

DEFENSIVE SITUATIONS



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Fly ball to LF

No Runners on base

P: Move into back up position between mound and 2B.

C: Follow runner to 1B to back up for over throw.

1B: After seeing the runner touch 1B, cover the bag.

2B: Move into position to cover 2B, receive throw.

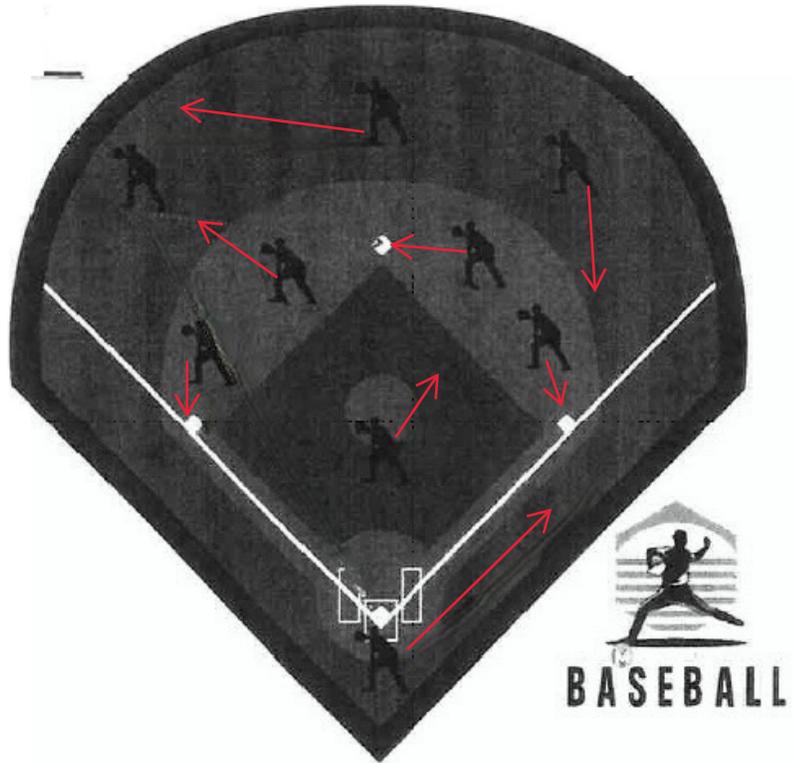
SS: Line up relay throw from LF.

3B: Stay close to 3B bag.

LF: Make a good hard throw to 2B, or hit cut-off if too far.

CF: Back up LF.

RF: Back up position toward infield



Fly ball to CF

No Runners on base

P: Move into back up position between mound and 2B.

C: Follow runner to 1B to back up for over throw.

1B: After seeing the runner touch 1B, cover the bag.

2B: If the ball is hit to SS side of 2B, cover the bag. Otherwise you are cut off.

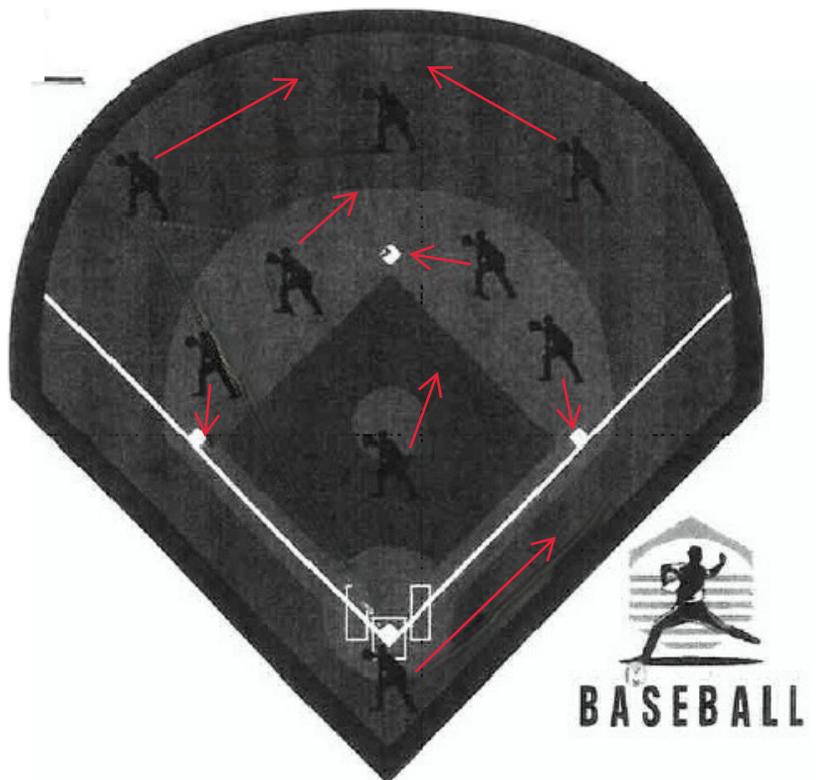
SS: If the ball is hit to 2B side of 2B, cover the bag. Otherwise you are cut off.

3B: Stay close to 3B bag.

LF: Back up CF.

CF: Throw to 2B or cut off.

RF: Back up CF.



Fly ball to RF

No Runners on base

P: Move into back up position between mound and SS position.

C: Follow runner to 1B to back up for over throw.

1B: After seeing the runner touch 1B, cover the bag.

2B: You are the cut off.

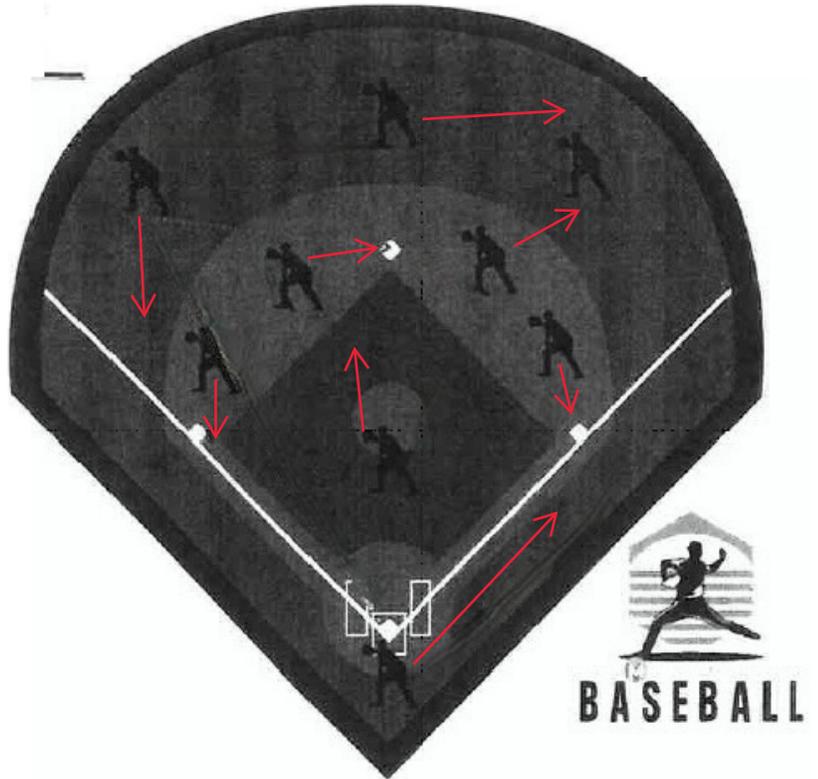
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Stay close to 3B bag.

LF: Move into backup position behind SS position.

CF: Back up RF.

RF: Throw to 2B or cut off.



Fly ball to LF

Runner on first base

P: Move into back up position between 3B and Home plate.

C: Protect home plate.

1B: After seeing the runner touch 1B, cover the bag.

2B: Cover 2B.

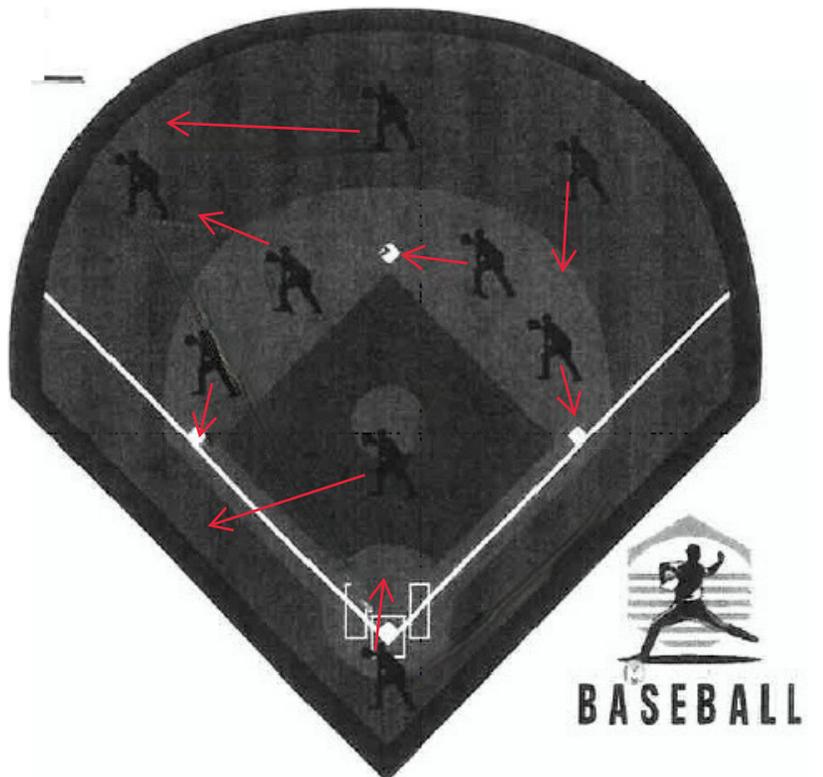
SS: You are the cut off.

3B: Cover 3B bag.

LF: Make throw to 3B or cut off.

CF: Back up LF.

RF: Move into back up position behind 2B position.



Fly ball to CF

Runner on first base

P: Move into back up position between 3B and Home plate.

C: Protect home plate.

1B: After seeing the runner touch 1B, cover the bag.

2B: Cover 2B.

