



Recent changes

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Slide 25 – Corrected – movements of U1.
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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).



Mechanics Concepts:

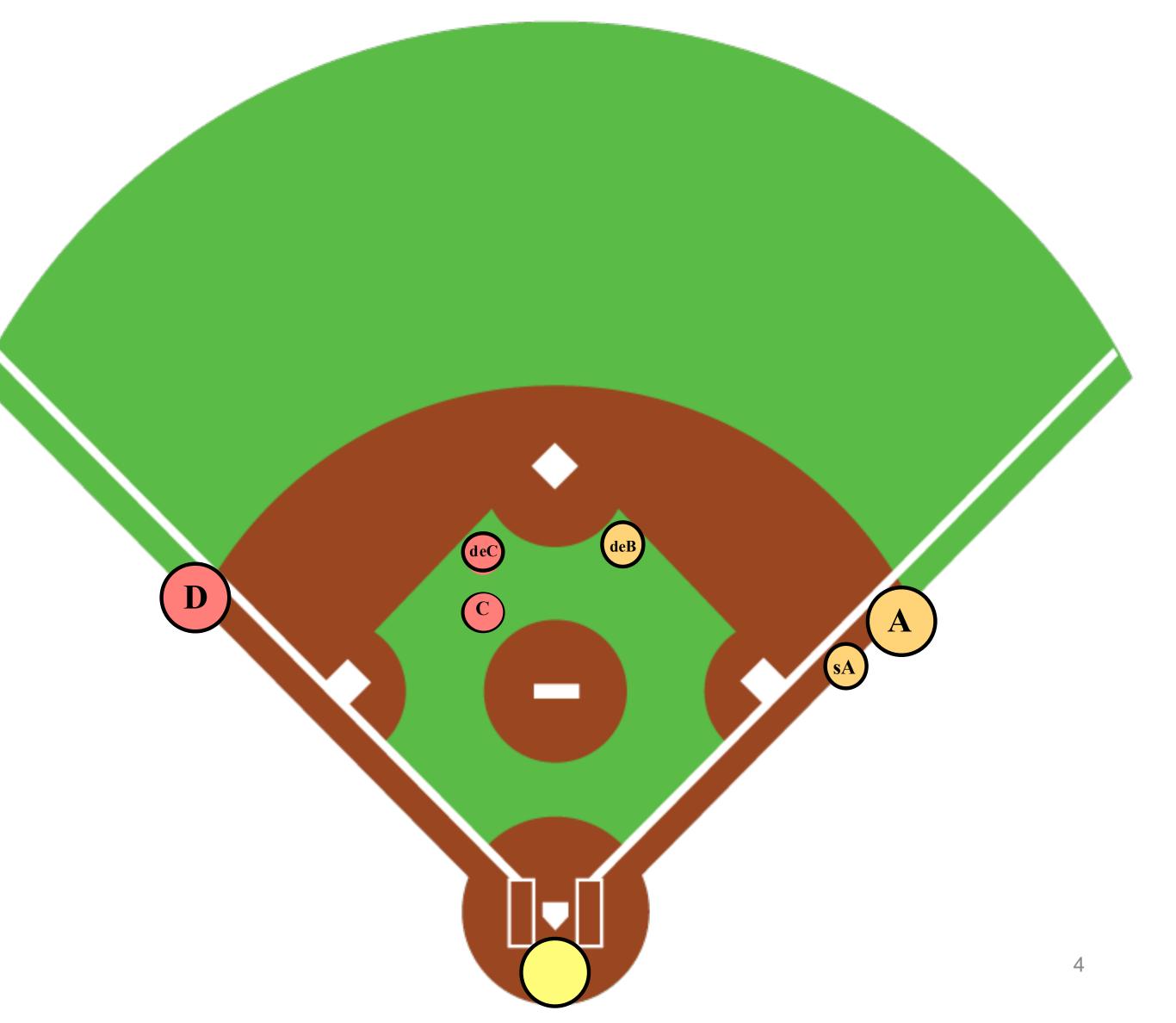
- With no runners on base, U1 or U3 will go out on ALL fly balls (catchable-fair/foul/boundary) and line drives that are his/her responsibility.
- With one runner on base, the wing umpire will go out on ALL fly balls and line drives (catchable-fair/foul/boundary) to the outfield that are his/her responsibility.
- With multiple runners, umpires will only go out on flyballs and line drives to the outfield that are trouble.
- Umpires ARE required to go out from the middle of the infield on trouble balls.
- Unless in unusual circumstances (possible out-of-play line, spectator interference etc.), umpires will not go out on clear base hits.
- The crew needs to communicate and work together at all times.
- The practice of "rimming" (moving on the outside of the base line) is an acceptable practice for WBSC Europe umpires if situation allows it. It is, however, often discouraged.
- In many cases umpires have to split the difference and react.
- Any time any umpire goes out on a fly ball, movements revert to the two umpire system.
 - Knowledge and mastery of the two umpire system is imperative for the mastery of the three umpire system.



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
- (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 Umpire





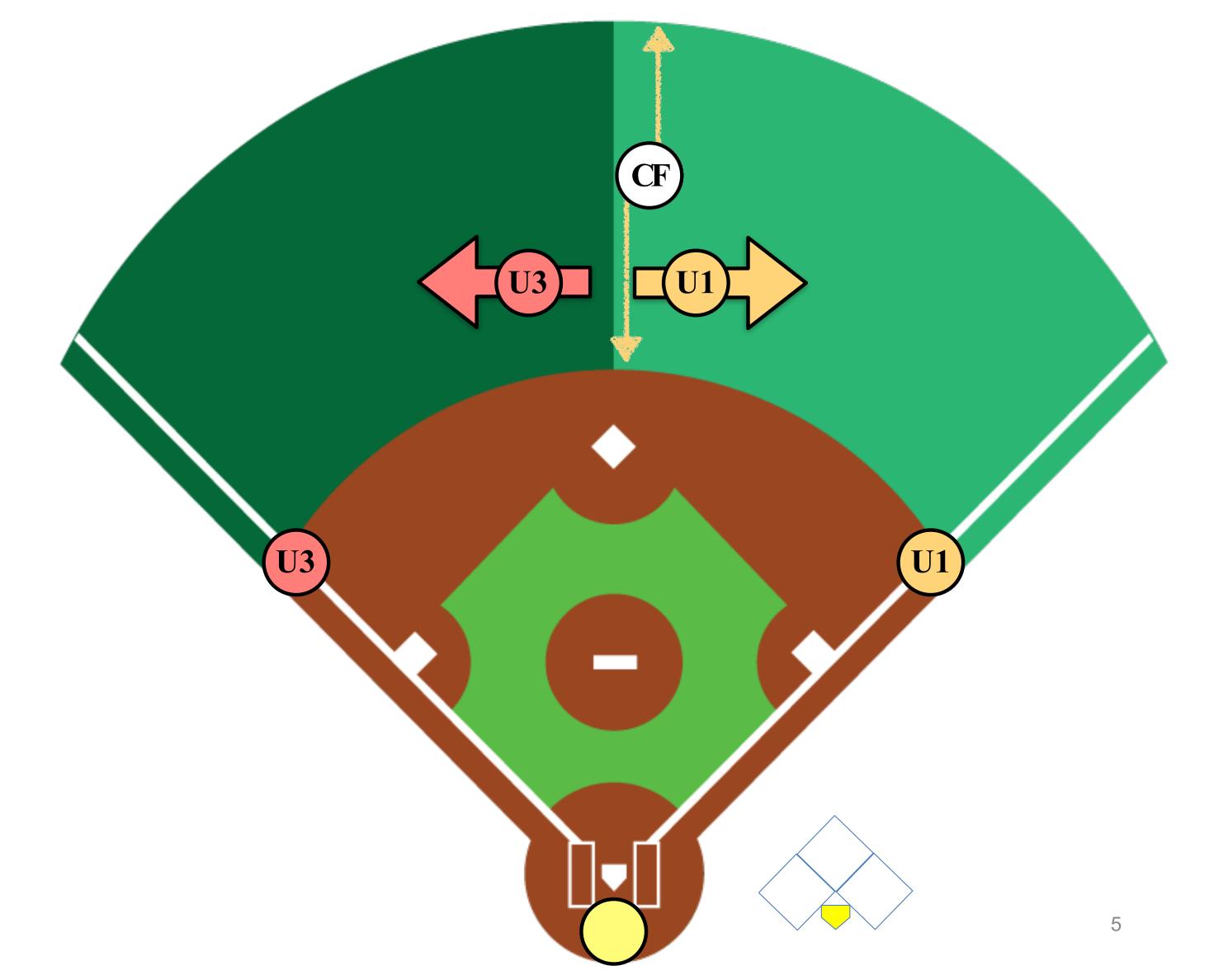
INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE.

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

CF Center Field

U3 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





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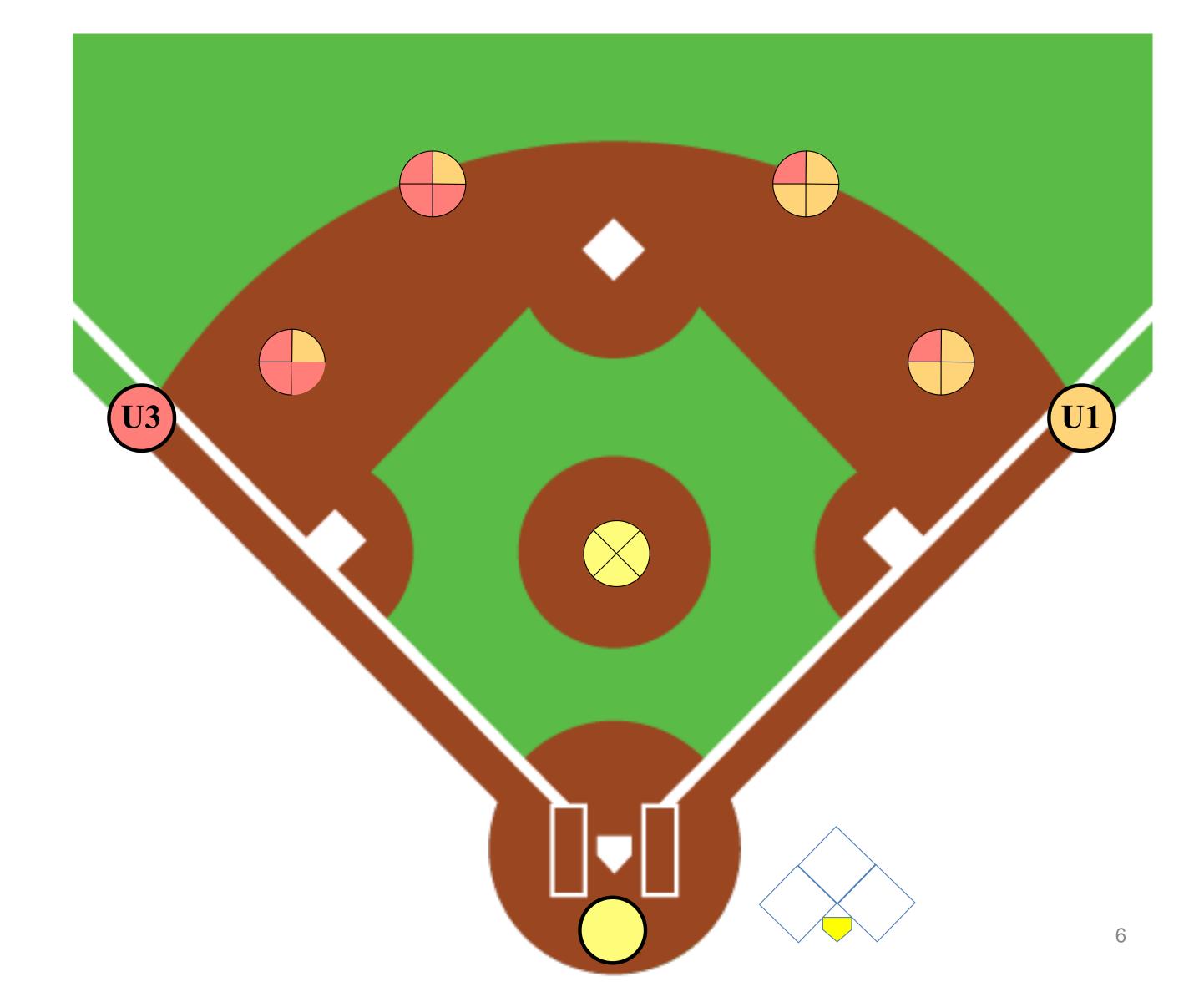


1st Base Umpire

Home Plate Umpire

U3 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE



3rd Base Umpire



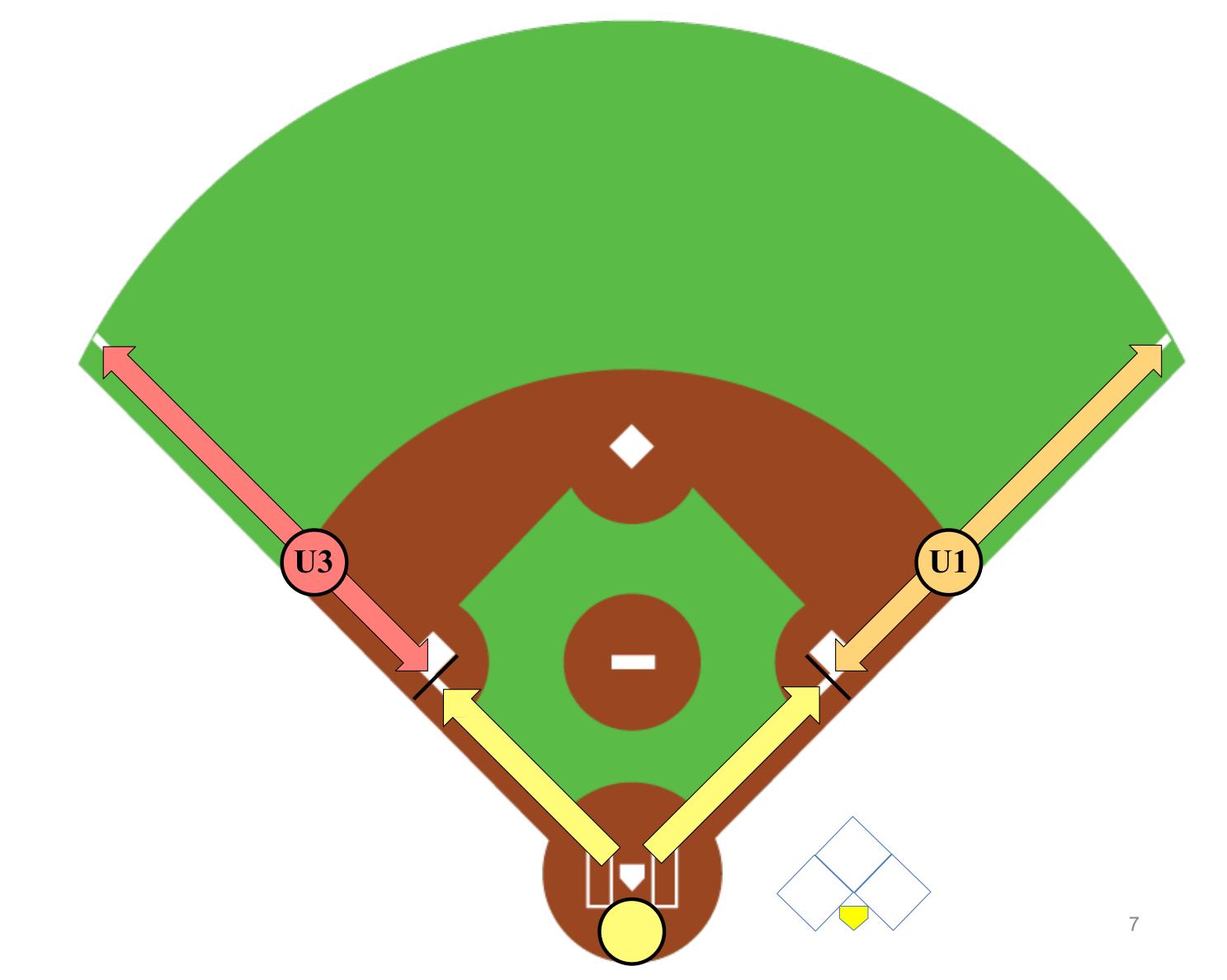
1st Base Umpire









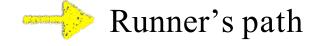




3 UMPIRE MECHANICS CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD.

U1 starts moving to Home plate when the Batter Runner Reaches second base.

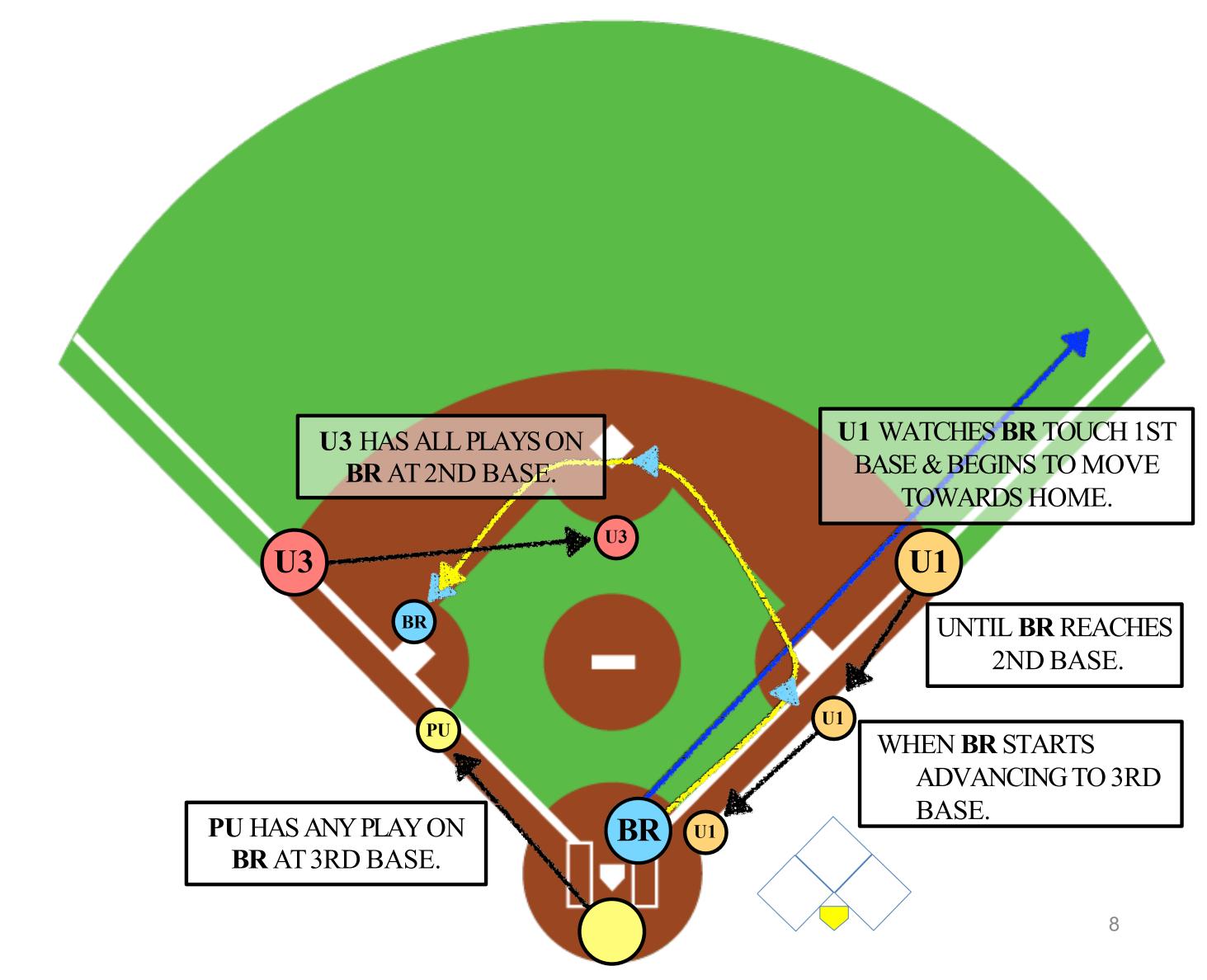




BR Base Runner

U3 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire



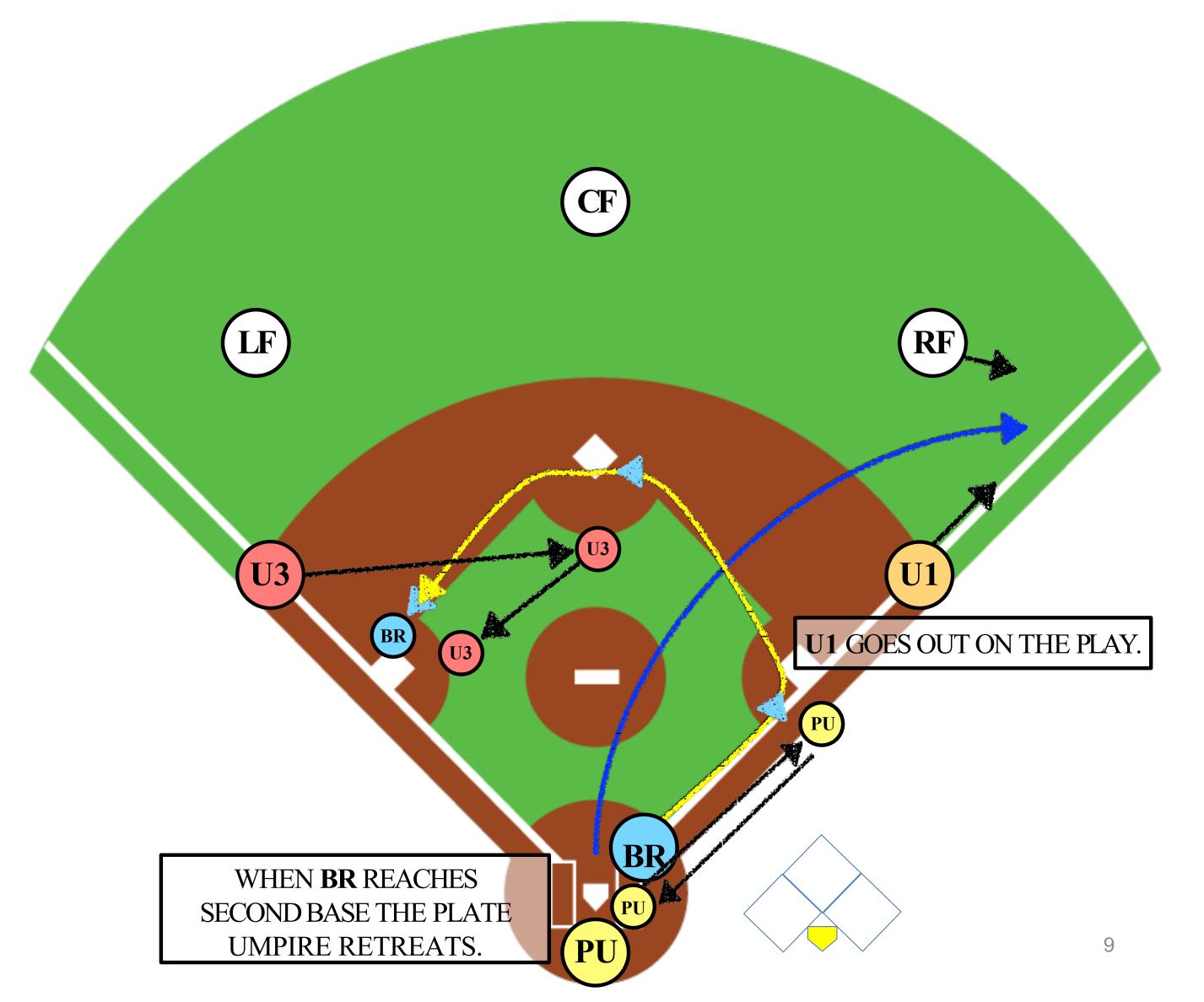


FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD - **NO CATCH**.





- LF Left Field
- Fly Ball NO CATCH
- Runner's path
- BR Base Runner
- U3) 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire



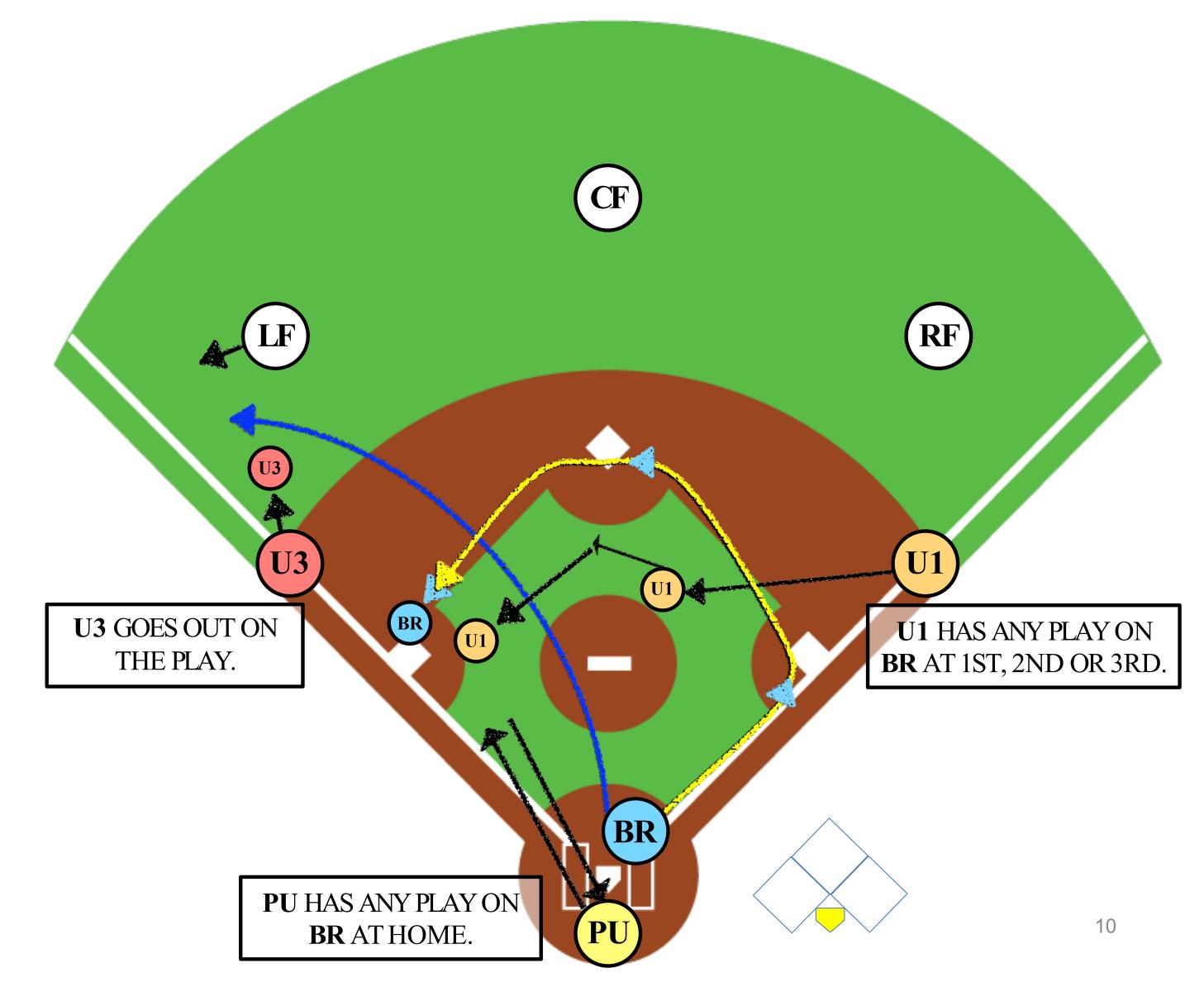


FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD - **NO CATCH**.





