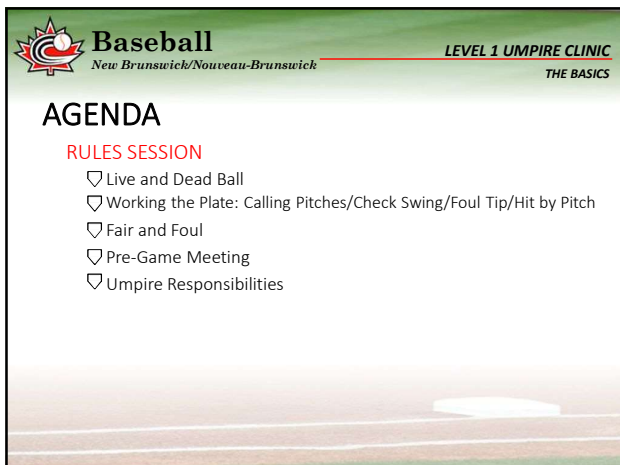




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CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD UMPIRE



ATTITUDE
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UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

Both Umpires

- Black Shirt with Crest
- Black Cap
- Grey Pants
- Black Shoes
- Black Socks
- Black Belt

Plate Umpire Only

- Athletic Supporter with Cup
- Inside Chest Protector
- Shin Guards
- Indicator
- Bumpers
- Bats



BLUE NOTES
Umpires must not wear watches or carry cell phones!
Other colour shirts may be used when worn by all umpires

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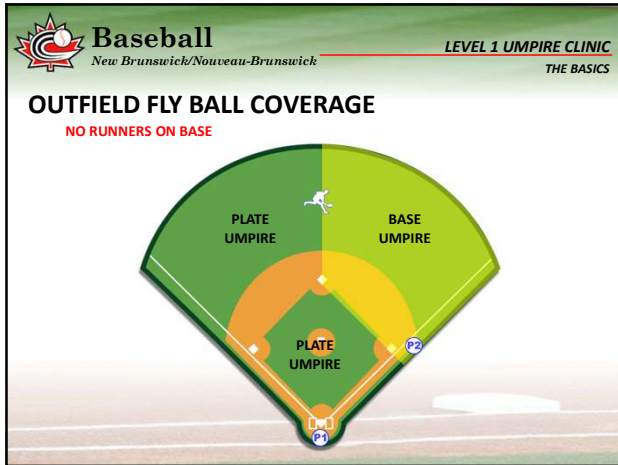
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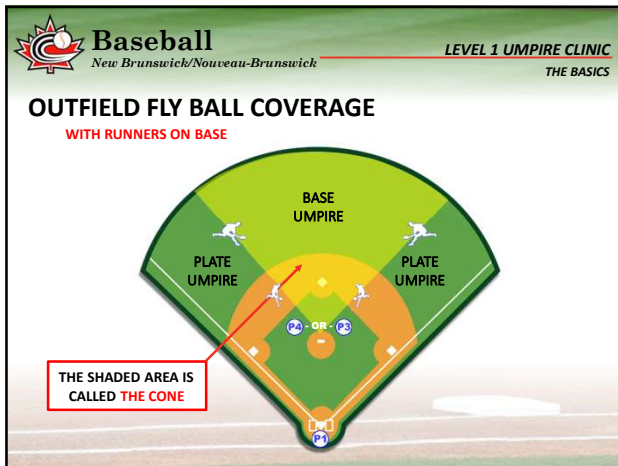
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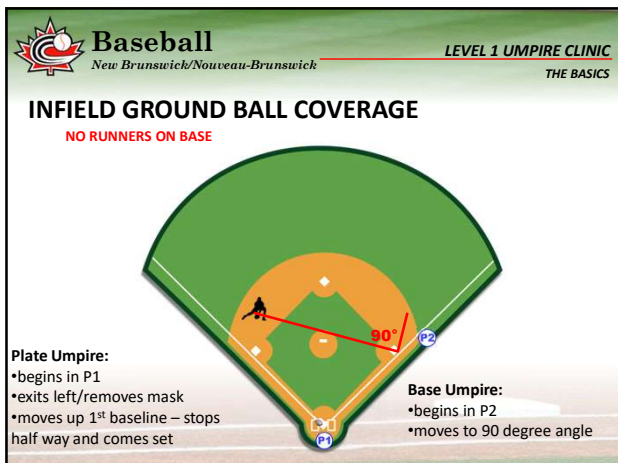
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LEVEL 1 UMPIRE CLINIC
THE BASICS


OUTFIELD FLY BALL COVERAGE
WITH RUNNERS ON BASE

The base umpire begins in **P3** or **P4** and is responsible for calls at **all three bases**

The plate umpire begins in **P1**, exit **left** when the ball is hit and move to an area 15 feet from home plate around 1st base line extended.

If the ball is hit near the foul line, the **plate** umpire will make the fair/foul call.