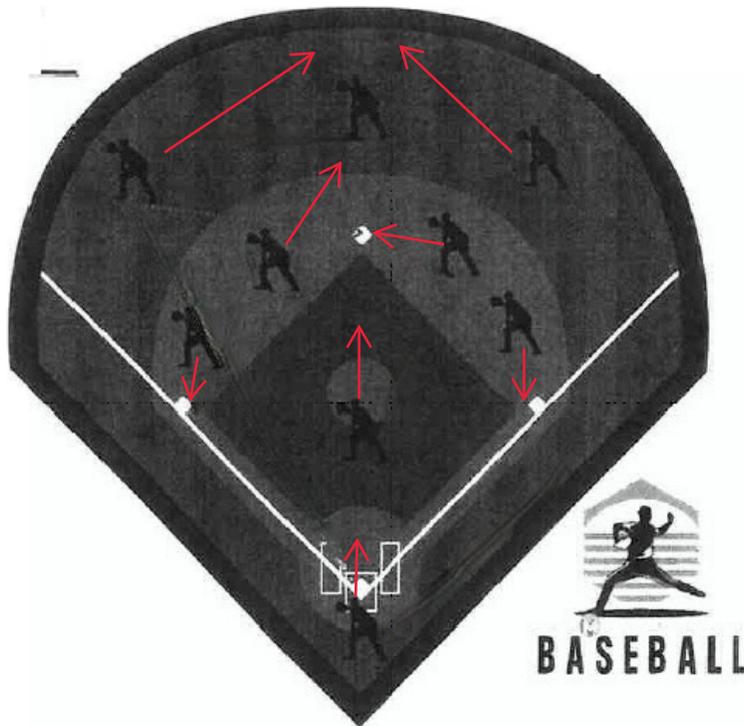
SS: You are the cut off.

3B: Cover 3B bag.

LF: Back up CF.

CF: Make throw to 3B or cut off.

RF: Back up CF.



Fly ball to RF

Runner on first base

P: Move into back up position between 3B and Home plate.

C: Protect home plate.

1B: After seeing the runner touch 1B, cover the bag.

2B: Cover 2B.

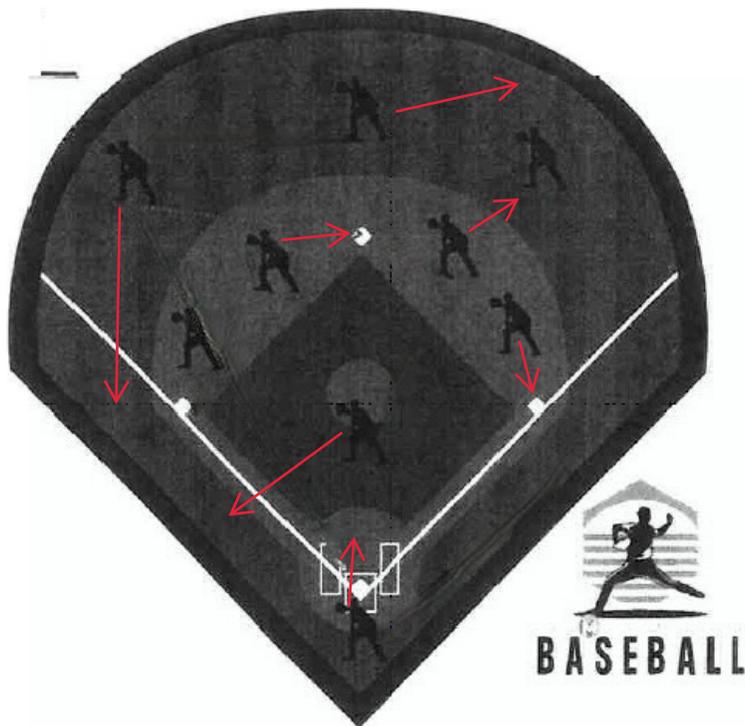
SS: You are the cut off.

3B: Cover 3B bag.

LF: Back up 3B.

CF: Back up RF.

RF: Make throw to 3B or cut off.



Fly ball to LF

Runner on second base

P: Move into back up position between 3B and Home plate.

C: Protect home plate. Be ready for throw.

1B: After seeing the runner touch 1B, cover the bag.

2B: Cover 2B.

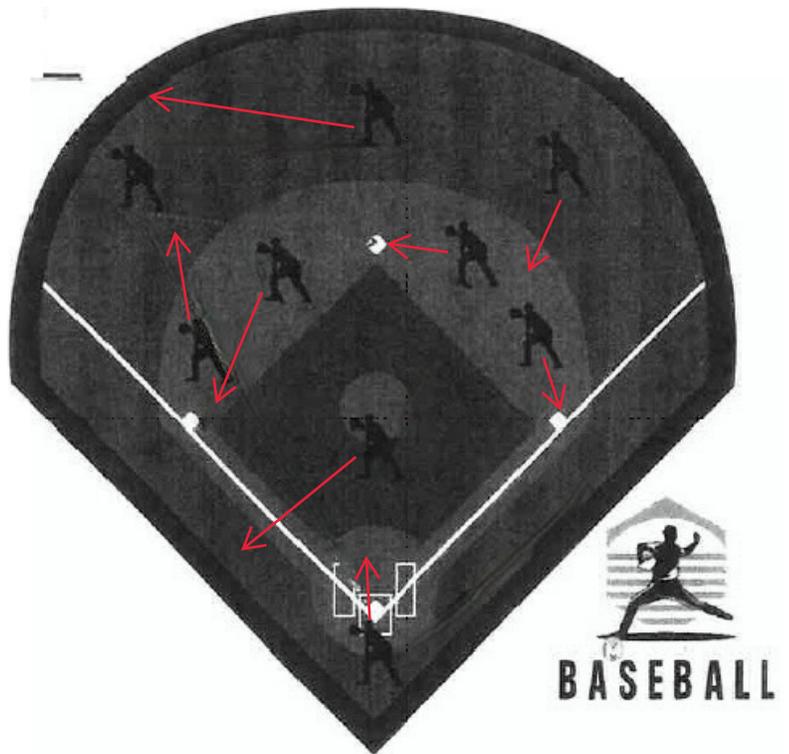
SS: Cover 3B bag.

3B: You are the cut for a throw home.

LF: Make throw to home or cut off.

CF: Back up LF.

RF: Move towards infield for possible back up.



Fly ball to CF

Runner on second base

P: Move into back up position behind Home plate.

C: Protect home plate. Be ready for throw.

1B: You are the cut for a throw home.

2B: Cover 1B.

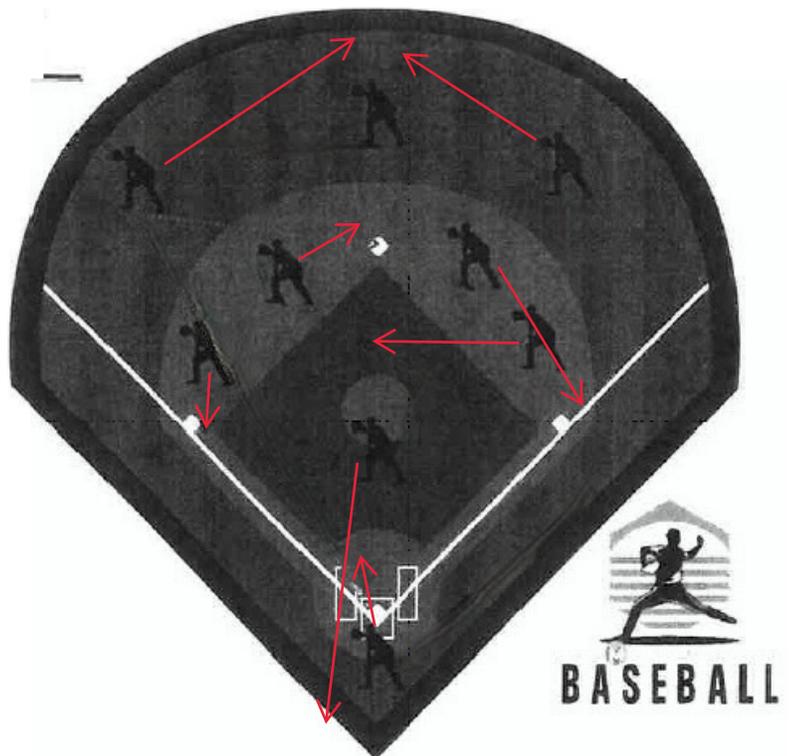
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Cover 3B bag.

LF: Back up CF.

CF: Make throw to home or cut off.

RF: Back up CF.



Fly ball to RF

Runner on second base

P: Move into back up position behind Home plate.

C: Protect home plate. Be ready for throw.

1B: You are the cut off for a throw home.

2B: Cover 1B.

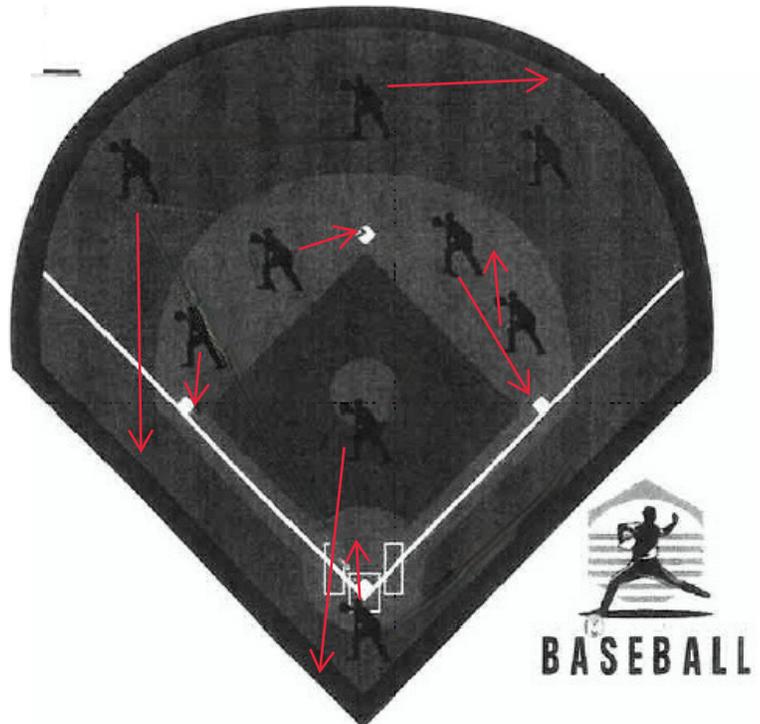
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Cover 3B bag.

LF: Move into back up position behind 3B.

CF: Back up RF.

