

Fielder Hierarchy

This is a hierarchy system to help players know what positions have priority over other positions on the field. This rule is designed to help avoid collisions, not to assign responsibility. Every person on the field is expected to go all out on every play for every ball. Every ball is yours to field/catch until someone above you in the hierarchy calls for the ball.

OUTFIELD will call for ball **MINE! MINE! MINE!**

INFIELD will call for ball **BALL! BALL! BALL!**

Outfield: has priority over infield on all balls!

Center Fielder: CF is “queen of the diamond”. Everyone, infield & outfield, yields to CF when she calls for the ball.

Left Fielder / Right Fielder: LF & RF equally share the #2 & #3 ranking of the hierarchy. All infielders yield to LF & RF.

Infield:

Shortstop: SS has top priority in the infield. All infielders must yield to the SS.

Second baseman: Second base is only number 2 to the shortstop.

Third baseman: First & third share the #3 & #4 ranking in the infield.
First baseman: Third will rule over first in any unusual case of a fly ball in front of the plate.

Pitcher: Pitcher will cover the circle. They can only call off the catcher.

Catcher: Catcher has anything behind and immediately in front of home plate. If they are the closest person to anything not real high, they should take it. But due to the angle and spin, we want 1B/3B to call anything that they can go get.

*The infield will **ALWAYS** yield to the outfield. Infielders, a ball over your head is yours to catch but not yours to “call”. Go after balls over your head until you hear an outfielder call you off.

* A ball right behind second base should be tracked by both SS & 2B. If SS calls it 2B **MUST** back off. If 2B calls it and SS does not, 2B makes the catch.

***BE LOUD!!!! BALL! BALL! BALL! or MINE! MINE! MINE!**