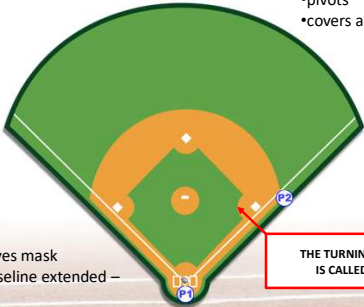
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LEVEL 1 UMPIRE CLINIC
THE BASICS

BASE HIT COVERAGE
NO RUNNERS ON BASE




Base Umpire:

- begins in P2
- pivots
- covers all 3 bases

Plate Umpire:

- begins in P1
- exits left/removes mask
- moves to 1st baseline extended – 10-15 feet back

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LEVEL 1 UMPIRE CLINIC
THE BASICS

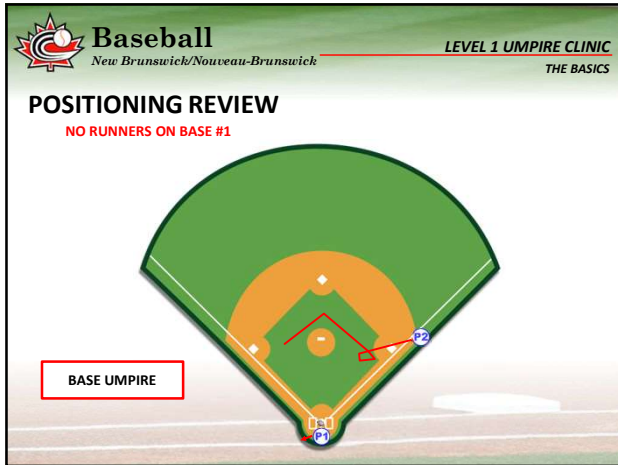
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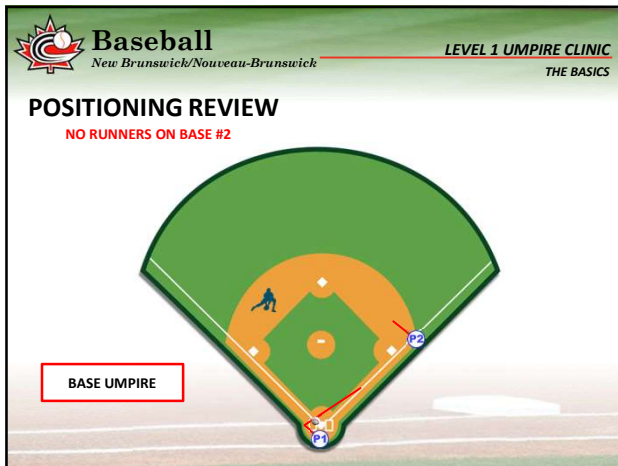
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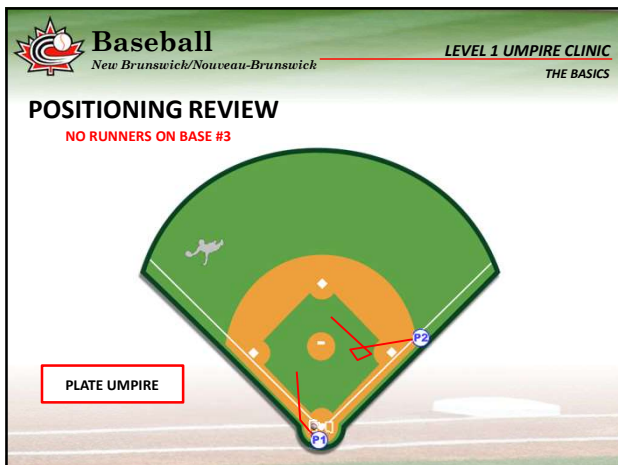
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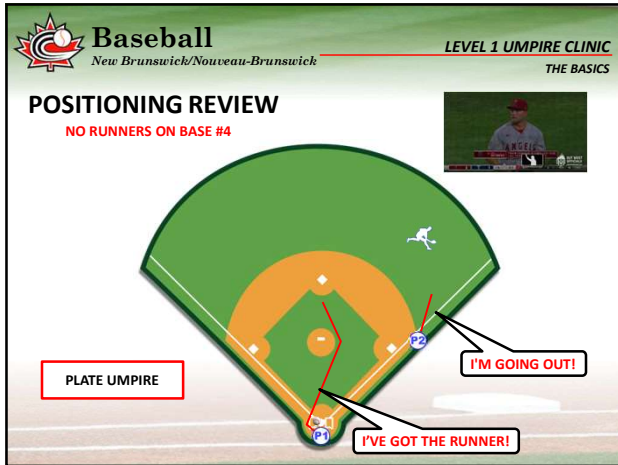