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- PU Home Plate Umpire

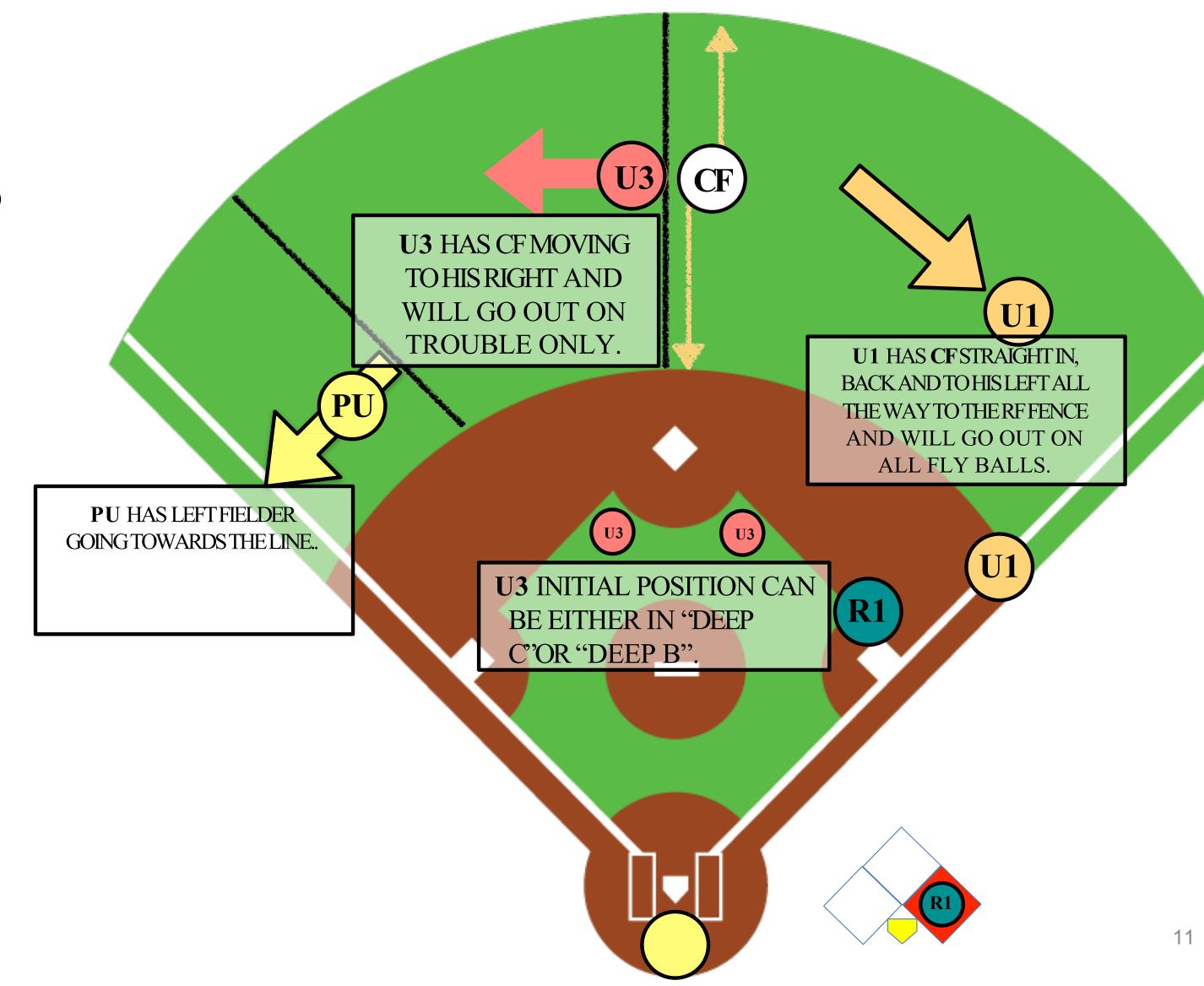




INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE.



- R1 Runner on 1st
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





INFIELD CATCH COVERAGE

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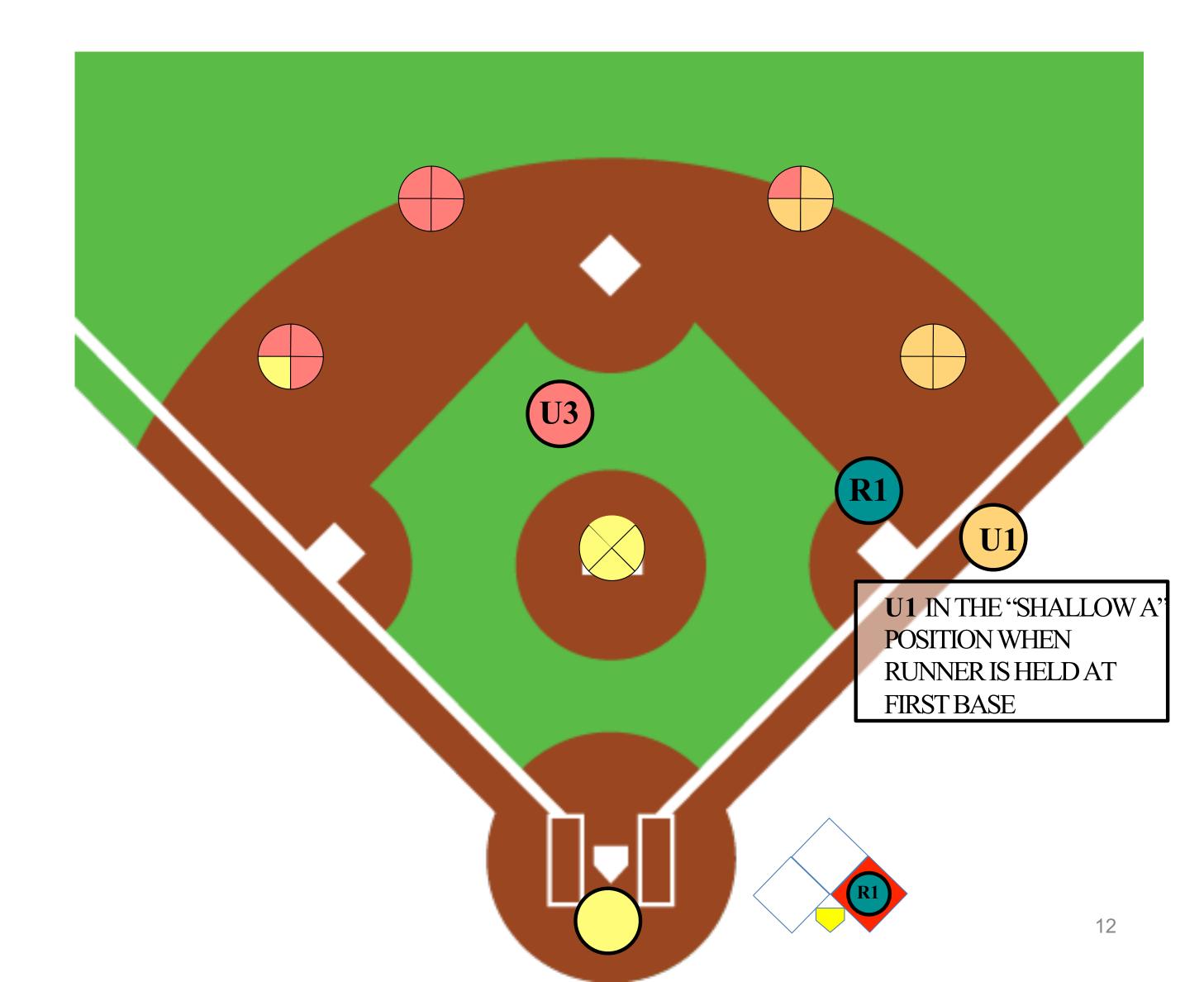


Home Plate Umpire

R1 Runner on 1st

U3) 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





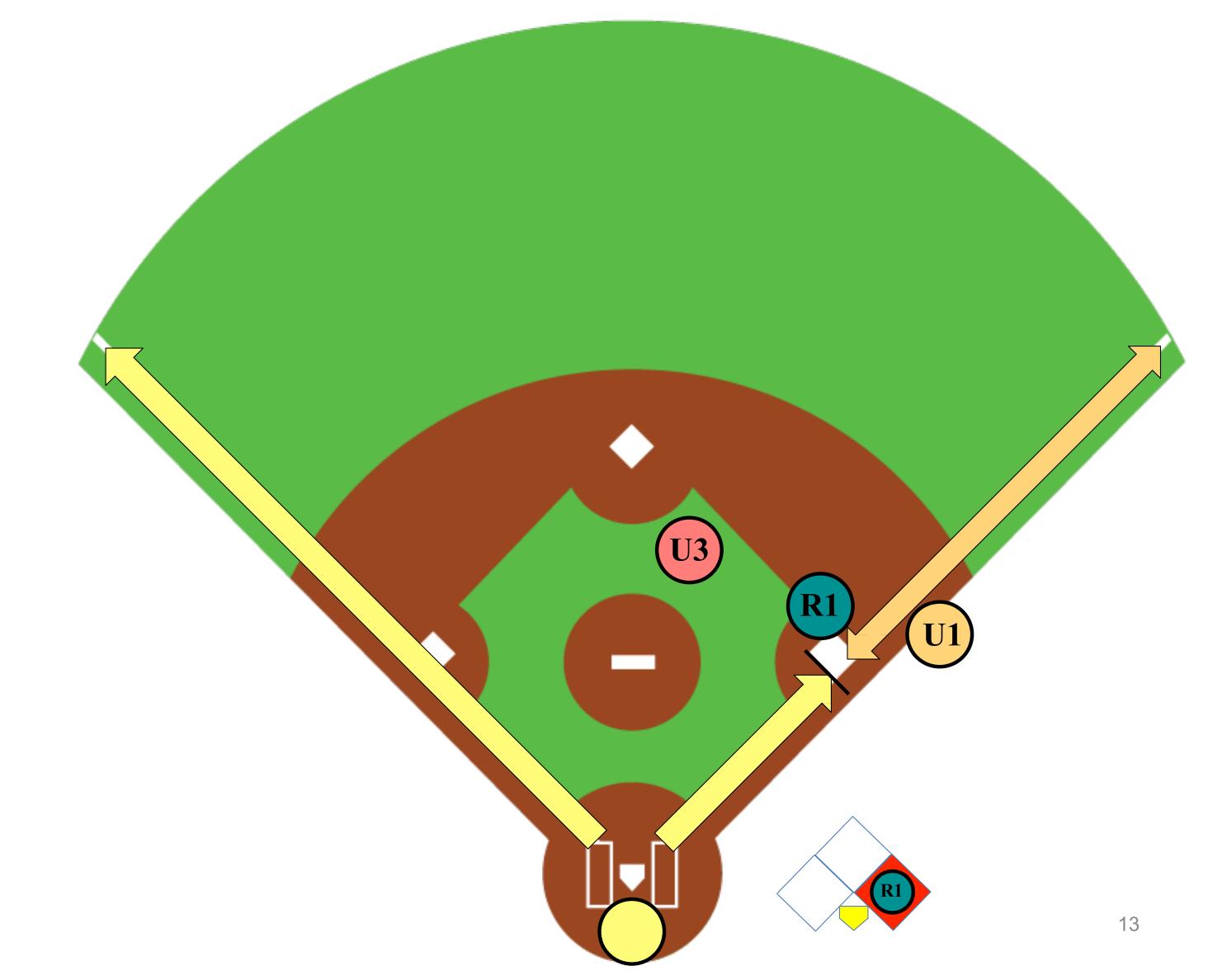
FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE



1st Base Umpire



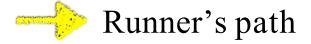
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- PU Home Plate Umpire



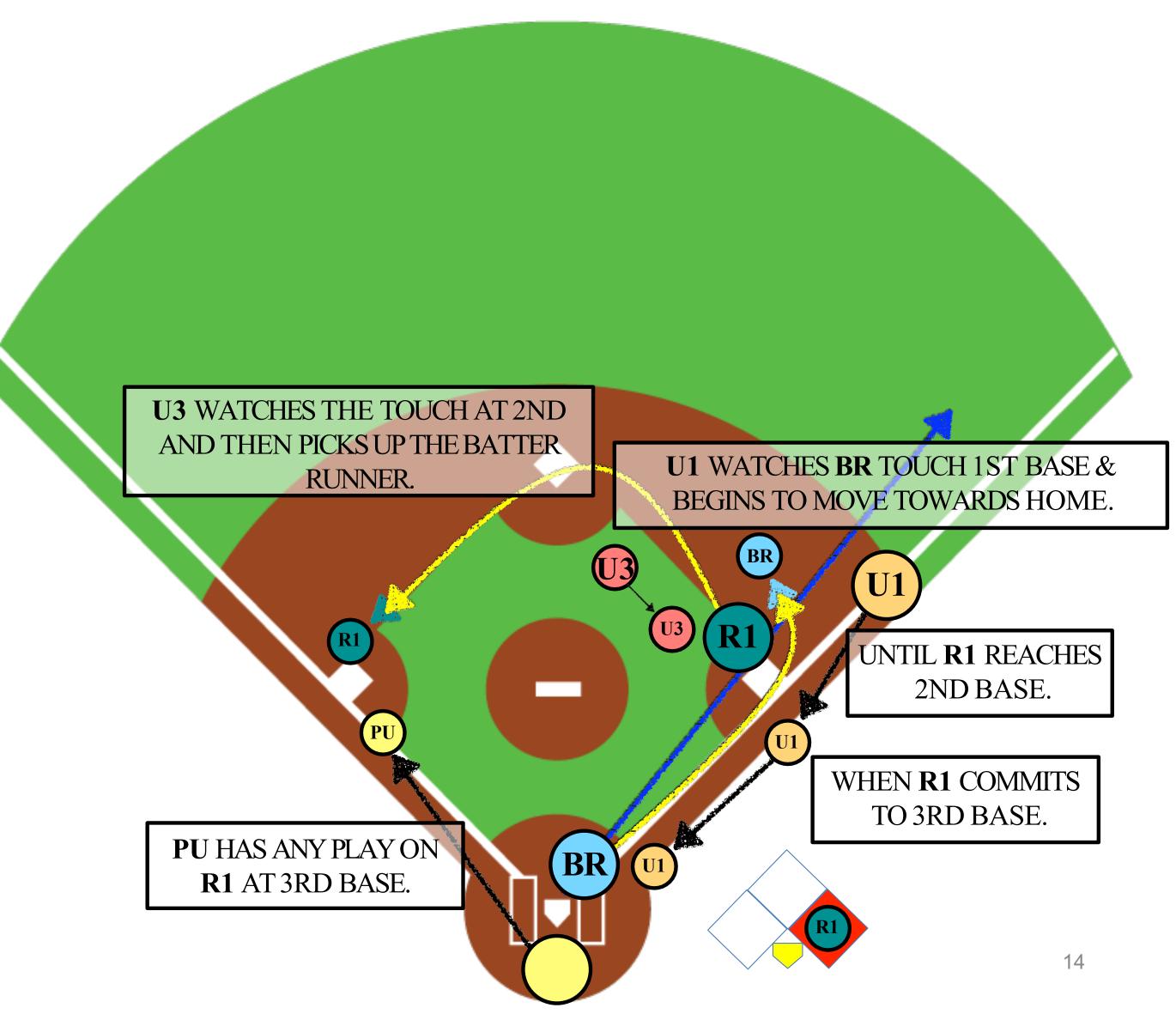


3 UMPIRE MECHANICS CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD.





- BR Base Runner
- R1 Runner on 1st
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





ROUTINE FLY BALL WITH LEFT FIELD ER GOING

TOWARDS LINE - CATCH



(RF) Right Field

LF Left Field

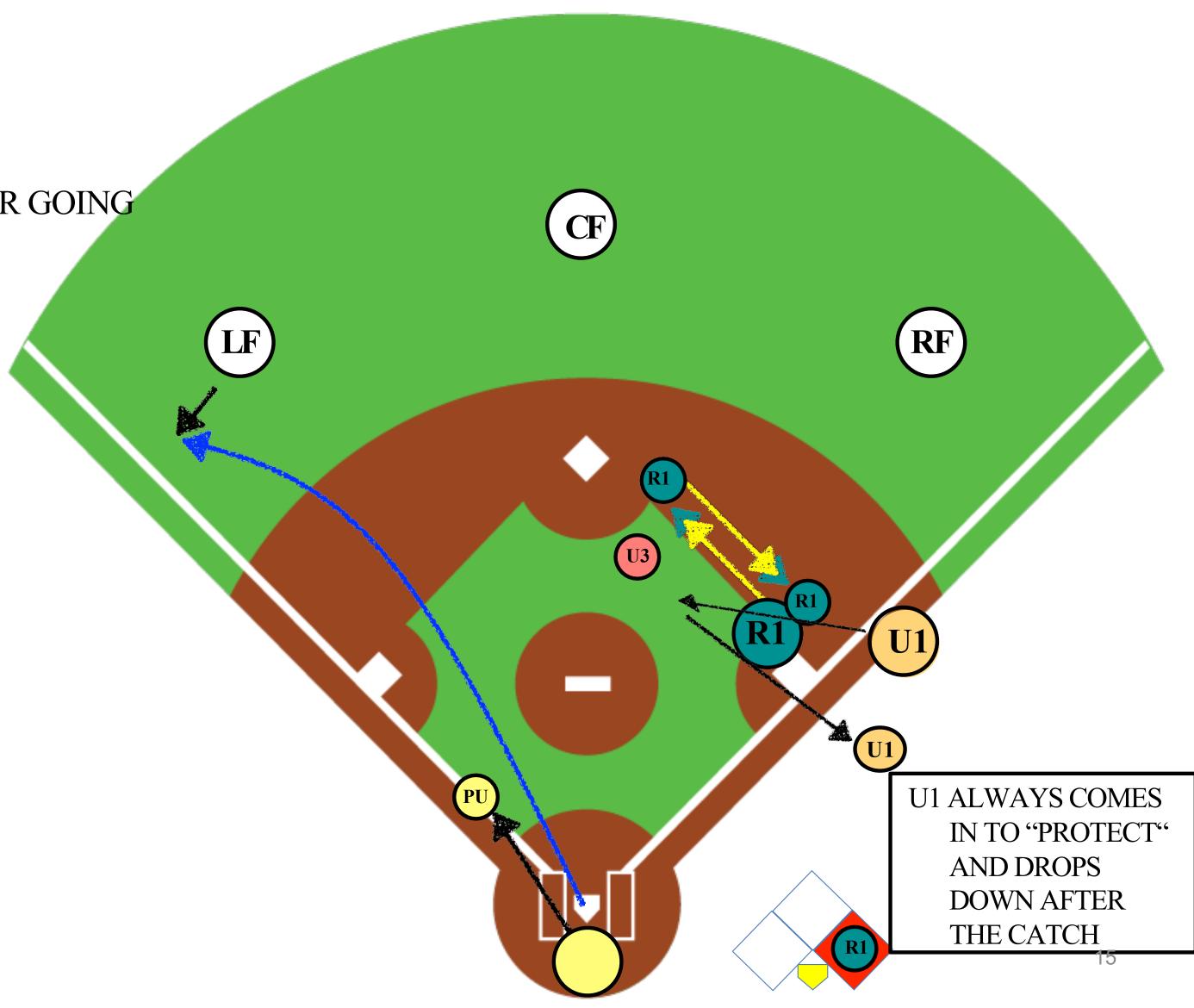


Runner's path

Runner on 1st

3rd Base Umpire

1st Base Umpire





FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD - **NO CATCH**

(RF) Right Field



LF Left Field



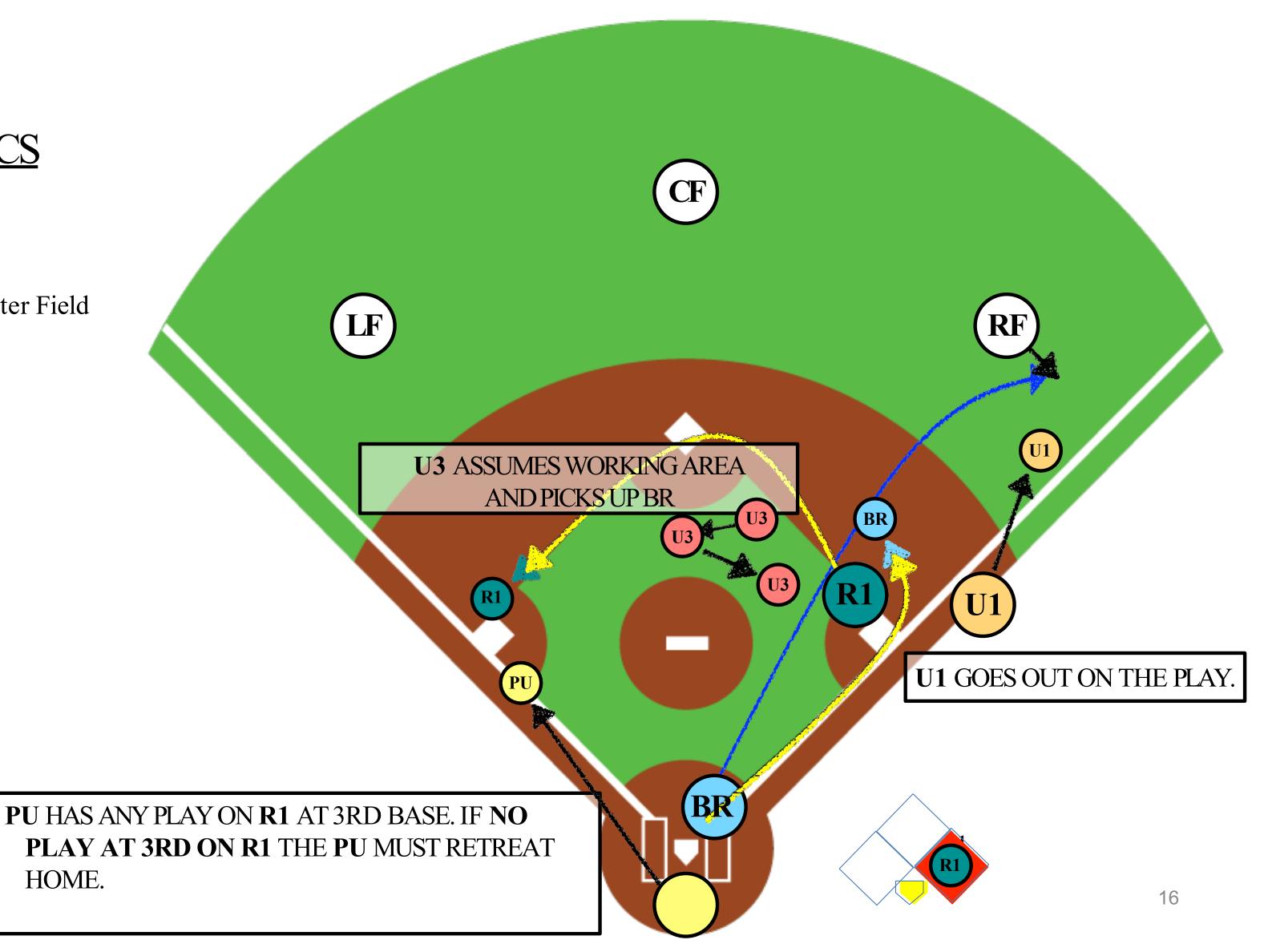
Runner's path

BR Base Runner

R1 Runner on 1st

U3) 3rd Base Umpire

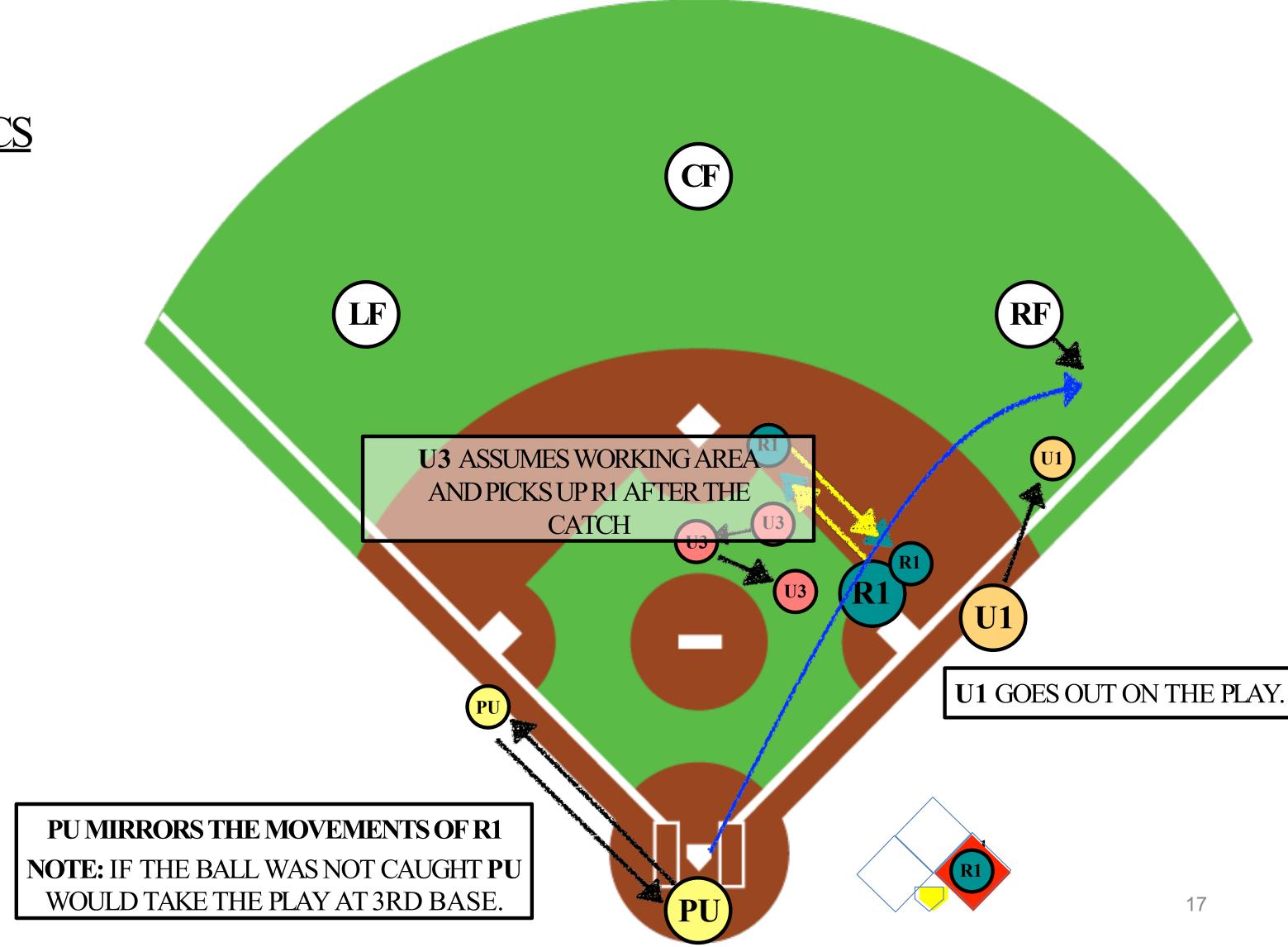
U1 1st Base Umpire





FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD - CATCH

- (CF) Center Field
- **RF**) Right Field
- **LF** Left Field
- Fly Ball CATCH
- Runner's path
- R1 Runner on 1st
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD - **NO CATCH**

