

Defense

Baseball is a game of movement. When baseball is played properly, **every player** on defense moves when the ball is hit.

Every player expects the ball to come to them on every swing and should develop a **routine of readiness**.

Think before Every Play

1. How many outs do we have?
2. Are there runners on base and where's the lead runner?
3. Where are my force outs?

Know what you're going to do when
the ball is hit to you.

Know what you're going to do when
the ball is not hit to you.

Every player has a job to do **on every play** no matter where the ball is hit or where the runners are.

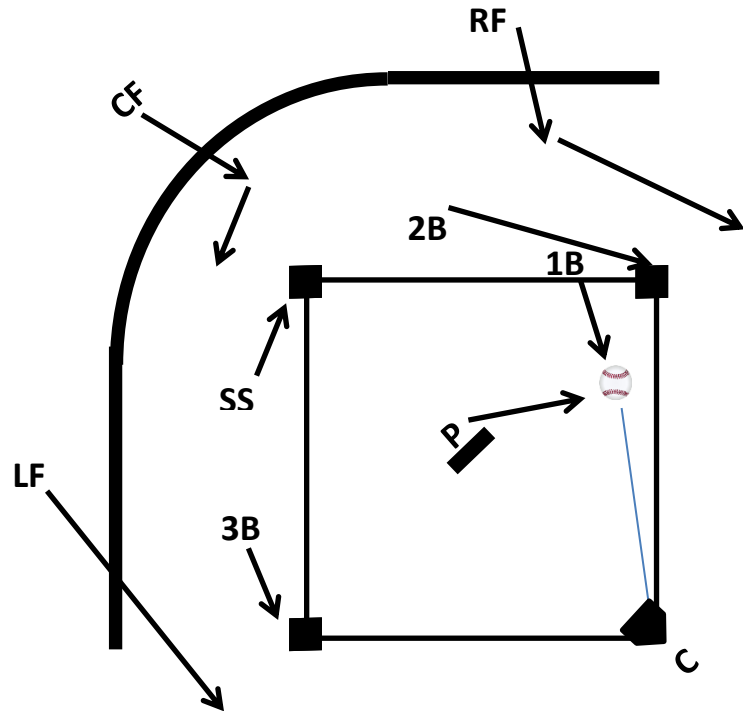
Defensive Jobs In Order (The 3 B's)

1. **Ball** – if the ball comes in your direction, your job is to move into position and field the **Ball**
2. **Base** - if you're not fielding the ball and you're an infielder, your job is to cover your assigned **Base**
3. **Backup** - if you're not fielding the ball or covering your assigned base, your job is to **Backup** the player fielding the ball or **Backup** the closest base for overthrows

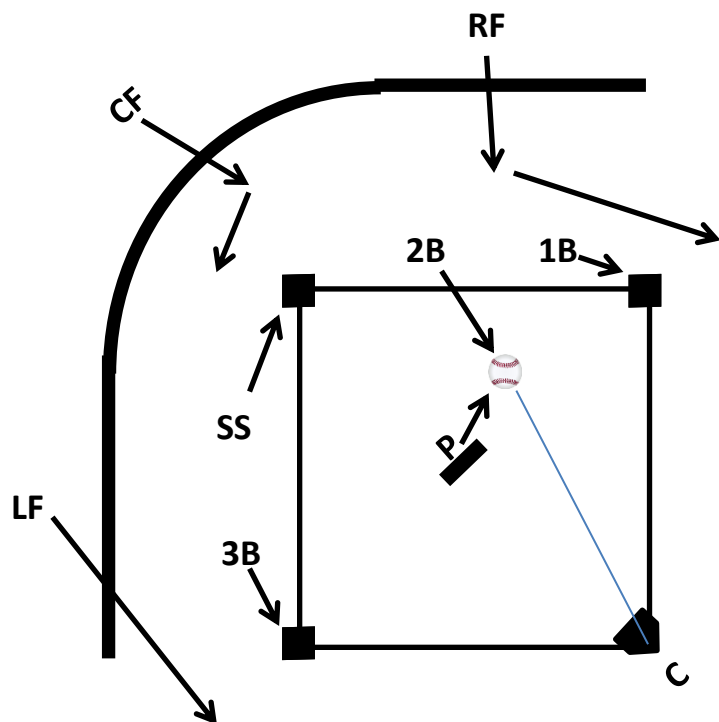
When you **Backup**, you should be in a good position to stop the ball if it is missed, but not too close that you get in the way of your teammate or that you cannot make a play if it is missed or overthrown. Your job is to **Backup** the play if it is missed by your teammate which means you should **back up**.

