



## AIA 2 Man Mechanics:

The mechanics and rotations used will be outlined below and may or may not follow NFHS Umpires manual. These mechanics and rotations will be an addendum to the Umpires Manual, and are adopted by AIA for use by all AIA umpires. **UIC** will be the plate umpire and **U1** will be the base umpire.

### **Overview:**

- A) There will be four basic rotations 3 scenarios for each rotation including when an umpire goes out on the play.
- B) U1 will go out on all trouble balls when in position A. Trouble balls will be converging fielders, ball challenging a wall, ball challenging a foul line, a potential catch made below the waist.
  - i. An umpire on the inside of the diamond will NOT go out on (cross the dirt infield) on any catch / no-catch.
  - ii. U1 will only go out from position A when trouble ball is hit to the right fielder or to the center fielder straight in or straight back. If center fielder's chest is facing U1 then his responsibility.
- C) U1 will have all responsibilities (except for touches at 3<sup>rd</sup>) for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, base when a batted ball stays on the infield or is played by an infielder (unless U1 has gone out for trouble ball)

### **Basic Responsibilities:**

- A) **Fair / Foul**- UIC has all responsibilities to the bag, and IF no umpire on the line, past the bag. An umpire on a foul line has the ball once past the bag.
- B) **Overthrows**- the UIC will have responsibility on all overthrows going towards dead ball territory with one exception. The exception is when U1 goes out on trouble ball and then assumes home plate responsibility if batter runner advances past 3<sup>rd</sup> base.
- C) **Touch / No Touch, Obstruction**- the umpire who has the responsibility to make any out / safe call on any runner at any base ALSO has the responsibility of whether that runner touched the base, left early or was obstructed.
  - \*This serves to outline responsibilities; however each umpire should try and gather as much information as possible so they may give help if asked.
- D) **Catch / No Catch**- see NFHS Umpires Manual for all catches on the infield. Outfield catch/no catch responsibility will be covered by addendums "Outfield #1, & #2".
- E) **Umpire Signals**- see NFHS Umpires Manual

### **Rotations:**

#### **1) No Runners on Base:**

Starting Positions: U1- A position, UIC- Plate

*-Batted Ball stays in the infield*

**UIC**- clears the catcher and moves to the 1<sup>st</sup> base 45 foot line, straddling foul line. Rule on runner's lane violation. Move off the foul line, towards dead ball territory, on all overthrows.

**U1** -moves into normal position for play at 1<sup>st</sup> base using degree angle theory. Ready to move inside should runner try and advance (overthrows etc.)

*-Clean Base Hit to Outfield*

**UIC**- clears catcher and comes out from behind home plate, remaining in dirt circle area.

**U1**- moves inside and has all responsibilities at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

*-Fly Ball to Outfield (trouble ball)*

**UIC**- Clears catcher and reads U1's actions. Move out towards 1<sup>st</sup> base side of pitchers circle watching ball and glancing at runners. Has all responsibilities for batter/runner into 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

**U1**- reads trouble ball and goes out, rules on fair/foul and catch/no catch. Once batter/runner has committed to 3<sup>rd</sup>, U1 should be rotating home for possible play at plate.

**Runner at 1<sup>st</sup> Base Only (1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> rotation in effect):**

Starting Position: U1- "B" position.

*-Batted Ball stays on the infield, double play potential:*

**UIC**- clears the catcher and moves initially towards 3<sup>rd</sup> base (until reading that the ball is being played by infielder) observing the play at 2<sup>nd</sup> base and works back to first base line extended for play at 1<sup>st</sup> base. This movement should occur on the foul side of 3<sup>rd</sup> base line.

**U1**- moves into position for play at 2nd base (responsible for force play slide rule infraction) then pivots and takes read steps for play at 1<sup>st</sup> base. U1 stays with play at 2<sup>nd</sup> base until the throw to first is made. U1 will pivot towards first base with their head still facing the player at 2<sup>nd</sup> base, only releasing their eyes to 1<sup>st</sup> once the throw has been made. U1 has all coverage at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> if the batted ball stays on the infield.

*-Clean Base Hit to Outfield*

**UIC**- rotates towards 3<sup>rd</sup> base into "Library", communicating to U1 that "I've got 3<sup>rd</sup> if he comes". If play (ball & runner) develops, move inside (grass cutout) for play. If no play (ball & runner) then remain outside in "Library". UIC has all plays at home plate should they develop.

