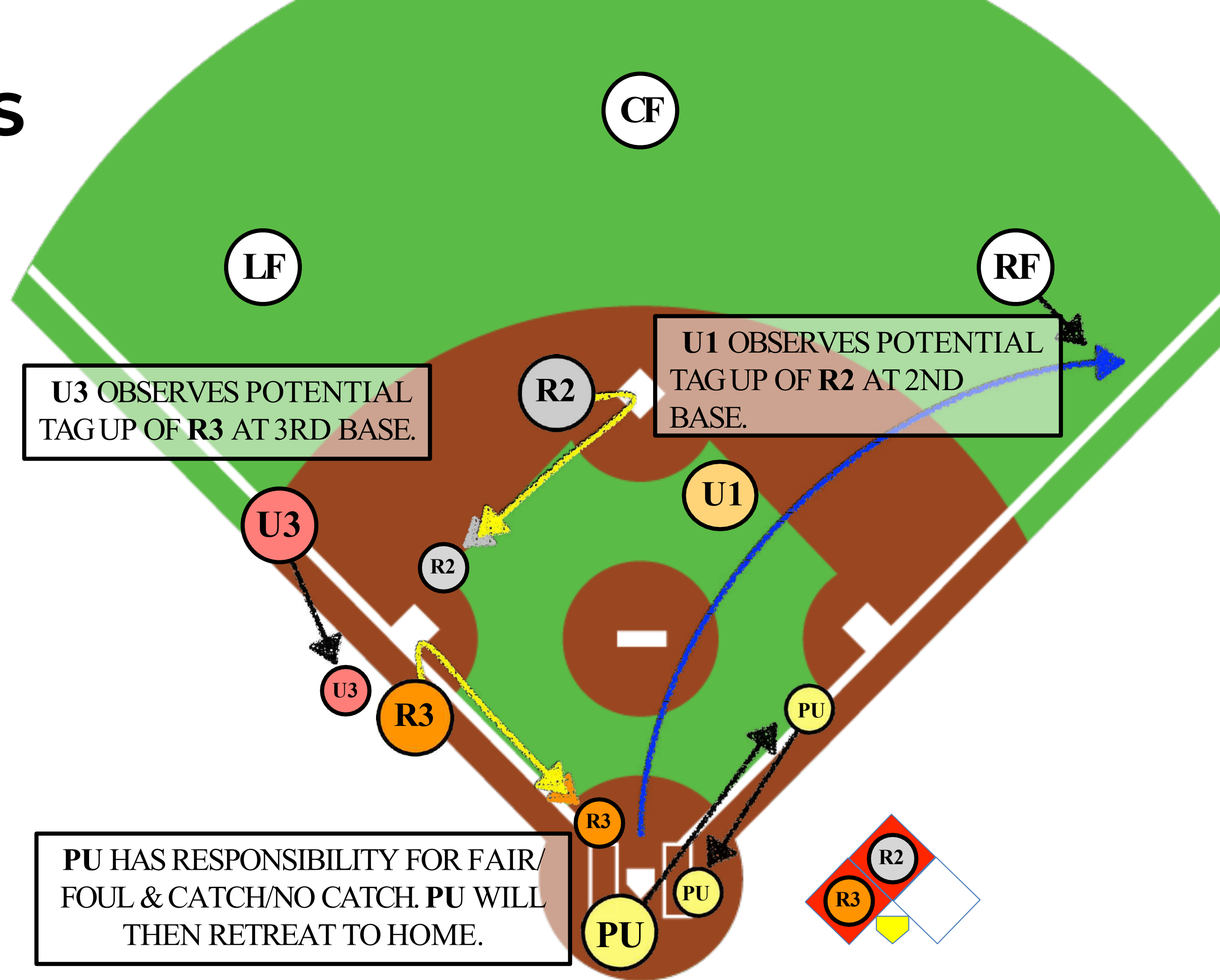
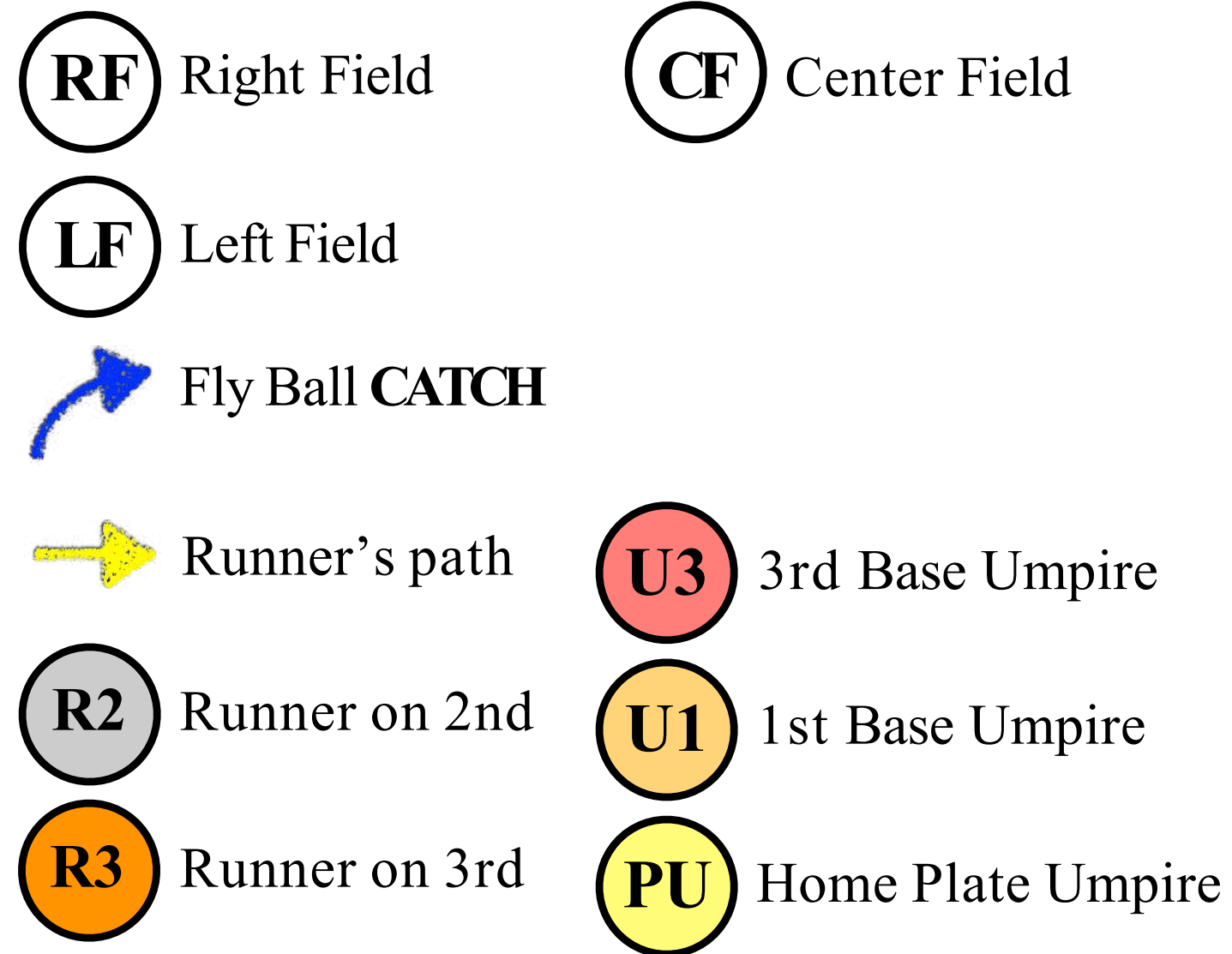
CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

