

DEFENSIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

THE 3 B'S OF BASEBALL DEFENCE

BALL "GO GET IT"

BASE "GET TO ONE"

BACKUP "BASE OR THROW"

BALL "GO GET IT"

- "GO GET IT" mentality. "I want the ball"

- first 2-5 steps of everyone on the field is "towards the ball"

- WHEN 2 OR MORE ARE GOING FOR IT... COMMUNICATE!!! IF NOT YOU... GOTO...

BASE "GET TO ONE"

- STAY IN MOTION AND GO TO YOUR BASE

- COMMUNICATE IF ITS YOUR ROLE. DIRECT CUTOFFS

BACKUP "BALL, BASE OR THROW"

- know your role, Ball/Backup/Cutoff... Base/Backup. read the play.

THINK "PLUS 1 RULE" "where else can we get we get an OUT

STOP TO BALL, GET OUTS AND STOP THE RUNNERS

PITCHER

BALL

Ball...Bunts and weak dribblers. .."go get it" or **COMMUNICATE** who should get it.

Ball..Infield Popups..."go get it" or **COMMUNICATE** who should get it.

BASE

Ground ball to your LEFT. Continue to 1B...gotta be automatic!!!!

Ground ball to your RIGHT. Continue to 3B

Pass Ball...GO to home plate

BACKUP

Balls to OF...back up wherever the throw should be going...2B, 3B or Home

CATCHER

TEAM COMMUNICATION COMMANDER

-Tells the team, outs, runners, reminders and any special instructions
(plays..1e: 1st and 3rd scenarios) **EVERY NEW BATTER.**

BALL

Bunts and Dribblers..."Go get it" or **COMMUNICATE** who's ball AND where to go with it.

Balls in dirt/Pass balls "Go Get it" 3rd strikes...LISTEN

BASE

Home Plate is yours

COMMUNICATE where BALL needs to go.

CALLS CUTS for plays to home and **COMMUNICATES** where the cutoff needs to throw the ball

BACKUP Throws to 1B from Right side of field.

SHORTSTOP

2nd TEAM COMMUNICATION COMMANDER..Reminds the P, INF and OF..outs and where the play is...Echo the Catcher.

BALL

GO get anything that can be got...**COMMUNICATE** over INFIELDERS. Priority over INFIELDERS, P and C.

CUTOFF'S from OF to 3B and 2B for LF/CF

BASE

2B-if not cutoff, goes to 2B. 3B when 3B is cut to home.

RUNNER ON 1st..2B-Pre Pitch **COMMUNICATES** with P and 2B who has bag on comebacker and steal.

3B-on specific Bunt plays.

BACKUP

Throws from C to P, C to 3B. Throws to 2B when 2B has bag

Balls hit to 3B, 2B

SECOND BASE

BALL

Anything that can be got. **COMMUNICATE** and Priority on popups behind 1B

CUTOFFS to 2B from RF/CF

BASE

2B on most plays. **COMMUNICATE directions to SS on cuts**

1B on Bunts where 1B is crashing.

BACKUP

Throws back to Pitcher..balls hit to 1B. balls hit to SS..2B when SS has bag.

FIRST BASE

BALL

Ground balls and pop ups..COMMUNICATE and take Priority over P and C on popups

CUTOFF on plays to home from CF and RF.

BASE

1B is always yours unless you are fielding the ball or cutoff to home.

2B on double cuts.

BACKUP

Throws to Home plate on Pass Balls. Throws to 2B from LF. Throws from 3B to P

THIRD BASE

BALL

Ground balls and pop ups..COMMUNICATE and take Priority over P and C on popups

CUTOFF on plays to home from LF

Bunts and dribblers...(unless pre-planned)

BASE

3B is yours unless you are fielding the ball or cutoff

BACKUP

Throws from RF to 2B, Throws to P from 1B.

LEFT FIELD

BALL

GO Get what you can. Priority on popups over 3B/SS IF COMMUNICATED

BASE

3B when no INF there.

BACKUP

Cf on Hits

2B on throws from RF. All THROWS to 3B..C to 3B

RIGHT FIELD

BALL

GO Get what you can. Priority on popups over 1B/2B IF COMMUNICATED

BASE

1B when no INF there

BACKUP

CF on Hits

2B on throws from LF...**1B** on throws from C, 3B, SS

CENTER FIELD

3rd COMMUNICATION COMMANDER...reminds LF,RF..outs and plays.

BALL

GO Get what you can. Priority on popups over 2B/SS/RF/LF.... IF

COMMUNICATED

BASE 2B when no INF there

BACKUP LF/RF on balls hit to them. **2B** on throws to 2B...C orP to 2B

COMMUNICATION

WHO TELLS WHO WHAT

OUTFIELDERS

PRE-BATTER AND EVERYTIME IT CHANGES

COACH TELLS PLAYERS WHERE TO PLAY...STRAIGHT UP OTHERWISE

CF tells LF AND RF....OUTS, RUNNERS...PLAY TO WHERE ON WHAT. (FLY BALL, ON GROUND)

LF AND RF ECHO CF....OR REMIND HIM.

ADVANCED...tell each other what this hitter did last time.

BALL HIT TO OUTFIELD

Whoever backs up the play tells whoever gets the ball where to throw it, who's the cutoff.

INFIELDERS

PRE-BATTER

COACH TELLS PLAYERS POSITIONING...STRAIGHT UP OTHERWISE

CATCHER..says outs and runners to everyone

CATCHER looks after Pitcher

SS advises P and C who has bag at 2B on steals and comebackers to P

SS reminds 3B/2B...2B reminds 1B...outs and plays.

BALLS to OUTFIELD

Catcher calls where play should be...CUTOFFS and BASES Covered C calls CUTS to home

3B calls cuts to 3B and SS/2B calls cuts to 2B