(RF) Right Field



LF Left Field



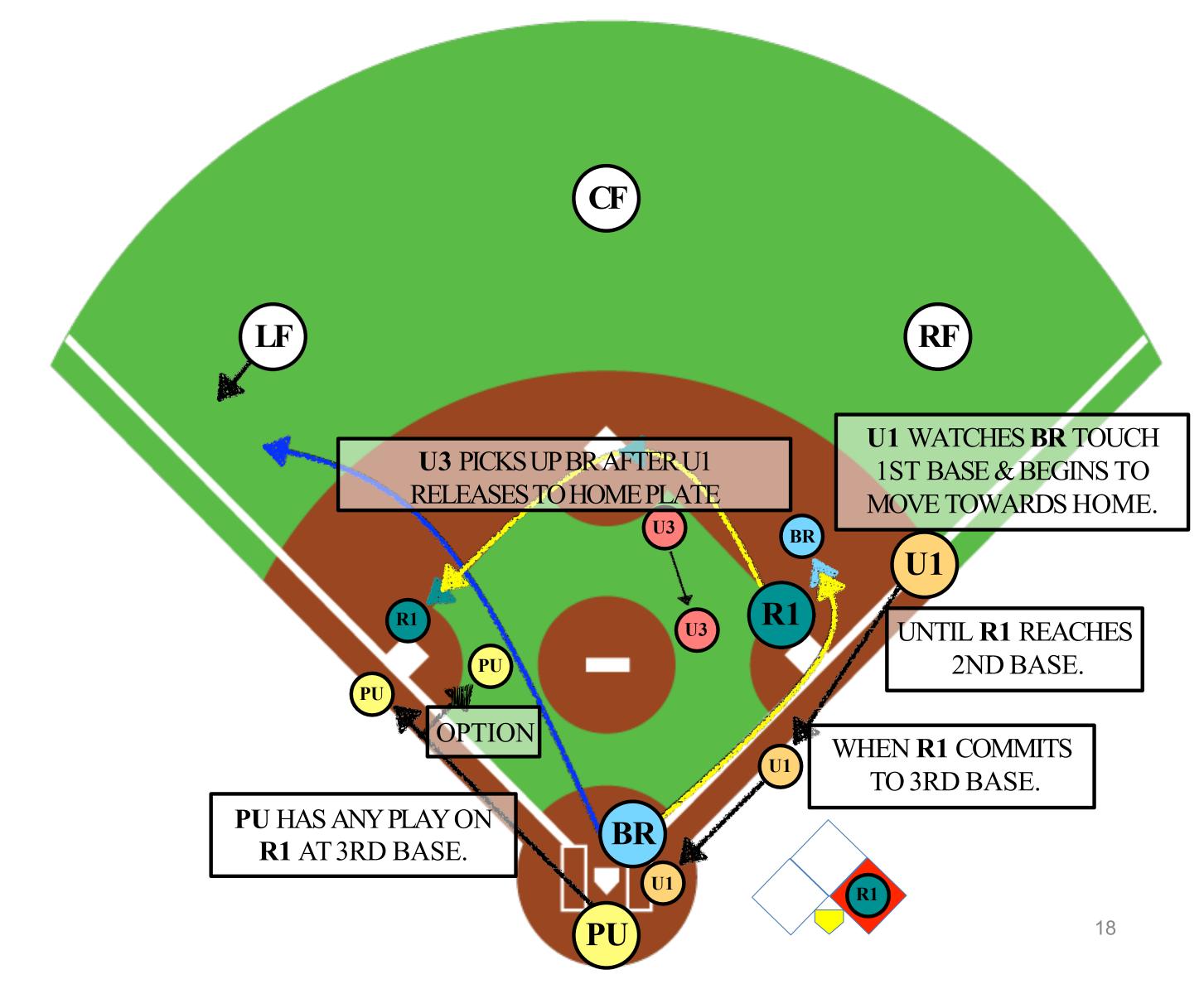
Runner's path

BR Base Runner

R1 Runner on 1st

U3 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





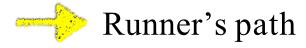
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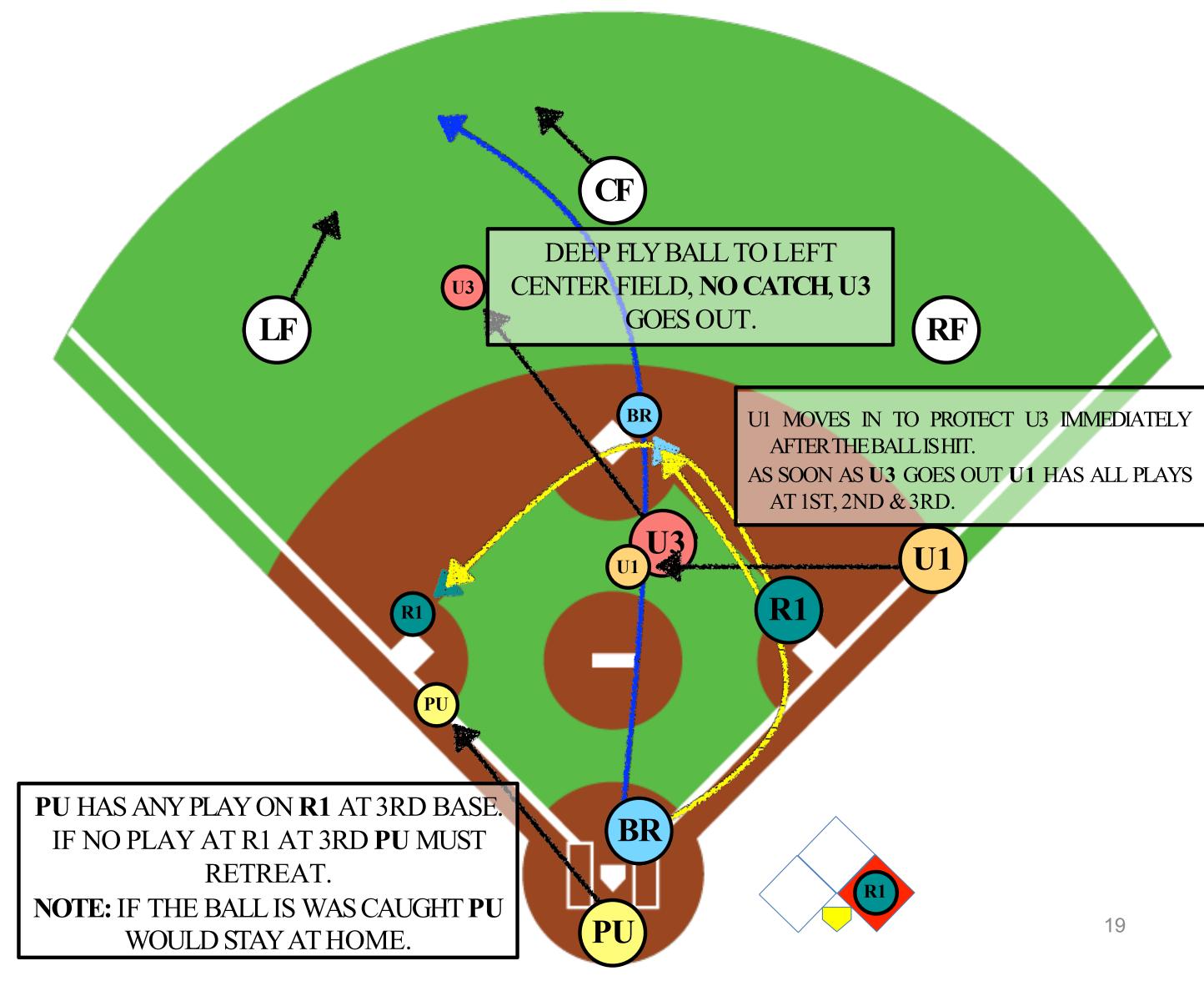








- BR Base Runner
- R1 Runner on 1st
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire

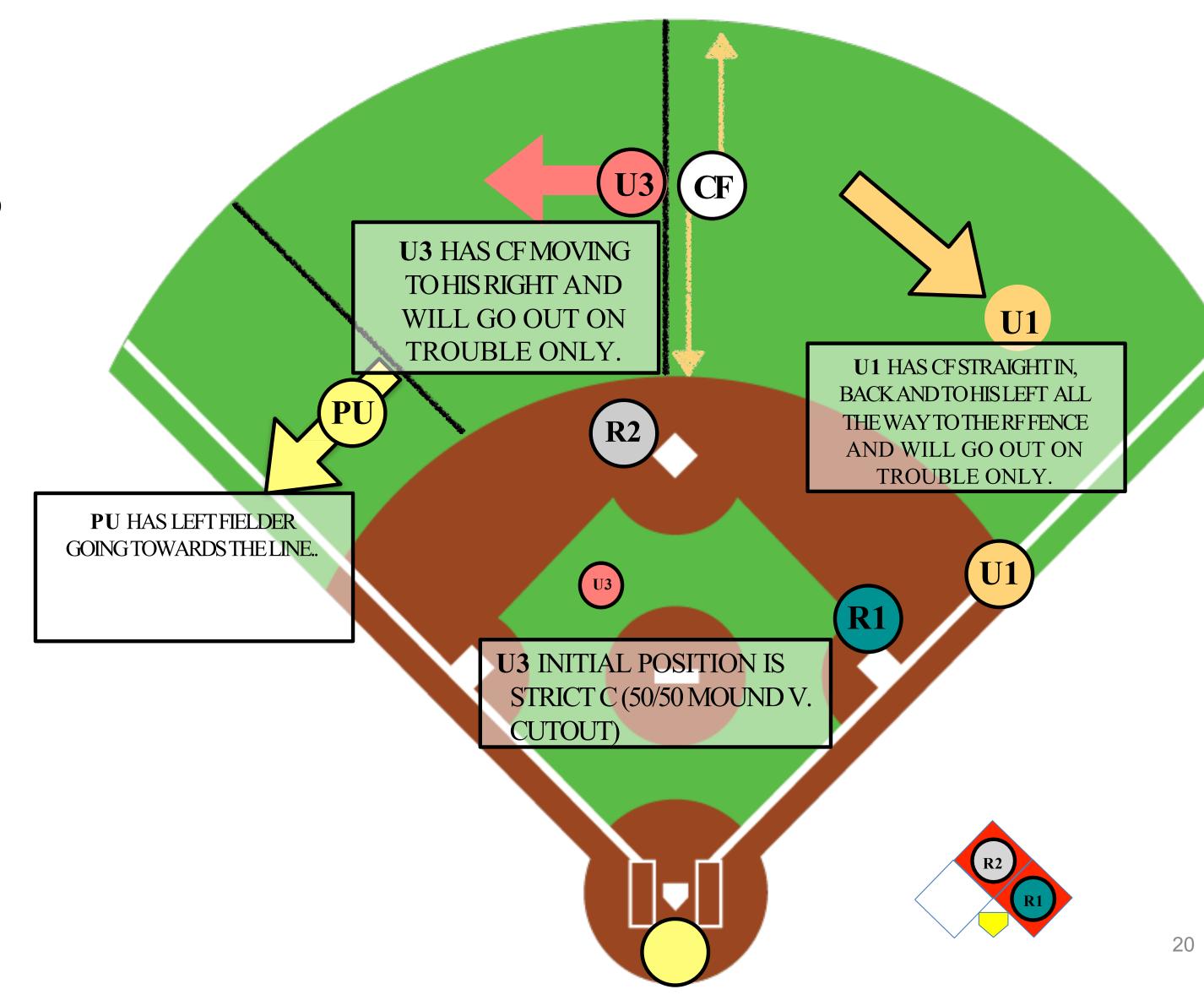




INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE.



- R1 Runner on 1st
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





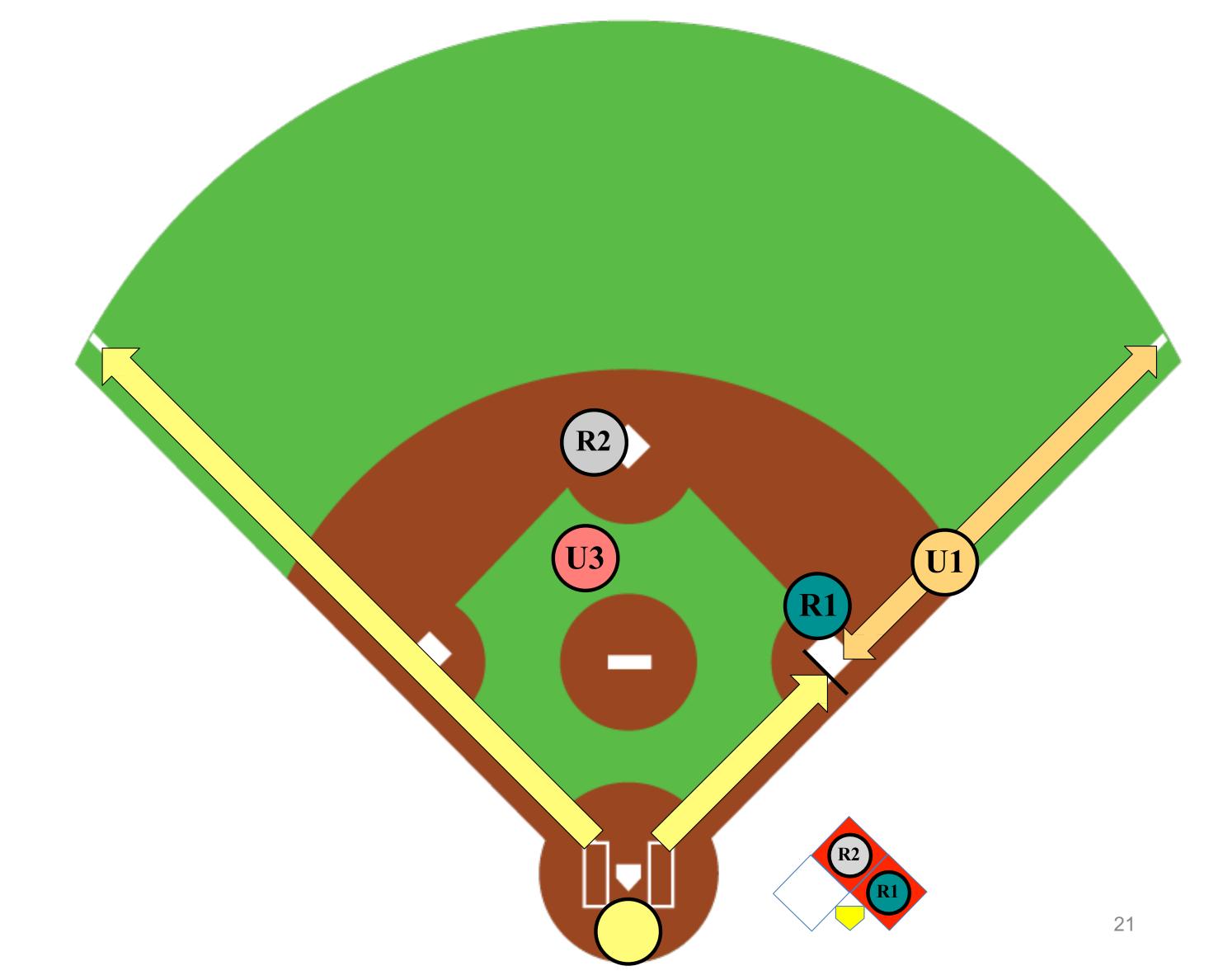
FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE



1st Base Umpire



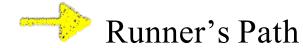
- R1 Runner on 2nd
- (R2) Runner on 2nd
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





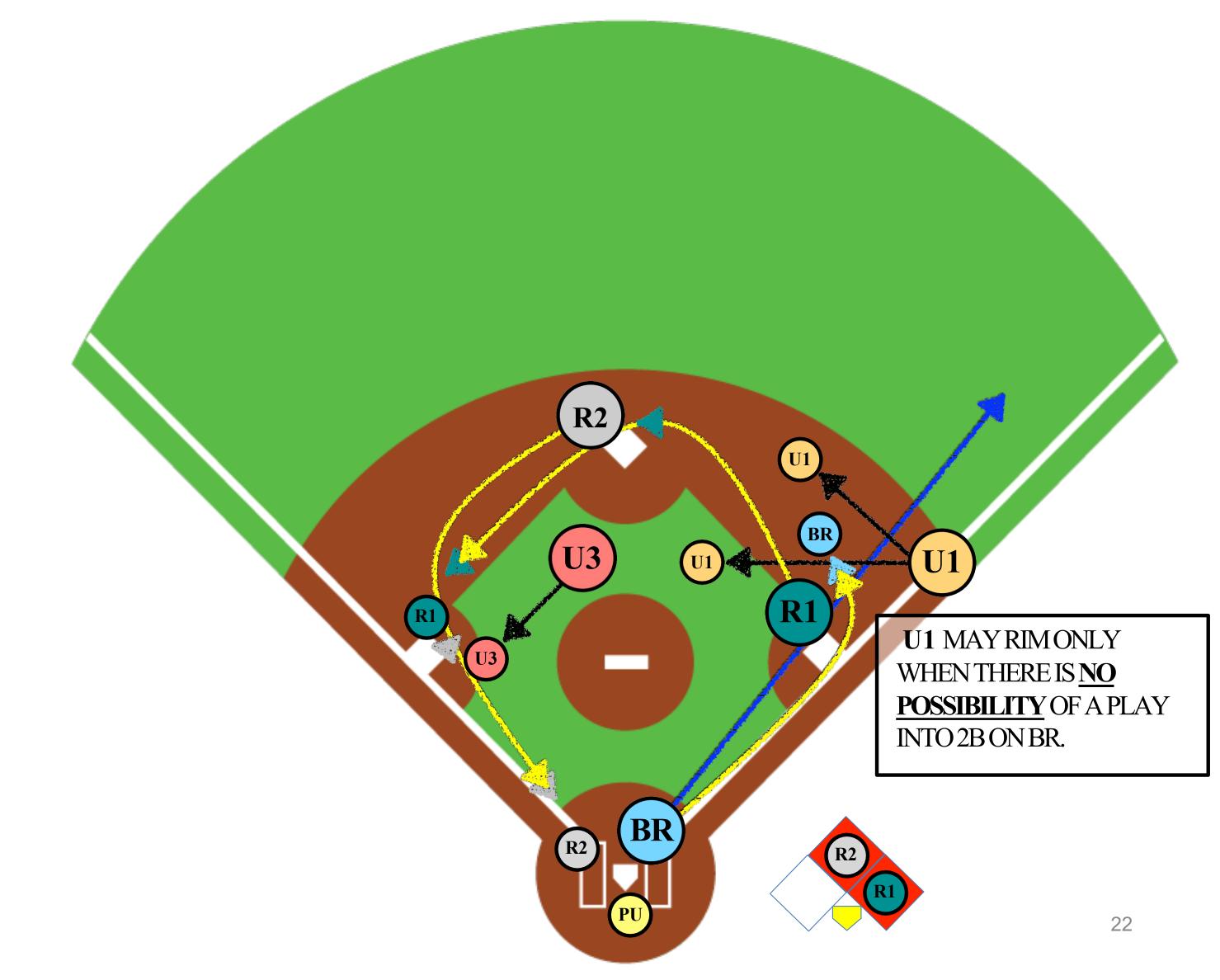
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD







- Runner on 2nd
- (R2) Runner on 2nd
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- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





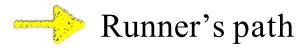
FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD - **NO CATCH**











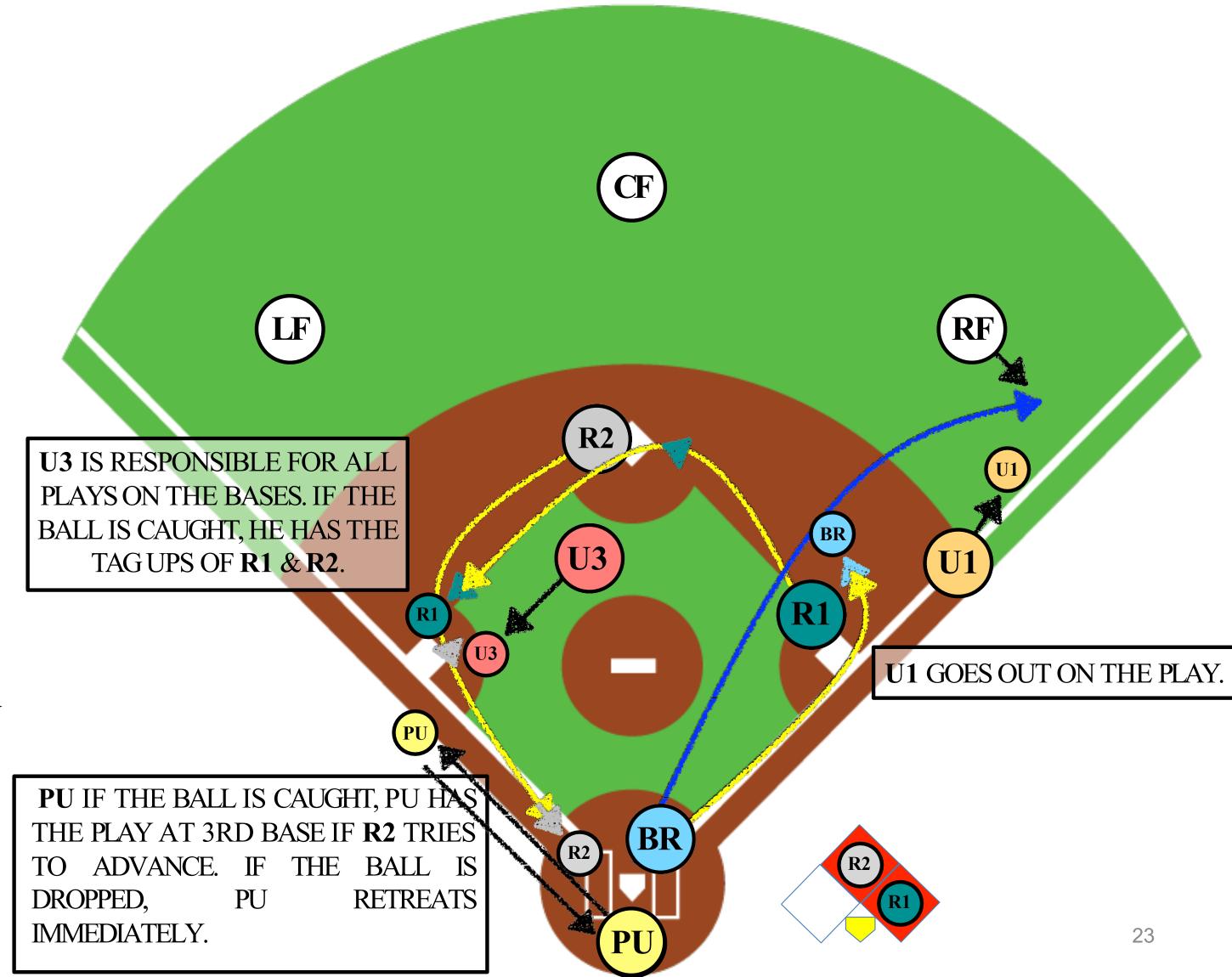
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R1 Runner on 1st (R2)

R2) Runner on 2nd

U3 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





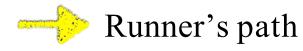
FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD - CATCH









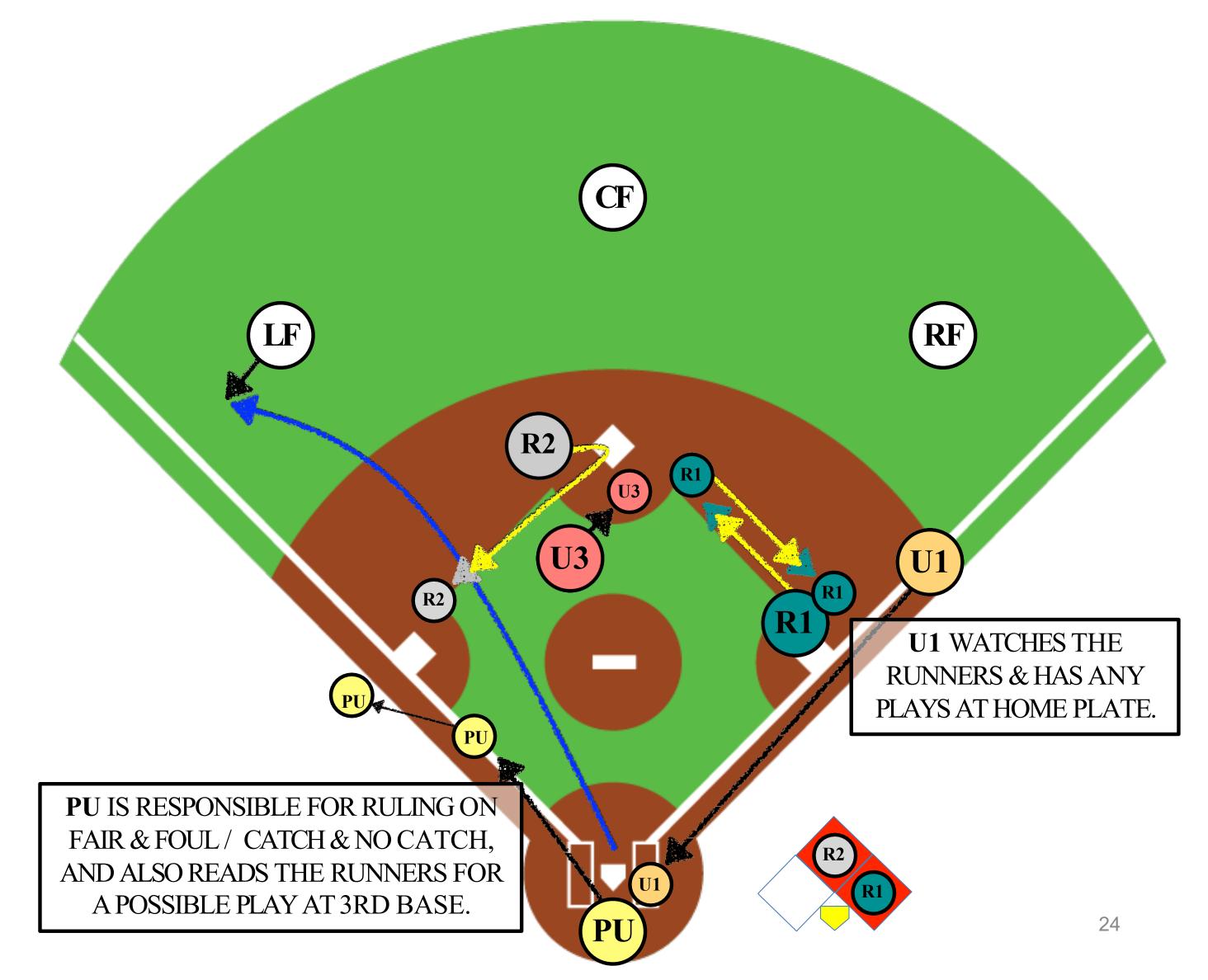


(R2) Runner on 2nd

R1 Runner on 1st

U3 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





DEEP FLY BALL TO LEFT CENTER FIELD - NO CATCH











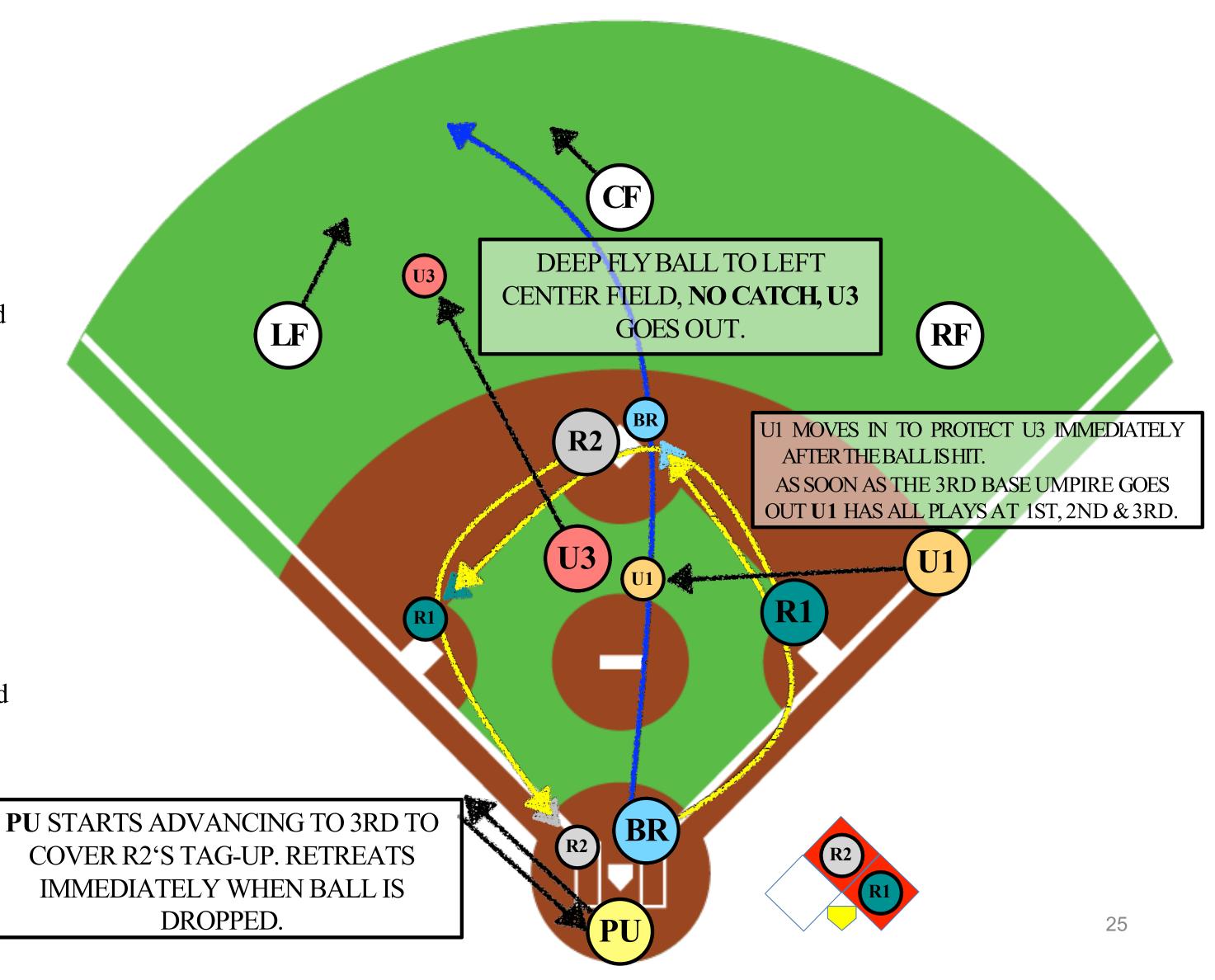
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R1 Runner on 1st (R2)

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U3) 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





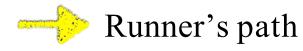
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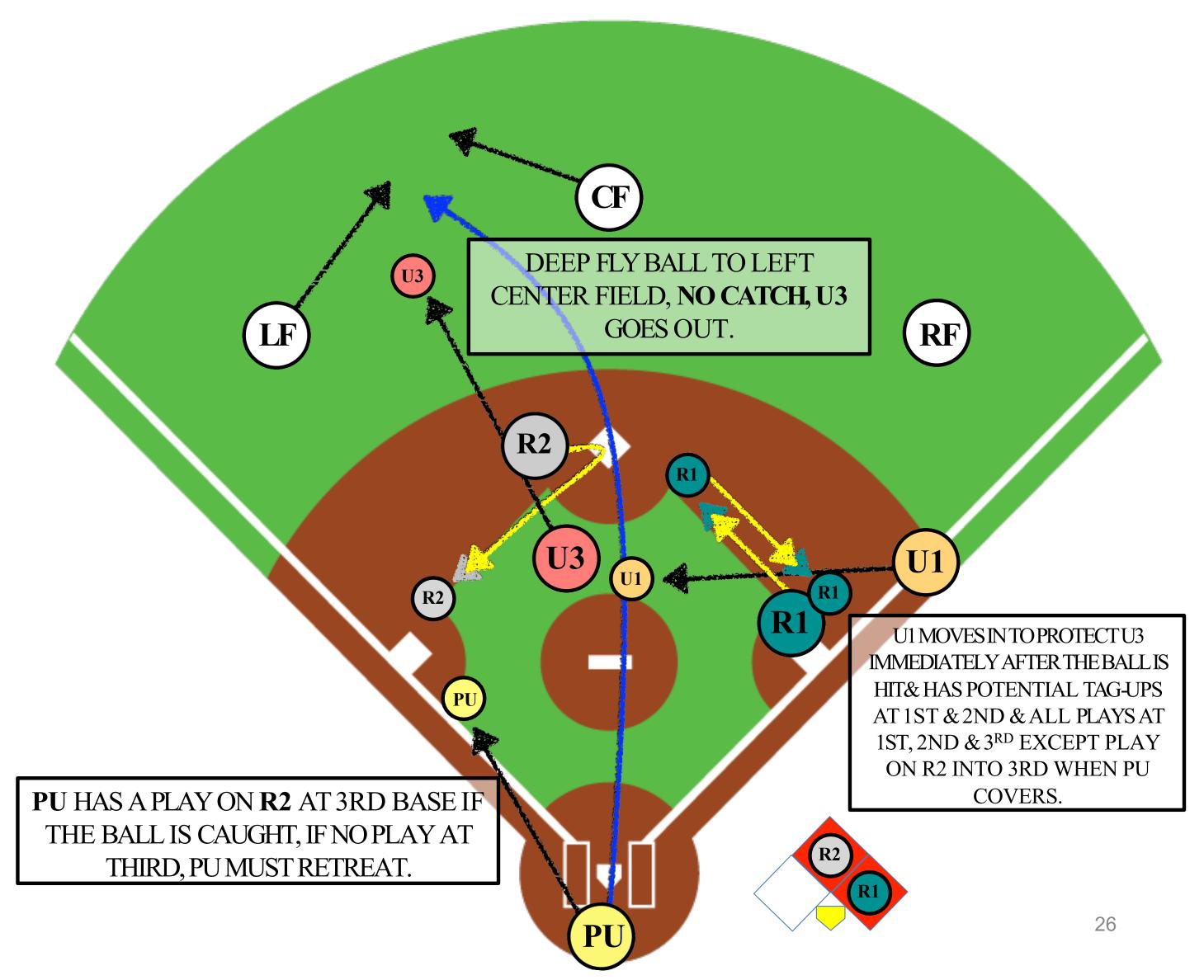








