

# First Base Skills

## *Defensive Responsibilities.*

- Keep the runner from advancing, either by making the out or stopping an overthrow.
- Playing short : no attempt to get back to first will make tag and keep runner on third from scoring. Yells “short to alert team mates.
- Show glove as a target call fielders name to help locate the target.
- Cutoff person on throws home, assume position near rubber.
- Help catcher locate foul balls.
- Back up catcher on first and third plays and backing up second base on throws from left and center filed.
- Runner on second or third, assume going home on a play to first. Push off the base and get into the infield to make an unobstructed play.
- Runner advancing to second, from first, after force at first yell tag.

## ***Fly Ball Priority***

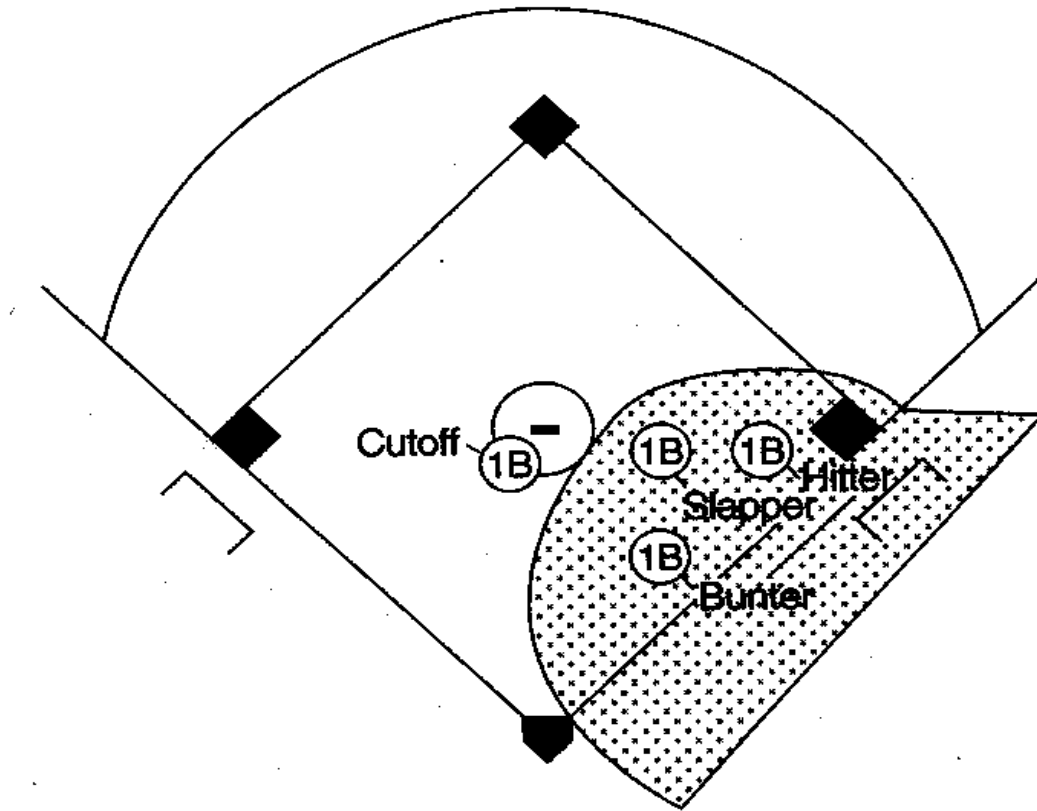
### **Priority Over**

Pitcher, catcher

### **No Priority**

2nd base, right field

## 1<sup>st</sup> Base Basic Position and Coverage



**Figure 3.1** First baseman's basic positioning and coverage area.

- **Hitter** : Three to four feet in front of the base and two - three feet in from the line.
- **Bunter**: As close as necessary to field the bunt but still have time to get back and cover.  $1/2$  to  $2/3$  the distance to the plate.
- **Slapper**: Half way between the two shading toward the pitcher.