RF: Make throw to home or cut off.



Grounder to 3B

No Runners on Base

P: Move into position to cover Home plate.

C: Follow the runner to 1B to back up for over throw.

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: Cover 2B.

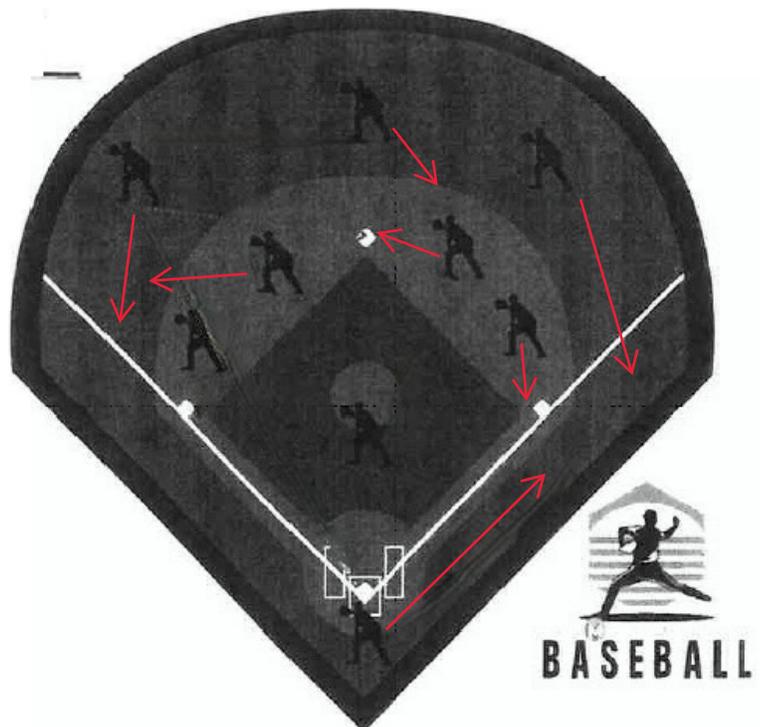
SS: Back up 3B.

3B: Field ball and throw to 1B.

LF: Move into back up position behind 3B.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B.

RF: Move into back up position behind 1B.



Grounder to SS

No Runners on Base

P: Move into position to cover 3B.

C: Follow the runner to 1B to back up for over throw.

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: Cover 2B.

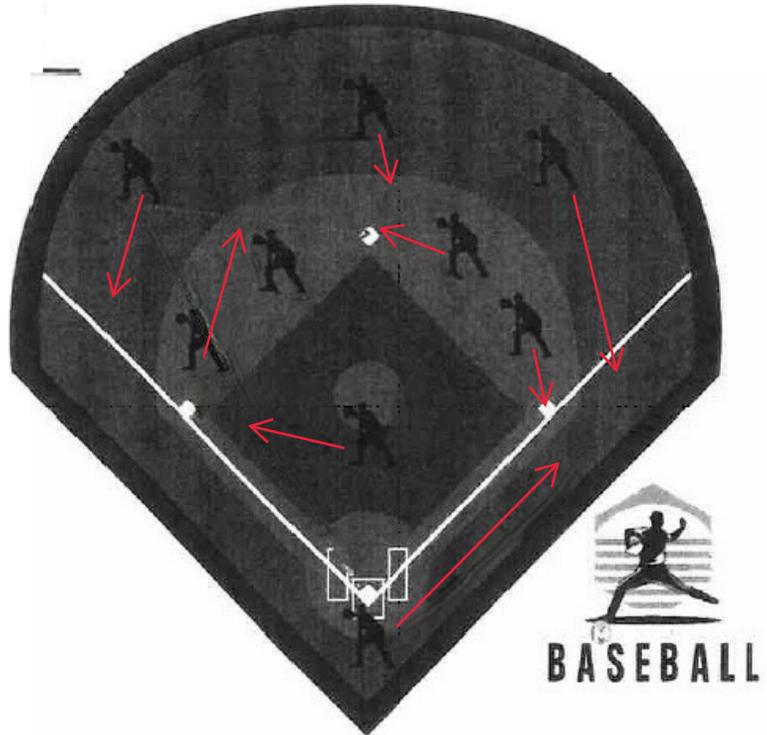
SS: Field ball and throw to 1B.

3B: Back up SS.

LF: Move into back up position behind SS.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B.

RF: Move into back up position behind 1B.



Grounder to 2B

No Runners on Base

P: Move into position to cover Home Plate.

C: Follow the runner to 1B to back up for over throw.

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: Field ball and throw to 1B.

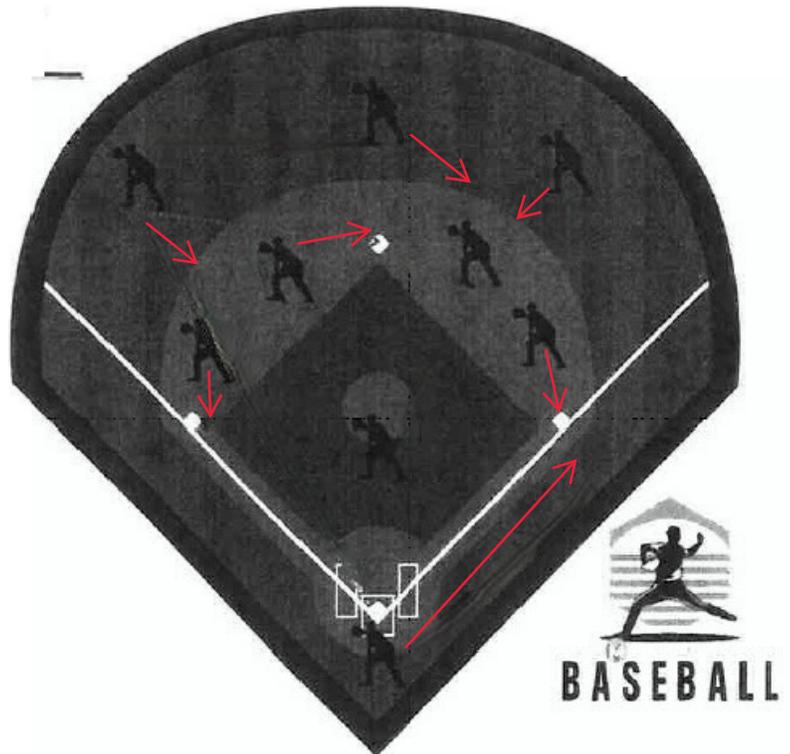
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move into back up position behind SS.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B.

RF: Move into back up position behind 2B.



Grounder to 1B

No Runners on Base

P: Move into position to cover 1B.

C: Follow the runner to 1B to back up for over throw.

1B: Field ball and run/throw to 1B.

2B: Back up 1B.

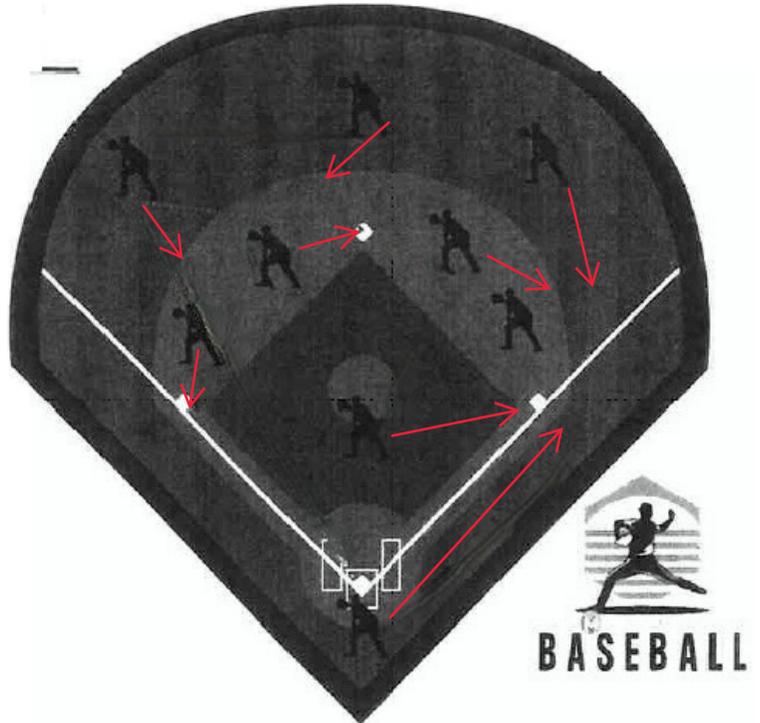
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move into back up position behind SS.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B.

RF: Move into back up position behind 1B.



Grounder to P

No Runners on Base

P: Field ball and throw to 1B

C: Follow the runner to 1B to back up for over throw.

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: Back up P.

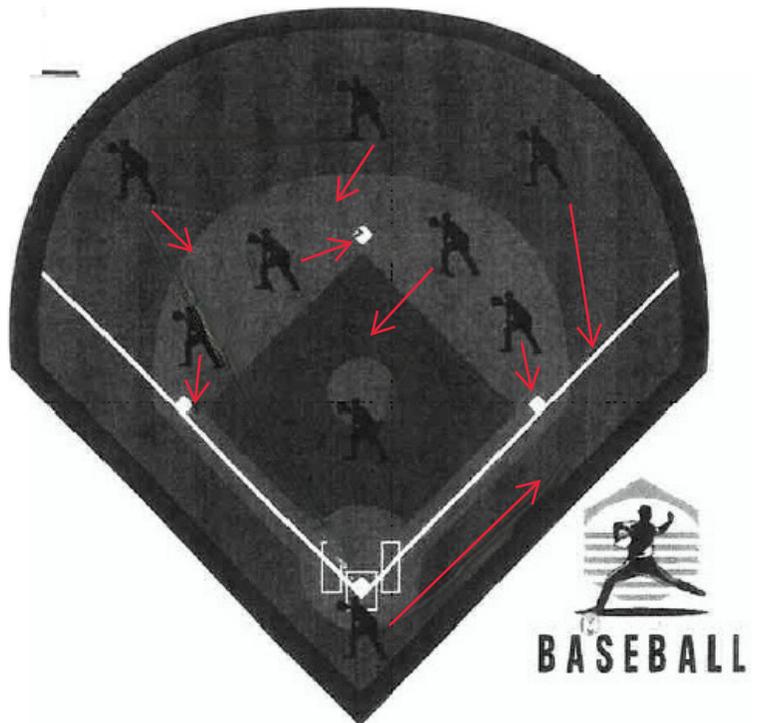
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move into back up position behind SS.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B.