- BR Base Runner
- R1 Runner on 1st R2 Runner on 2nd
- U3) 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





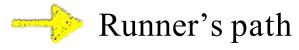
FLY BALL TO LEFT CENTER FIELD - NO CATCH











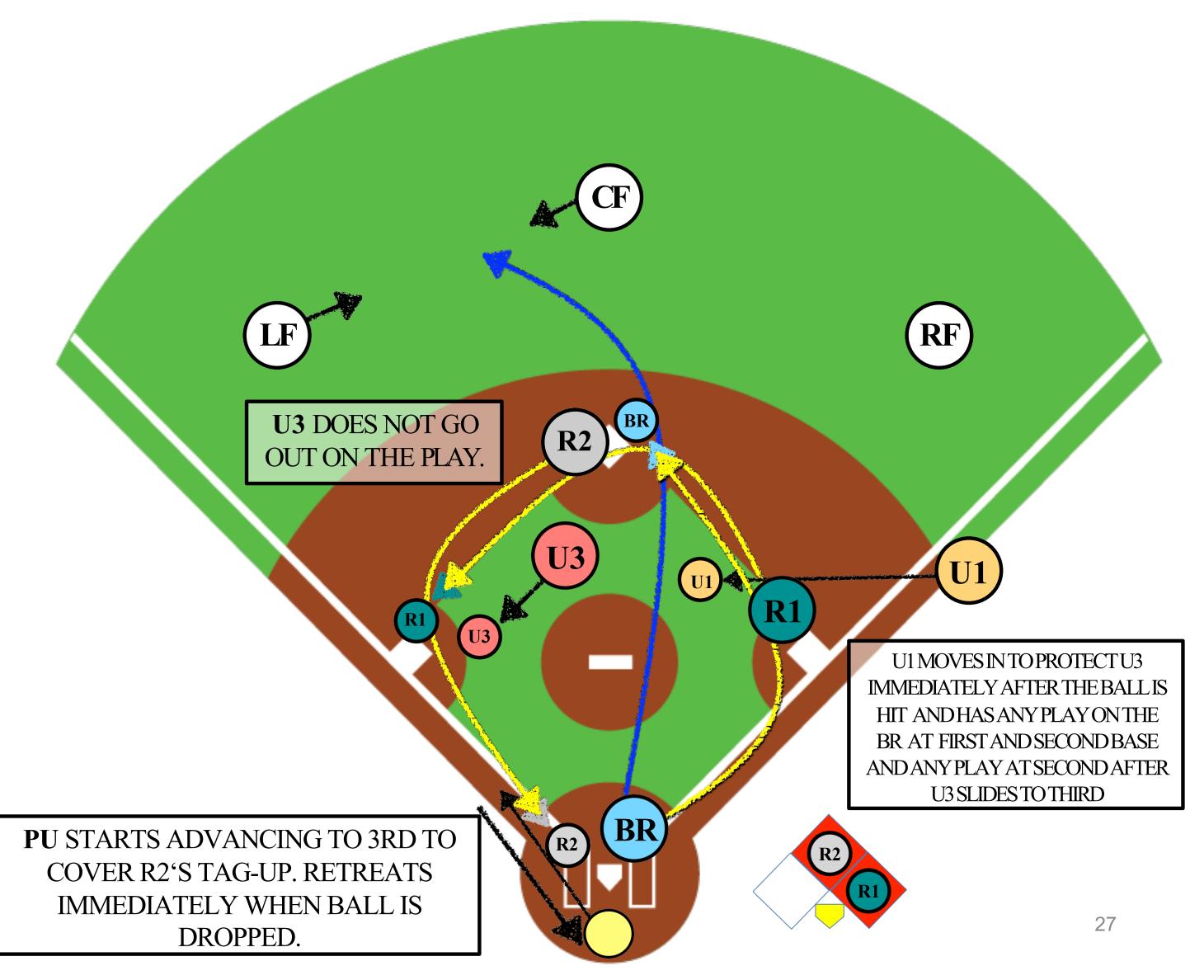
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R1 Runner on 1st (R2)

Runner on 2nd

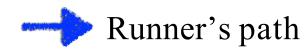
U3) 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





3 UMPIRE MECHANICS CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD





BR Base Runner

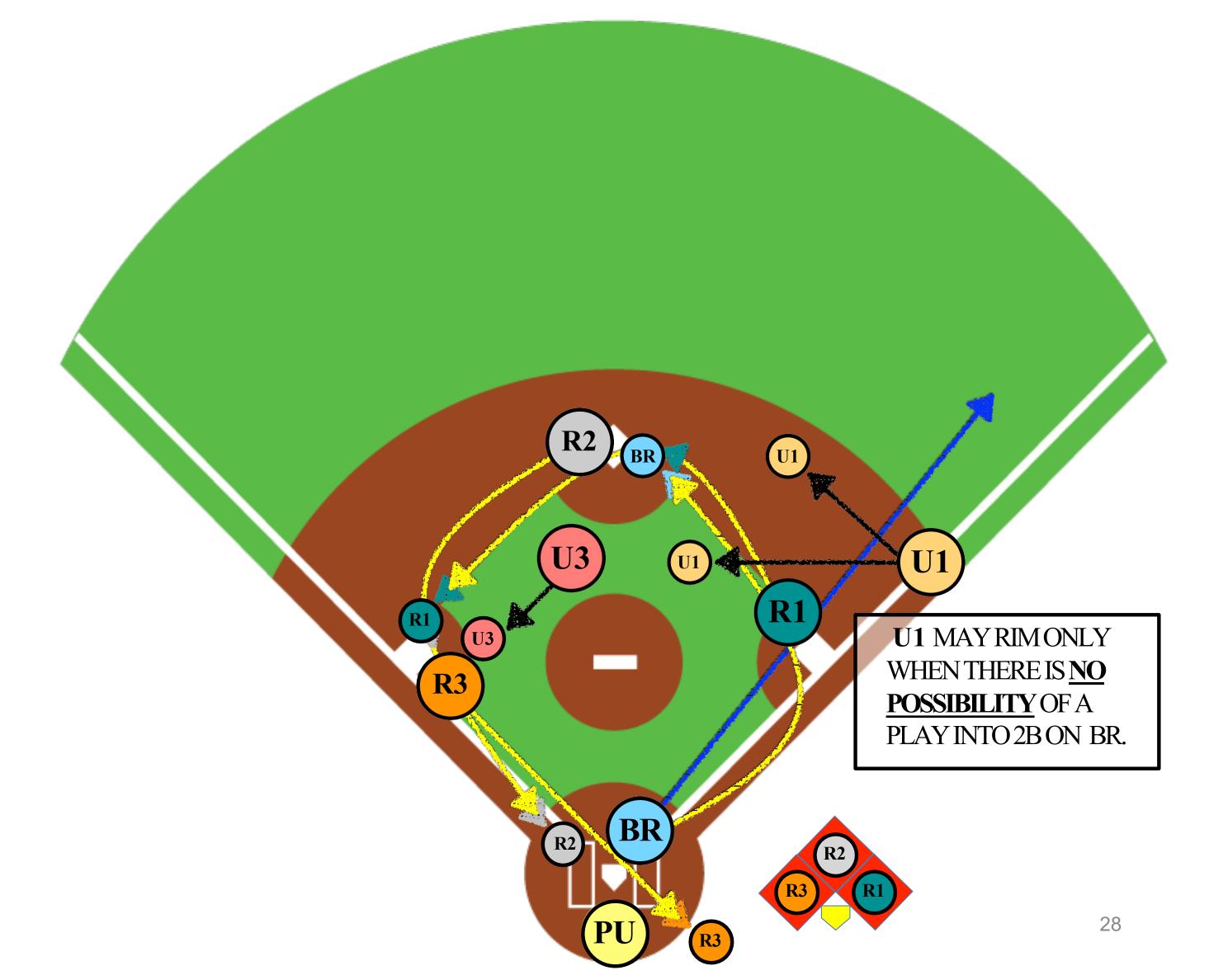
R1 Runner on 2nd

(R2) Runner on 2nd

Runner on 3rd

U3) 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





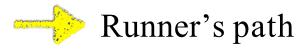
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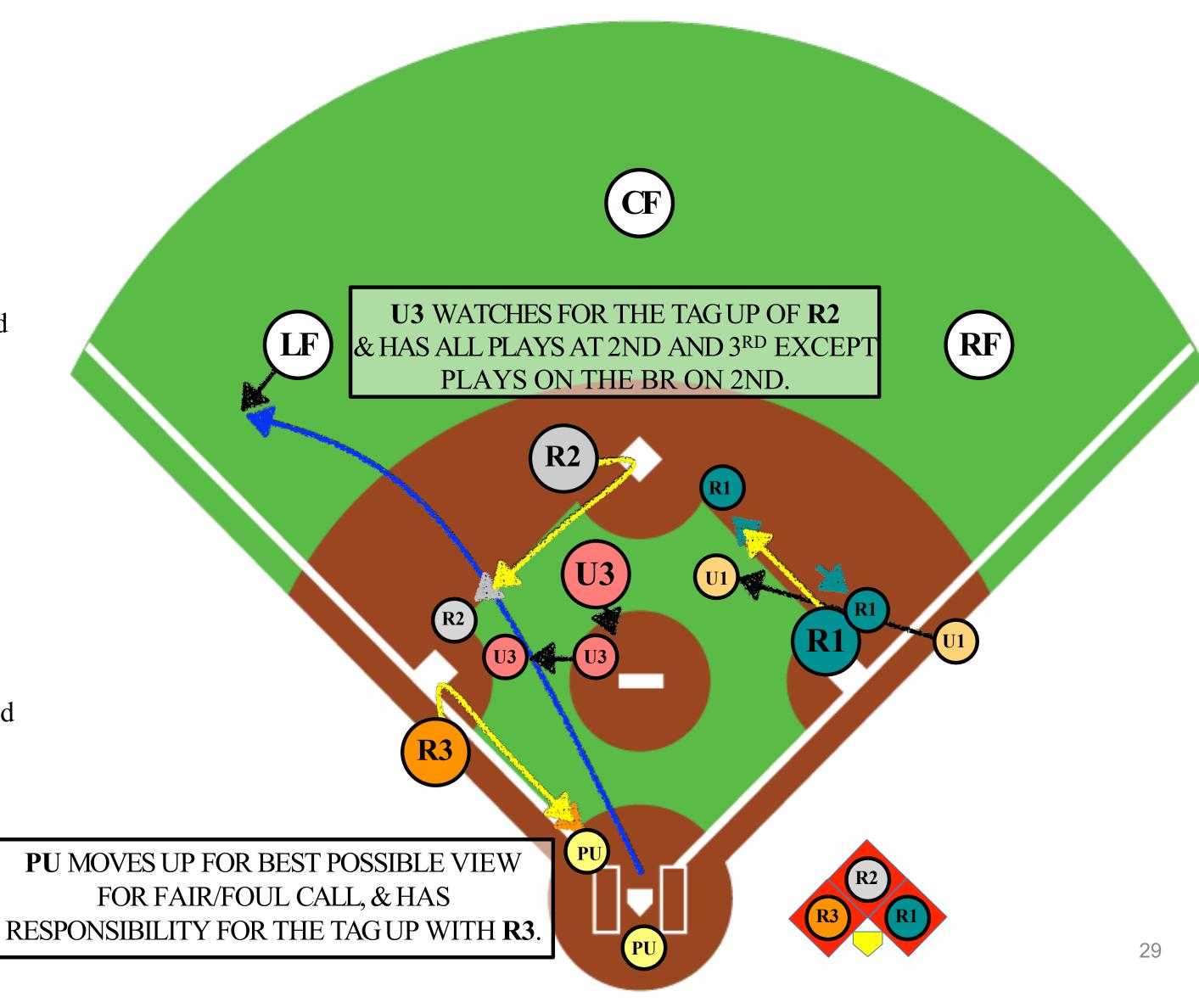








- R1 Runner on 1st
- R2 Runner on 2nd R3 Runner on 3rd
- U3) 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire

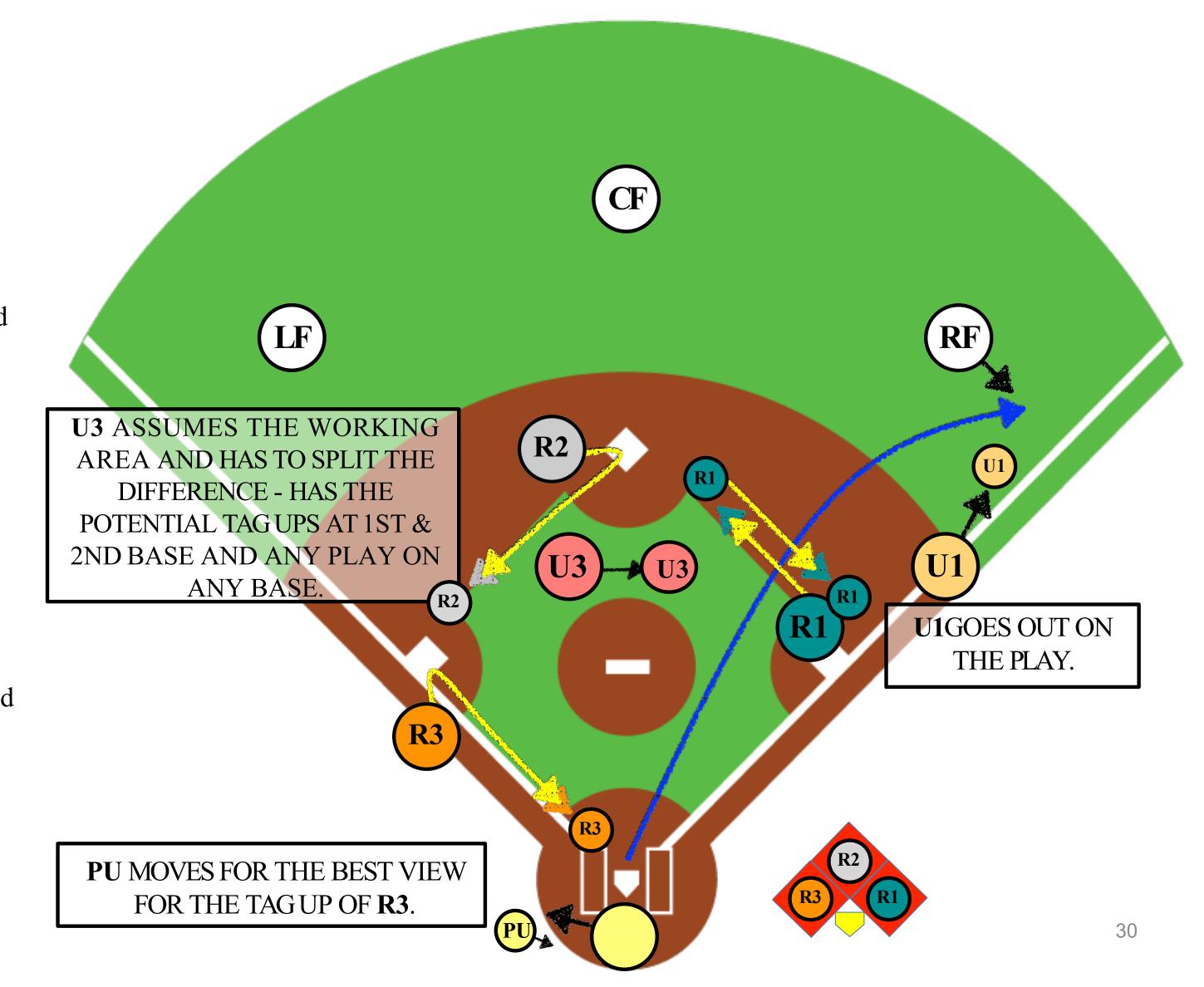




FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD - CATCH

- (RF) Right Field
- **CF**) Center Field

- LF Left Field
- Fly Ball CATCH
- Runner's path
- R1 Runner on 1st
- Runner on 2nd Runner on 3rd
- U3) 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





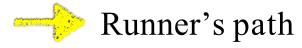
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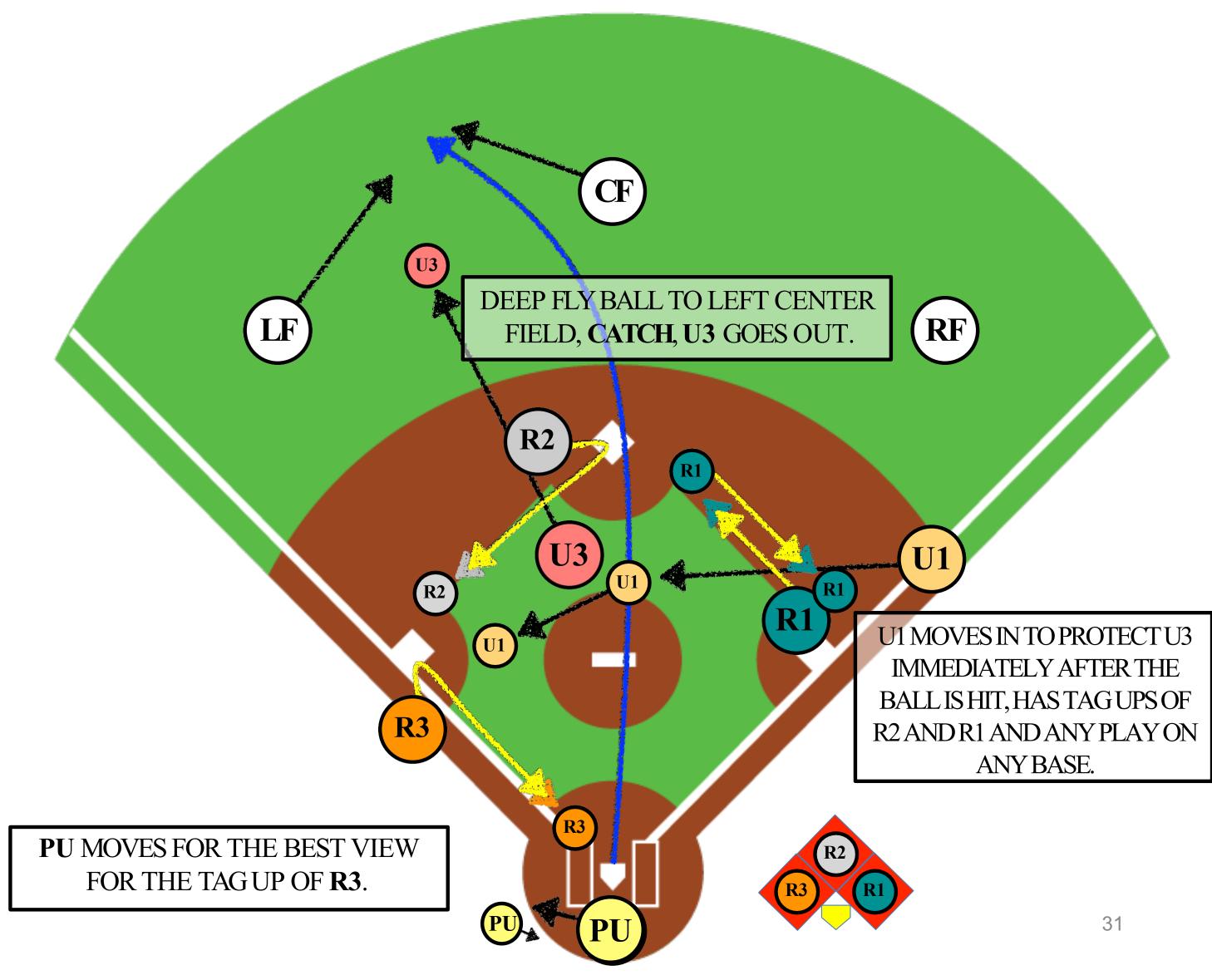








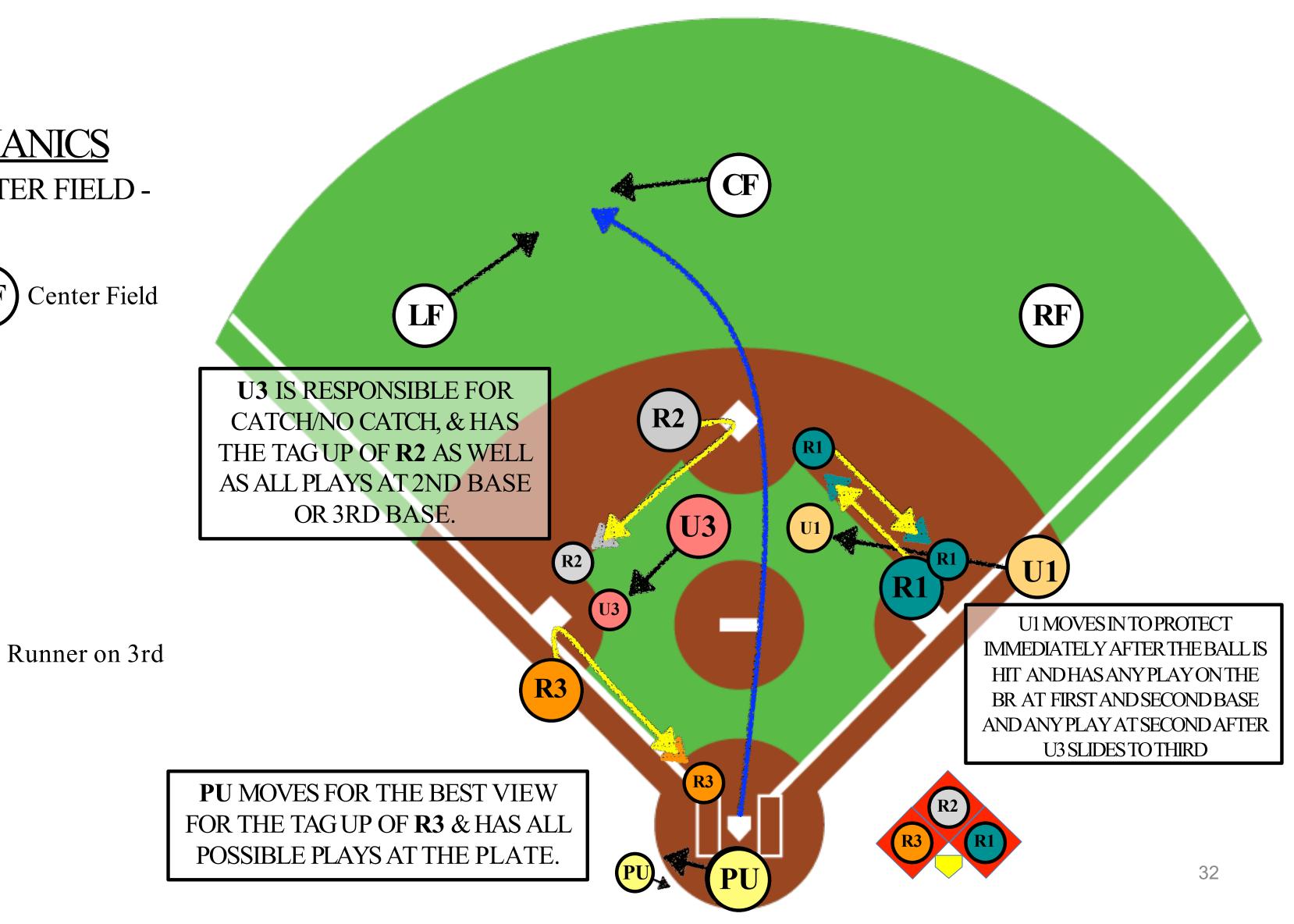
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- R2 Runner on 2nd R3 Runner on 3rd
- U3) 3rd Base Umpire
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- PU Home Plate Umpire





FLY BALL TO LEFT CENTER FIELD -**CATCH**

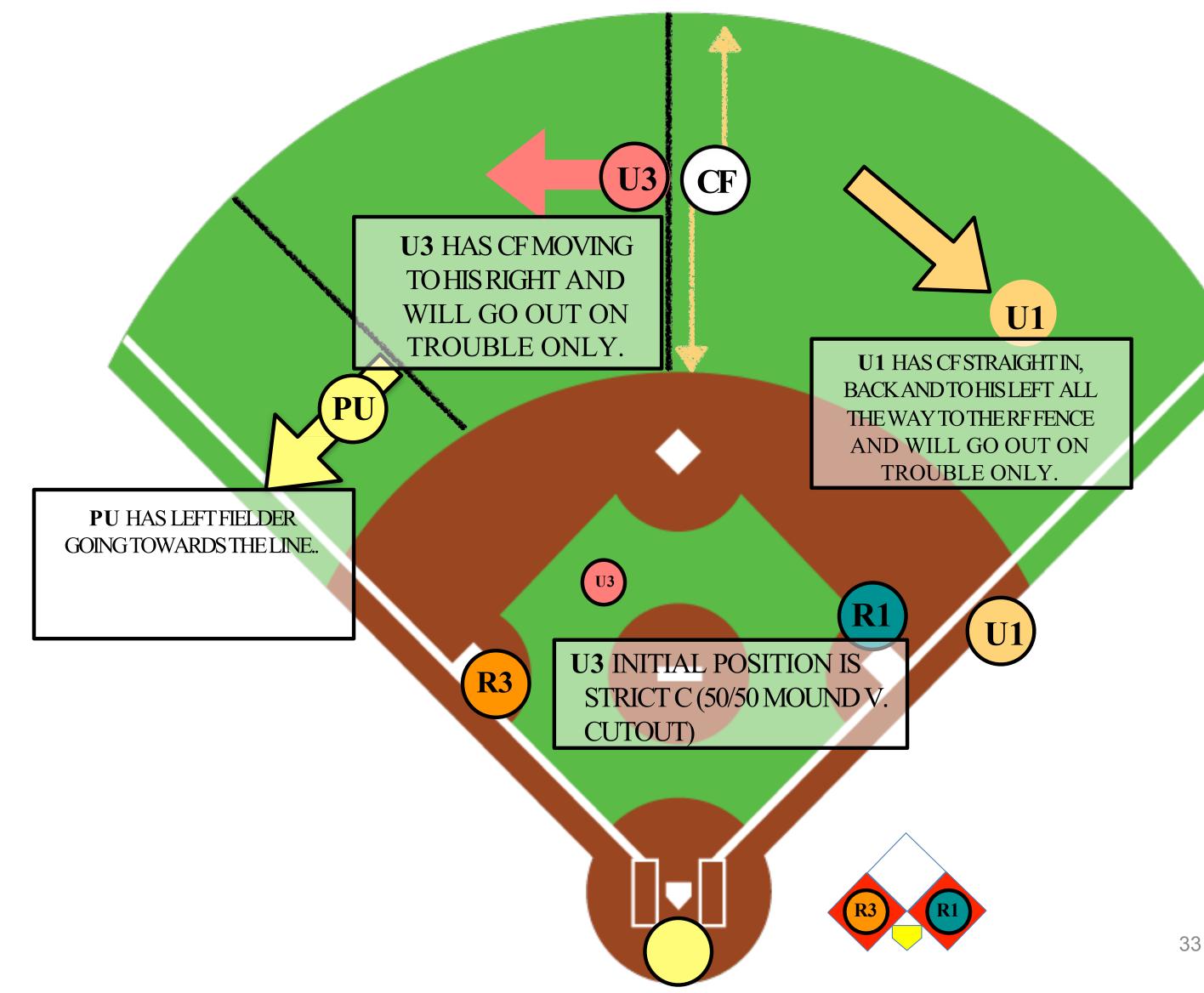
- **RF)** Right Field
- Center Field
- **LF**) Left Field
- Fly Ball **CATCH**
- Runner's path
- Runner on 1st
- Runner on 2nd
- 3rd Base Umpire
- 1st Base Umpire
- Home Plate Umpire





INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE.

