

Bunt Coverage Rules

Bunted balls are fielded primarily by four positions:

- 1B
- 3B
- C
- P

Bases are covered by:

- 1B
- 3B
- C
- 2B
- SS

Back up is provided by:

- OF
- P

Regular Bunt Defense Base coverage:

2B: Always covers 1B

SS: Covers 2B or 3B - Stay one base ahead of the lead runner

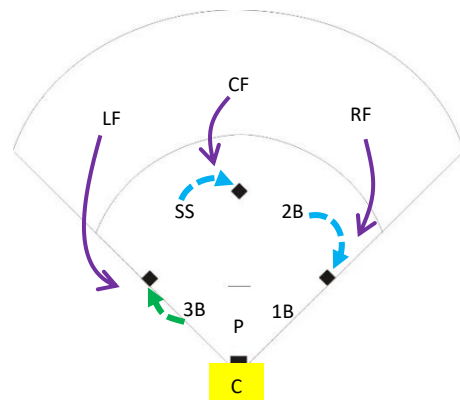
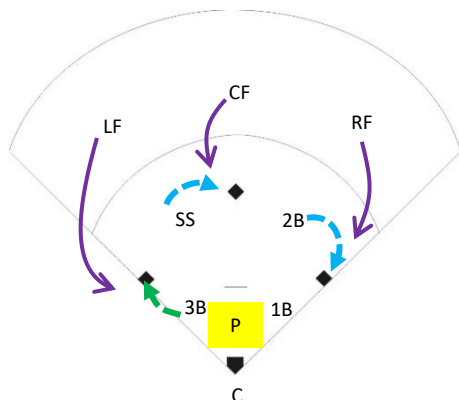
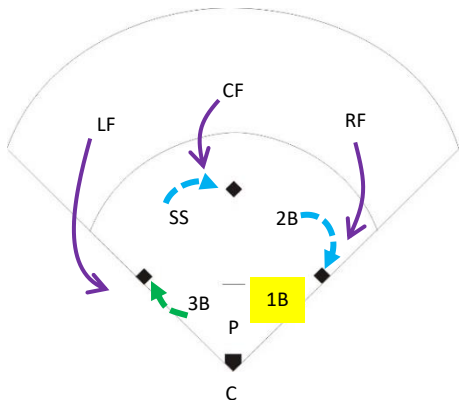
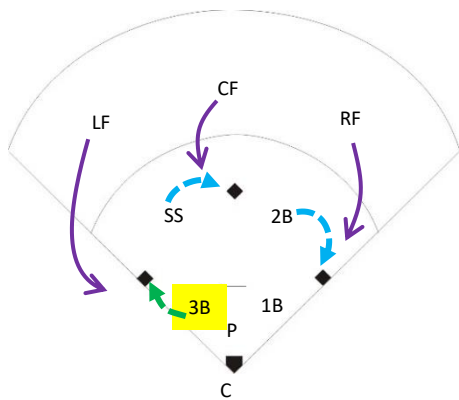
3B: Covers 3B or 2B

1B: Covers 2B or 4

C: Covers 4 or 3B

Bunt Defense

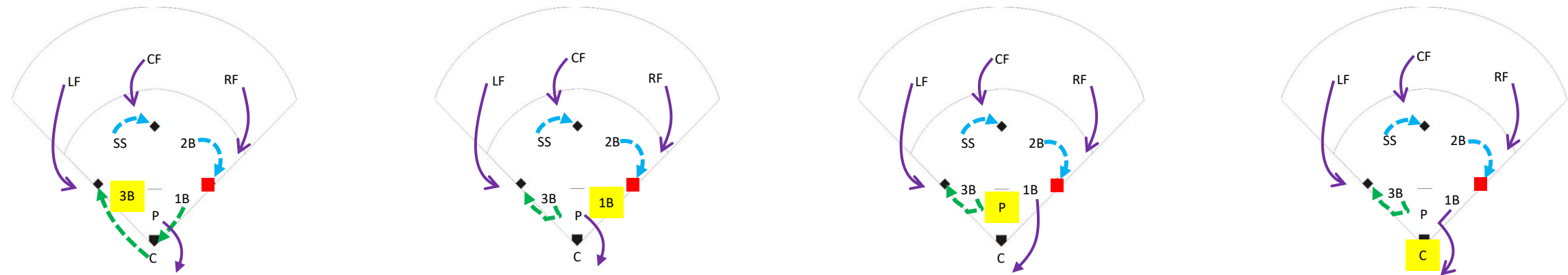
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Infielder	Action
Pitcher, Catcher, Third or First	Fields Ball
Second	Covers 1B
Shortstop	Covers 2B