- ➡ Base Hit
- ➡ Runner's path
- BR** Base Runner
- R2** Runner on 2nd
- R3** Runner on 3rd
- U3** 3rd Base Umpire
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- PU** Home Plate Umpire



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FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD LINE - CATCH

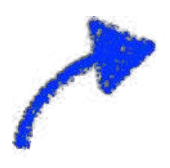
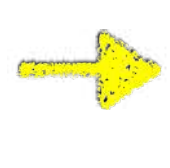


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FLY BALL TO RIGHT|CENTER FIELD
- CATCH

-  **RF**

Right Field
-  **LF**

Left Field
-  Fly Ball **CATCH**
-  Runner's path
-  **R2**

Runner on 2nd
-  **R3**

Runner on 3rd
-  **CF**

Center Field
-  **U3**

3rd Base Umpire
-  **U1**

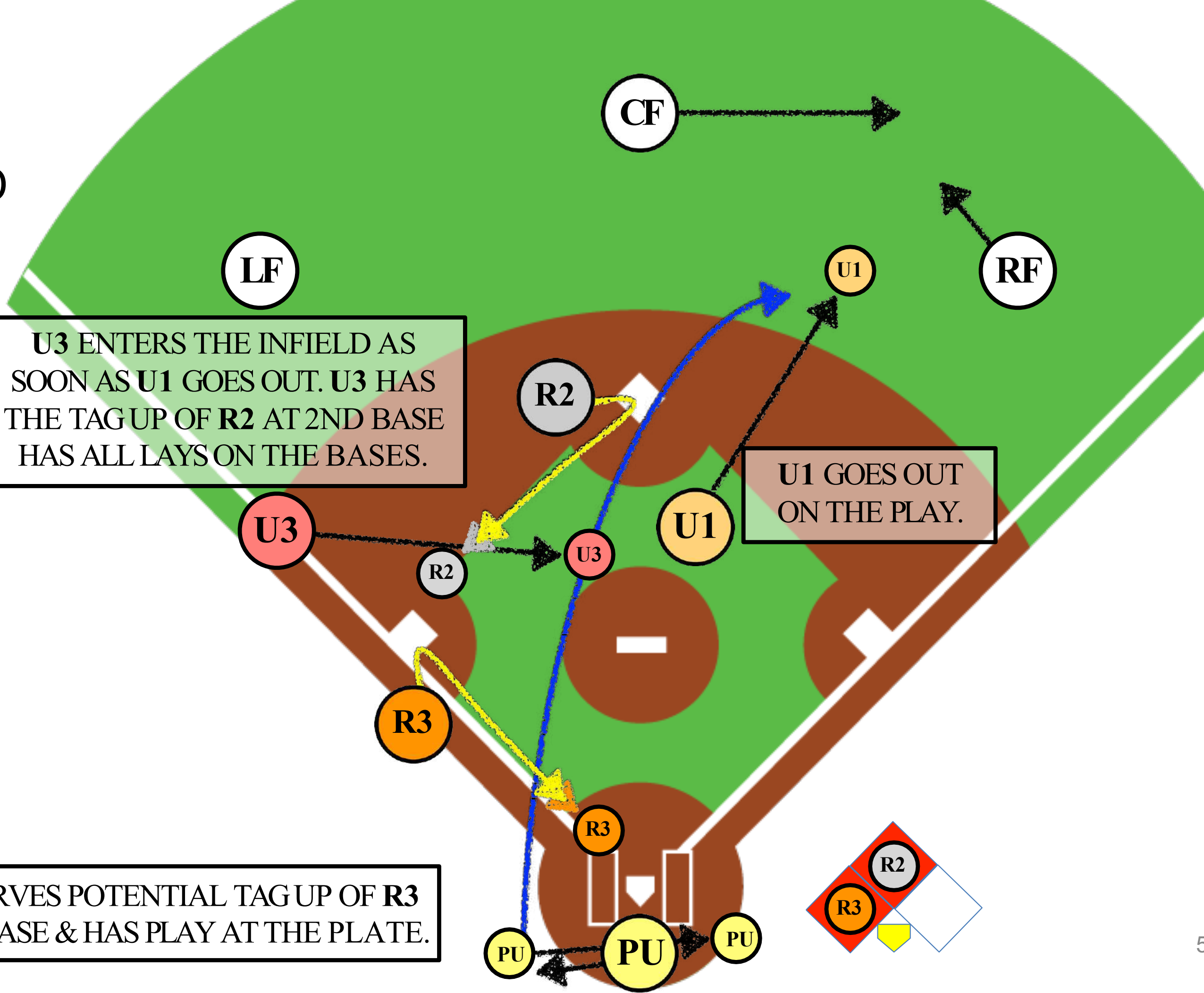
1st Base Umpire
-  **PU**

Home Plate Umpire

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U1 GOES OUT ON THE PLAY.