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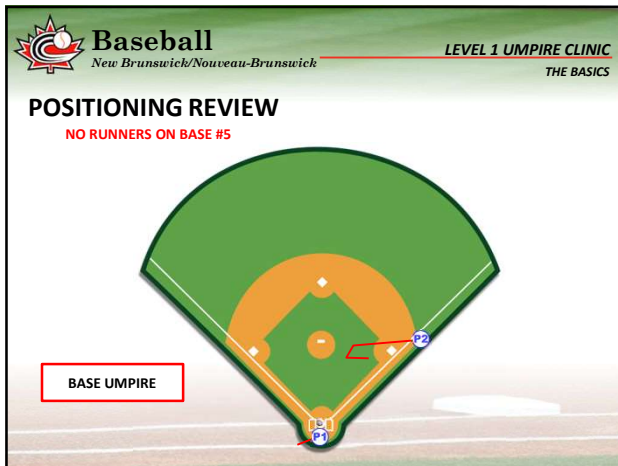
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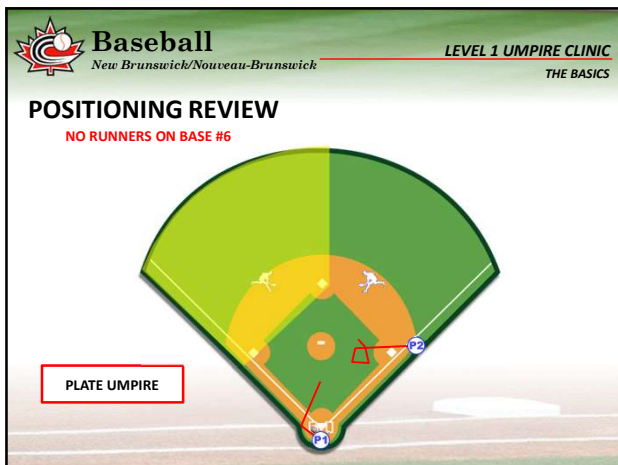
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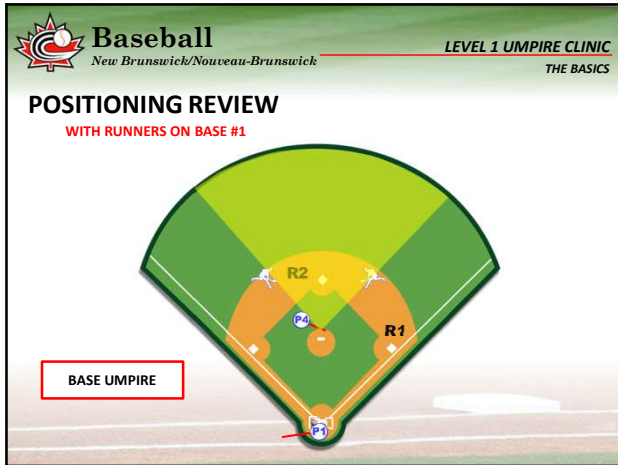
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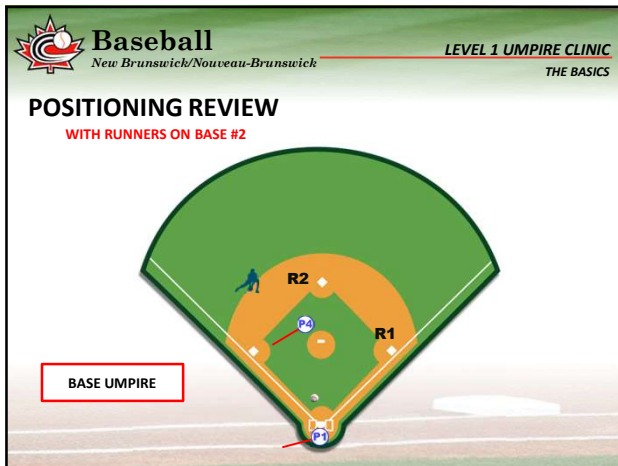
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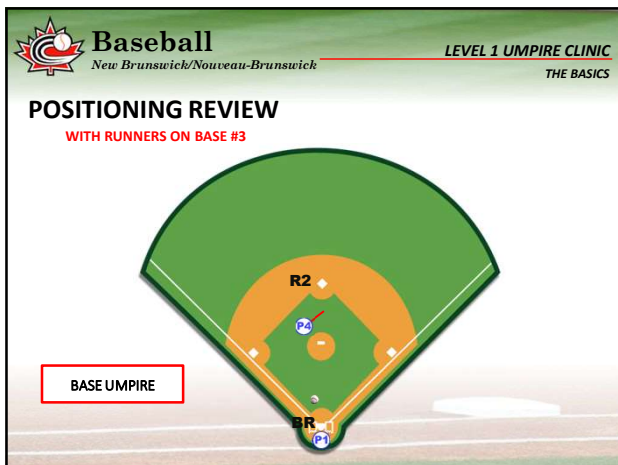
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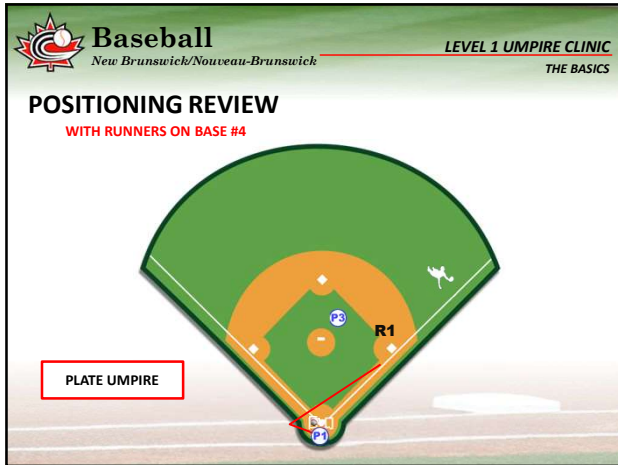
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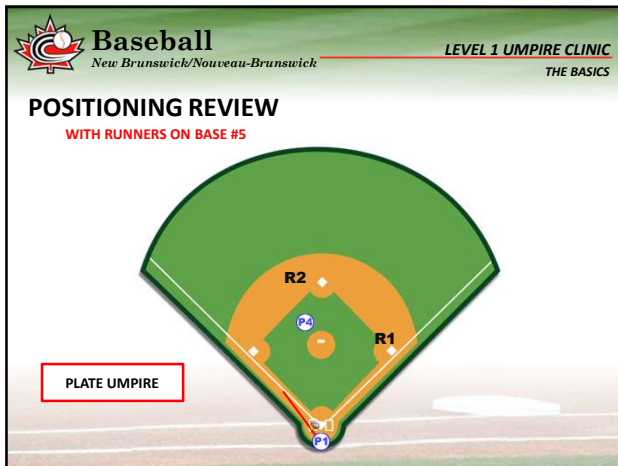
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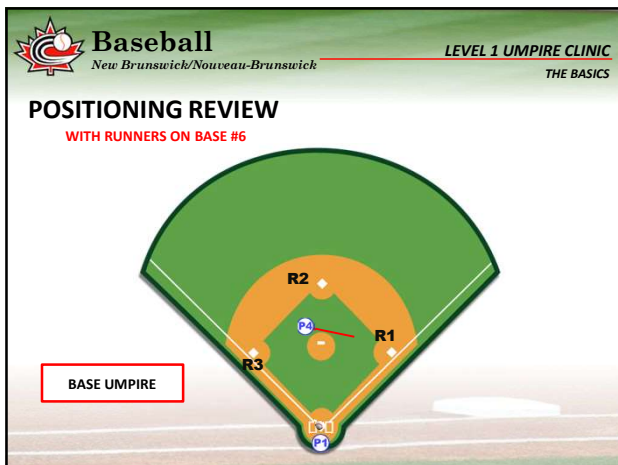
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THE BASICS