**U1**- has all responsibilities at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> base for all runners, watching ball and glancing at runners. Once UIC has committed to coverage of 3<sup>rd</sup> base, U1 should move towards 1<sup>st</sup> base (1<sup>st</sup> base side of working area) for any potential play at 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> base.

**\*\*\*Please note that if ball is hit into outfield gap and no realistic play at 3<sup>rd</sup> exists then rotation is off and U1 has all plays on all runners except at home plate. UIC shall communicate to U1 that "I'm staying home".**

*-Fly ball to the Outfield*

**UIC**- clears the catcher and reads the fly ball catch/no catch responsibility. UIC has catch/no catch if the left or right fielder moves toward the foul line (see Outfield addendum). The rotation is **ON** if the ball is dropped and a potential play at 3<sup>rd</sup> base, by R1 exists. The rotation is **OFF** if the batted ball is caught. If UIC is covering official in right field, they will communicate to U1 that "I'm on the line". This communicates fly ball responsibility as well that the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> rotation is **OFF**. If the UIC is the covering official in left field they will communicate "I've got the ball" telling U1 that they have the catch/no catch and that the rotation is still potentially **ON**. If UIC does not

have catch/no catch responsibility the rotation is potential on if the ball is not caught. Remember no rotation is necessary if the ball is in the gap and no realistic play at third is possible or if the ball is caught and the runner retreats.

**U1**- has fly ball responsibility if the ball stays inside the "V" (see Outfield addendum). U1 also has tag up responsibility at 1<sup>st</sup> base, and ALL plays at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and possibly 3<sup>rd</sup> base. U1 will move into "the working area" and watch baseball and glance at runners, ALWAYS keeping chest to ball. If the ball is not caught then U1 will be ready for rotation of UIC up to 3<sup>rd</sup>. If the ball is caught U1 will work back to 1<sup>st</sup> base with the retreating runner.

**Runners at 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Bases (1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> rotation in effect):**

Starting Positions: U1- "B" position

*-Batted Ball Stays on Infield*

*\*Same as runner on 1st only except UIC remains at home plate for potential play by R3 coming home.*

*-Clean Base Hit to Outfield*

*\*Same as runner on 1<sup>st</sup> only with exception of UIC also has to watch the touch of home plate by R3*

*-Fly Ball to Outfield*

*\*No rotation, UIC must remain at home to view tag-up and for potential play at plate.*

**Runners at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Base:**

Starting Position: U1- "C" position.

*-Batted Ball Stays on Infield*

**UIC**- clears catcher and observes playing action. Remain in the dirt circle area of home plate.

**U1**- takes all plays at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> base and all touches at 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> base..

*-Clean Base Hit to Outfield*

**UIC**- all touches at 3<sup>rd</sup> base and all plays at the plate.

**U1**- has all plays at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> base. All touches at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> base.

*-\*\*Fly Ball to Outfield: runners tagging (double tag rotation)*

**UIC**- rotates to 3<sup>rd</sup> base extended (Library) for first play at 3<sup>rd</sup> base. If play (ball & runner) develops move inside to the grass cutout area for play. Rotate home if R2 advances past 3<sup>rd</sup> base, staying inside (fair territory).

**U1**- has tag up at 1<sup>st</sup> base and 2<sup>nd</sup> base. U1 has all touches at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> base as well as R1 into 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

**\*Please note that in the event that the outfielder does not make the catch, the rotation is off and U1 has all runners at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**\*\*If UIC has catch /no catch responsibilities (outside the "V") in right field then they communicate that "I'm on the line" which cancels the rotation.**

**Runner at 2<sup>nd</sup> Base Only (NO ROTATIONS)**

Starting Positions: U1- "C" position.

*\*U1 has tag-up at 2<sup>nd</sup> base and all runners at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> base.*

*\*UIC has all touches at 3<sup>rd</sup> base.*

*\*Catch/ No catch responsibilities are determined by the "V"*

**Runners at 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Base (NO ROTATIONS)**

Starting Positions: U1- "C" position.

*\*U1 has tag-up at 2<sup>nd</sup> base, all touches at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> base, and all runners at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> base.*

*\*UIC has tag up at 3<sup>rd</sup> and all touches at 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

*\*Catch/ No catch responsibilities are determined by the "V"*

**Runners at 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Only (NO ROTATIONS)**

Starting Positions: U1- "C" position.