Infield Hits – Position Responsibilities

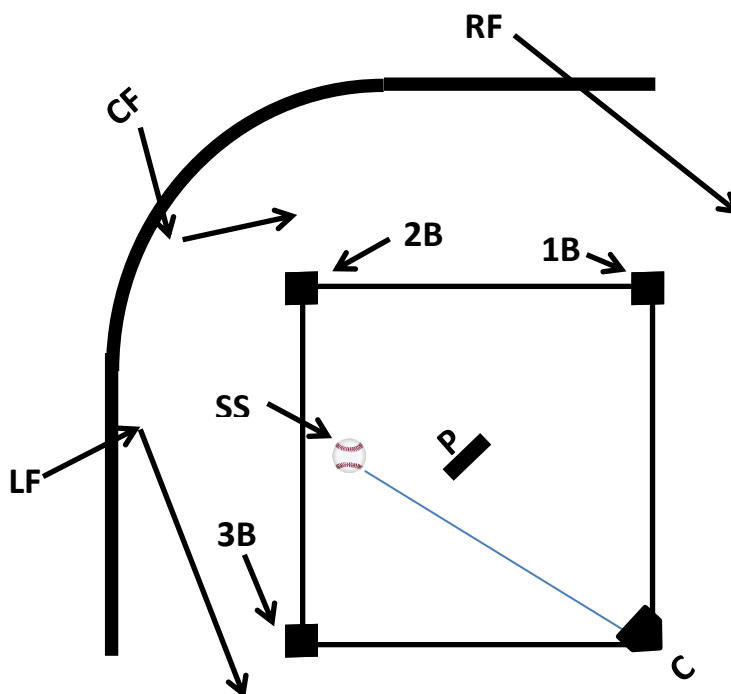
Hit to First



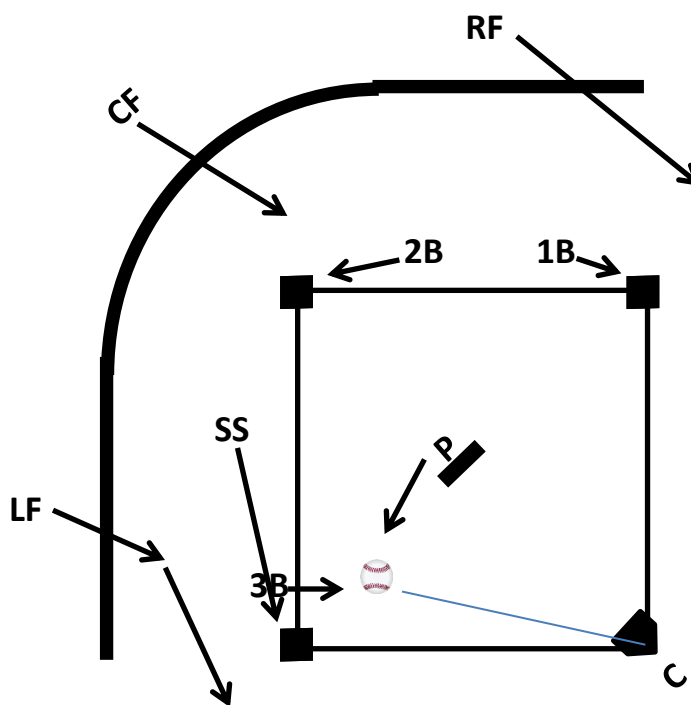
Hit to Second



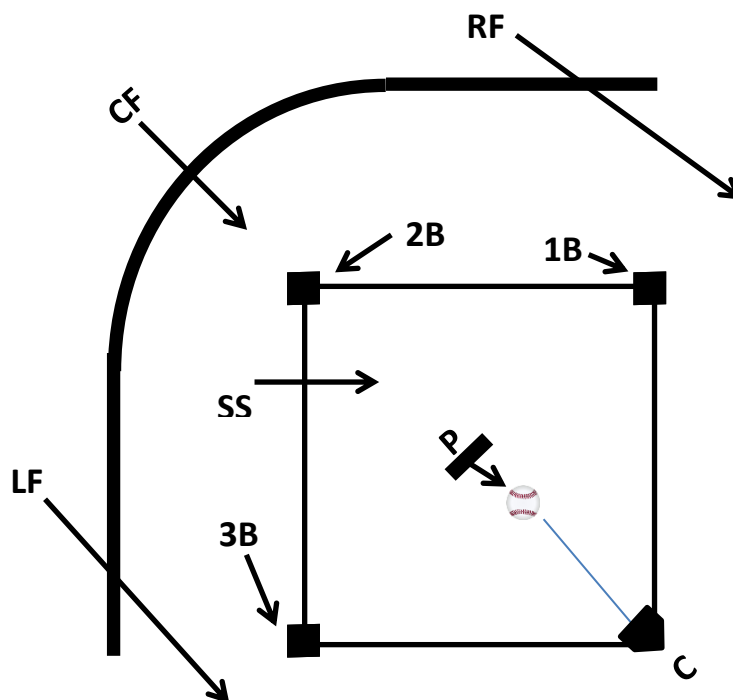
Hit to Short



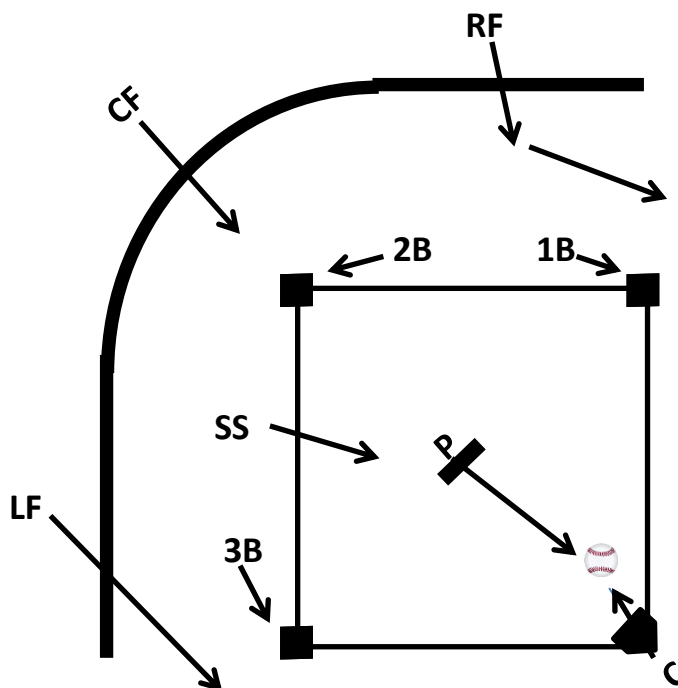