RF: Move into back up position behind 1B.



Grounder to 3B

Runner on First Base

P: Move into position to cover 3B.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: Cover 2B.

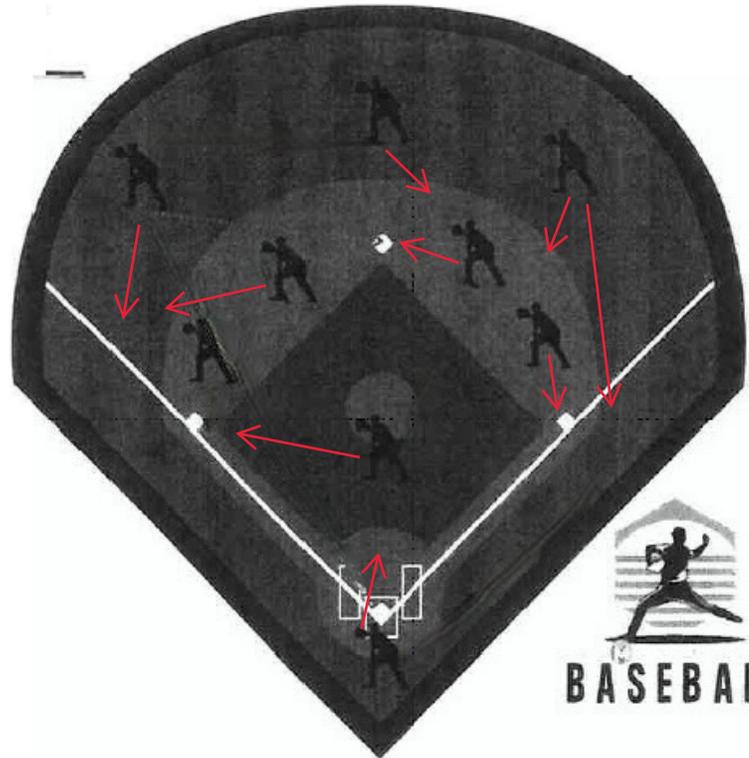
SS: Back up 3B.

3B: Field ball and throw to 2B.

LF: Move into back up position behind 3B.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B.

RF: Move into back up position behind 2B.



Grounder to SS

Runner on First Base

P: Move into position to cover 3B.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: Cover 2B.

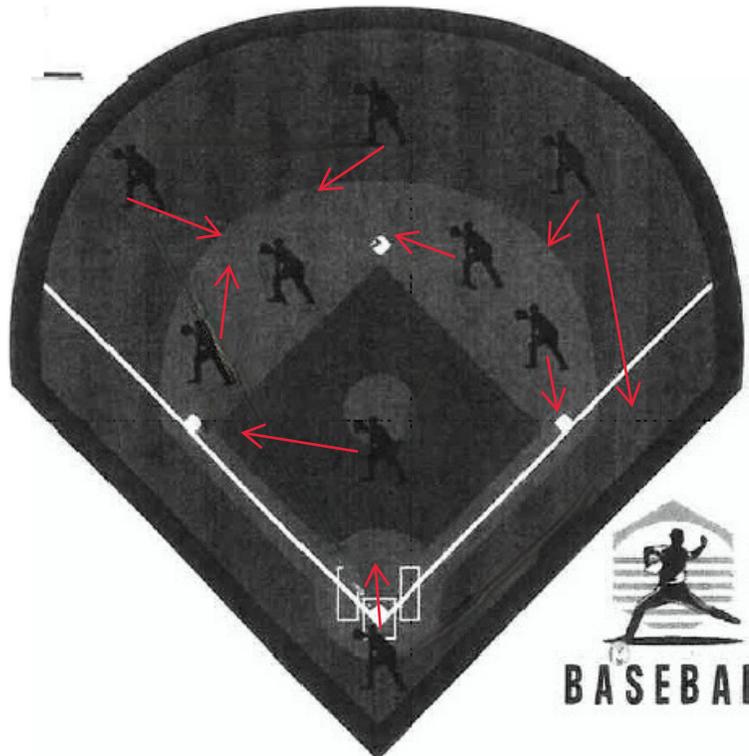
SS: Field ball and throw to 2B.

3B: Back up SS.

LF: Move into back up position behind SS.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B.

RF: READ: Angle for overthrow on feed. Then backup 1B



Grounder to 2B

Runner on First Base

P: Move into position to back up 1B.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: Field ball and throw to 2B.

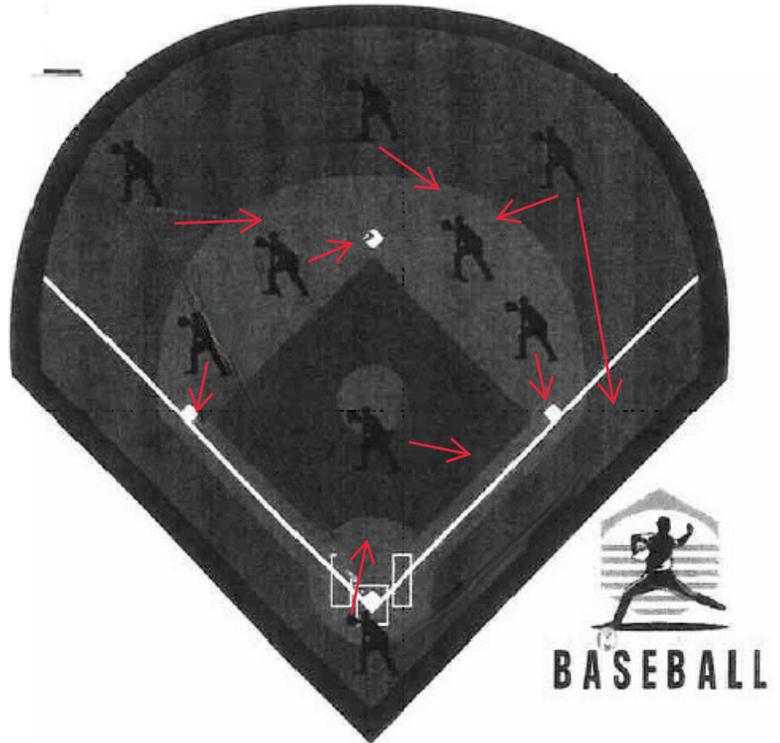
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move into back up position behind SS for over throw.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B for over throw.

RF: READ: Angle for 2B backup. Then move toward 1B overthrow.



Grounder to 1B

Runner on First Base

P: Move into position to cover 1B.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: If the play takes you towards 2nd base, field ball and throw to 2B. Otherwise, step on 1B.

2B: Back up 1B.

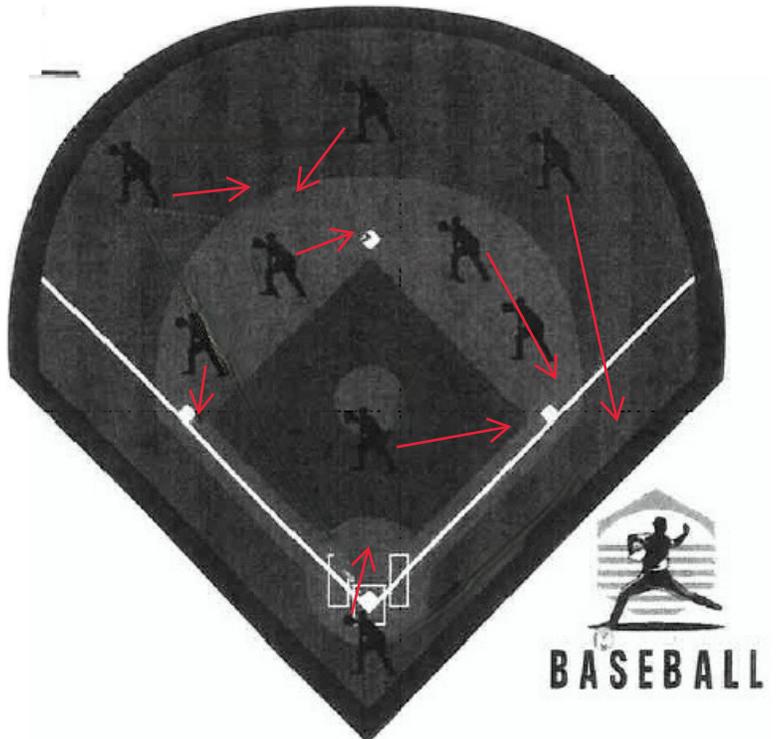
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move into back up position behind SS for over throw.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B for over throw.

RF: Move into back up position behind 1B.



Grounder to P

Runner on First Base

P: Field ball and throw to 2B.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: Back up P.

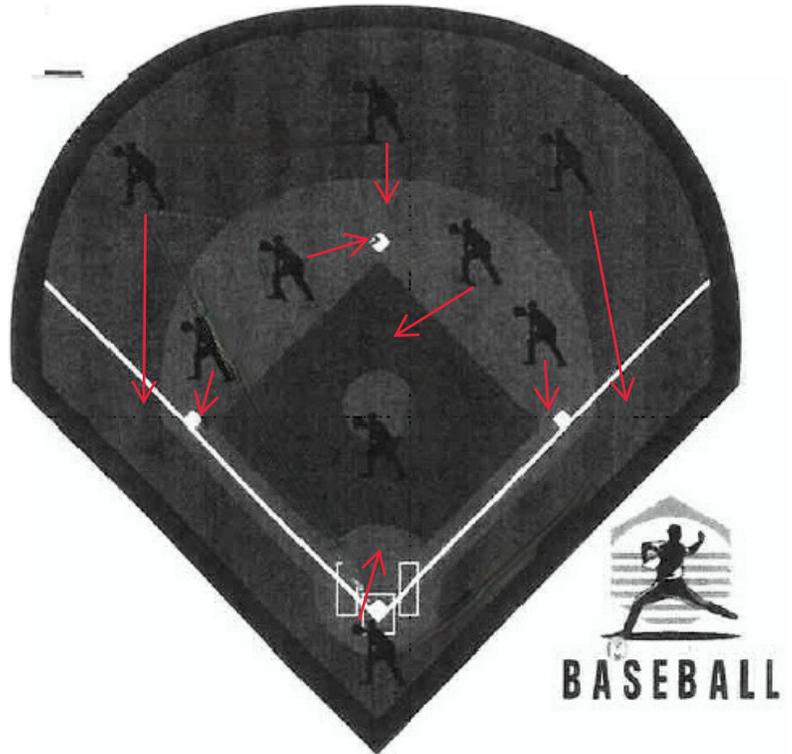
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move into back up position behind 3B for over throw.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B for over throw.