Bunt Defense

Runner on 1B



Second always covers 1B & SS always covers 2B

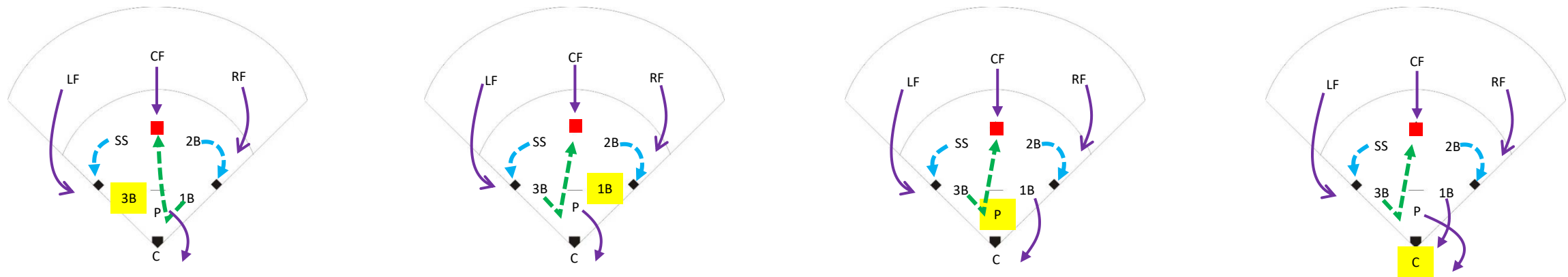
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Third	Fields Ball
Catcher	Cover 3B
First	Cover 4

Infielder	Action
First	Fields Ball
Third	Cover 3B
Catcher	Cover 4

Infielder	Action
Catcher	Fields Ball
Third	Cover 3B
First	Cover 4

Bunt Defense

Runner on 2B



Second always covers 1B & SS always covers 3B

Infielder	Action
Second	Covers 1B
Shortstop	Covers 3B

Infielder	Action
Third	Fields Ball
First	Cover 2B
Catcher	Cover 4

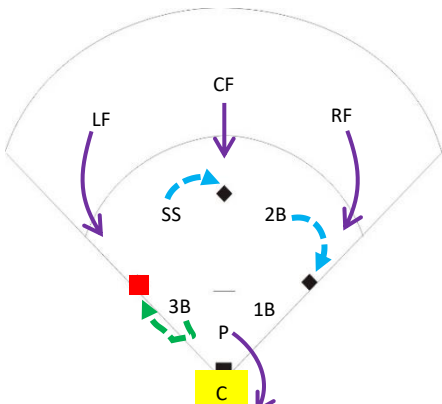
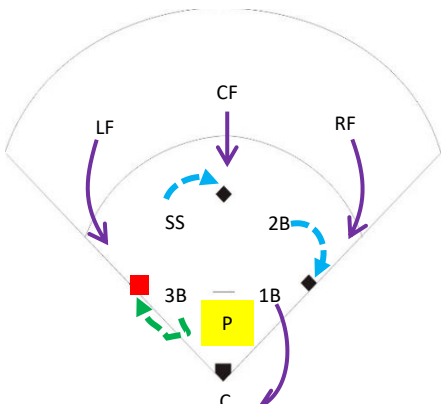
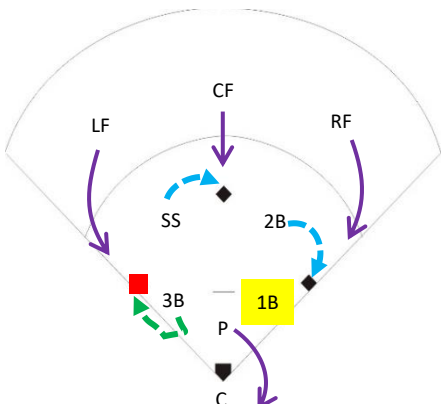
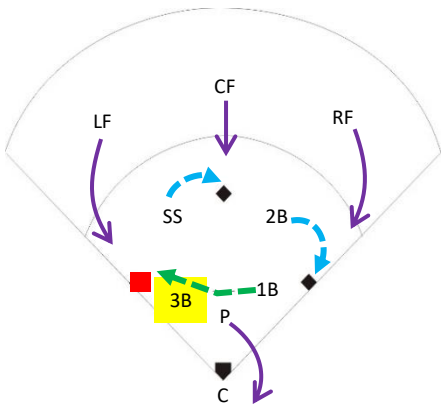
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First	Fields Ball
Third	Cover 2B
Catcher	Cover 4