- **CF** Center Field
- R1 Runner on 2nd
- Runner on 2nd
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





3 UMPIRE MECHANICS CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD





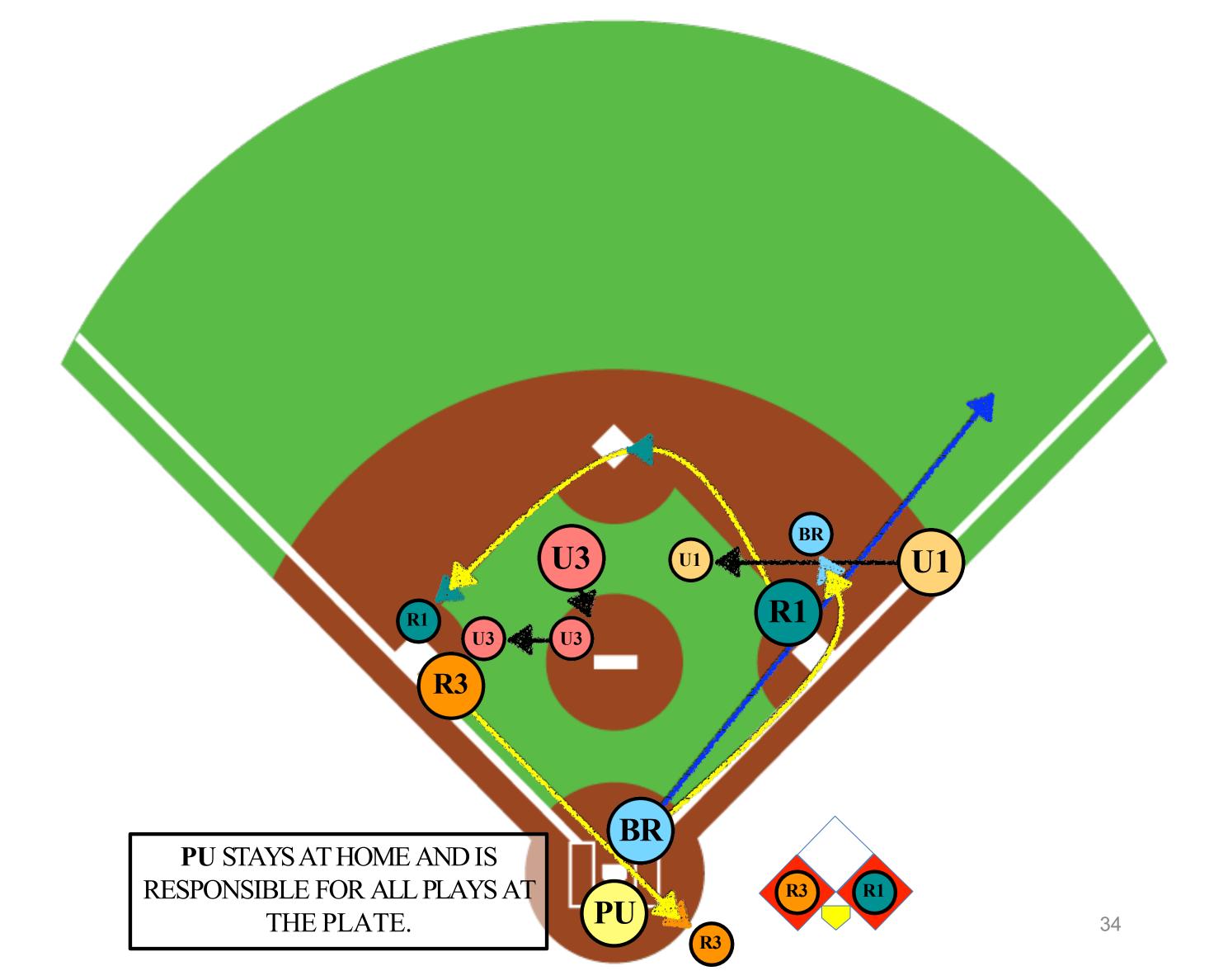
BR Base Runner

R1 Runner on 2nd

Runner on 3rd

U3) 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





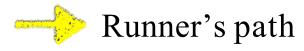
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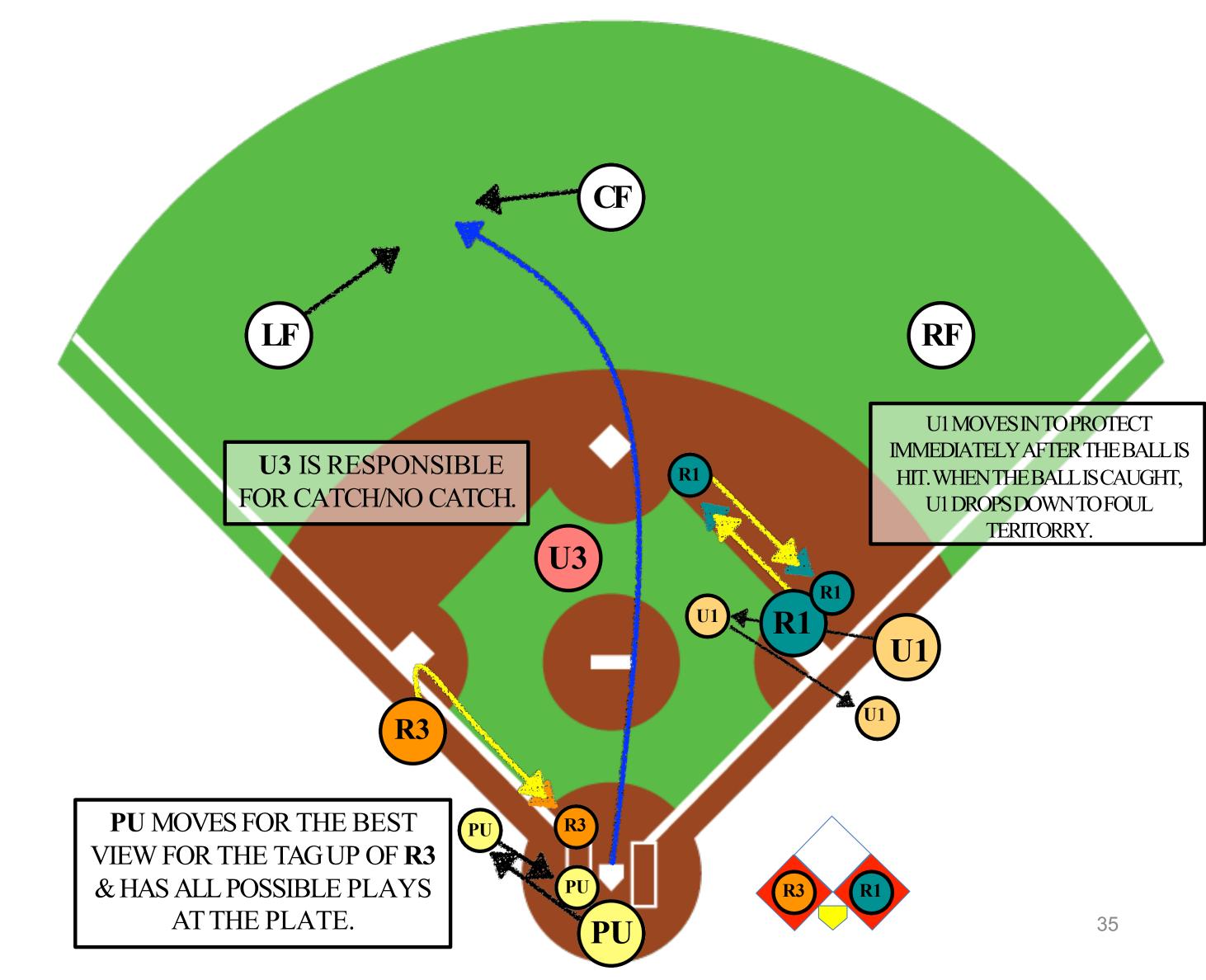








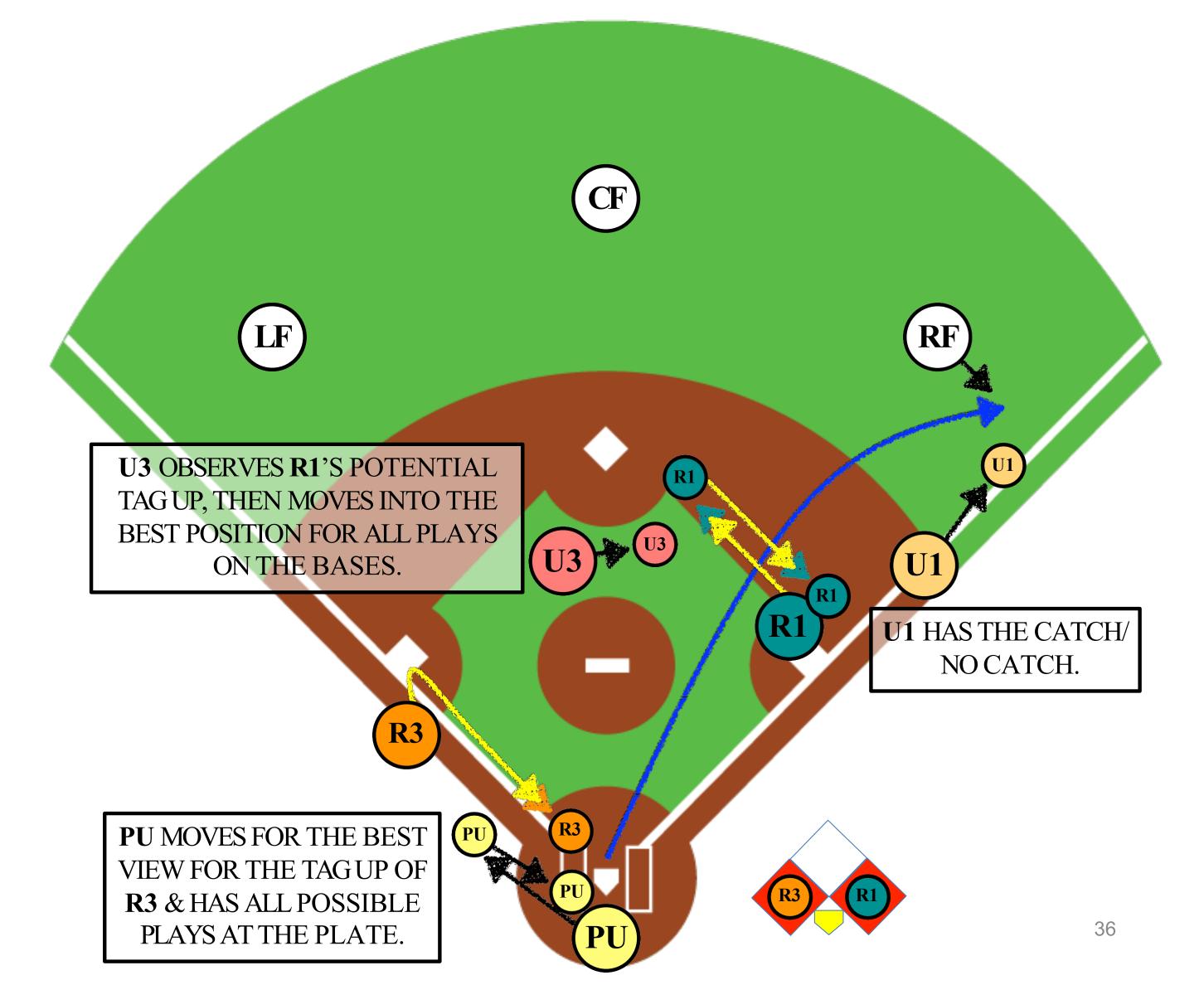
- R1 Runner on 1st
- Runner on 3rd
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD - CATCH

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- **CF** Center Field
- LF Left Field
- Fly Ball CATCH
- Runner's path
- R1 Runner on 1st
- Runner on 3rd
- U3) 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD LINE - **NO CATCH**









Runner's path

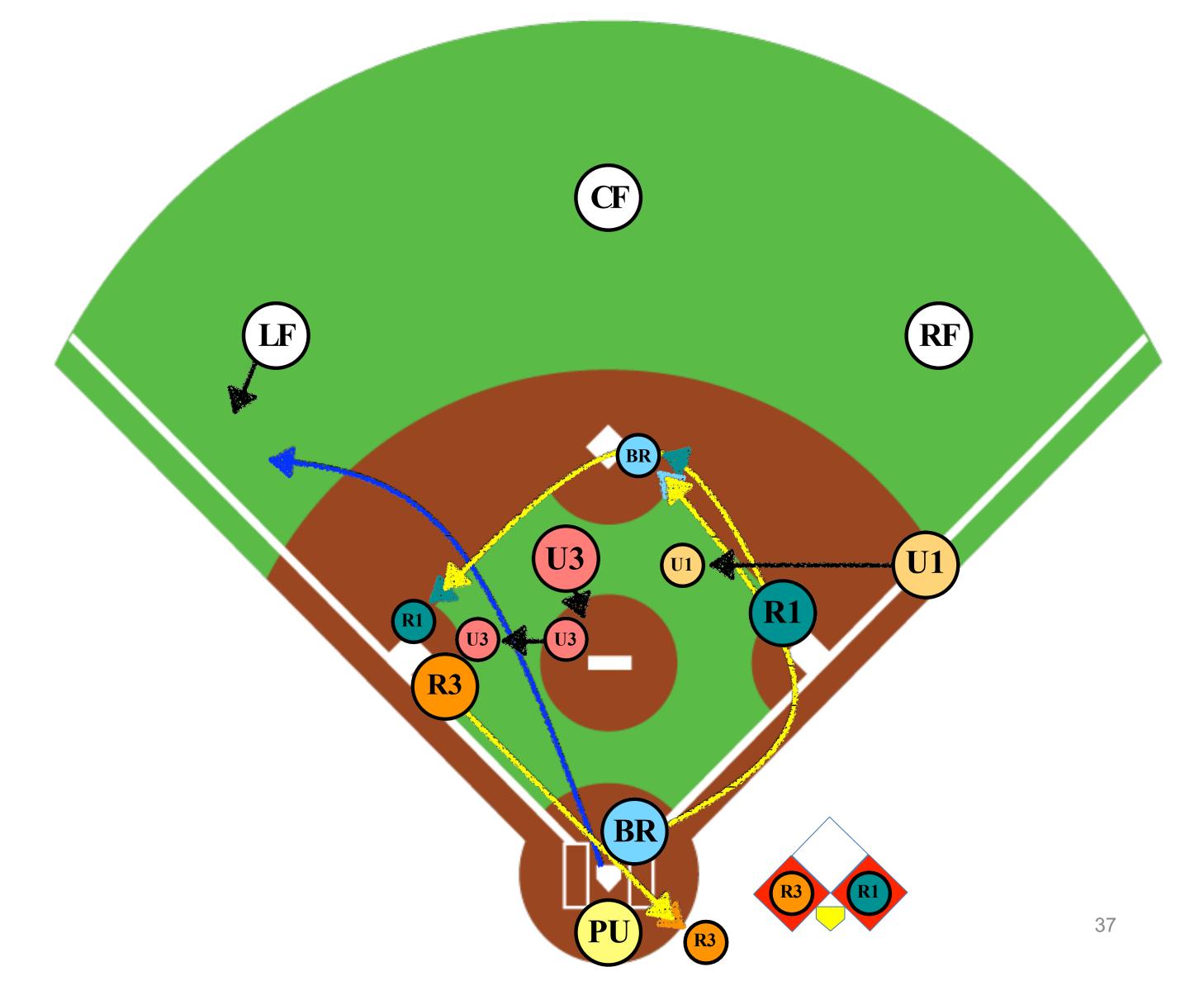
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R1 Runner on 1st R3

R3 Runner on 3rd

U3) 3rd Base Umpire

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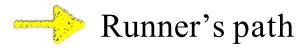
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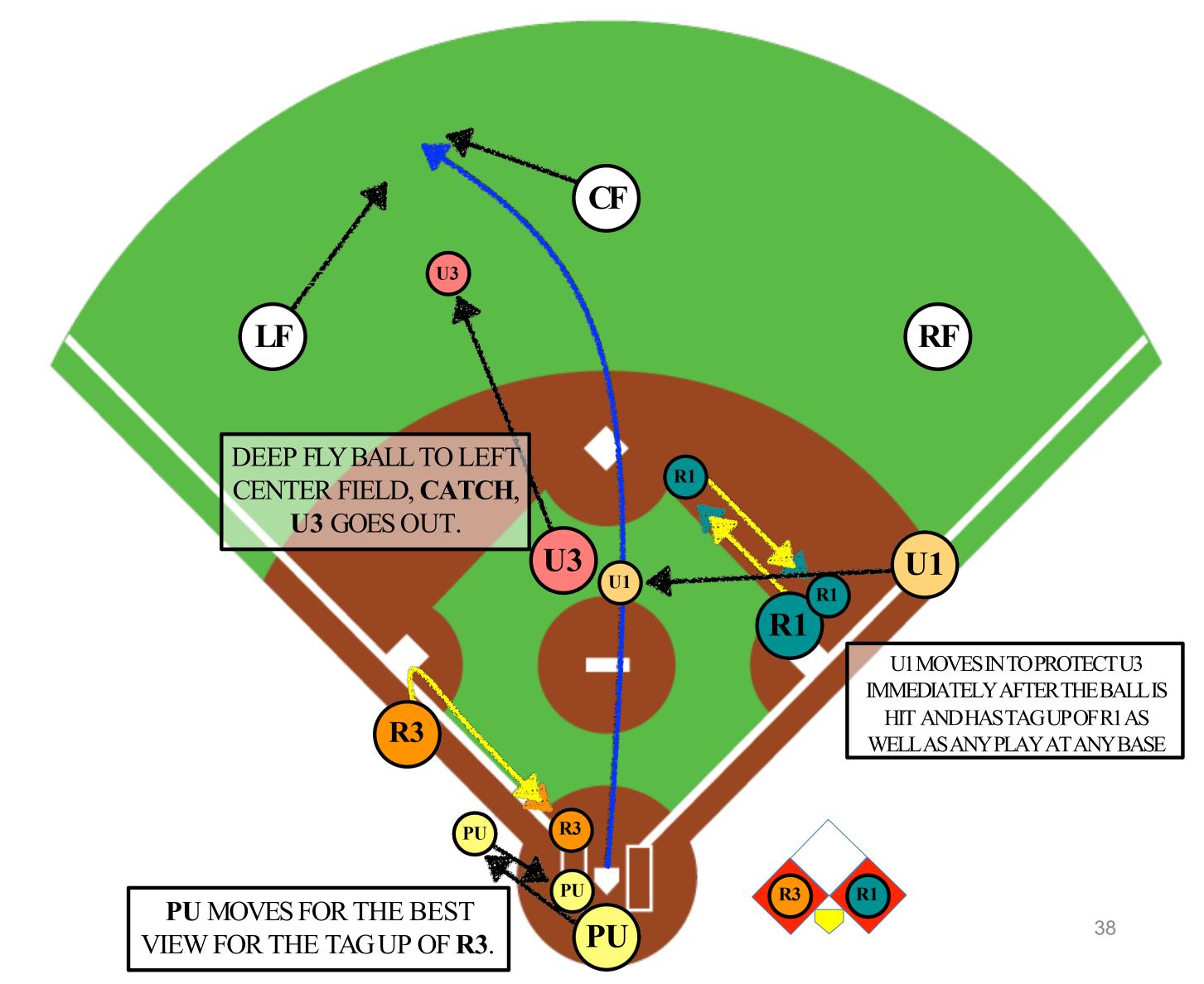


R1 Runner on 1st

Runner on 3rd

U3 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





DEEP FLY BALL TO LEFT CENTER FIELD - NO CATCH

(RF) Right Field

CF Center Field

LF Left Field



Runner's path

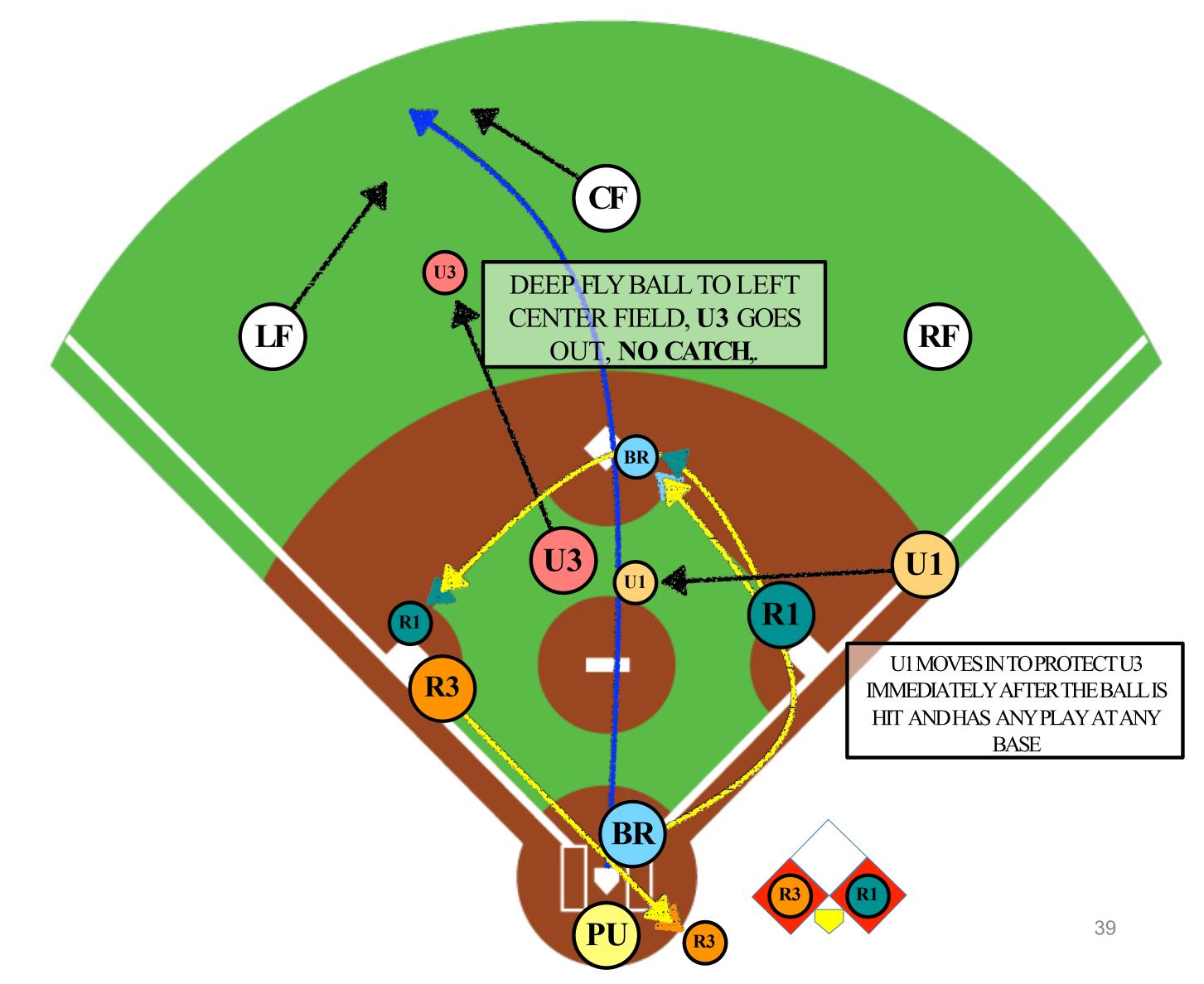
BR Base Runner

R1 Runner on 1st

R3 Runner on 3rd

U3) 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





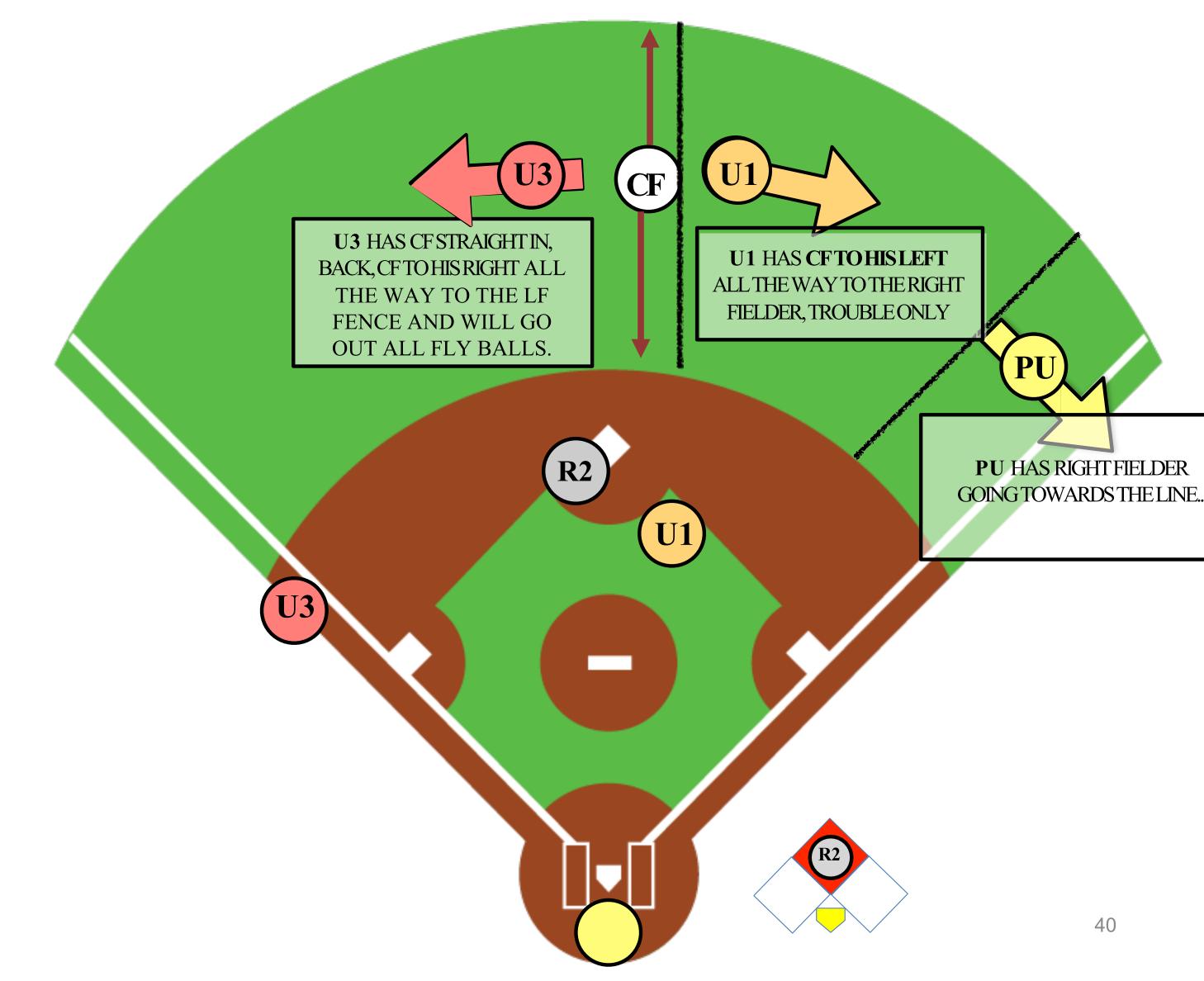
INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE LESS THAN 2 OUTS.

