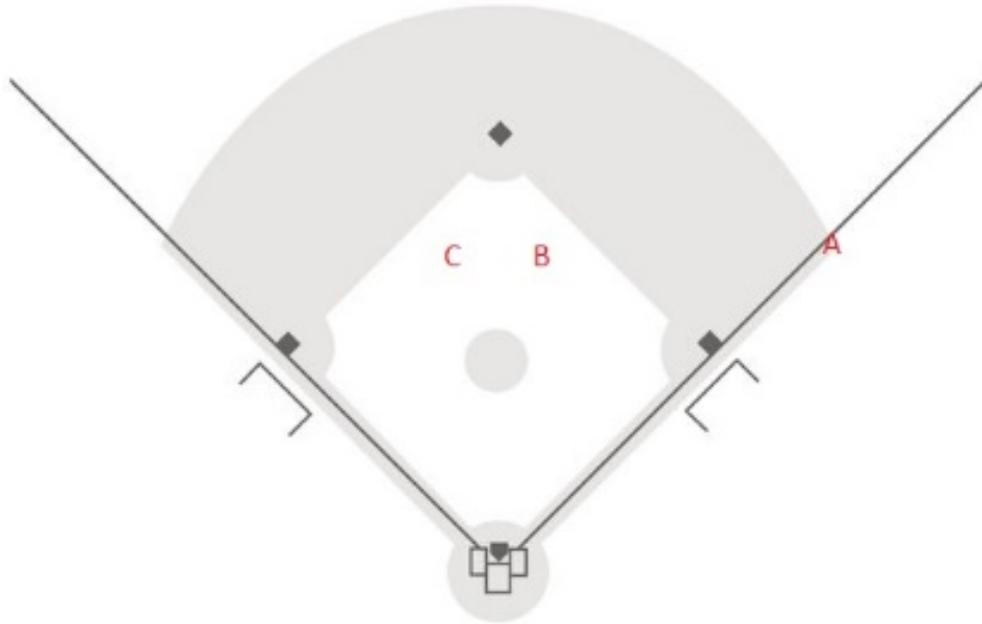


Field Positioning

There are three basic field positions for the umpire out in the field. They are simply referred to as position "A", "B", and "C". You will change positions according to where runners are. Here is a diagram of the three positions:



A – You will be in this position when there are no base runners. You are responsible for all plays at 1st, 2nd, and 3rd base. You are also responsible for a "Fair/Foul" call on any ball that bounces past 1st base. Your partner may also appeal to you on check swings. Lastly, you have responsibility for trouble balls if your partner and you are using rotations (Advanced Mechanic). Not necessary for coach pitch.

B – You will be in this position when there is a runner on first or with runners on first and third. You will need to be able to see pickoffs at 1st/3rd from this position as well as plays at any base unless you are doing rotations, which are advanced mechanics. Not necessary for coach pitch. Your partner may appeal to you on check swings. You are on an imaginary straight line from the tip of home plate through the edge of the dirt on the mound. Midway between the mound and second base.

C - This position is reserved for ANYTIME there is a runner on second or third. If you have a runner on either one of those bases, you should be in C. This is where you will be with bases loaded as well. Same position as B, just on the other side of the mound.

Keep in mind- With any number of umpires (2, 3, 4, even 6), the key is to always keep an umpire one base ahead of the runners. For two-man umpiring: A is ahead of a batter-runner at the plate, B is ahead of a runner at first, C is ahead of the runner at 2nd. Home plate umpire is ahead of the runner on 3rd for plays at home. Also think about this: Where is the most likely play going to occur next? 80% of plays are at 1st base!