RULES SESSION
LIVE AND DEAD BALL

WHAT IS A LIVE BALL?
A live ball is a ball that is in play.

WHAT IS A DEAD BALL?
A dead ball is a ball that is not in play.

An umpire must call time to declare the ball dead!


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THE BASICS

RULES SESSION
LIVE AND DEAD BALL



AFTER YOU CALL TIME:

Don't forget to put the ball back in play!


Remember that to put the ball back in play:

- ⏏ Pitcher must have the **ball**
- ⏏ Pitcher must touch the **rubber**
- ⏏ Batter must be **ready**

Now, the **plate** umpire should point to the pitcher and say...

PLAY!

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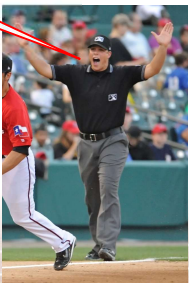
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RULES SESSION
LIVE AND DEAD BALL

WHEN TO CALL TIME:

- ⏏ A foul ball is not caught
- ⏏ The ball goes out of play
- ⏏ The batter is hit by a pitch
- ⏏ Brushing the plate
- ⏏ A coach or player makes a reasonable request for time

TIME!



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THE BASICS

WORKING THE PLATE
THE OFFICIAL STRIKE ZONE

Top of Shoulders >
Midpoint >
Belt >
Hollow beneath knee cap >

BLUE NOTES
CALL LOTS OF STRIKES!

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LEVEL 1 UMPIRE CLINIC
THE BASICS

Strike zone

Top of shoulders
Midpoint
Top of pants
Hollow beneath knee cap

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THE BASICS

WORKING THE PLATE
CALLING BALLS AND STRIKES


Making a Ball call
Stay in set position
Say "Ball One" in a voice loud enough for the pitcher to hear you
Rise from set position and relax

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THE BASICS

WORKING THE PLATE
CALLING BALLS AND STRIKES



Making a Strike call

- Start in set position
- Rise to full height
- Extend your right arm in front of your body at a 90° angle & make a fist
- Pretend to knock on an imaginary door and, in a loud firm voice say...

STRIKE ONE!


