4 UMPIRE SYSTEM – POSSIBLE TAG PLAYS

PLAY	APPROVED WBSC	TIPS
Runner on 1 st base takes a long lead-off. Throw from catcher for possible pick-off	MECHANIC U1 moves into fair territory or further into foul territory to achieve an unobstructed view of the 4 essential elements, keeping 3 – 4 meters back. If the defensive player is blocking the base without the ball, or U1 cannot see one of the 4 essential elements, U1 should adjust by moving further into fair or foul territory to obtain an unobstructed view.	Constantly watch the movements of the defensive players involved. Umpires must be prepared to move to the best position needed to achieve an unobstructed view of the 4 essential elements. As you watch the play develop by tracking the ball and the runner, if the ball is going to beat the runner, the
Runner on 1 st base attempts to advance to 2 nd base on the pitch.	U2, takes a set position at 3 – 4 meters from the base line, just short of the leading edge at 2 nd base. As the play develops, U2 adjusts their position as required to see all 4 essential elements come together by moving to their right to get an unobstructed view to watch a slide to the front or back of the base.	play will likely occur at the front or back of the base. If the runner is going to arrive before the throw, the play will likely occur at the leading edge. Be alert for any possible obstruction. Always adjust according to the 4 essential elements coming together. Do not
Runner on 1 st base, ground ball hit to the outfield, R1 attempts to advance to 2 nd base.	U2 comes inside the base line, taking a position 3 – 4 meters back, just short of the leading edge at 2 nd base. As the play develops, U2 adjusts their position as required to see all 4 essential elements come together by moving to their left to get an unobstructed view to watch the slide into the front or back of the base.	assume that a position is the correct position until you judge the 4 essential elements coming together. Adjust to get an unobstructed view - This could mean only taking one step or stride or could mean more steps. This may require the umpire to lean in to see the all four essential
Runner on 2 nd base. On the pitch the runner takes a long lead off. The catcher throws to 2 nd	U2 sets at 3 – 4 meters from the base path and in line with the back edges of 3 rd base and 2 nd base. As the play develops, U2 adjusts as required to see all 4 essential elements come together by	elements come together so as to judge if there was a tag and if there was a tag did it occur before the runner touched the base or home plate.

for a possible pick off	moving to their right to get an unobstructed view to see a slide to the side, front or back of the base.	Umpires should adjust so as to see the play (runner) coming to them and not adjust so that they are seeing the play from behind the runner or defensive player.
Runner on 2 nd base, ball hit to RF runner advances toward 3 rd base.	U3 moves down in foul territory, 3 - 4 meters off the foul line, almost even with 3 rd base. If the throw comes from RF, U3 moves in front of 3 rd base positioning just short of the leading edge. Be prepared to adjust by moving to the left to get an unobstructed view to see a slide to the front, side or back of the base. If the throw is first relayed to an infielder, U3 move into fair territory, on the outfield side of the base path, 3-4 meters back and just short of the leading edge. Be prepared to adjust by moving to the right to get an unobstructed view to see a slide to the front, side or back of the base.	
Runner on 2 nd base, ball hit to CF or LF, runner advances toward 3 ^{rrd} base.	U3 Moves down past 3 rd base in foul territory and moves into fair territory position just short of the leading edge. Be prepared to adjust by moving to the left to get an unobstructed view to see a slide to the front, side or back of the base.	
Runner on 2 nd base, ball hit to the infield, runner tries to advance to 3 rd base.	U3 moves into fair territory, on the outfield side of the base line, takes a position 3-4 meters off the base line, just short of the leading edge. Be prepared to adjust by moving to the right to get an unobstructed view to see a slide to the front, side or back of the base.	
Runner on 3 rd	As U3 is already off the foul	
base, takes a	line, U3 moves to towards the	

big lead off	base to achieve 45 degree	
and catcher	angle, maintaining a position	
throws to pick	3 – 4 meters off the line,	
off the runner	ready to adjust to a slide to	
	the front or side of 3 rd base.	
Runner on 3 rd	PU moves to their left to a	
base, ball hit to	position just off leading edge	
the outfield,	of HP, at least 4-5 meters off	
runner	the base line. As the play	
advances to	develops adjust by moving to	
Home	the right to get an	
	unobstructed view, ready to	
	adjust for a slide to any part	
	of home plate.	