Infielder	Action
Catcher	Fields Ball
Third	Covers 2B
First	Covers 4

Infielder	Action
Pitcher	Fields Ball
Third	Covers 2B
Catcher	Covers 4

Bunt Defense

Runner on 3B or 2B & 3B

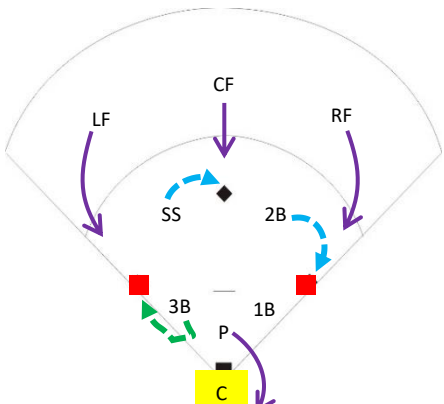
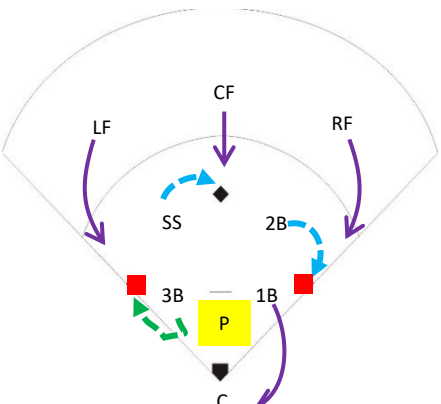
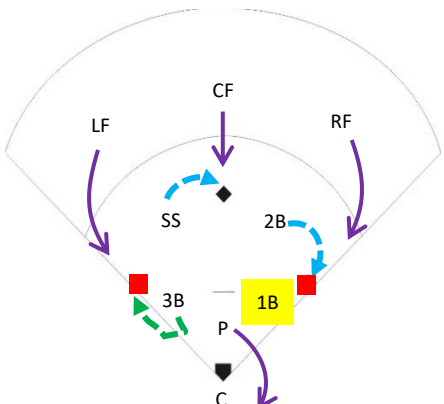
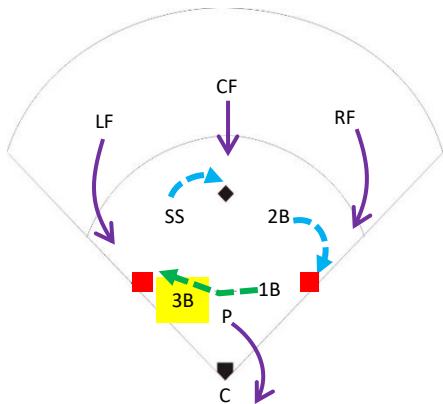


**Catcher only fields the ball if bunted on top or right in front of home plate.*

Infielder	Action
Second	Covers 1B
Shortstop	Covers 3B
First/Third	Covers 2B

Bunt Defense

Runners on 1B and 3B



2B covers 1B & SS covers 2B – cannot break on a bunt attempt until you see ball hit the bat. Do not cheat and be fooled by a fake bunt and run.

On a squeeze play, we must make sure that 3B gets covered 1B or 3B to prevent the runner on first from going 1st to 3rd (LF needs to be there ready as well)

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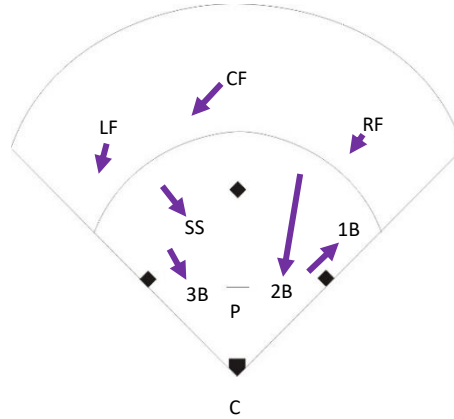
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Shortstop	Covers 2B

Infielder	Action
Third	Fields Ball
First	Cover 3B
Catcher	Cover 4

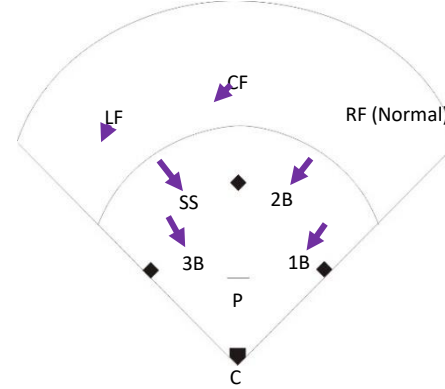
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Third	Cover 3B
Catcher	Cover 4

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Short Slap Defense

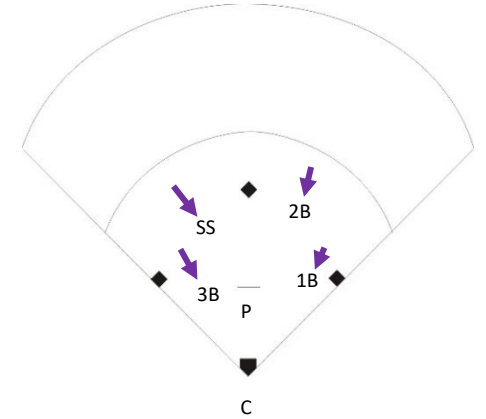


Power Slap Defense



Infield same as Short Slap D

Slap Defense with Runner on 1B



2B needs to be in a position to cover 2 on anything hit to left side while avoiding runner on anything hit to them

Slap Bunt Defense Base coverage:

2B: Plays up instead of 1B

SS: Covers 2B or 3B - Stay one base ahead of the lead runner

3B: Covers 3B or 2B

1B: Covers 1B

C: Covers 4