Hit to Third



Hit to Pitcher

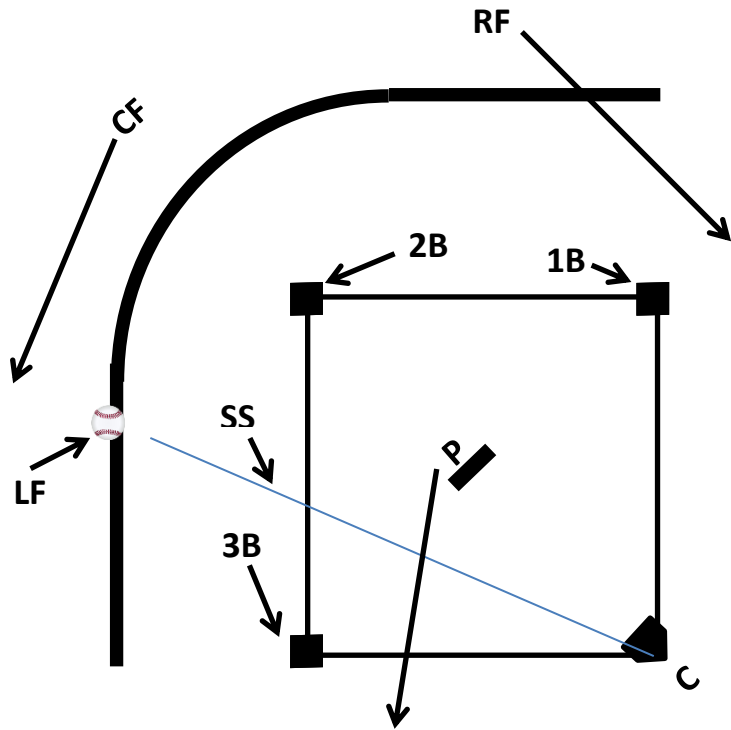


Hit in Front of Home

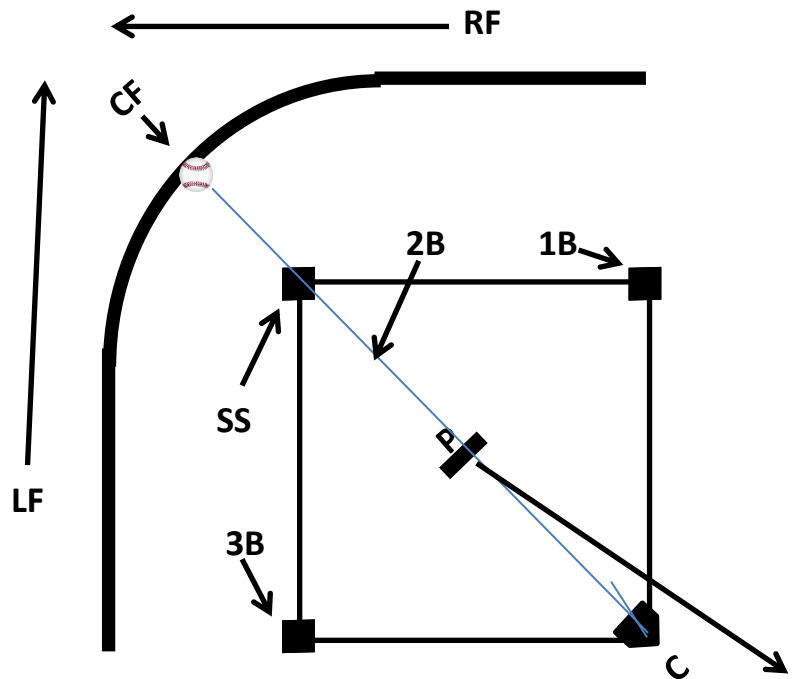


Outfield Hits – Position Responsibilities

Hit to Left



Hit to Center



Hit to Right