CF Center Field

Runner on 2nd

U3 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





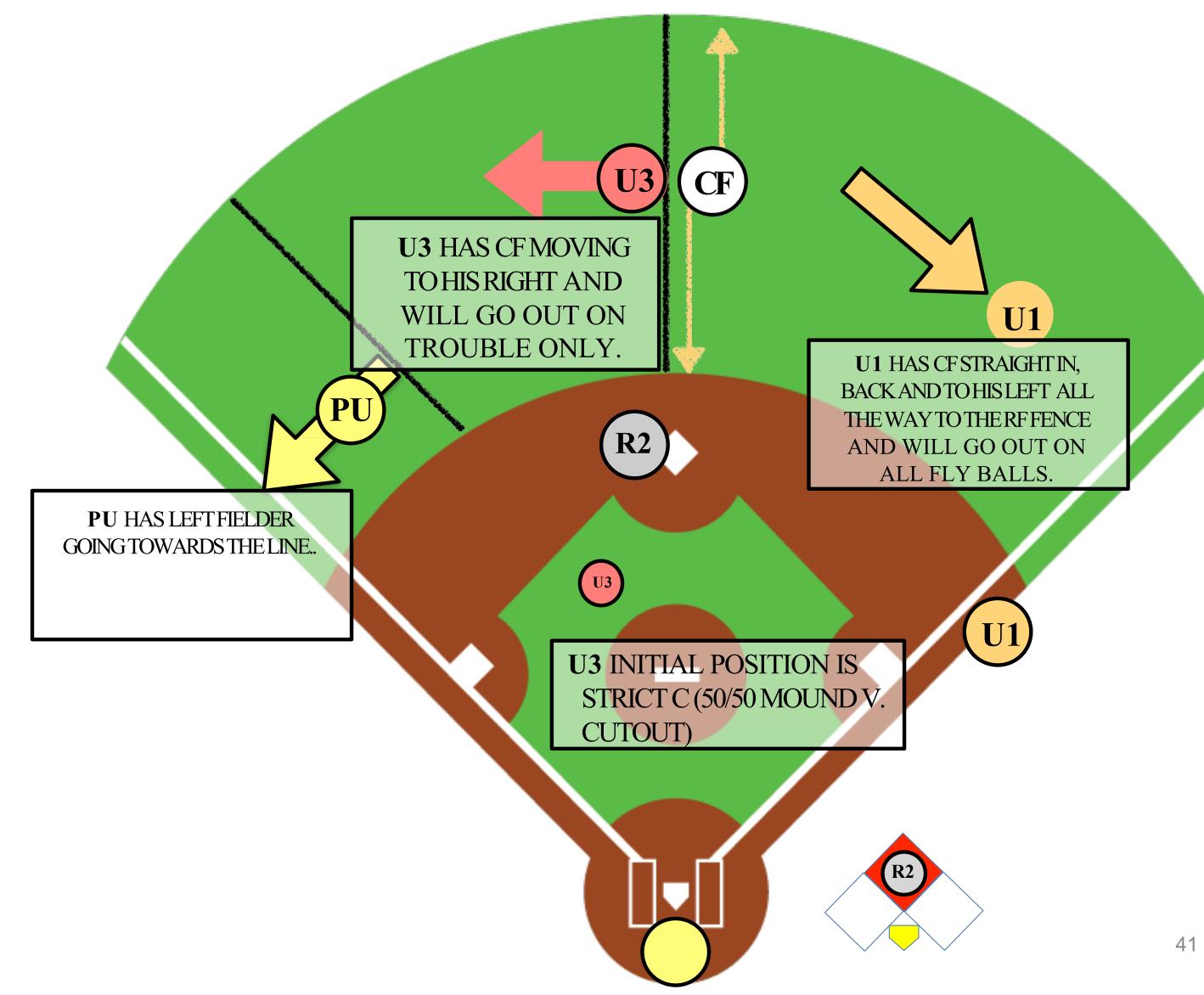
INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE 2 OUTS

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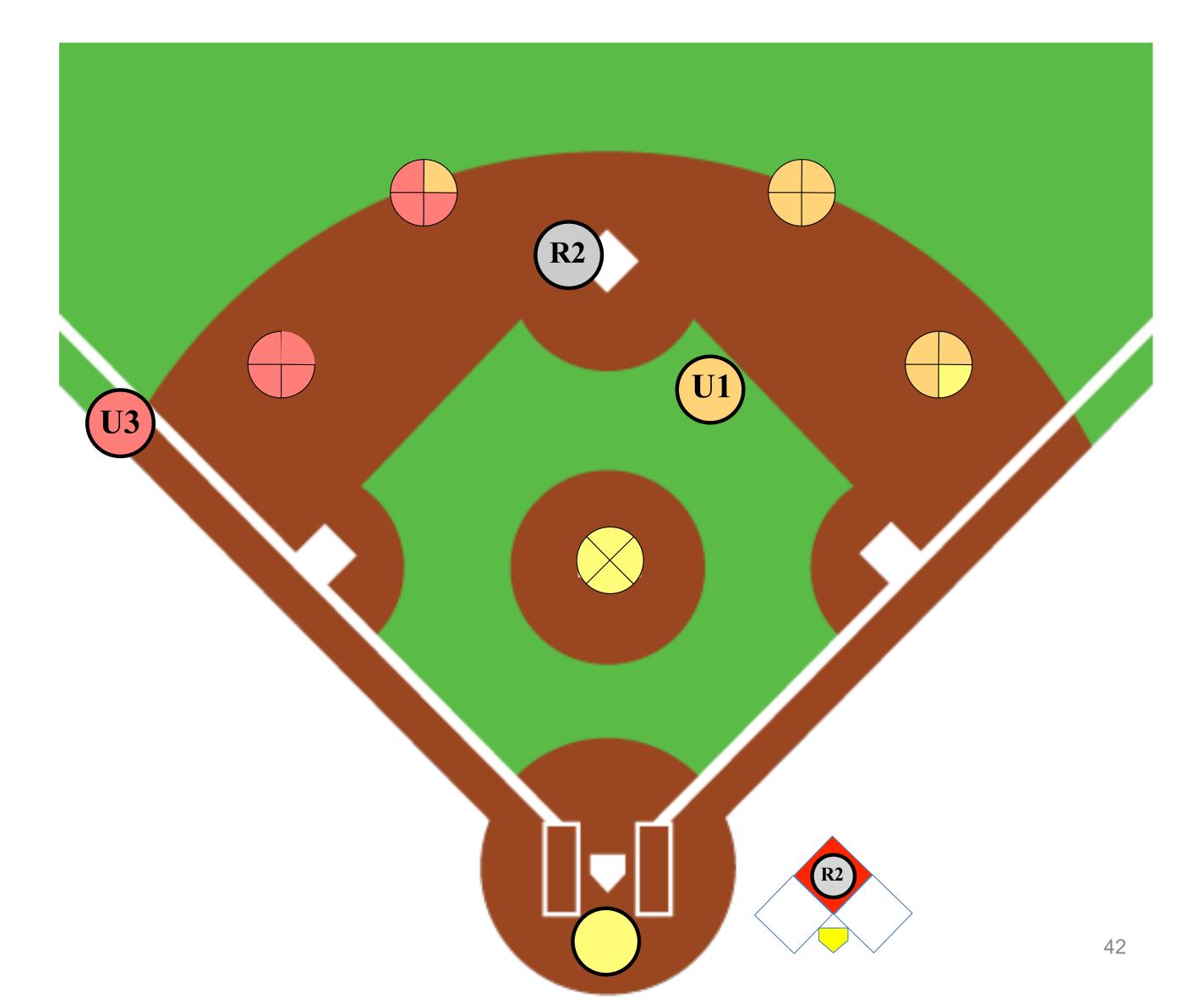


Home Plate Umpire

Runner on 2nd

U3) 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





3 UMPIRE MECHANICS FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE WITH LESS THAN 2 OUTS



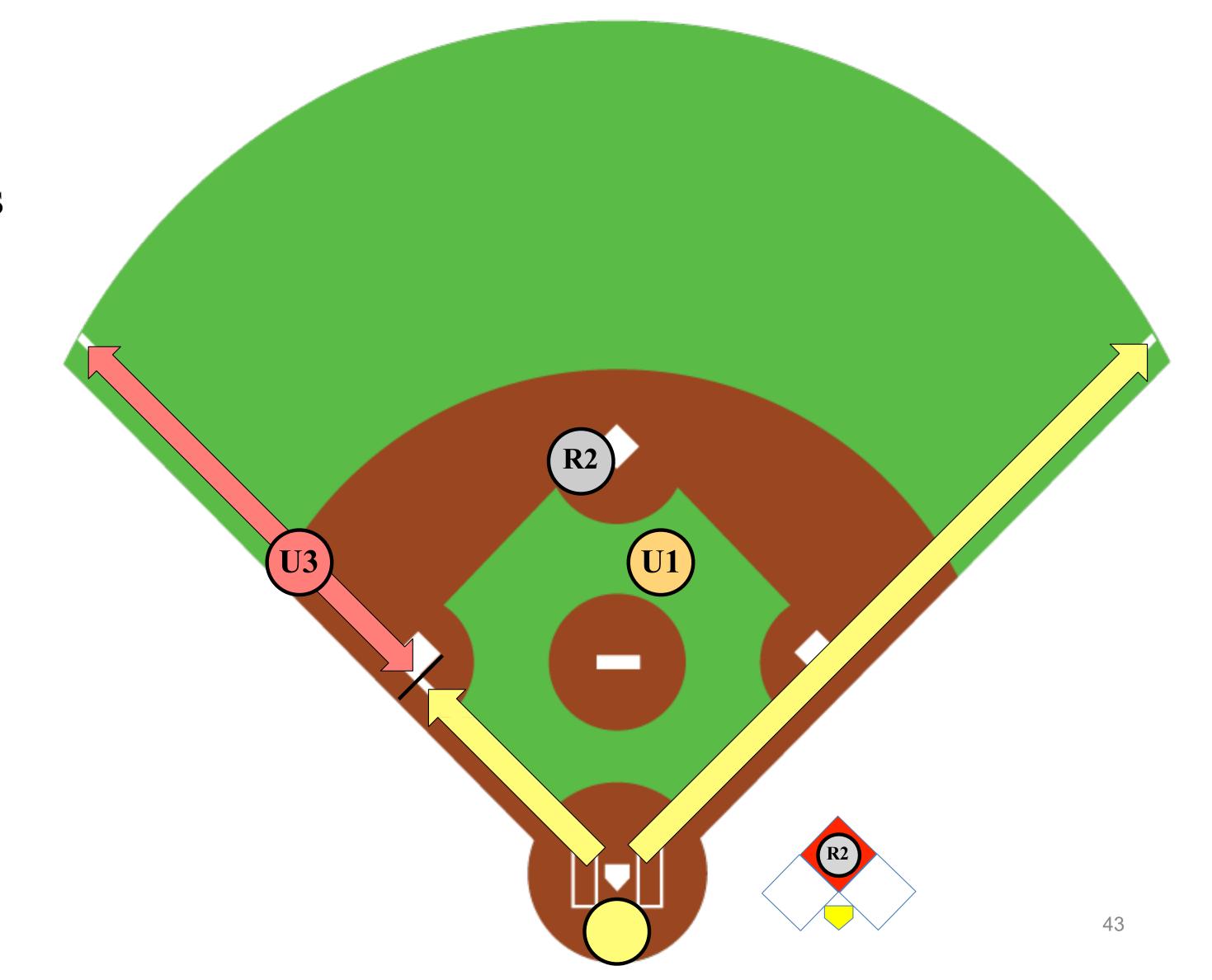
3rd Base Umpire



1st Base Umpire



- Runner on 2nd
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE WITH 2 OUTS



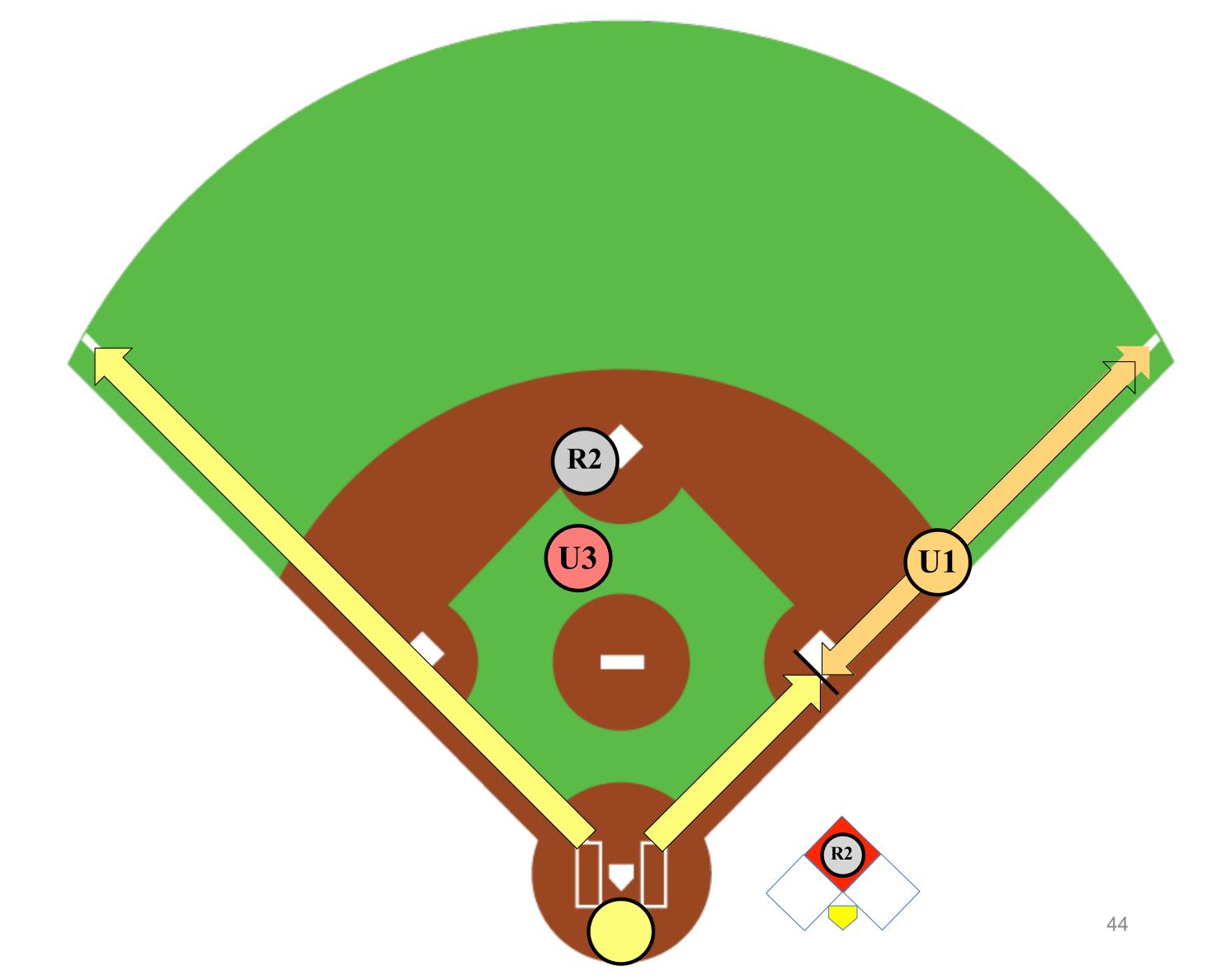
3rd Base Umpire



1st Base Umpire



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3 UMPIRE MECHANICS CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD



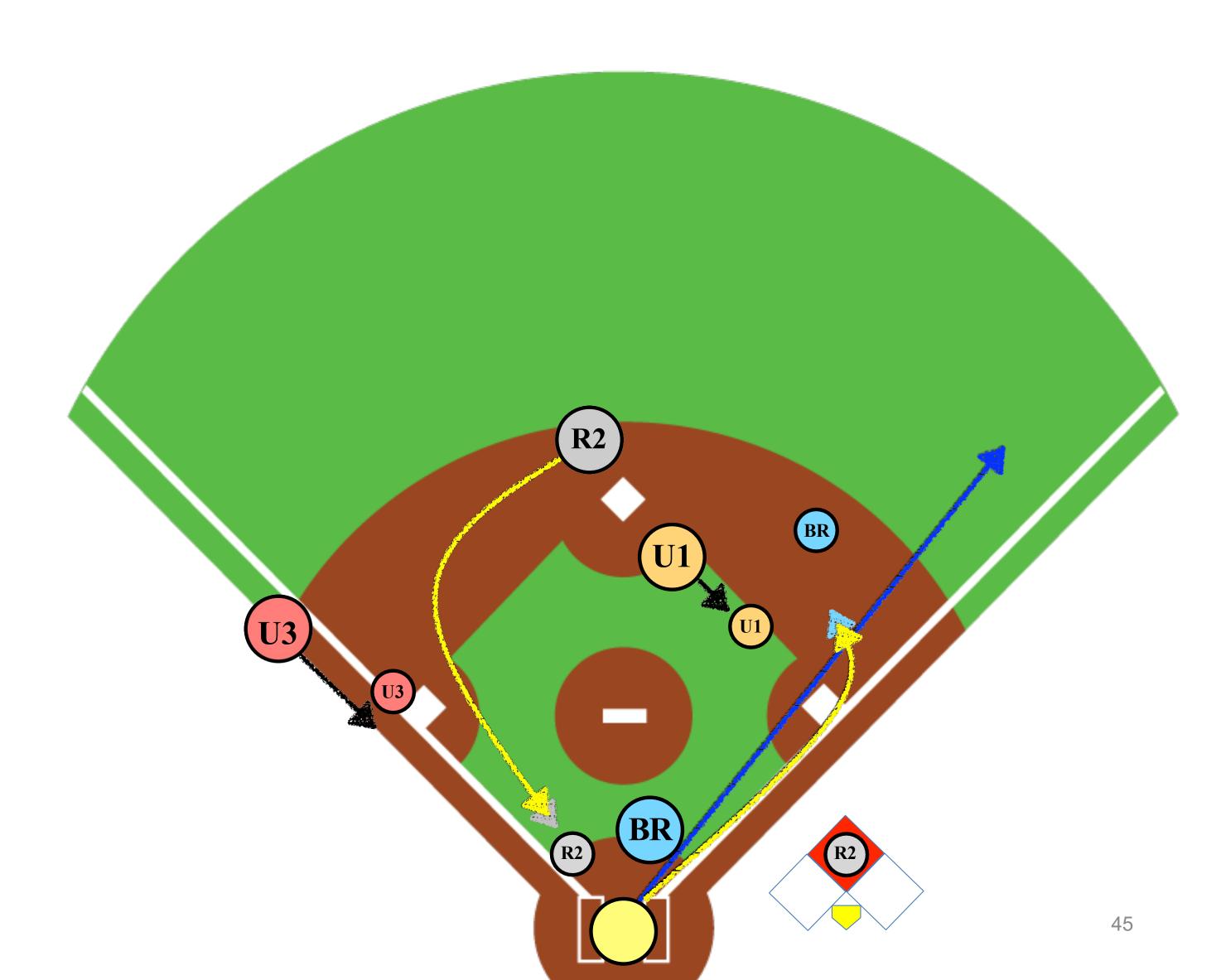
Runner's path

BR Base Runner

(R2) Runner on 2nd Base

U3 3rd Base Umpire

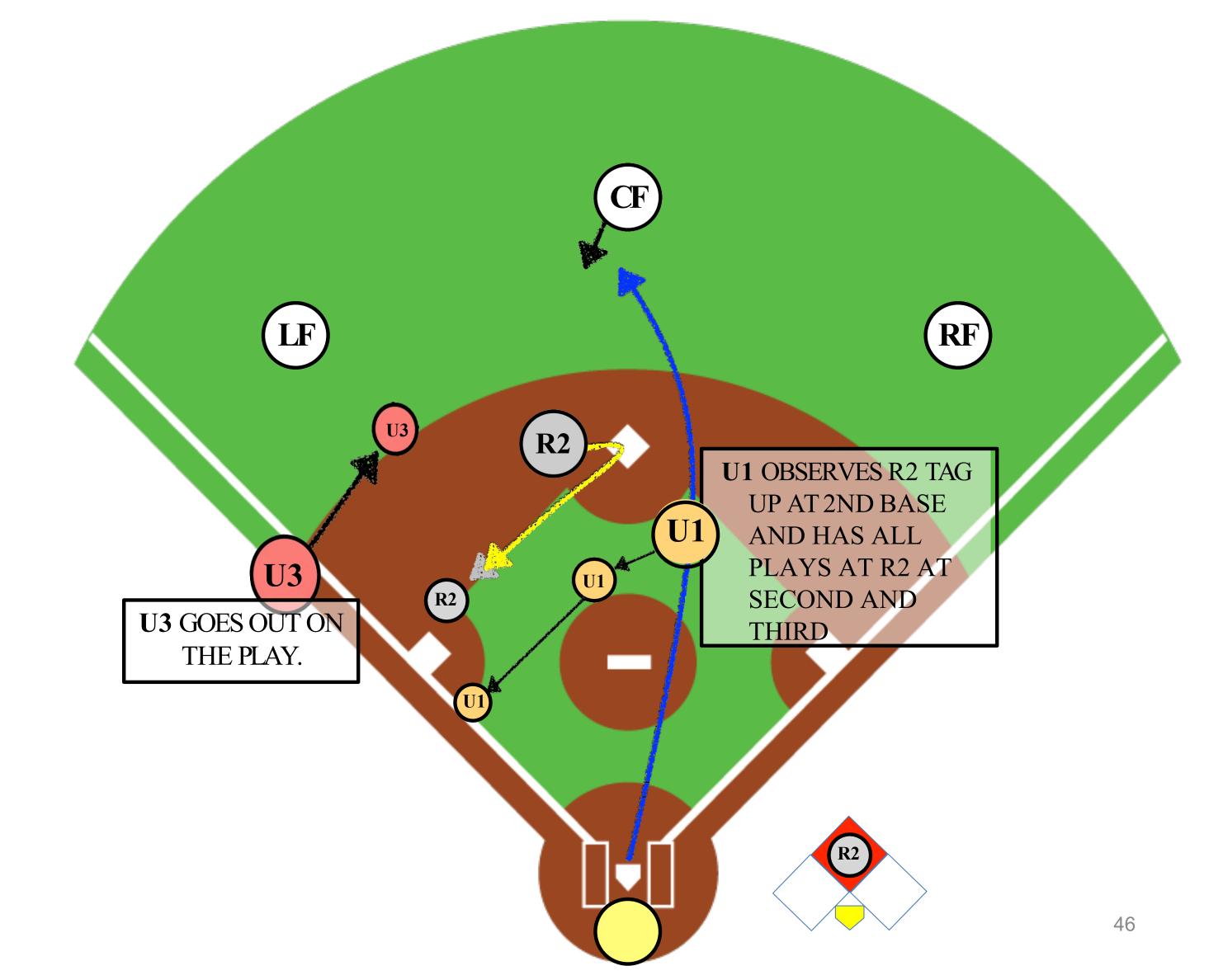
U1 1st Base Umpire





FLY BALL TO CENTER FIELD - CATCH

- **CF** Center Field
- **RF** Right Field
- **LF** Left Field
- Fly Ball CATCH
- Runner's path
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- U3) 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire



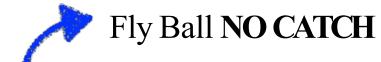


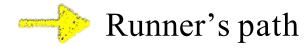
FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD - **NO CATCH**