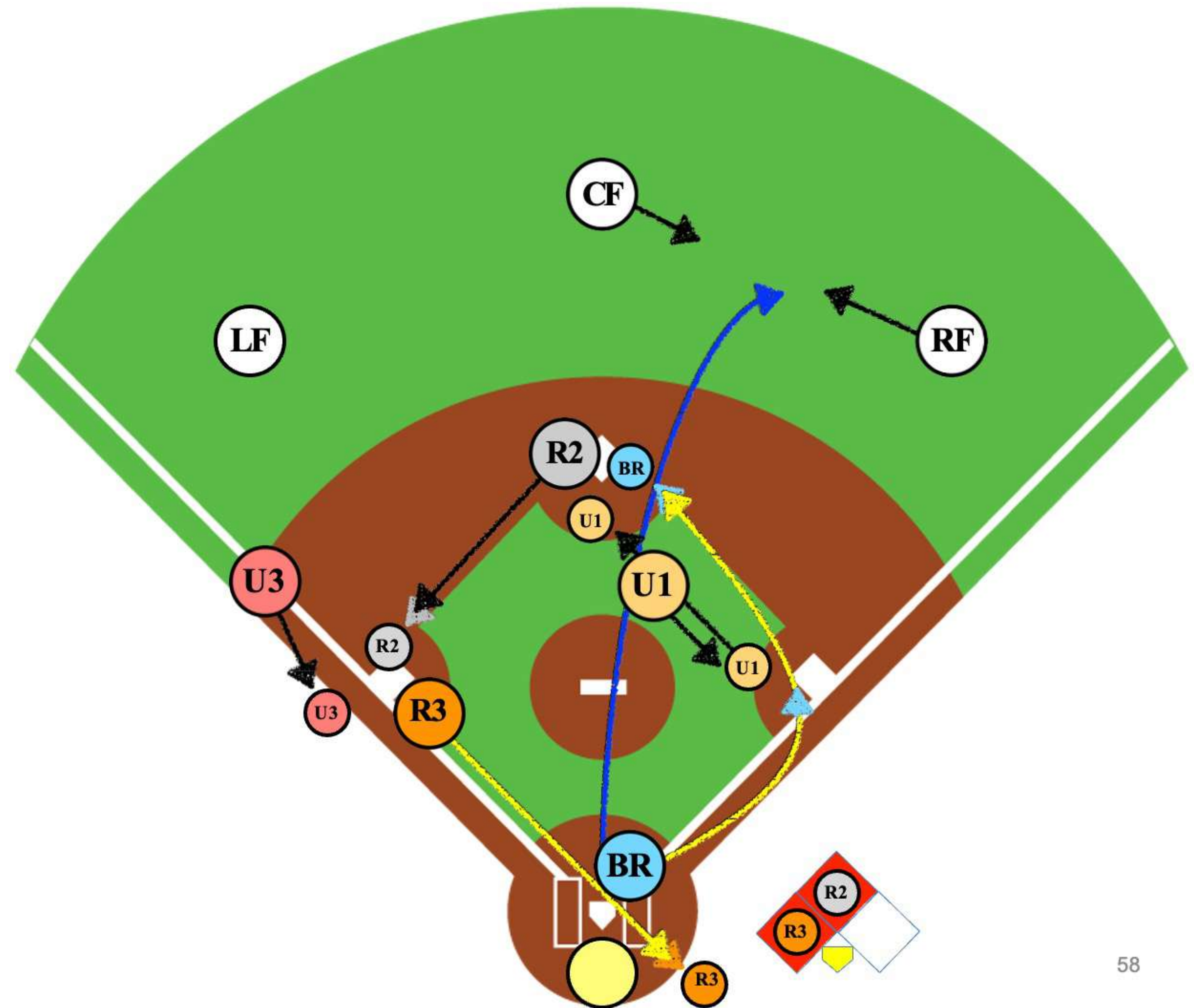
PU OBSERVES POTENTIAL TAG UP OF R3 AT 3RD BASE & HAS PLAY AT THE PLATE.



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FLY BALL TO RIGHT|CENTER
- NO CATCH

- RF** Right Field
 - LF** Left Field
 - CF** Center Field
 - BR** Base Runner
 - R2** Runner on 2nd
 - R3** Runner on 3rd
 - U3** 3rd Base Umpire
 - U1** 1st Base Umpire
 - PU** Home Plate Ump
-  Fly Ball **NO CATCH**
-  Runner's path



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OBVIOUS EXTRA BASE HIT WITH 2 OUTS
– NO IMMEDIATE PLAY INTO SECOND BASE

- ➡ Base Hit
- ➡ Runner's path
- BR** Base Runner
- R2** Runner on 2nd
- R3** Runner on 3rd
- U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- U1** 1st Base Umpire
- PU** Home Plate Umpire

U3 HAS ANY
POTENTIAL PLAY ON
R2 AT 2ND AND THIRD.
U3 CHECKS U1 AND
MAY SLIDE TO 3RD
ONLY AFTER R2
COMMITTS HOME

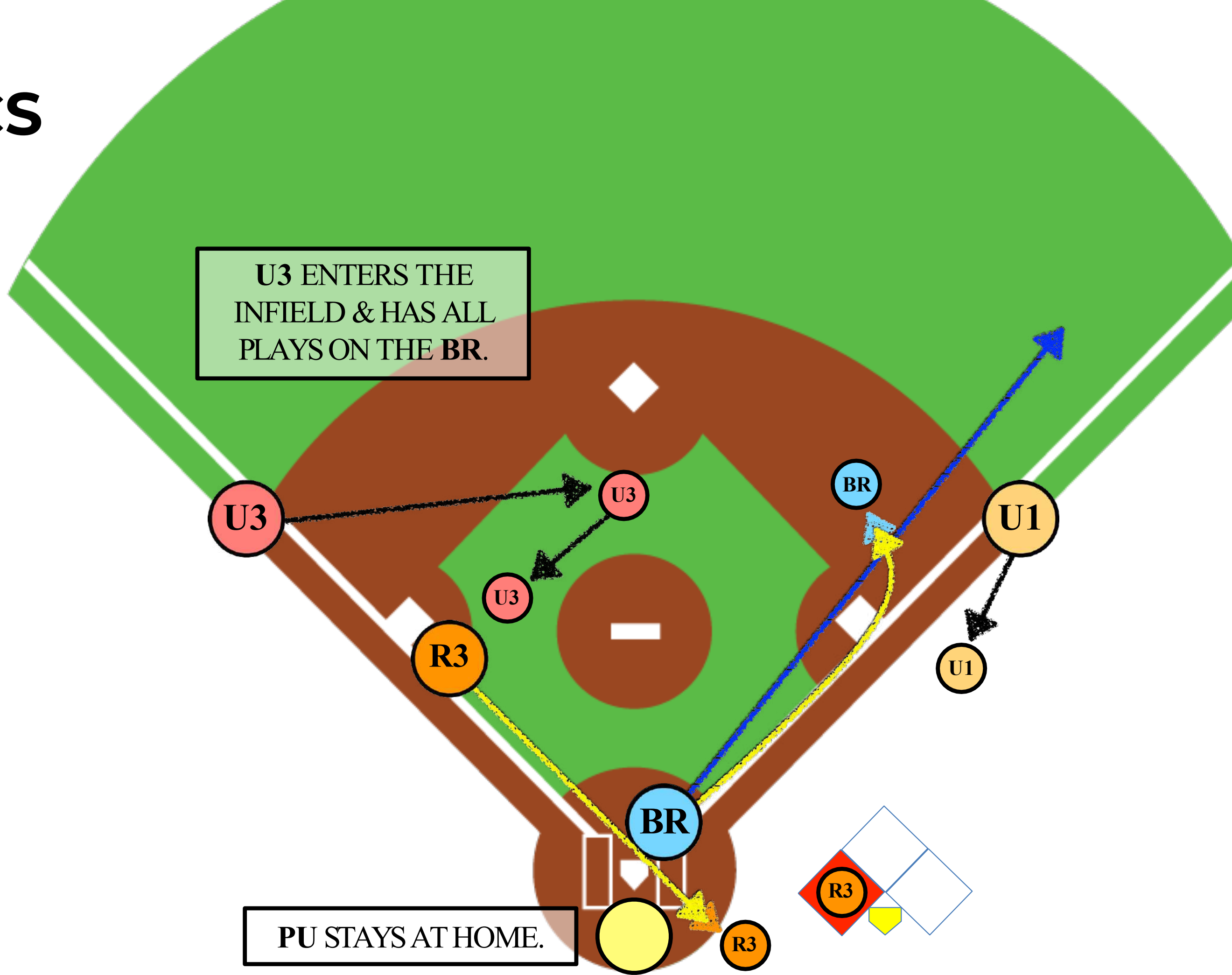
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- BR Base Runner
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- U3 3rd Base Umpire
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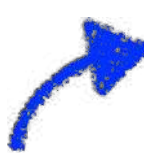
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FLY BALL TO RIGHT LINE -
CATCH

CF Center Field

RF Right Field

LF Left Field

 Fly Ball **CATCH**

 Runner on 2nd

R3 Runner on 3rd

U3 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire

PU Home Plate Umpire

U3 ENTERS THE INFIELD AS SOON AS U1 GOES OUT. IF THE BALL IS NT CAUGHT, U3 HAS ALL PLAYS ON THE BASES.

U1 GOES OUT ON THE PLAY.

PU HAS THE POTENTIAL TAG UP OF R3 AT 3RD BASE & ANY PLAY AT HOME.