RF: Move into back up position behind 1B.



Grounder to 3B

Runner on Second Base

P: Cover 3B.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: Cover 2B.

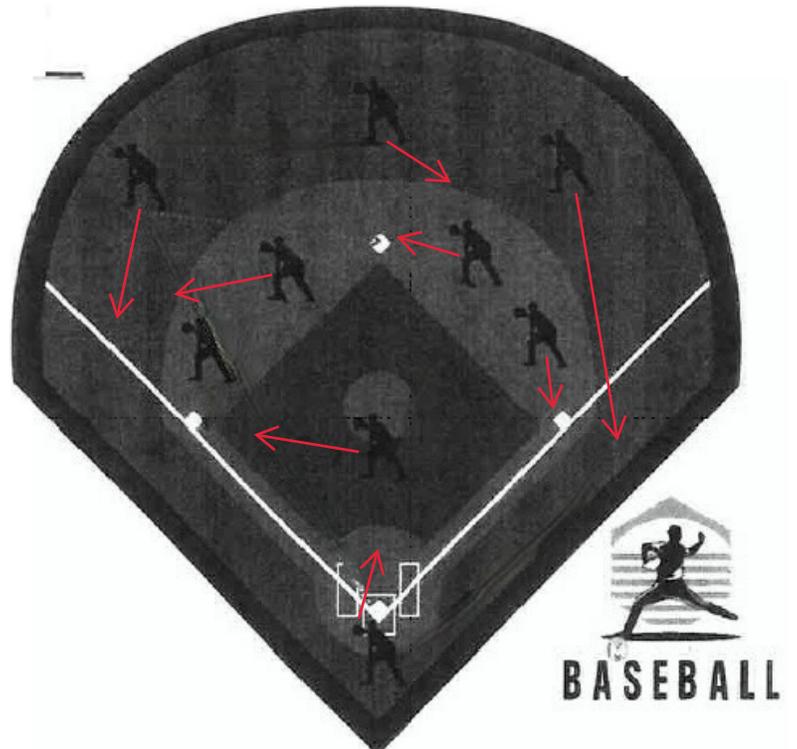
SS: Back up 3B.

3B: Hold the runner with your eyes and throw to 1B.

LF: Move into back up position behind 3B.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B for over throw.

RF: Move into back up position behind 1B.



Grounder to SS

Runner on Second Base

P: Cover 3B.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: Cover 2B.

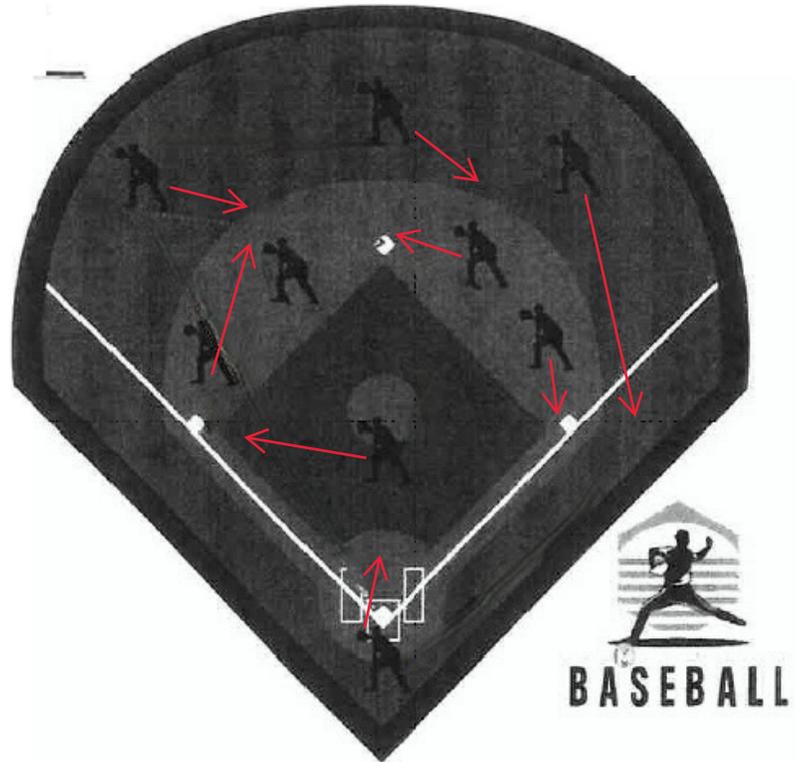
SS: Hold the runner with your eyes and throw to 1B.

3B: Back up SS.

LF: Move into back up position behind SS.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B for over throw.

RF: Move into back up position behind 1B.



Grounder to 2B

Runner on Second Base

P: Move to a back up position between Home Plate and 1B.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: Hold the runner with your eyes and throw to 1B.

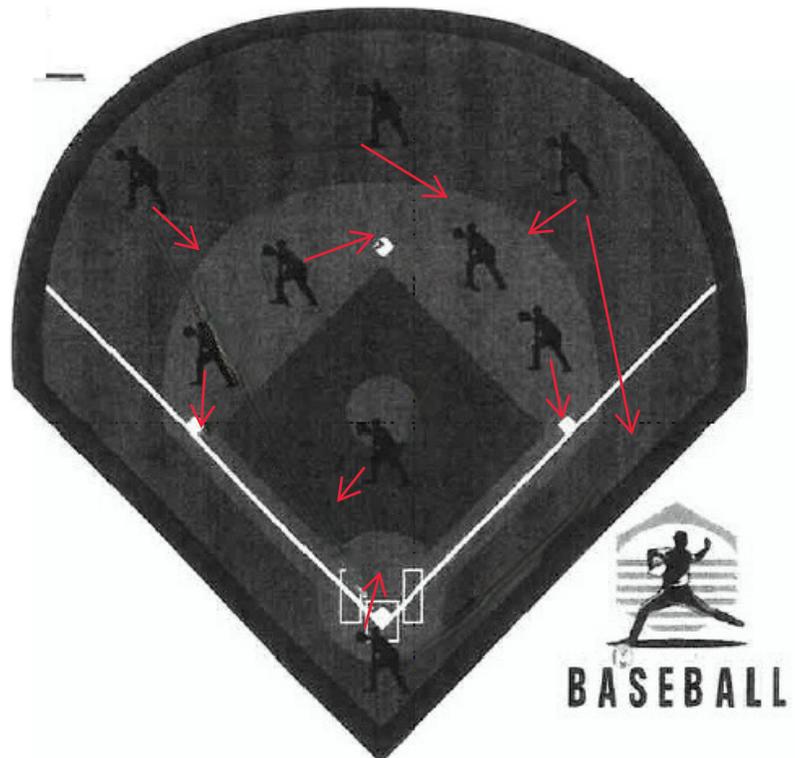
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move into back up position behind 3B.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B for over throw.

RF: READ: Backup grounder, then move to 1B Overthrow



Grounder to 1B

Runner on Second Base

P: Cover/ back up 1B.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Field the ball and run/throw to 1B. Then check the runner at 3B.

2B: Back up 1B.

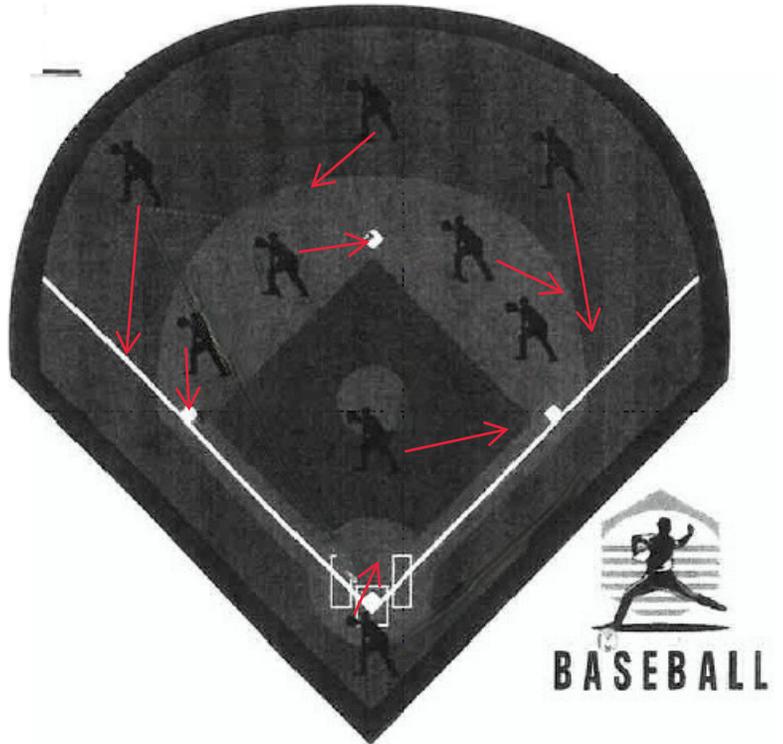
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move into back up position behind 3B.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B for over throw.

RF: Back up 1B.



Grounder to P

Runner on Second Base

P: Hold the runner with your eyes and throw to 1B.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: Back up P.

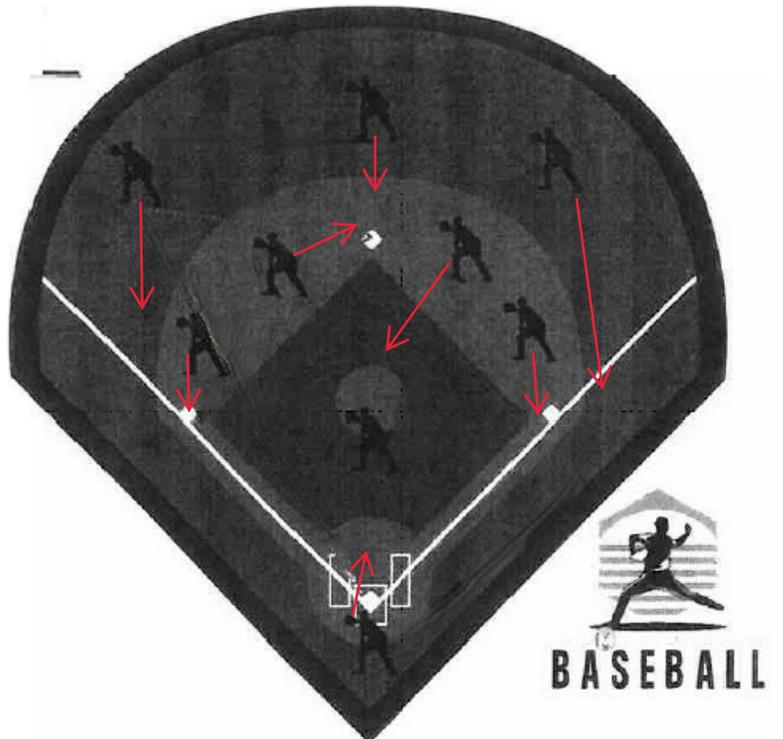
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move into back up position behind 3B.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B for over throw.