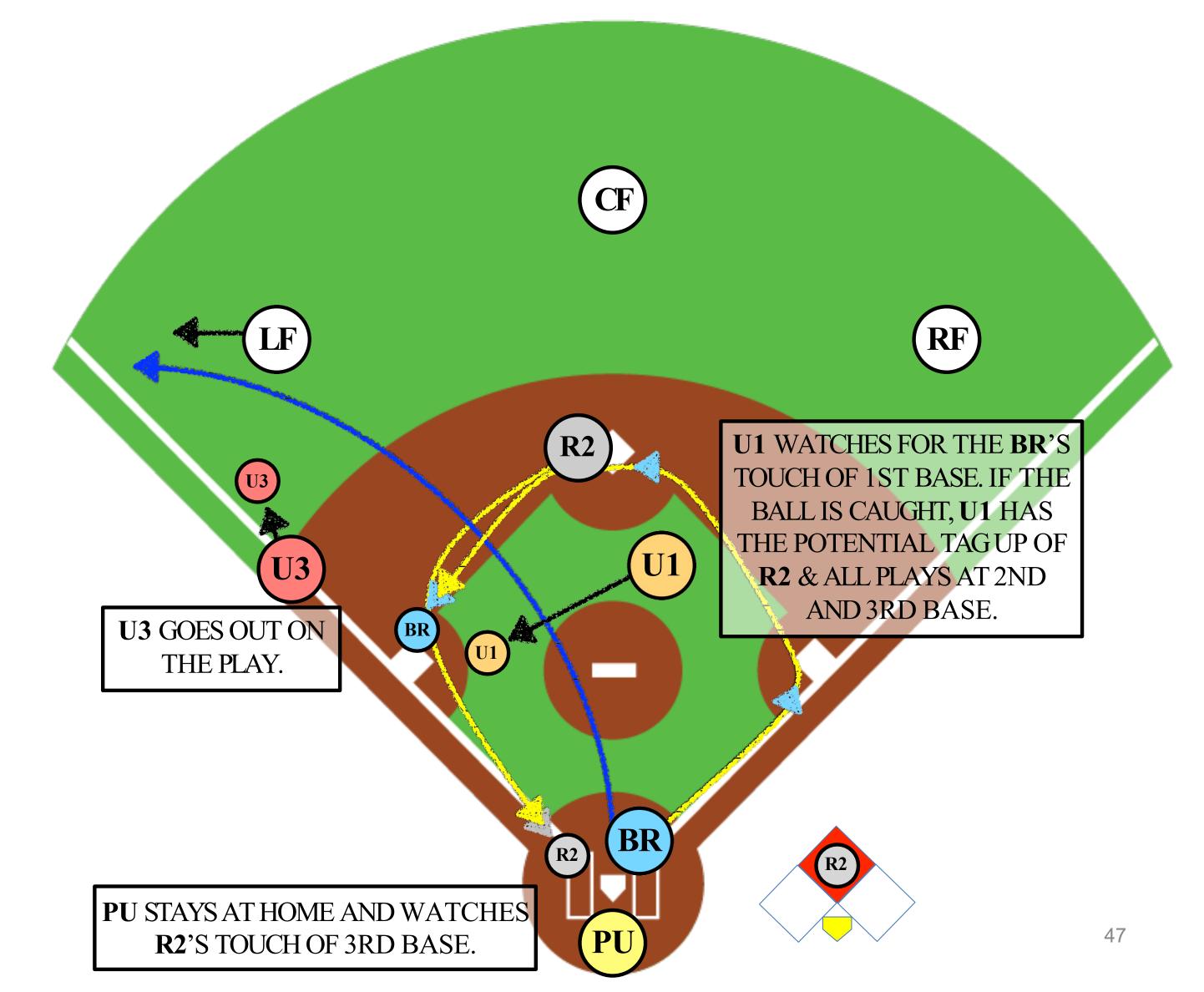


BR Base Runner

(R2) Runner on 2nd

U3) 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELDERS LEFT - CATCH







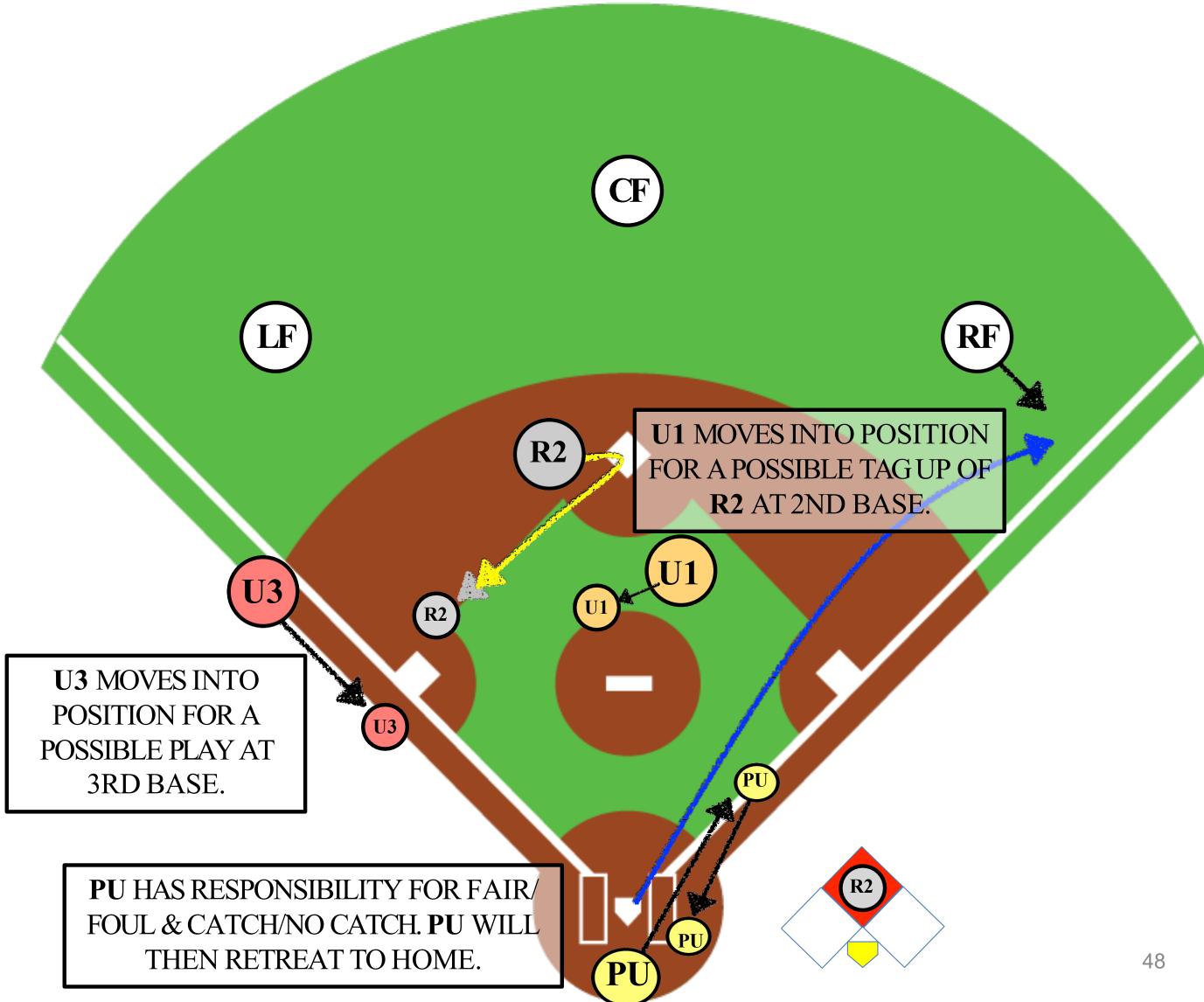


Runner's path

Runner on 2nd

U3) 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





FLY BALL TO RIGHT | CENTER - CATCH



(RF) Right Field

(LF) Left Field

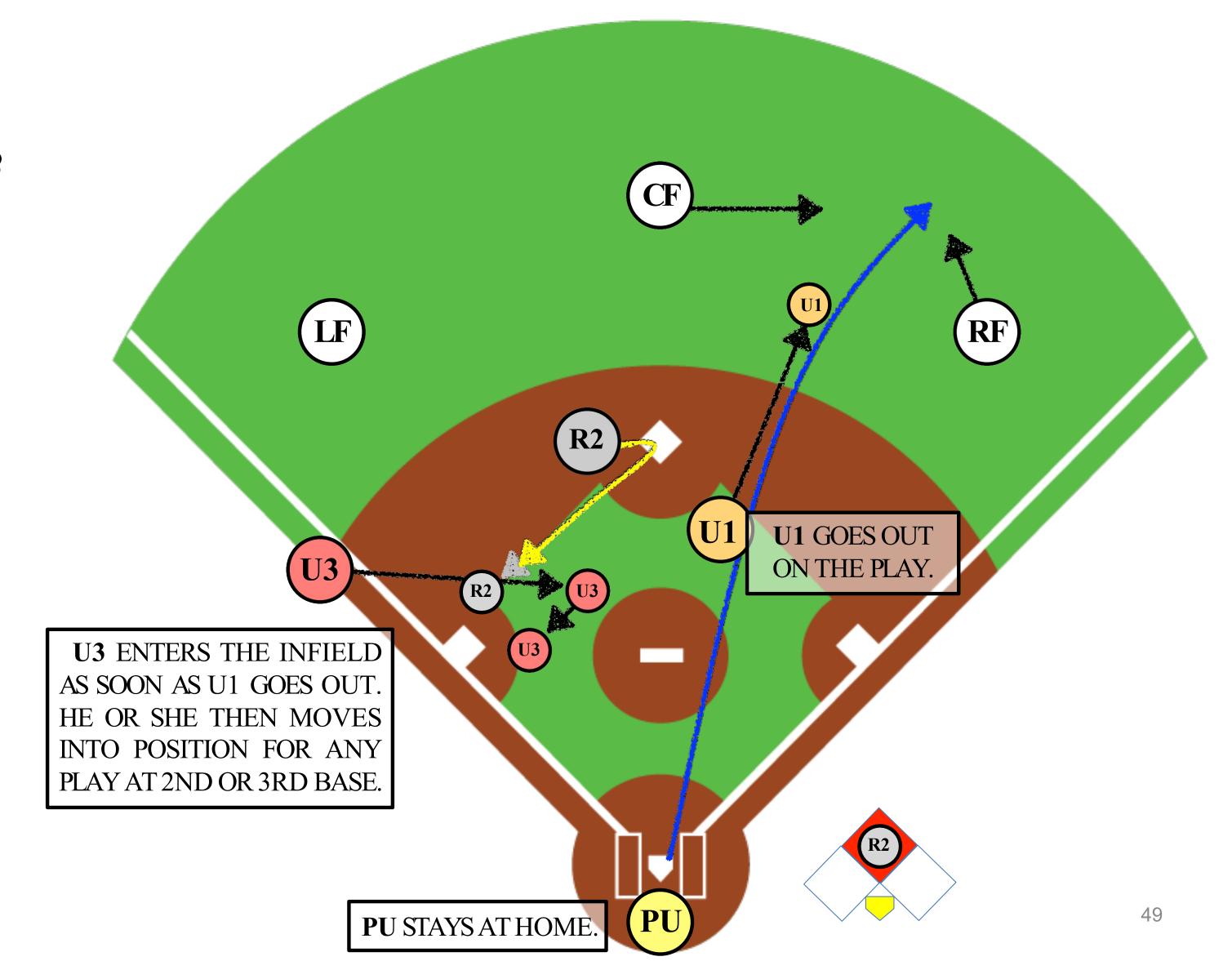


Runner's path

Runner on 2nd

U3) 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





FLY BALL TO RIGHT | CENTER - NO CATCH

(RF) Right Field



LF Left Field



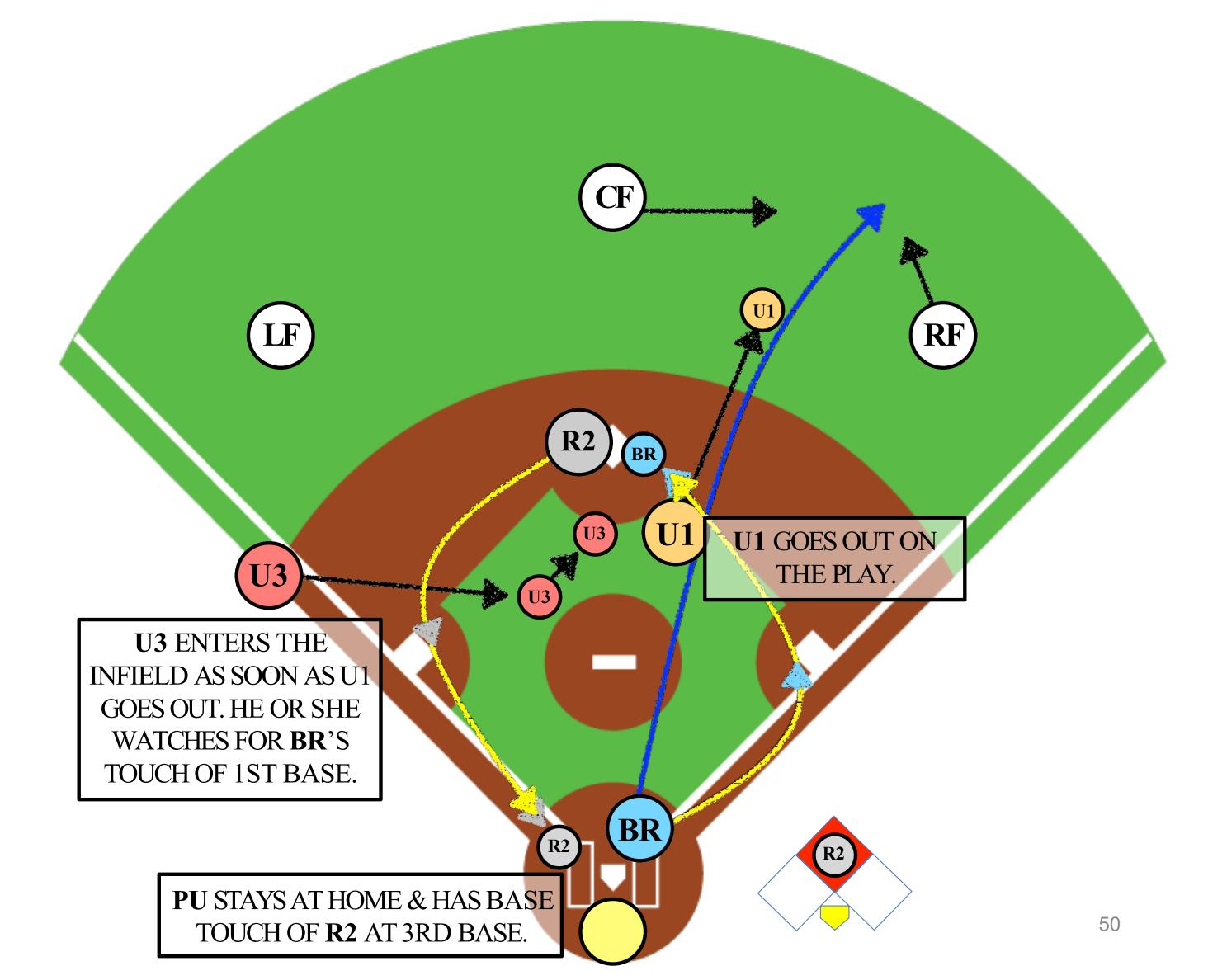
Runner's path

BR Base Runner

(R2) Runner on 2nd

U3 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire

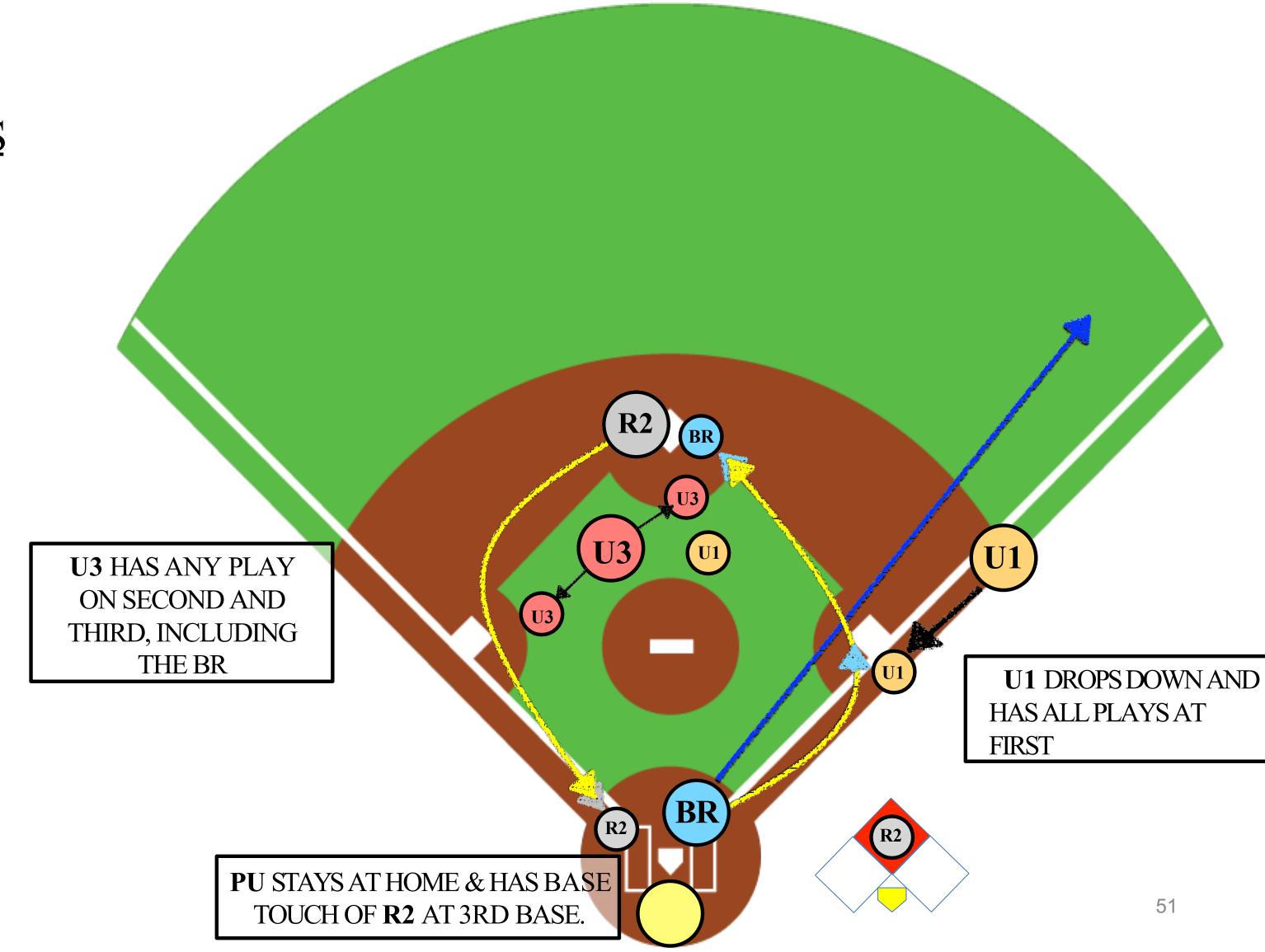




BASEHITWITH 2 OUTS



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

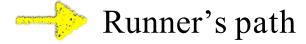




OBVIOUS EXTRA BASE HIT WITH 2 OUTS

-NO IMMEDIATE PLAY INTO SECOND BASE



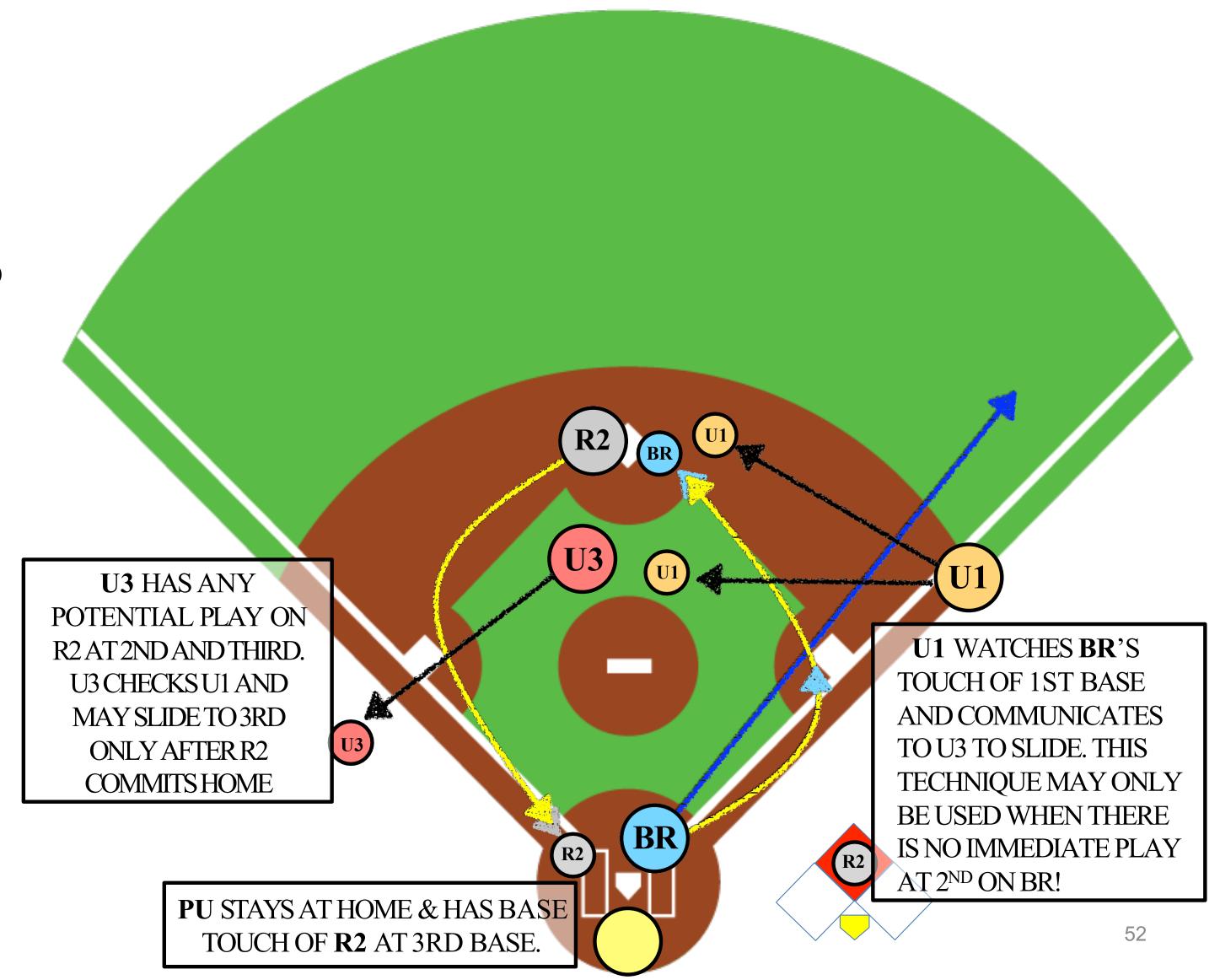


BR Base Runner

(R2) Runner on 2nd Base

U3 3rd Base Umpire

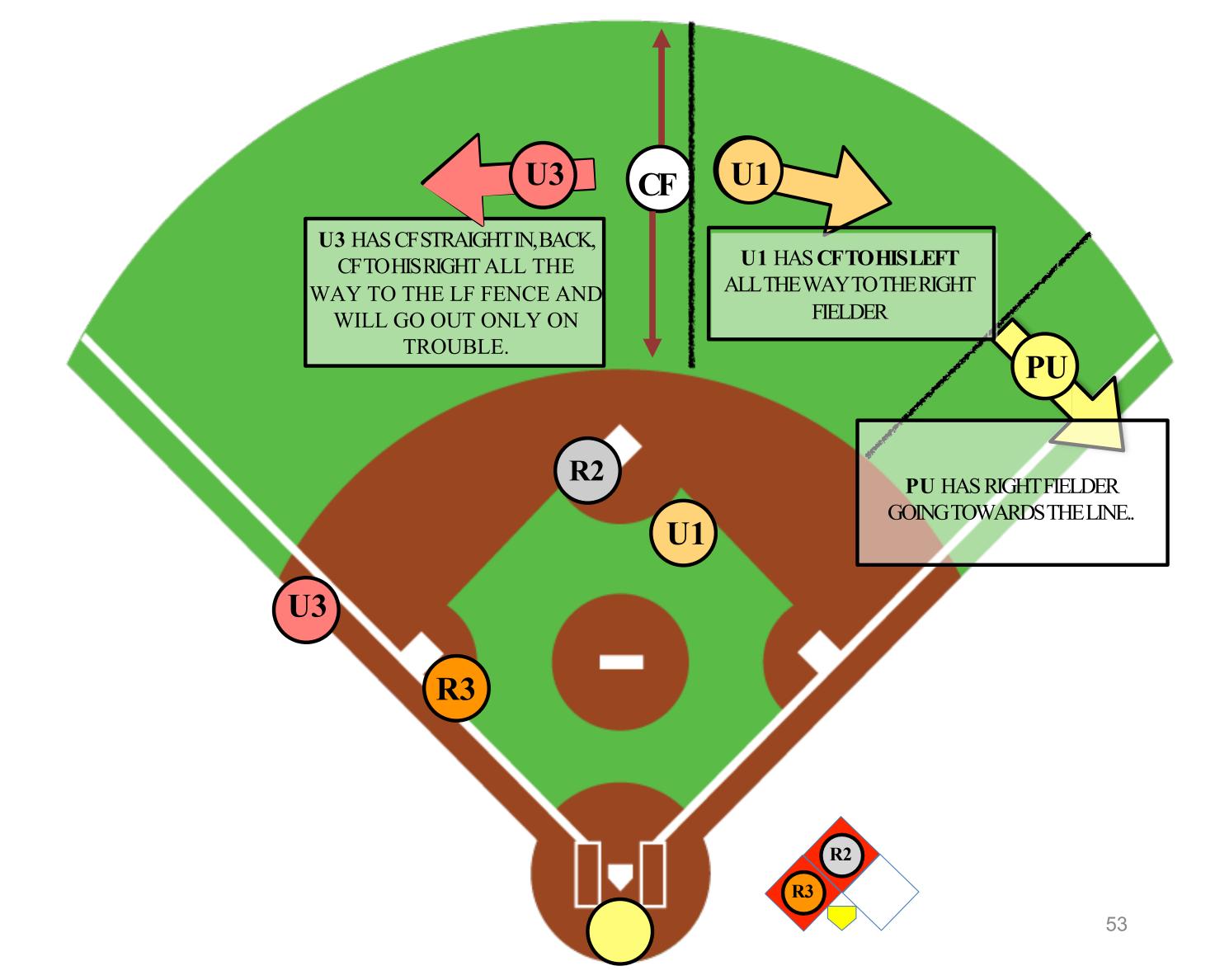
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INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE LESS THAN 2 OUTS.

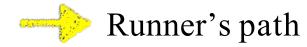
- **CF** Center Field
- (R2) Runner on 2nd
- Runner on 3rd
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





3 UMPIRE MECHANICS CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD





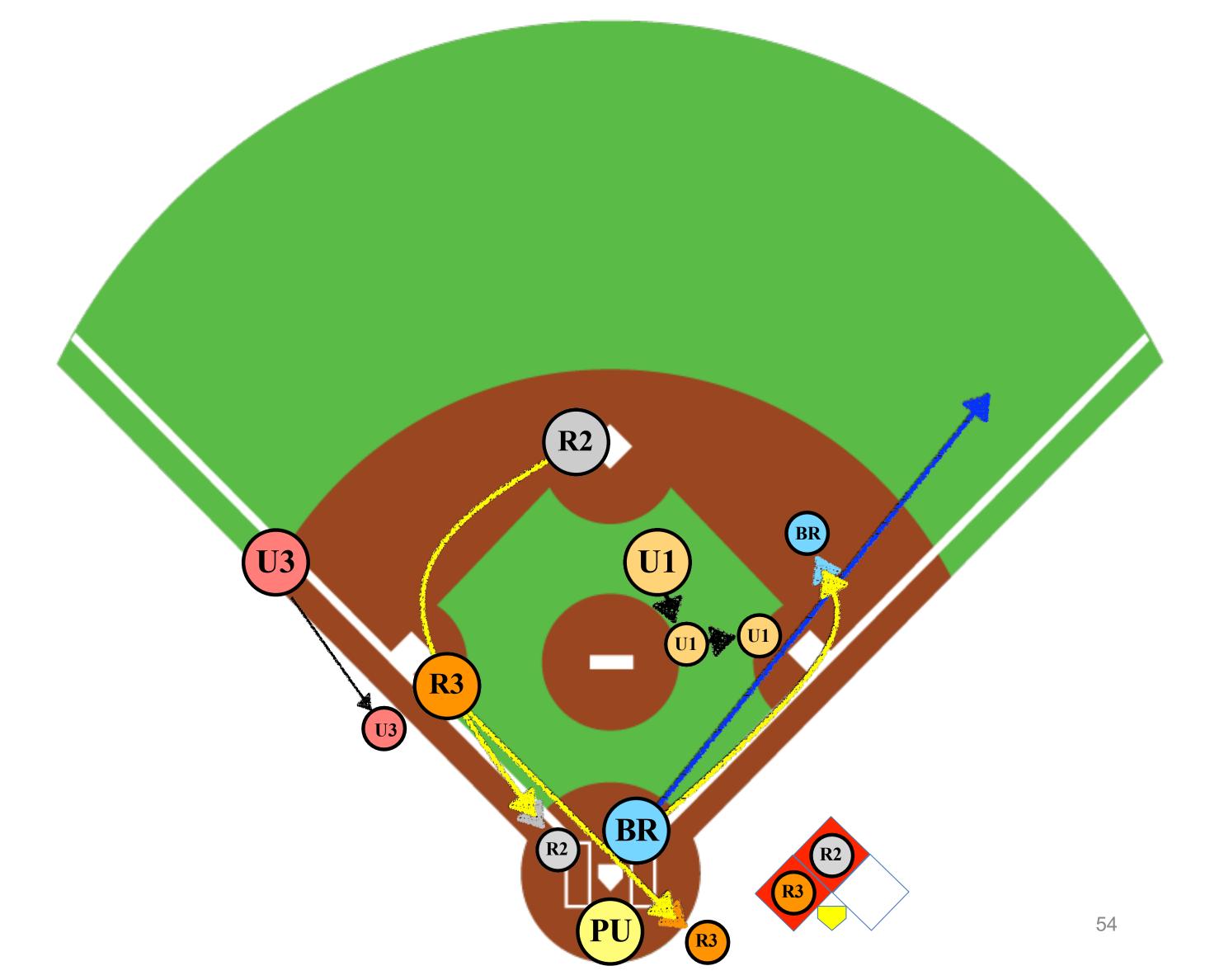
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Runner on 3rd

U3) 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





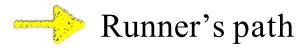
FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD - CATCH



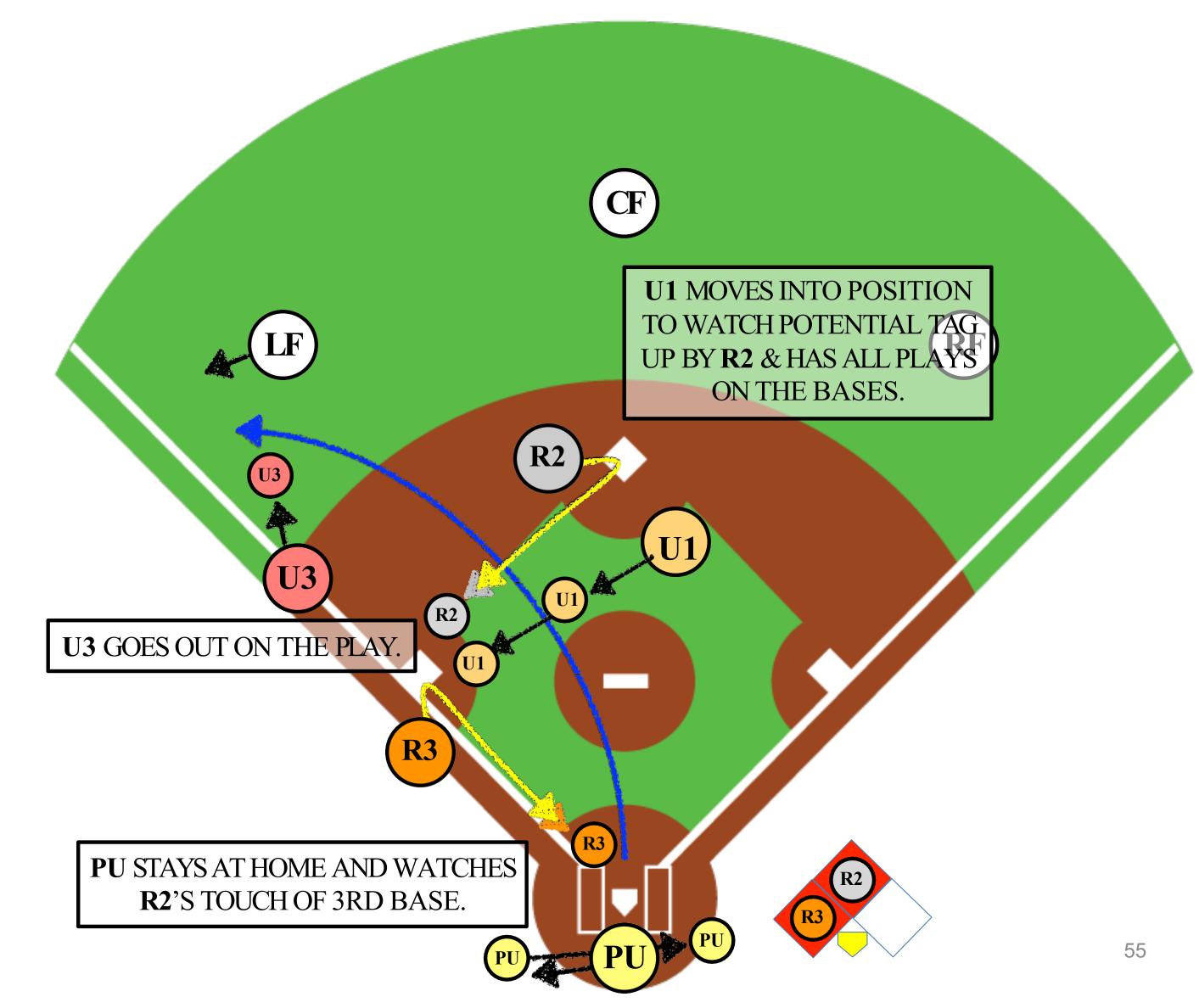








- R2 Runner on 2nd
- Runner on 3rd
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire



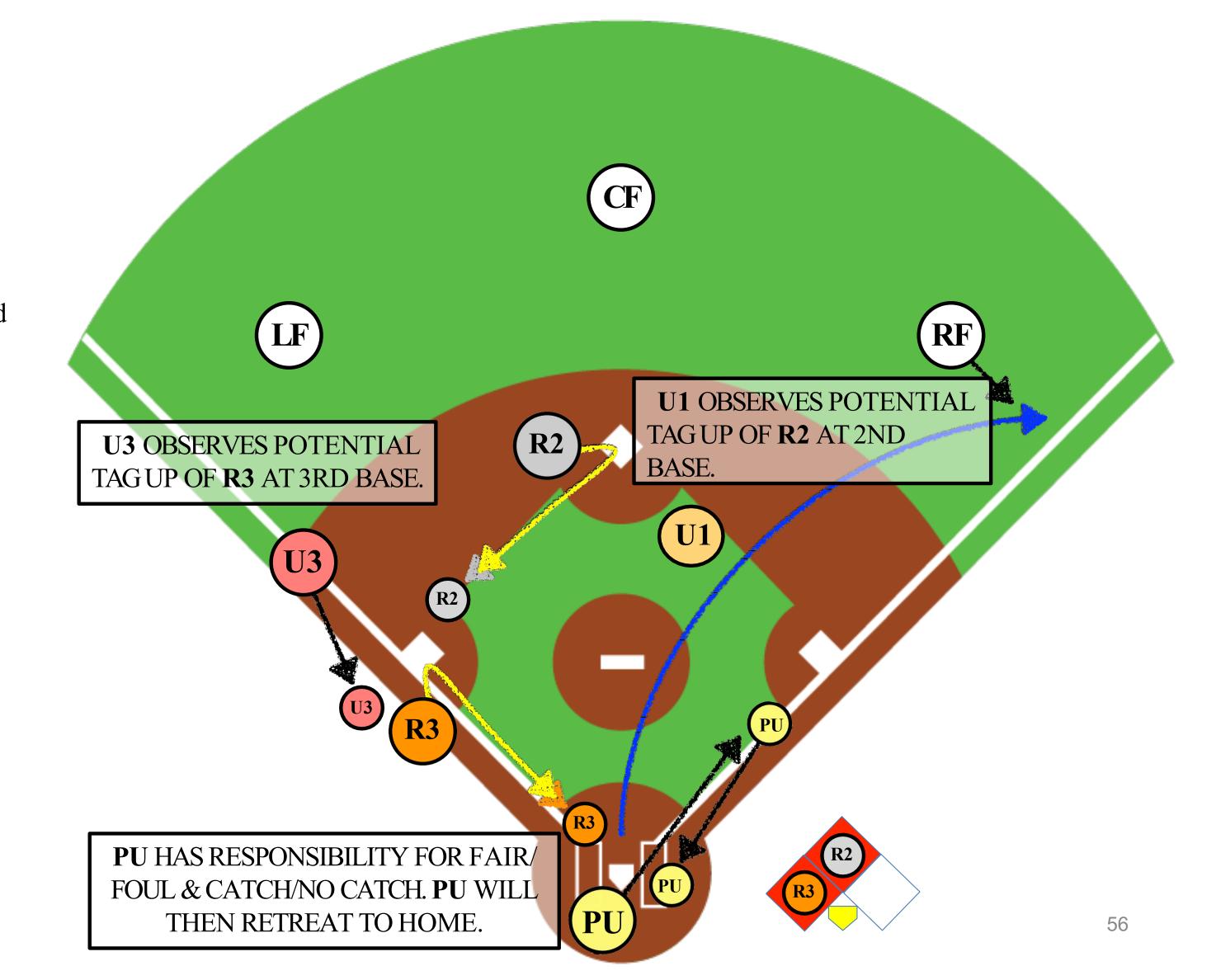


FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD LINE - CATCH

(RF) Right Field

CF Center Field

- LF Left Field
- Fly Ball CATCH
- Runner's path
- (R2) Runner on 2nd
- Runner on 3rd
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