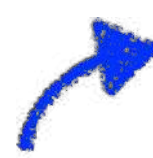
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FLY BALL TO RIGHT LEFT
CENTRE FIELD - **CATCH**

CF Center Field

RF Right Field

LF Left Field

 Fly Ball **CATCH**

 Runner on 2nd

R3 Runner on 3rd

U3 3rd Base Umpire

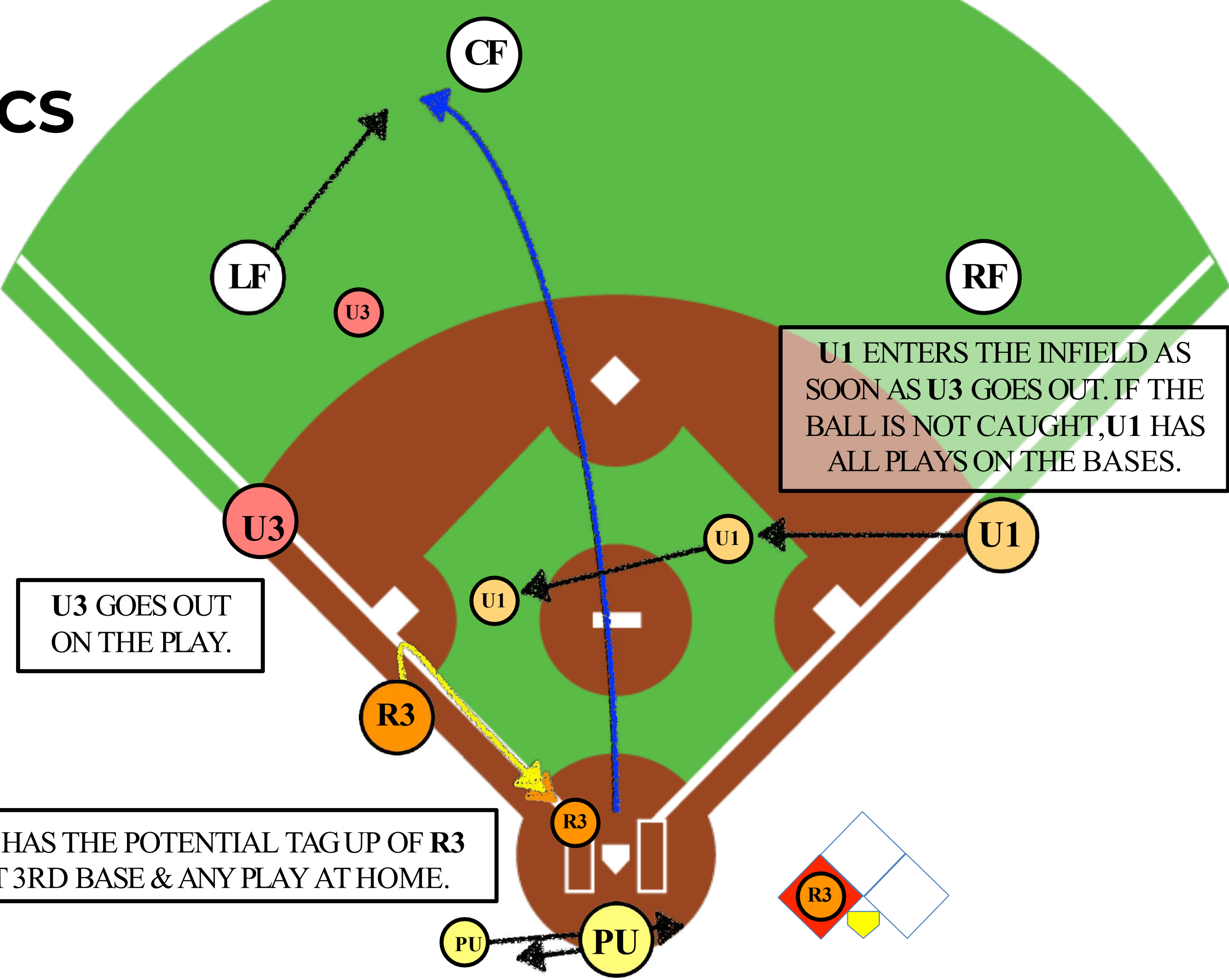
U1 1st Base Umpire

PU Home Plate Umpire

U3 GOES OUT
ON THE PLAY.

PU HAS THE POTENTIAL TAG UP OF R3
AT 3RD BASE & ANY PLAY AT HOME.

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BALL IS NOT CAUGHT, U1 HAS
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