

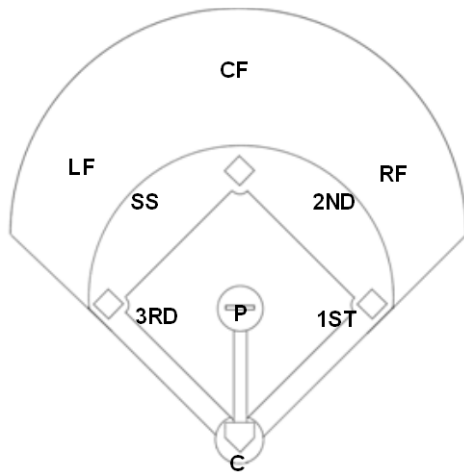
BASIC STRATEGY



The following pages outline our program's basic defensive strategies for common game situations. All players on the field have a specific role during every play of the game. Study each situation, not only the position you play but the entire scheme.

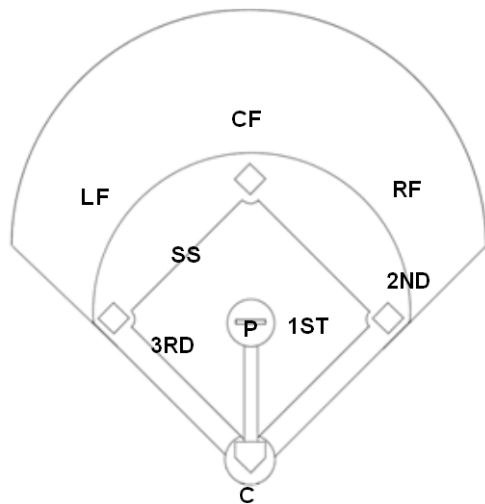
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Basic Strategy



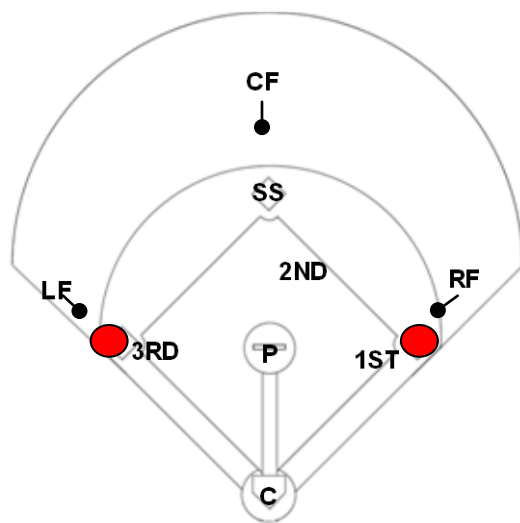
Standard Defense

- Corners play in front of the bags and just off the line.
- Middle infielders play behind the baseline and are positioned equally between the bases.
- The outfielders play at average depth in their respective areas.



Slap Defense

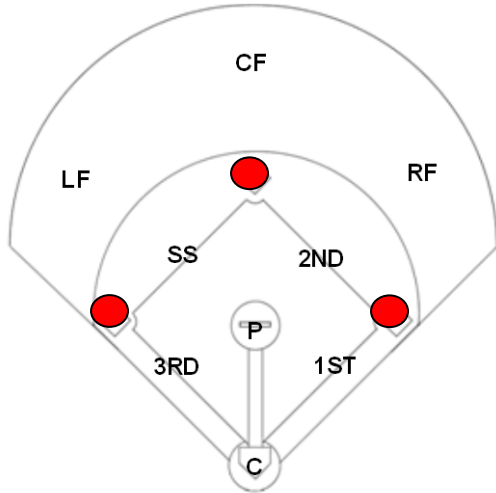
- Only when no runners are on base.
- 1st baseman moves in and over towards the circle.
- 2nd baseman moves over behind 1st base and will field all throws to 1st base.
- 3rd baseman moves forward and SS play in front of the baseline.
- The outfield positions themselves closer than usual to the infield.



Basic 1st and 3rd Positioning

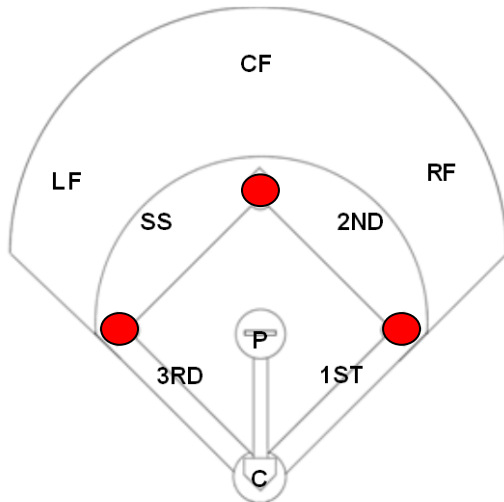
- After the pitch, corners drop back to their bases.
- SS covers 2nd base.
- 2nd baseman moves into a cut off position between 2nd base and the pitching circle.
- Outfielders back up their respective bases.

Bases Loaded Defenses



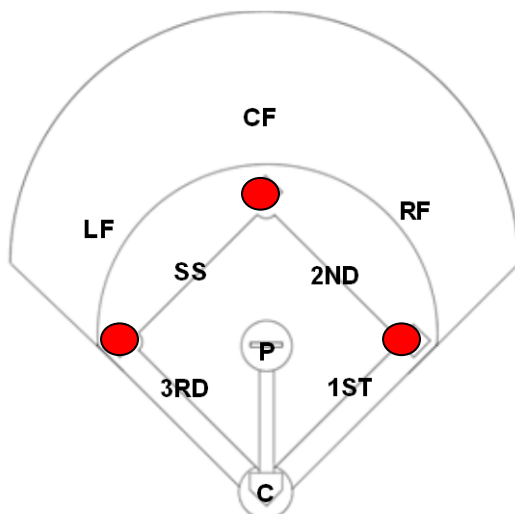
Situation #1

- **Objective: All infield positions are making the play at home.**
- Middles move inside the base path.
- Corners play in closer than normal.
- Outfielders are at regular depth.
- Catcher needs to make sure of the out at home, and if possible turn the double play to 1st base.



Situation #2

- **Objective: Middles get the out at 2nd base, corners and pitcher get the out at home.**
- Middles play at normal depth.
- Corners play in closer than normal.
- Outfielders play at normal depth and backup respective bases accordingly.



Situation #3

***Less than 2 outs**

- **Objective: Do not let the runner on 3rd score.**
- Infielders play in and outfielders play at a depth they can throw out the runner tagging up at 3rd base.
- The play must be made at home, if the runner at 3rd scores, game over.