FLY BALL TO RIGHT CENTER FIELD

- CATCH

(RF) Right Field



LF Left Field



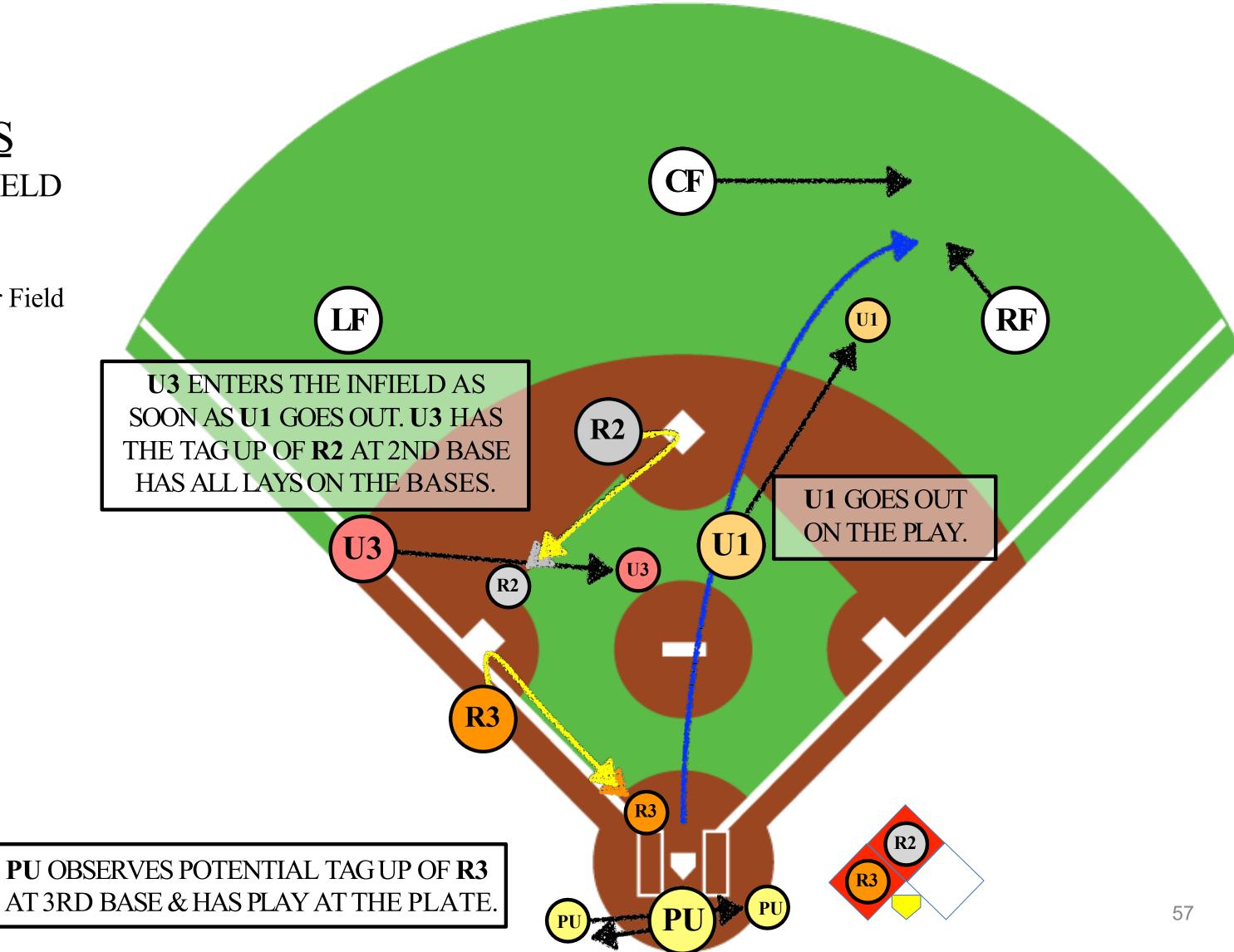
Runner's path

R2 Runner on 2nd

Runner on 3rd

U3) 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire





FLY BALL TO RIGHT CENTER FIELD

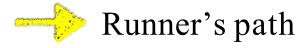
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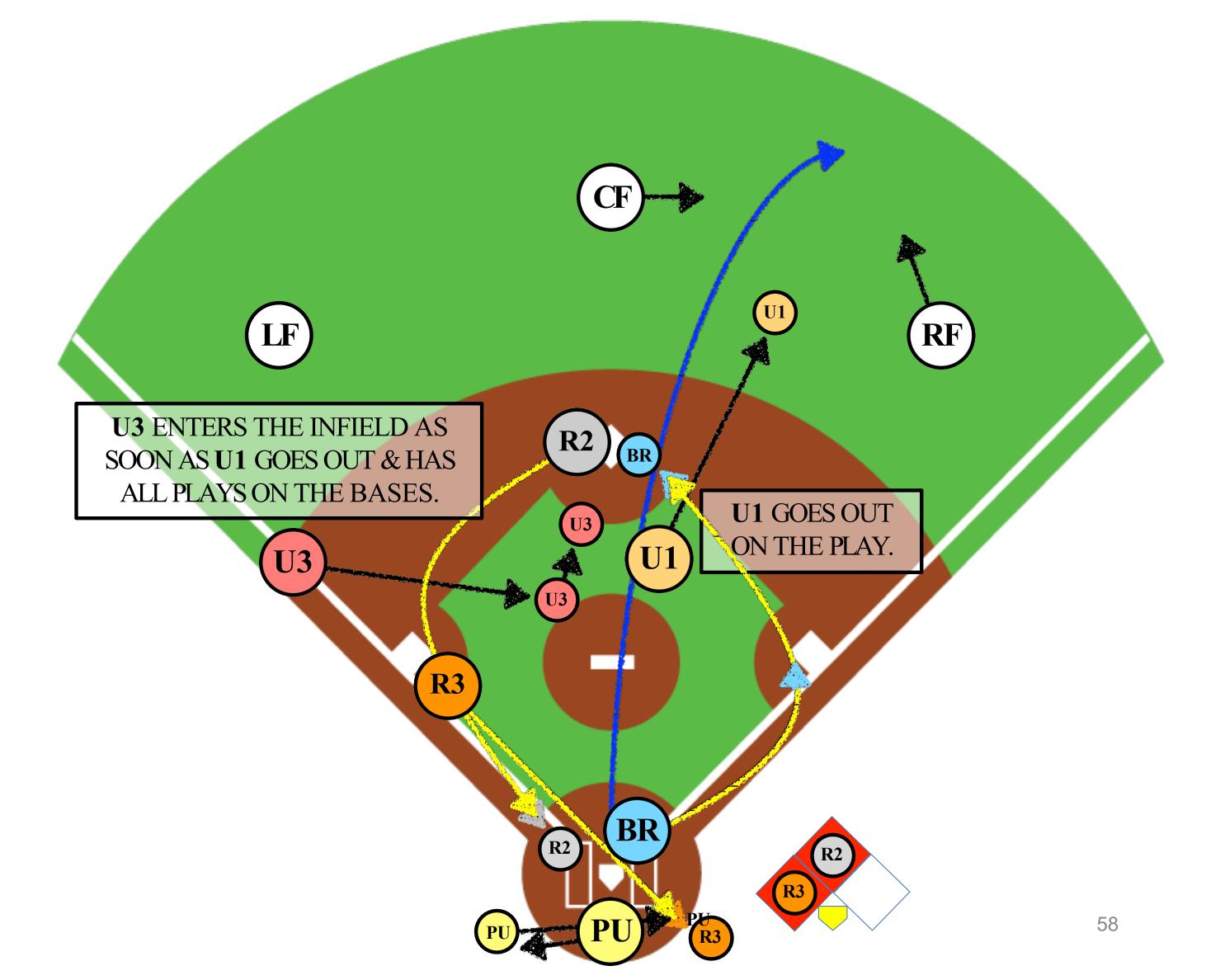








- BR Base Runner
- Runner on 2nd Runner on 3rd
- (U3) 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





FLY BALL TO RIGHT CENTER FIELD

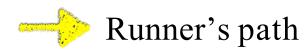
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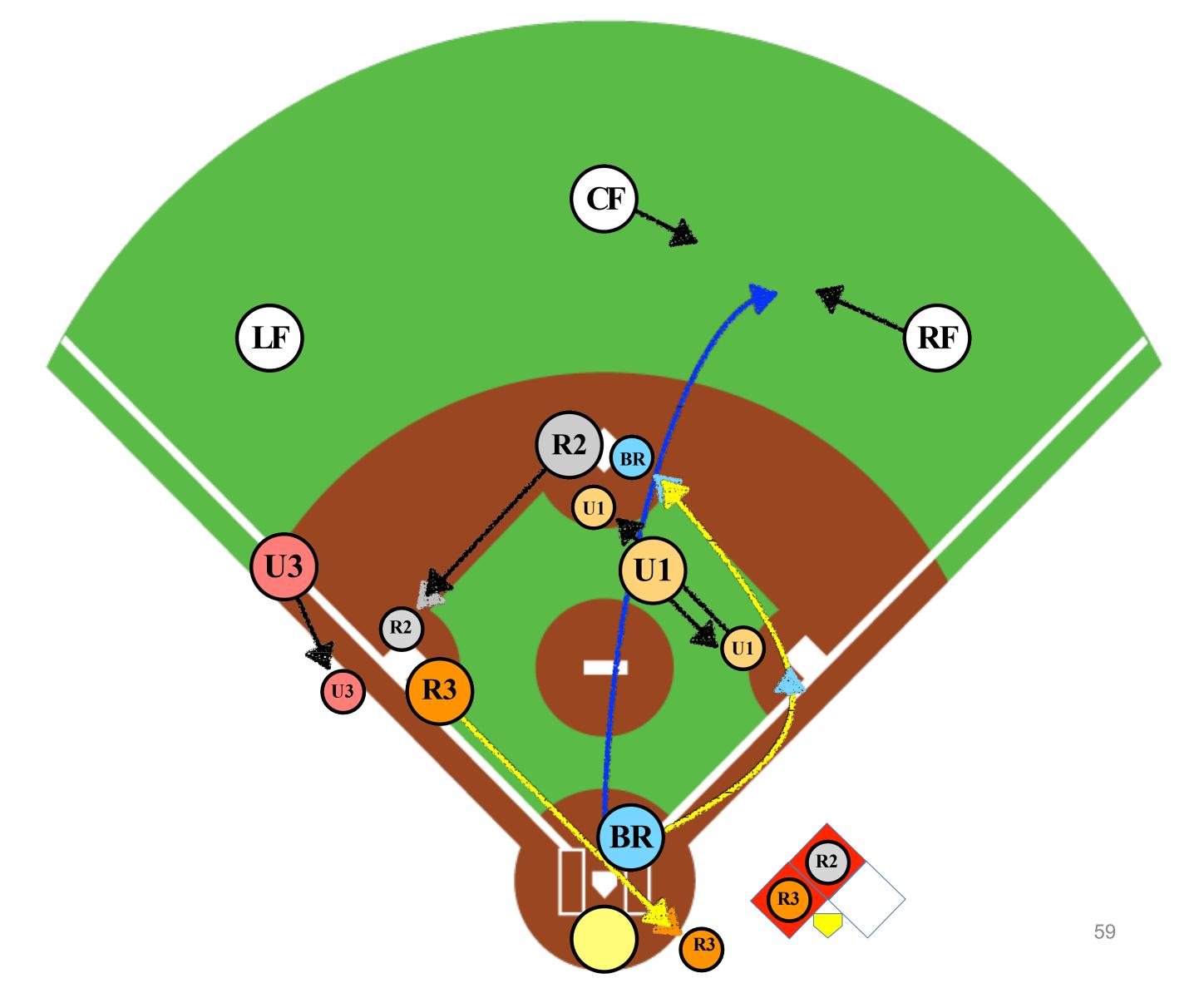


BR Base Runner

Runner on 2nd Runner on 3rd

U3) 3rd Base Umpire

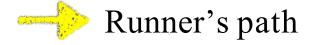
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3 UMPIRE MECHANICS CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD WITH 2 OUTS





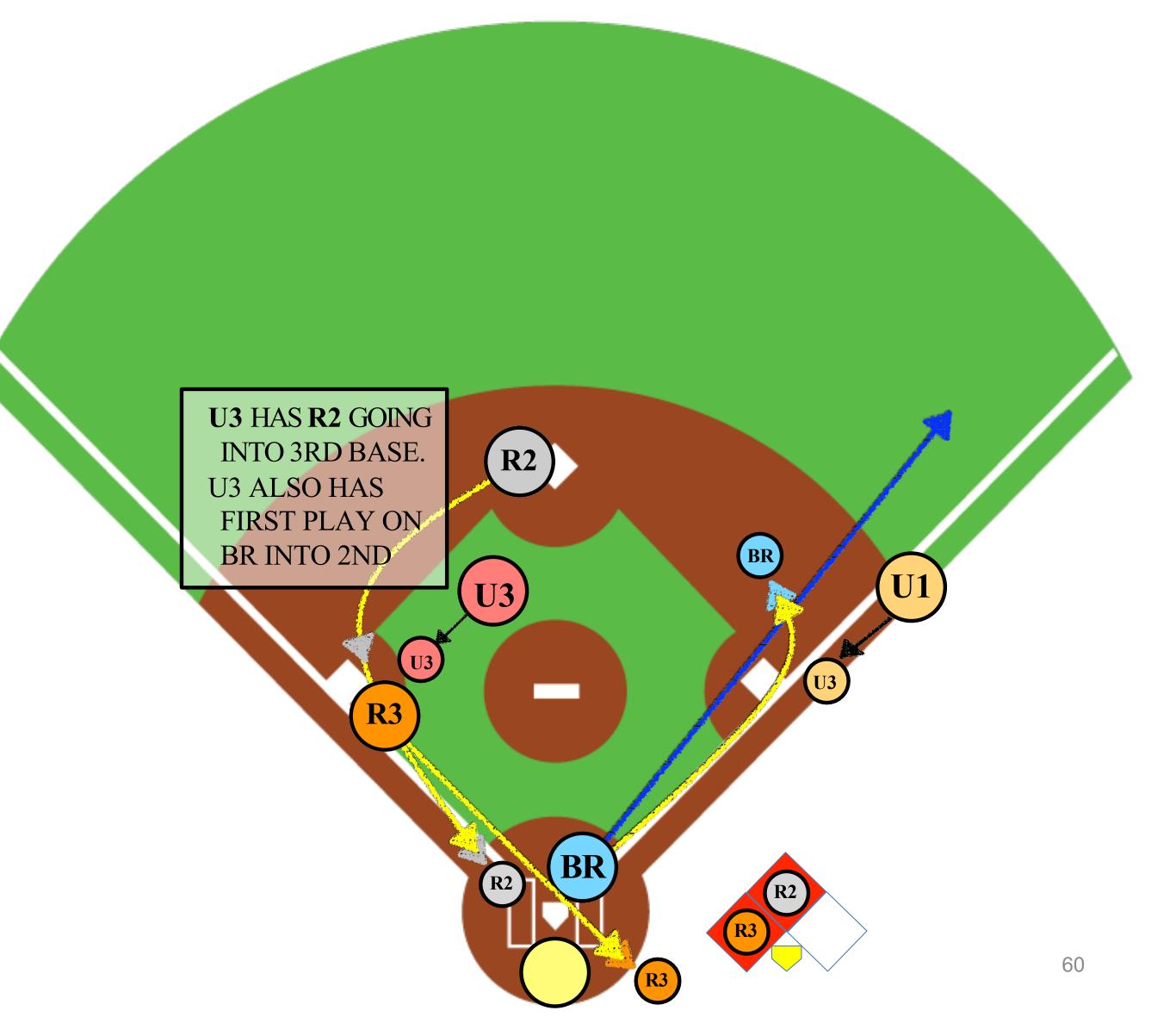
BR Base Runner

R2 Runner on 2nd

Runner on 3rd

U3) 3rd Base Umpire

U1 1st Base Umpire

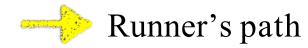




OBVIOUS EXTRA BASE HIT WITH 2 OUTS

-NO IMMEDIATE PLAY INTO SECOND BASE





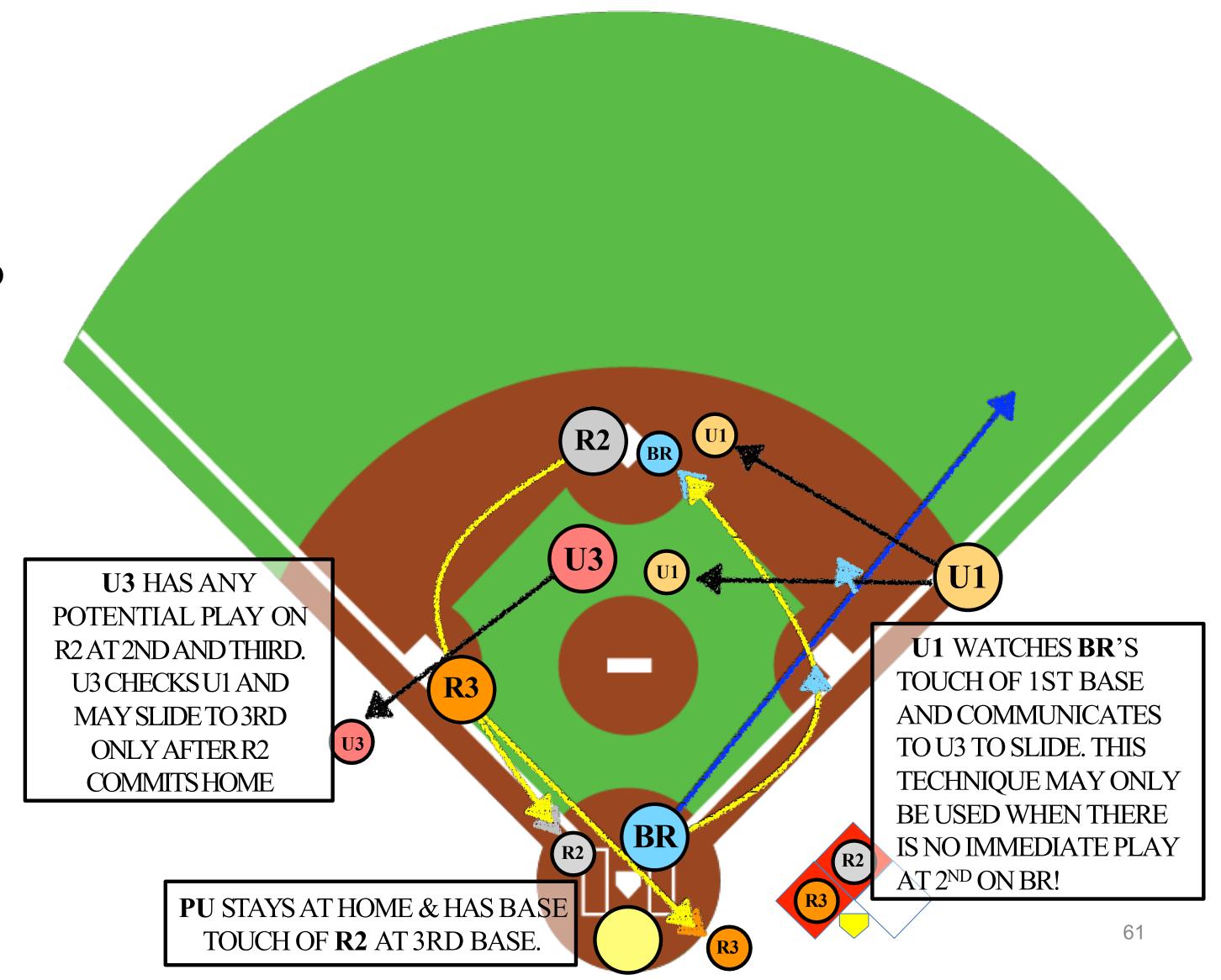
BR Base Runner

(R2) Runner on 2nd

Runner on 3rd

U3) 3rd Base Umpire

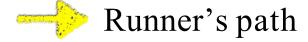
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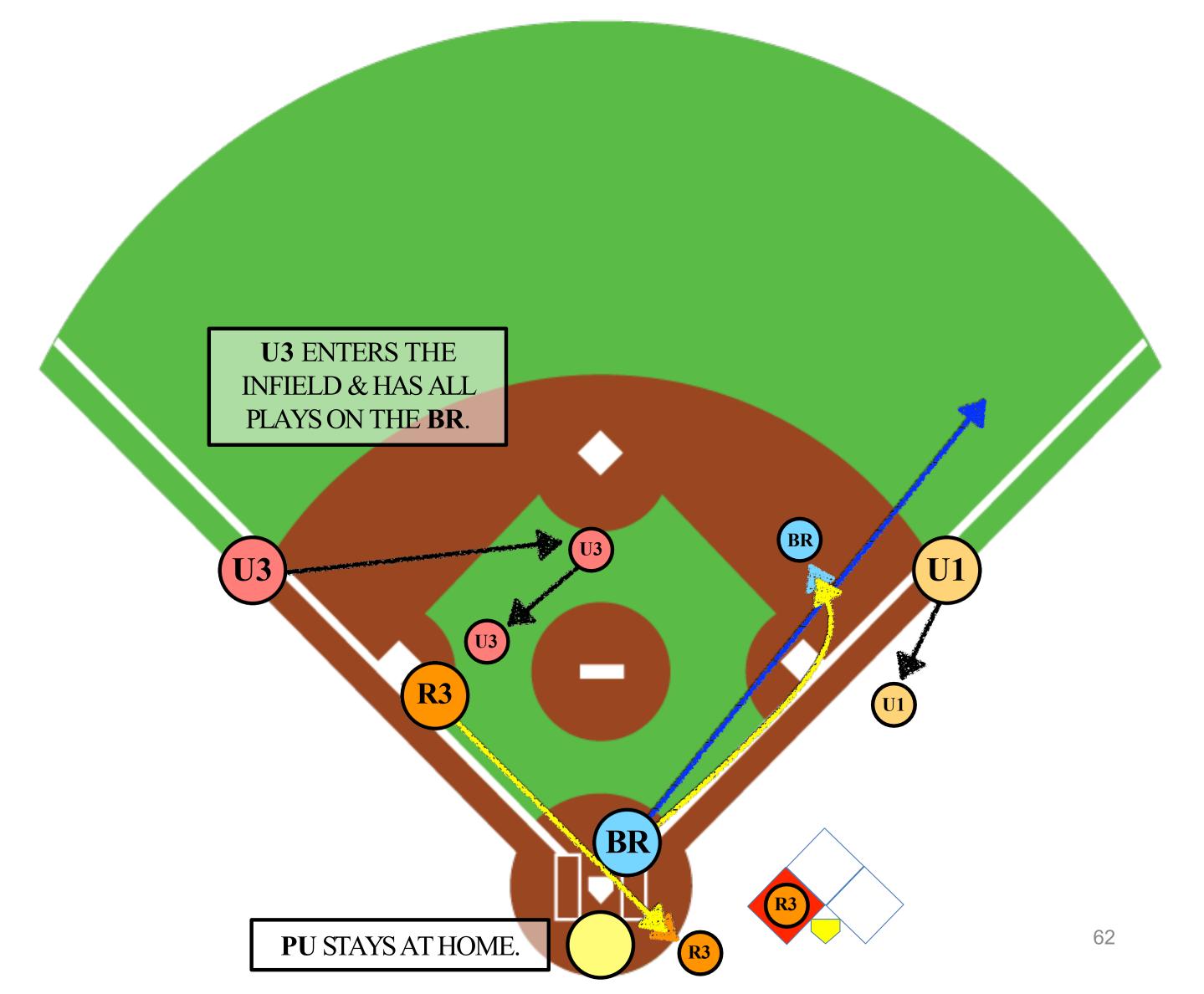


3 UMPIRE MECHANICS CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD





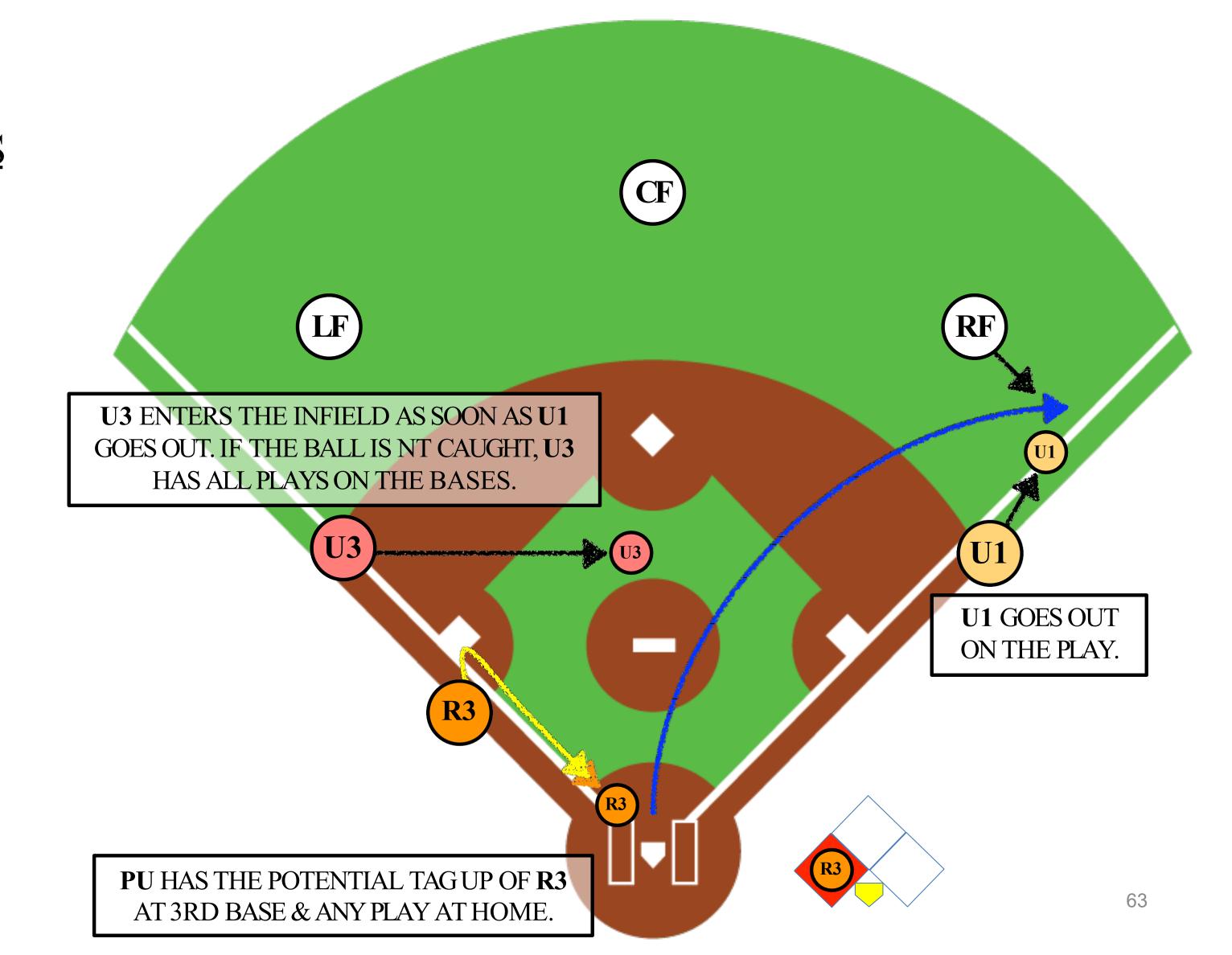
- BR Base Runner
- R3 Runner on 3rd
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





FLY BALL TO RIGHT LINE - CATCH

- **CF** Center Field
- **RF** Right Field
- LF Left Field
- Fly Ball CATCH
- Runner on 2nd
- Runner on 3rd
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire





FLY BALL TO RIGHT LEFT CENTRE FIELD - CATCH

- **(CF)** Center Field
- (RF) Right Field
- LF Left Field
- Fly Ball CATCH
- Runner on 2nd
- Runner on 3rd
- U3) 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire