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THE BASICS

WORKING THE PLATE
CHECK SWING

The pitch would be a **ball** – BUT –
The batter makes a partial-swing



The plate umpire must decide if the batter **attempted** to hit the pitch

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LEVEL 1 UMPIRE CLINIC
THE BASICS

WORKING THE PLATE
CHECK SWING

If the plate umpire feels the batter attempted to swing:

- ☐ Point at the batter with the hand closest to the batter
- ☐ Say **"Yes! He/She went!"**
- ☐ Make a strike mechanic
- ☐ Give the count



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THE BASICS

WORKING THE PLATE

CHECK SWING

If the plate umpire feels the batter did not attempt to swing:

- ⊞ Stay in set position
- ⊞ Say **"No! He/She didn't!"**
- ⊞ Give the count



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THE BASICS


WORKING THE PLATE

FOUL TIP

A foul tip is a batted ball that:

- ⊞ Goes **sharply** and **directly** to the catcher
- ⊞ Is legally caught by the catcher

A foul tip is a **strike** and the ball remains **live**



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THE BASICS

WORKING THE PLATE

HIT BY PITCH

A batter has been hit by a pitch even if:


- ⊞ The pitch bounces first
- ⊞ The pitch only hits the batter's clothing
- ⊞ The pitch hits the batter's hands



ENFORCEMENT:

- ⊞ The ball is **dead**
- ⊞ The batter is awarded **first base**
- ⊞ Other runners advance, if forced


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THE BASICS


WORKING THE PLATE
HIT BY PITCH



MECHANICS:

- △ Call **"Time!"**
- △ Exit to catcher's left
- △ Move in front of home plate
- △ Get between batter and pitcher
- △ Point to first base and say **"You, first base!"**


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THE BASICS


WORKING THE PLATE
HIT BY PITCH



The batter is not awarded first when hit by a pitch if:

- △ Pitch is in the strike zone
- △ Batter swung at the pitch
- △ Batter made no effort to get out of the way
- △ Batter tries to get hit by the ball

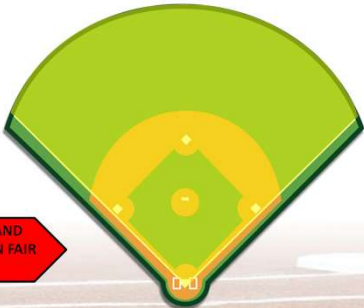
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THE BASICS

FAIR & FOUL
FAIR BALL



THE FOUL LINES AND HOME PLATE ARE IN FAIR TERRITORY!

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THE BASICS

FAIR & FOUL

FAIR BALL

SITUATIONS:

- ☐ A batted ball that stops completely on or over fair territory before 1ST or 3RD base.
- ☐ A batted ball that bounces on or over fair territory while passing 1ST or 3RD base.
- ☐ A batted ball that hits any portion of 1ST or 3RD base.
- ☐ A fly ball that lands in fair territory past 1ST or 3RD base.
- ☐ A batted ball that touches a fielder while the ball is over fair territory.

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THE BASICS

FAIR & FOUL

FAIR BALL

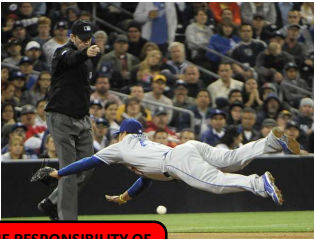
MECHANICS:

Get as close to play as possible

Straddle the foul line

Point to fair territory with snapping motion

NO VOICE!



ALL FAIR/FOUL CALLS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PLATE UMPIRE EXCEPT BALLS THAT PASS FIRST BASE WITH NO RUNNERS ON!

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THE BASICS

FAIR & FOUL

FOUL BALL

SITUATIONS:

- ☐ A batted ball that stops completely on or over foul territory before passing 1ST or 3RD base.
- ☐ A batted ball that bounds on or over foul territory while passing 1ST or 3RD base.
- ☐ A fly ball that first lands in foul territory beyond 1ST or 3RD base.
- ☐ A batted ball that is touched by a fielder while the ball is in foul territory.

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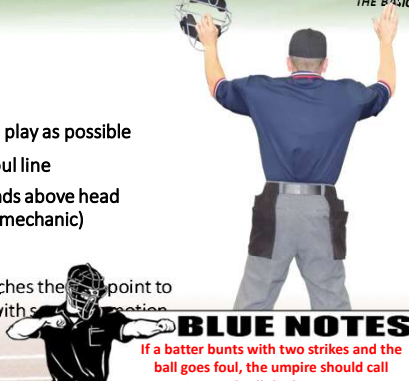
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FAIR & FOUL

FOUL BALL

MECHANICS:

- Get as close to play as possible
- Straddle the foul line
- Raise both hands above head (same as time mechanic)
- Yell "Foul!"
- If a fielder touches the ball point to foul territory with a bat



BLUE NOTES
If a batter bunts with two strikes and the ball goes foul, the umpire should call time and call the batter out.

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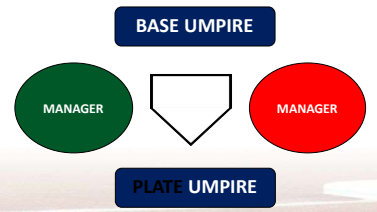
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THE BASICS

PRE-GAME MEETING

GROUND RULES

Umpires should arrive at the park **30** minutes before game time and enter the field **5** minutes before and proceed to home plate.