RF: Move into back up position behind 1B for over throw.



Grounder to 3B

Runner on 1st & 2nd Base

P: Cover/ back up 3B.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: Cover 2B.

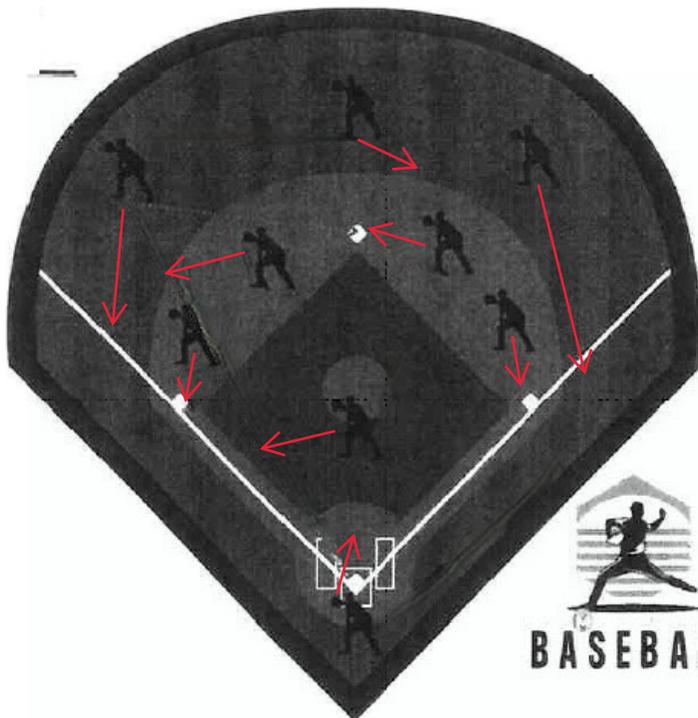
SS: Back up 3B.

3B: Field ball and tag runner/3B.

LF: Move into back up position behind 3B.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B for over throw.

RF: Move into back up position behind 2B.



Grounder to SS

Runner on 1st & 2nd Base

P: Move into position to back up 3B.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: Cover 2B.

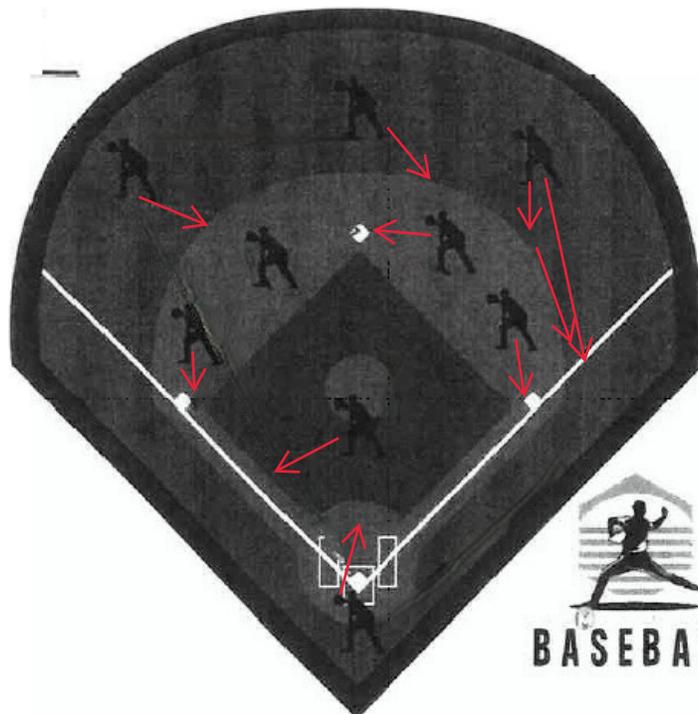
SS: Field ball and throw to 2B or 3B depending on your momentum.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move into back up position behind SS.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B for over throw.

RF: Move into back up position behind 2B.



Grounder to 2B

Runner on 1st & 2nd Base

P: Get in position to back up 3B or Home

C: Protect Home Plate

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: With less than 2 outs, field ball and throw to 2B for double play. With 2 outs throw to 1B.

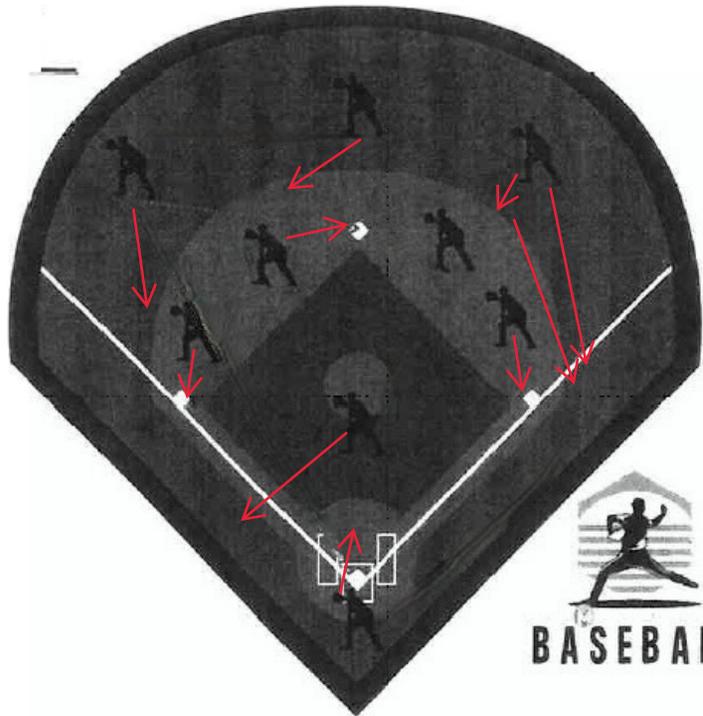
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move into back up position behind 3B.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B for over throw.

RF: Move into back up position behind 2B.



Grounder to 1B

Runner on 1st & 2nd Base

P: Move into position to cover 1B.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Field ball and run/throw to 1B. Watch runner at 3B.

2B: Back up 1B.

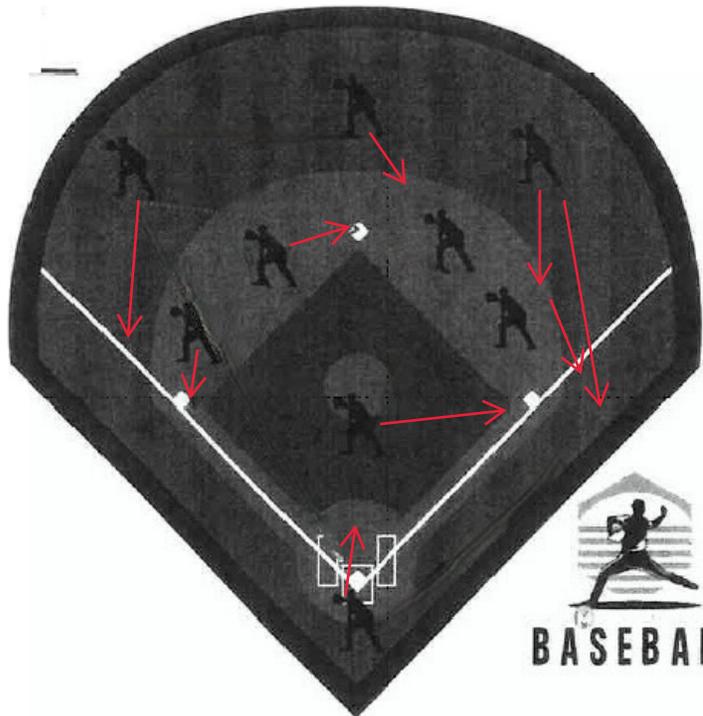
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move into back up position behind 3B.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B for over throw.

RF: Move into back up position behind 1B.



Grounder to P

Runner on 1st & 2nd Base

P: Field ball and throw to 3B.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: Back up P.

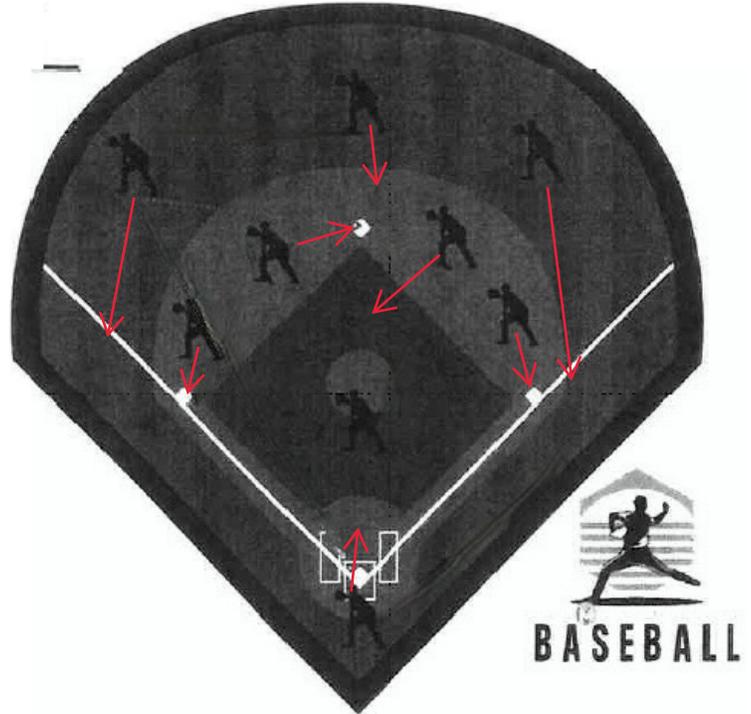
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move into back up position behind 3B.