*\*U1 has touches at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> base and all runners at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> base.*

*\*UIC has tag up and all touches at 3<sup>rd</sup> base.*

*\*Catch/ No catch responsibilities are determined by the "V"*

**Bases Loaded (NO ROTATIONS)**

Starting Positions: U1- "C" position.

*\*U1 has tag-up at 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> base and all runners at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> base.*

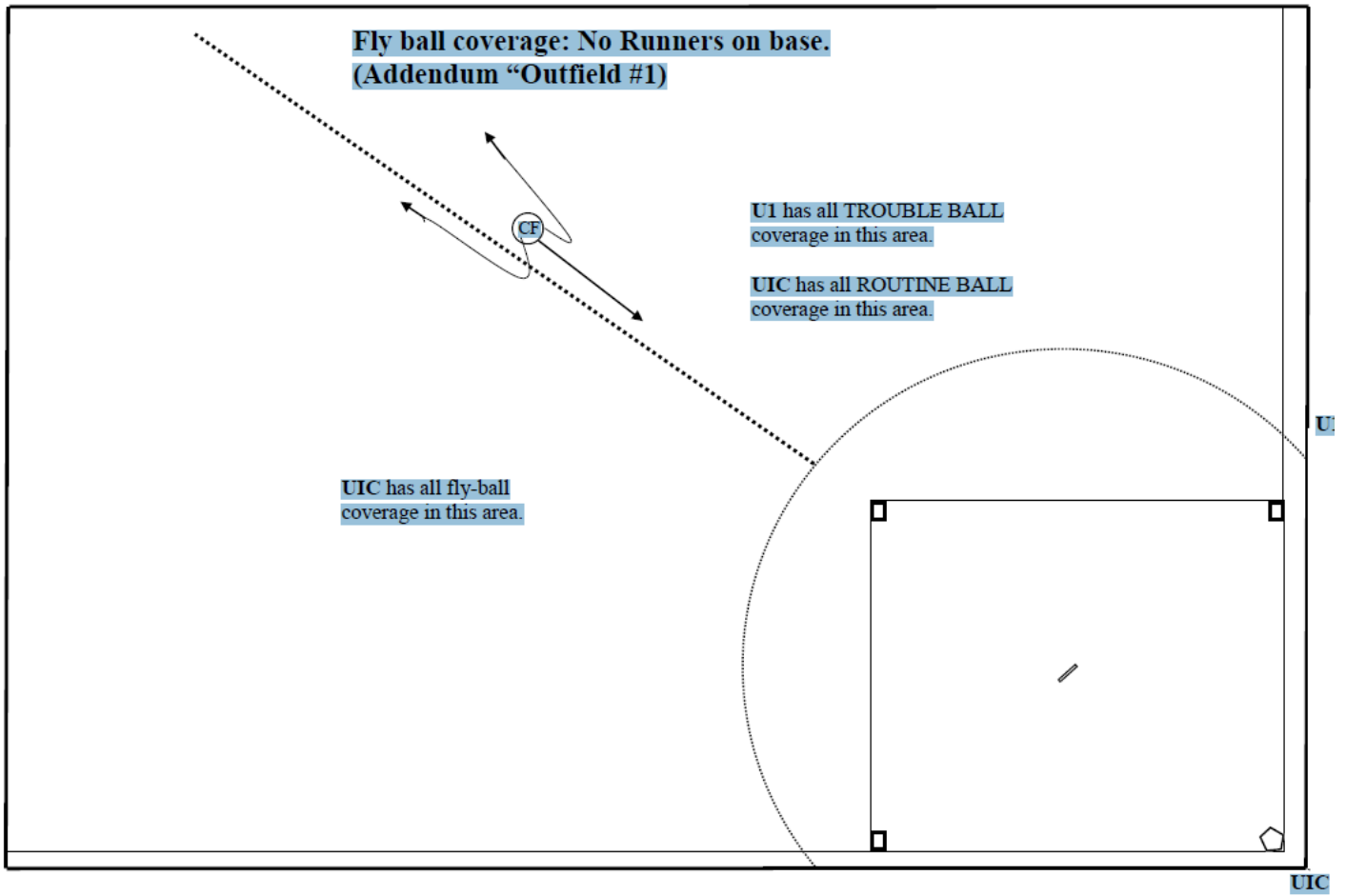
*\*UIC has tag up at 3<sup>rd</sup> base and all touches at 3<sup>rd</sup> base.*