BASE UMPIRE

MANAGER

MANAGER

PLATE UMPIRE

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THE BASICS

PRE-GAME MEETING


GROUND RULES

DISCUSS

- Dead ball territory
- Special ground rules for this diamond
- Time limits/curfews
- Baseball New-Brunswick rules in effect
- Line up cards

DO NOT DISCUSS

- Official rules
- Events from previous games
- Field conditions covered in rule book
- Your strike zone



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THE BASICS

Game Flow

Pace of play – time limits of 90 second between inning rule.

- ☐ Umpire will keep time with stopwatch.
- ☐ The clock will be in effect for the entire game, including any extra innings.
- ☐ It will be activated once the last out of the Inning has been recorded.
- ☐ The pitcher must complete warm up and may not exceed 8 warm up pitches within the time.
- ☐ The catcher will be instructed a throw to second base with 30 seconds left on the clock.
- ☐ The batter must be entering the batter's box as time expires or when instructed by the Home Plate Umpire.
- ☐ The umpire will use discretion when the catcher is a runner or batter / hitter when the half inning ends.

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LEVEL 1 UMPIRE CLINIC
THE BASICS

Game Flow (Expectation at lower lower)

Pace of play – time limits of 90 second between inning rule.

- ☐ Umpire will keep an eye to make certain players are hustling **on** and **off** the field.
- ☐ Umpire will keep request a warm-up catcher when necessary.
- ☐ The umpire should warn the catcher when 2 pitches.

This should keep a good flow of the game.

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LEVEL 1 UMPIRE CLINIC
THE BASICS

UMPIRE RESPONSIBILITIES SUMMARY

A. Keeps eye on the ball...ALWAYS!	B. Calls every pitch a ball or strike
C. Awards first base when pitch hits batter	D. Communicates to partner on fly balls to outfield
E. Covers fly balls to right field with no Runners on base	F. Moves 15 feet away from home plate on first base line extended when runners in motion
G. Puts the ball back in play after time has been called	H. Makes all fair/foul decisions before first or third base
I. Controls the conduct of the game & enforces any necessary rule	J. Calls time when appropriate
K. Cleans the plate	L. Waits part way up the foul line between innings

PLATE UMPIRE ONLY	BASE UMPIRE ONLY	BOTH UMPIRES
B C F G H	E	A D I J
K L		

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THE BASICS

UMPIRE RESPONSIBILITIES SUMMARY

M. Waits in shallow right field between innings	N. Makes Catch or No-Catch calls in the outfield
O. Makes Safe or Out calls on the bases	P. Covers fly balls inside the "Cone" with runners on base
Q. Pivots into the infield on a bases-empty base hit	R. Takes a 90° angle for plays at first base with no runners on base
S. Proceeds to home plate 5 minutes prior to game time	

PLATE UMPIRE ONLY	BASE UMPIRE ONLY	BOTH UMPIRES
B C F G H	E M P Q	A D I J N O
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THE BASICS

LIGHTNING SAFETY RULE

NEW

- ⚡ When thunder roars, go indoors!
- ⚡ At the first sound of thunder, play must be suspended and participants must seek shelter.
- ⚡ Game may not restart until 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder.

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LEVEL 1 UMPIRE CLINIC
THE BASICS

GAME PRELIMINARIES

- On a foul tip, the ball becomes dead. **FALSE**
- In order for the plate umpire to make a dead ball become live again, the pitcher has to be on the rubber with the ball. **TRUE**
- When a pitch hits a batter, the ball remains live. **FALSE**
- During ground rules, the plate umpire should explain what the strike zone will be for that game. **FALSE**
- The umpires should be on the field for ground rules 5 minutes prior to game time. **TRUE**
- If there are no runners on base and the batter hits a double, the base umpire needs to turn while moving into the infield. This movement is called a pivot. **TRUE**
- The batter already has two strikes and then bunts a ball. If the ball goes foul, the batter is out. **TRUE**

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GAME PRELIMINARIES

8. There is a runner on 1st base; the base umpire is in P3. The base umpire should make the catch/no catch call on the ball hit to RF near the foul line. **FALSE**

9. The pitch is close to the strike zone and the batter swings at it. The pitch is a ball but the umpire rules that because "the batter broke his wrists" it is a strike. **FALSE**

10. What angle should the base umpire take for calls at First? **90°**

11. What is one mandatory uniform/equipment for an umpire?

12. List one of the characteristics of a good umpire.

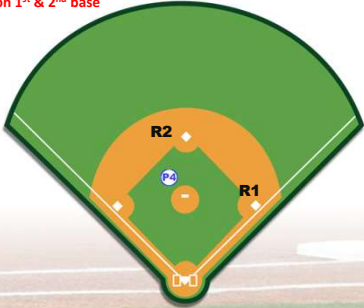
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THE BASICS

POSITIONING

13. Runners on 1st & 2nd base



A diagram of a baseball field showing the pitcher's mound (P1) and two runners (R1 and R2) on first and second base respectively. The field is divided into green (outfield) and orange (infield) areas.