CF: Move into back up position behind 2B for over throw.

RF: Move into back up position behind 1B.



Double to RF

No Runners on Base

P: Back up third base

C: Protect home plate.

1B: Trail guy 30 feet behind second baseman.

2B: Main cutoff in double cut lining up to 3B.

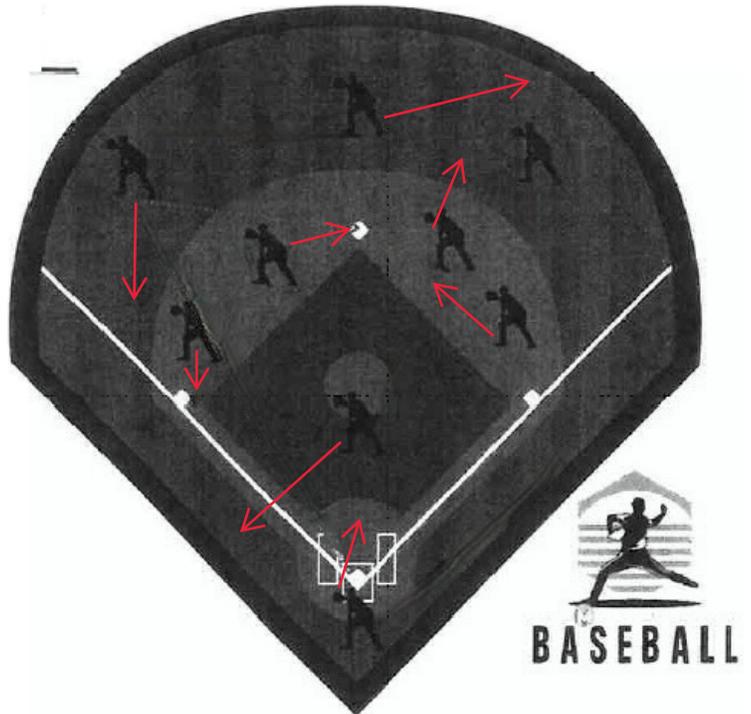
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move into back up position behind 3B.

CF: Move towards the ball.

RF: Field the ball and hit cutoff.



Double to Right Center

No Runners on Base

P: Back up third base

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Cover 2B.

2B: Main cutoff in double cut lining up to 3B.

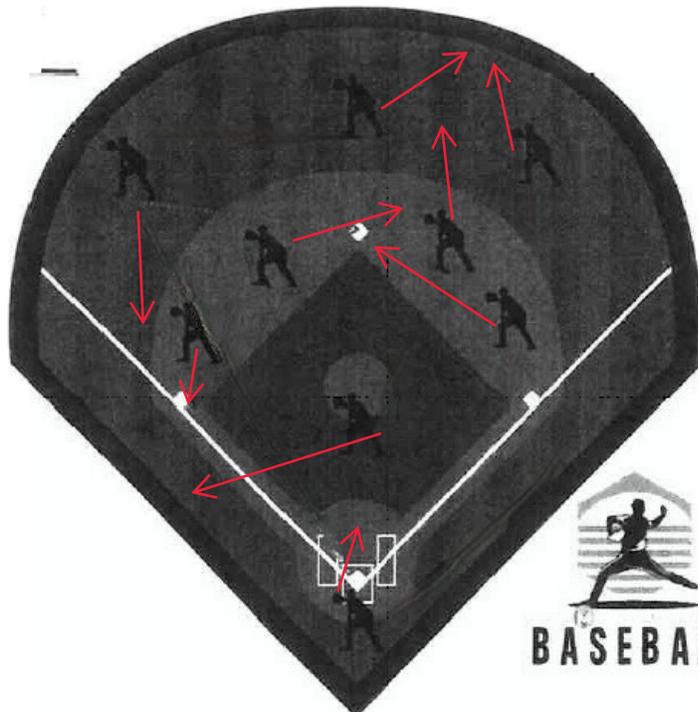
SS: Trail guy 30 feet behind second baseman.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move into back up position behind 3B.

CF: Field the ball and hit cutoff.

RF: Move towards the ball.



Double to Left Center

No Runners on Base

P: Back up third base.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Cover 2B.

2B: Trail guy 30 feet behind short stop.

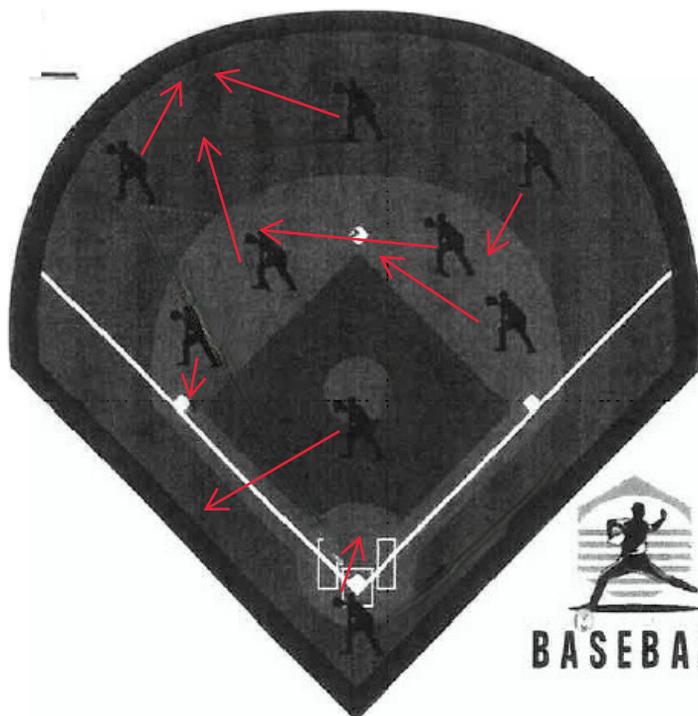
SS: Main cutoff in double cut lining up to 3B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move towards the ball.

CF: Field the ball and hit cutoff.

RF: Move in to a back up position between first and second base.



Double to LF

No Runners on Base

P: Back up third base on the home plate side.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Cover 2B.

2B: Trail guy 30 feet behind short stop.

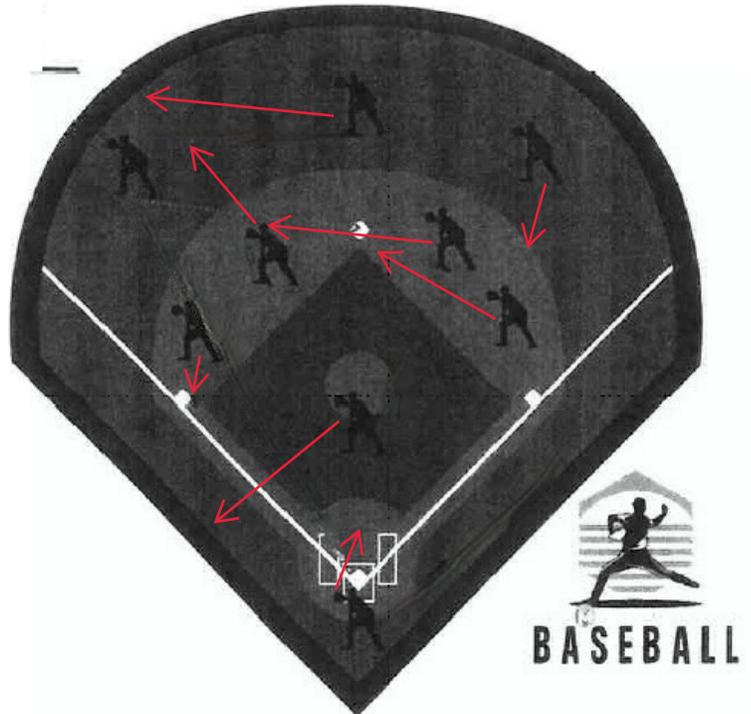
SS: Main cutoff in double cut lining up to 3B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Field the ball and hit cutoff.

CF: Move towards the ball.

RF: Move in to a back up position behind second base.



Double to RF

Runner on First Base

P: Get in position to back up

3B or Home

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Trail guy 30 feet behind second baseman.

2B: Main cutoff in double cut lining up to home.

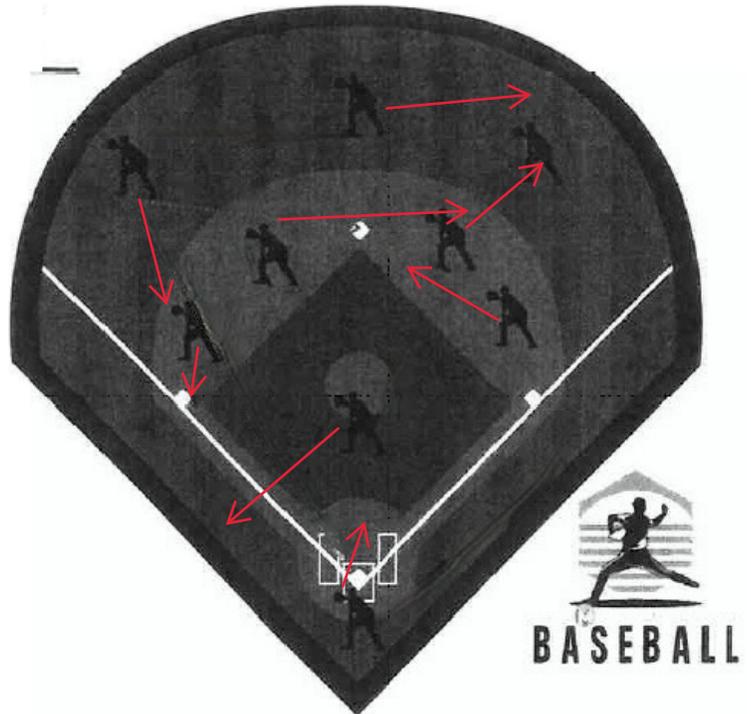
SS: Move behind pitchers mound in case of possible play at 2B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move in to dirt behind SS.

CF: Move towards the ball.

RF: Field the ball and hit cutoff.



Double to Right Center

Runner on First Base

P: Back up home plate.

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Move in to the right of the pitchers mound to be the second cut if necessary.

2B: Main cutoff in double cut lining up to home.