*\*Catch/ No catch responsibilities are determined by the "V"*

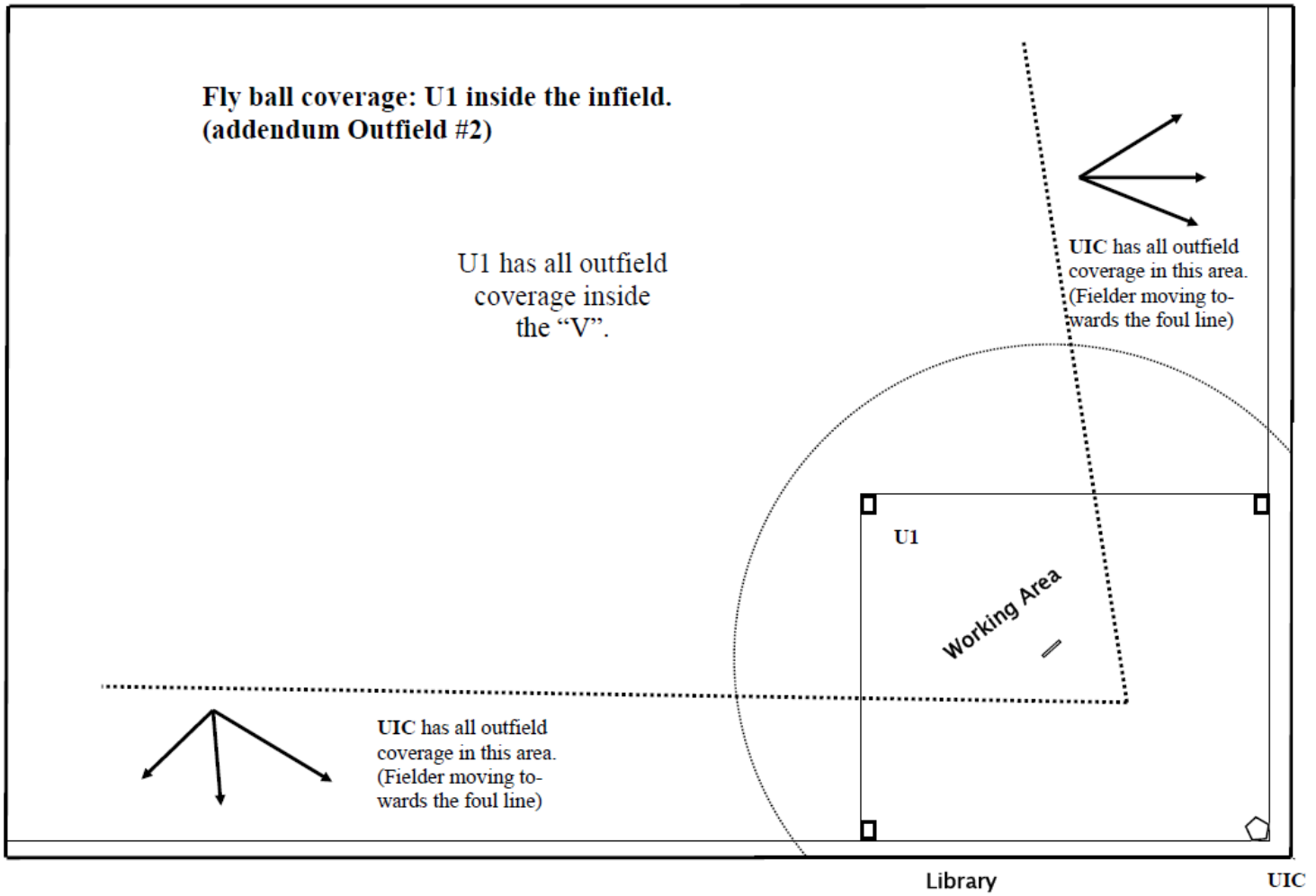
**Catch / No Catch Responsibilities:**

Starting Positions: U1- "A" position.

\*See Fly Ball coverage below.



Starting Positions: U1- "B" or "C" positions.



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