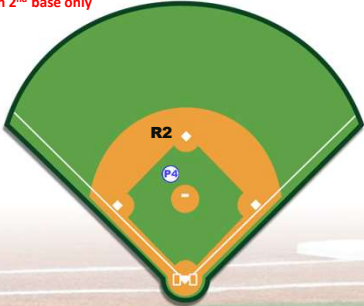
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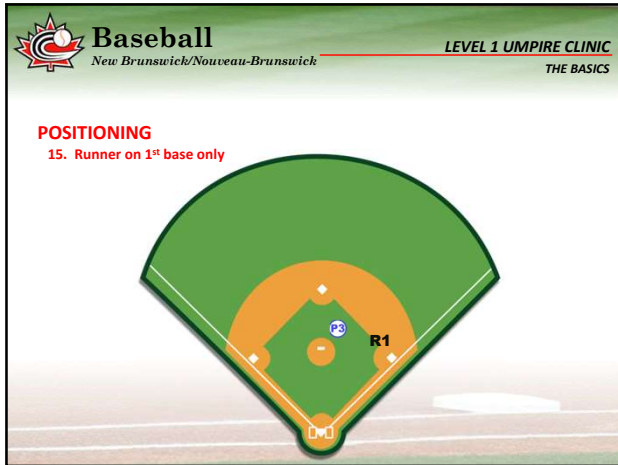
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14. Runner on 2nd base only