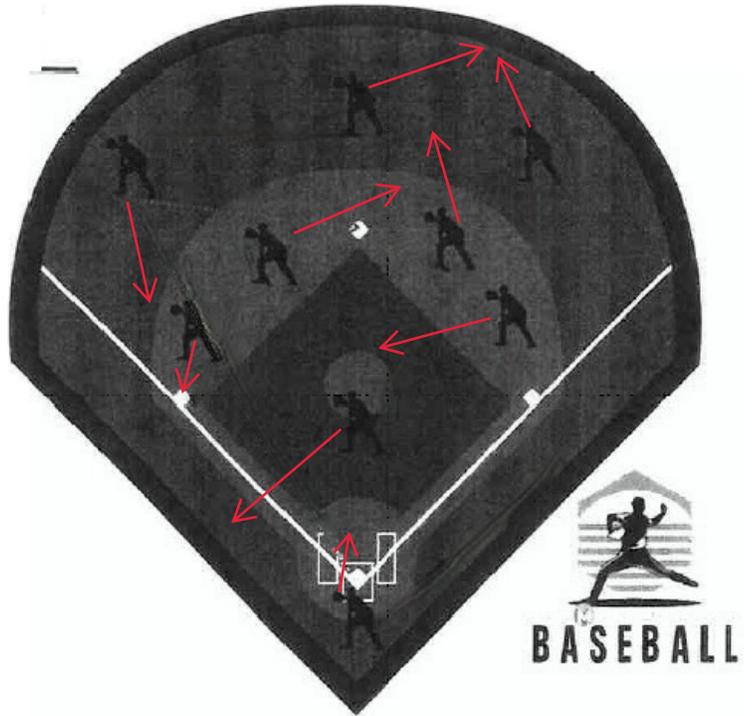
SS: Trail guy 30 feet behind second baseman.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move in to dirt behind SS.

CF: Field the ball and hit cutoff.

RF: Move towards the ball.



Double to Left Center

Runner on First Base

P: Get in position to back up 3B

or Home

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Move in to the left of the pitchers mound to be the second cut if necessary.

2B: Trail guy 30 feet behind short stop.

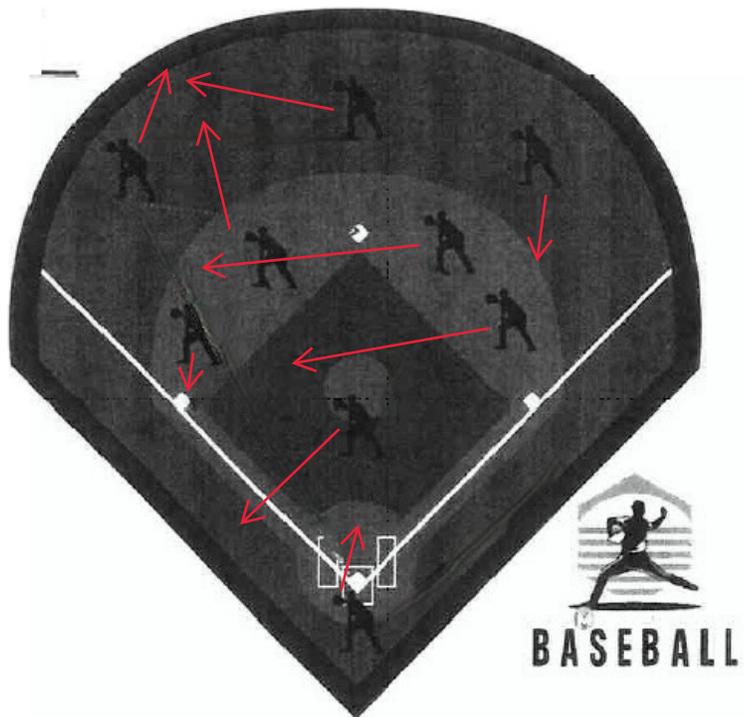
SS: Main cutoff in double cut lining up to home.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move towards the ball.

CF: Field the ball and hit cutoff.

RF: Move in to dirt behind 2B.



Double to LF Runner on First Base

P: Get in position to back up 3B or Home

C: Protect Home Plate.

1B: Move in to the left of the pitchers mound to be the second cut if necessary.

2B: Trail guy 30 feet behind short stop.

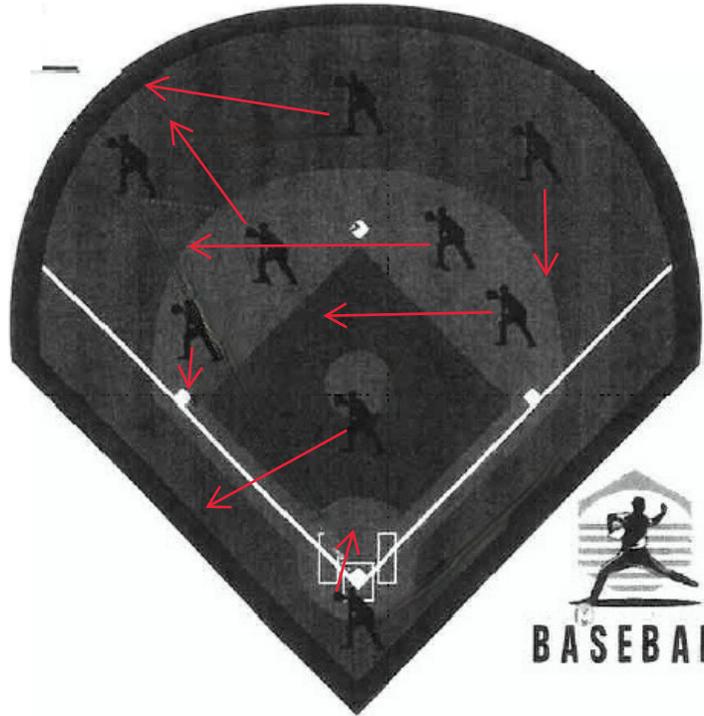
SS: Main cutoff in double cut lining up to home.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move towards the ball.

CF: Field the ball and hit cutoff.

RF: Move in to dirt behind 2B.



Bunt to 3B Side No Runners on Base

P: Responsible for fielding bunts to the middle of infield.

C: Responsible for anything right in front of the plate.

1B: Cover 1B.

2B: Cover 2B.

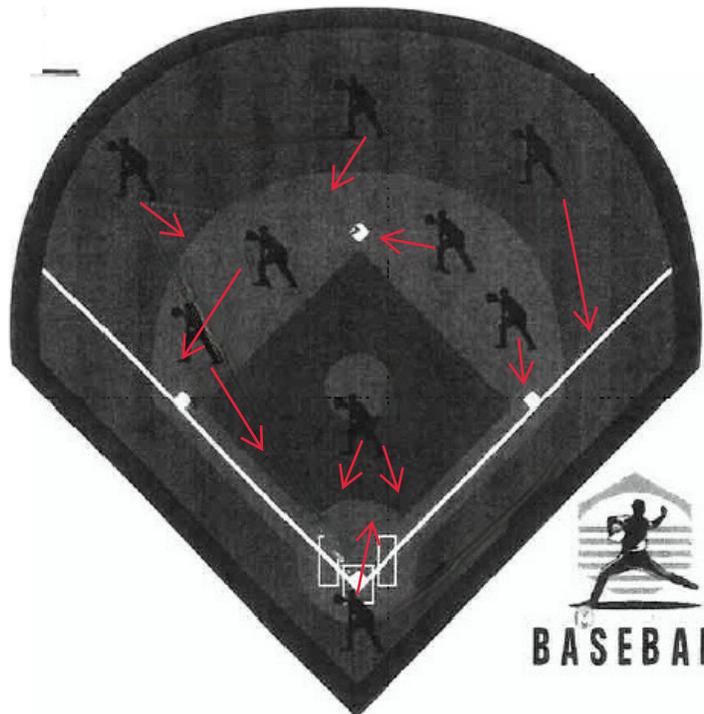
SS: Back up Third Baseman and cover 3B.

3B: Charge the ball and throw to 1B.

LF: Move in towards the infield.

CF: Move in towards the infield.

RF: Back up 1B.



Bunt to 1B Side

No Runners on Base

P: Responsible for fielding bunts to the middle of infield.

C: Responsible for anything right in front of the plate.

1B: Charge the ball and throw to 1B.

2B: Cover 1B.

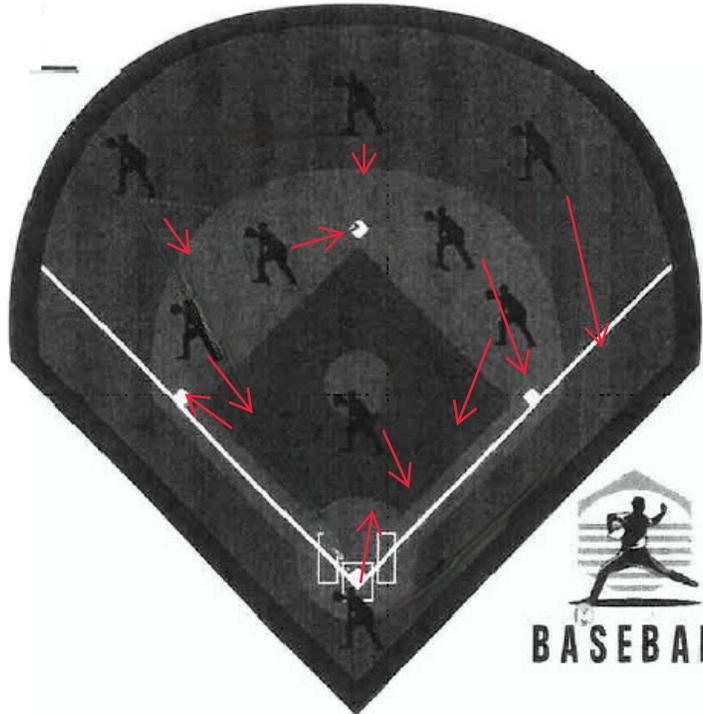
SS: Cover 2B.

3B: Cover 3B.

LF: Move in towards the infield.

CF: Move in towards the infield.

RF: Back up 1B.



Pop Up Priority

- **1B & 3B have priority over pitcher & catcher**

- **2B & SS have priority over 1B, 3B, P, C**

- **SS has priority over the entire infield**

- **Outfielders have priority over infielders**

- **Center Field has priority over Left Field & Right Field**

