

**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 1st, **U2** moves to **B** position, has runner advance to 2nd, **Plate** rotates to 3rd and has runner advancing to 3rd, **U1** rotates to plate, and has runner coming home. To right, **U1** takes batted ball, **Plate** follows runner to 1st, **U2** moves to **B** Position and has runner advance to 2nd, **U3** holds in **D** position and takes runner advance to 3rd. **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 1st, **U3** moves to **C** and has runner advance to 2nd, **Plate** moves to 3rd and has runner advance to 3rd, **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 2nd, **Plate** rotates to 3rd and has runner advancing to 3rd, **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 1st, **U2** stays in **B** Position and takes runner advance to 2nd, **U3** holds in **D** position and takes runner advance to 3rd. **Plate** moves back to home and has runner coming home.
- *Infield fly (1st & 2nd 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 (3rd) **C** (2nd and 3rd), **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 3rd, **U2** has tag at 2nd, **U1** has tag at 1st. If **U2** goes out, **U3** rotates and has tag at second, **U1** has tag at 1st, **Plate** has tag at 3rd. If **U1** goes out, **Plate** has tag at 1st, **U2** has tag at 2nd, **U3** has tag at 3rd.

- *Base Hit* – To left, **U3** takes batted ball, **U2** moves to **B** position, has runner advance to 2nd, **Plate** rotates to 3rd and has runner advancing to 3rd, **U1** stays in **A**, then rotates to plate, and has runner coming home. To right, **U1** takes batted ball, **Plate** follows runner to 1st, **U2** moves to **B** Position, has runner advance to 2nd, **U3** holds in **D** position and takes runner advance to 3rd. **Plate** moves back to home and has runner coming home. To center, **U2** takes batted ball, **U1** holds in **A** and has runner at 1st, **U3** moves to **C** and has runner advance to 2nd, **Plate** moves to 3rd and has runner advance to 3rd, **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.