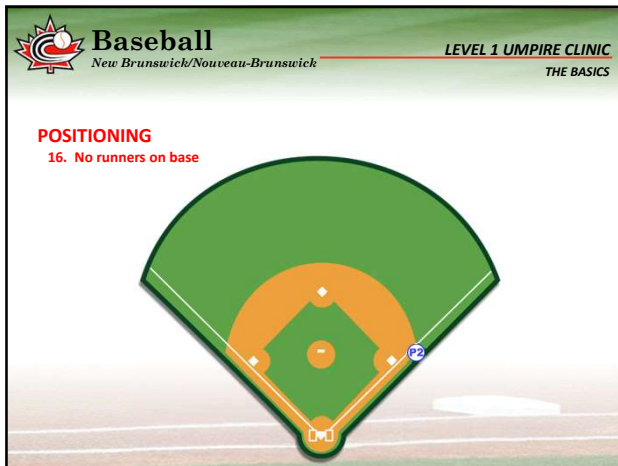


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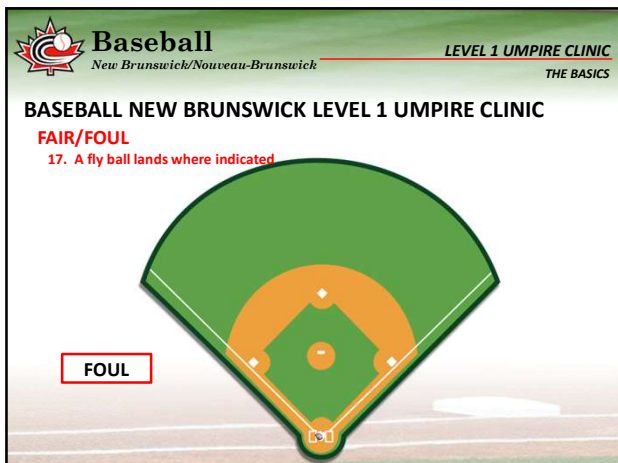
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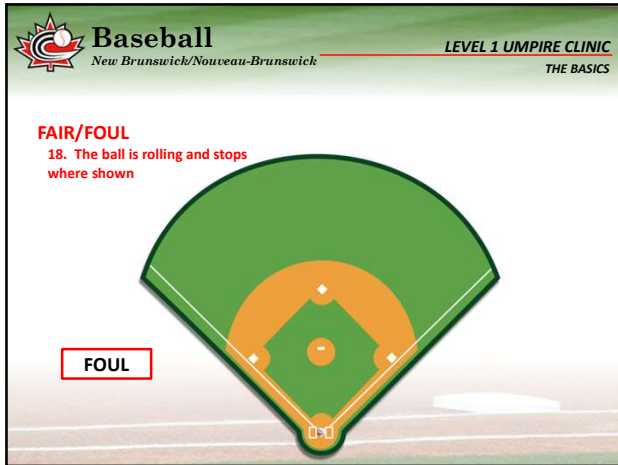
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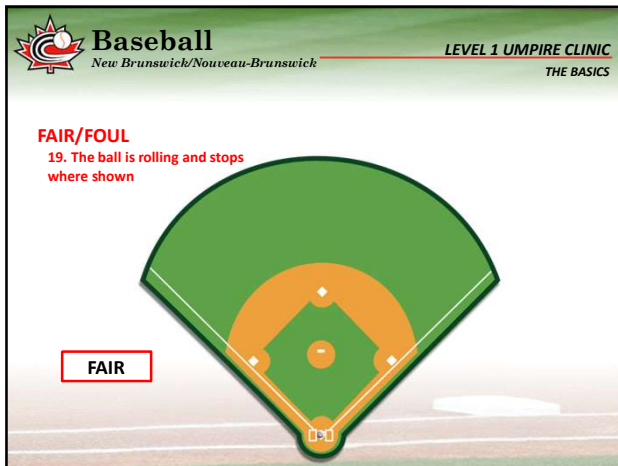
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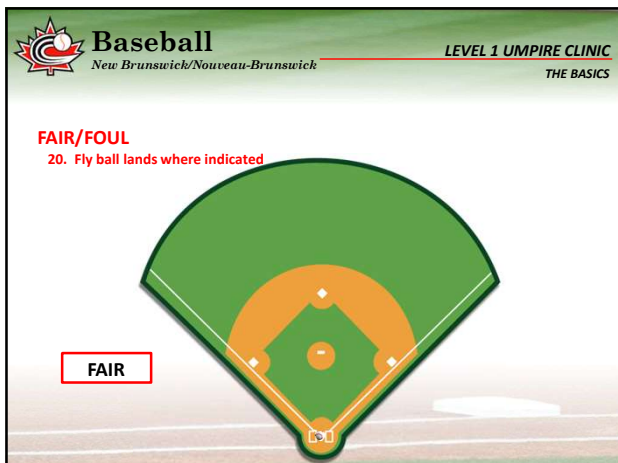
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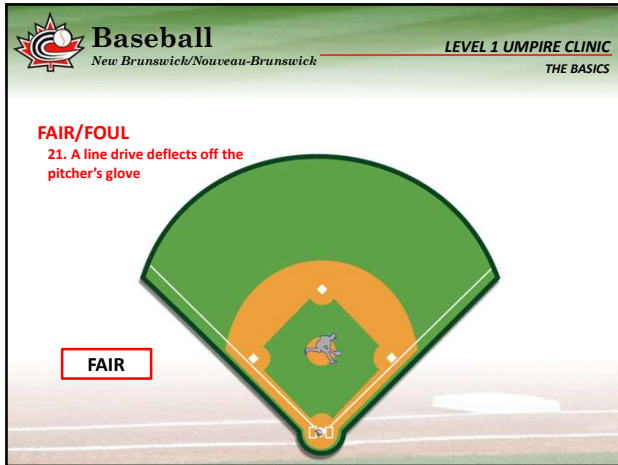
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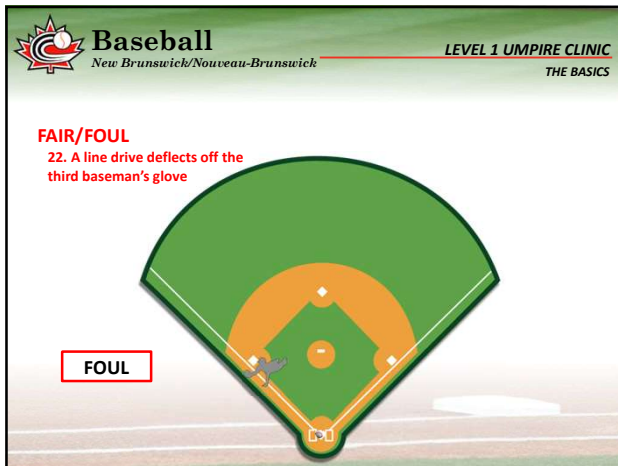
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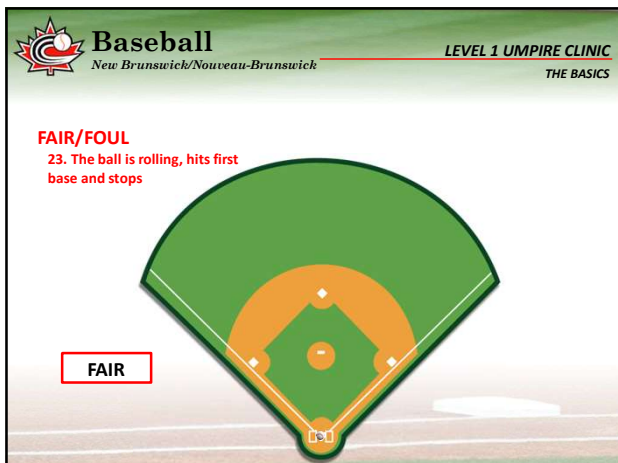
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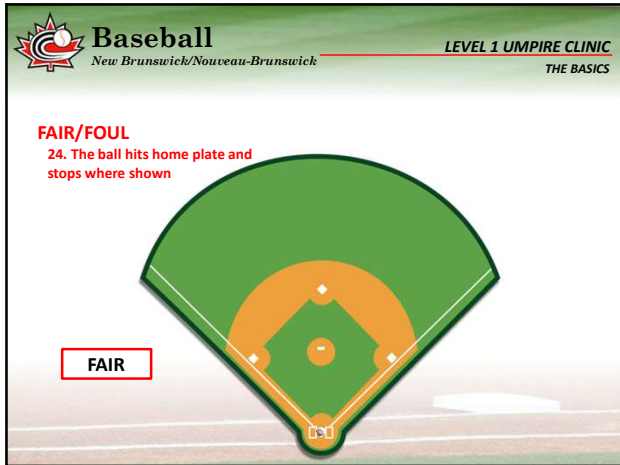
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