

2018 CIF-SS Playoff 3-Man Mechanics:

3-Umpire Key Concepts:

- U1 will be the quarterback
- With no runners on base, a base umpire **WILL** go out on all fly balls.
 - The thought behind this is that we will work so few games in 3 man that sending an umpire out on **ALL** fly balls with no one on base this will revert us back the 2-umpire system which we are all very familiar with.
- With no runners on base, if U1 goes out the plate umpire will have touch responsibility as well as any play back into 1st base on the batter-runner.
- Once a base umpire goes out they **stay out** but continue to umpire.
- With R1 only, if U1 goes out U3 will have all plays on the R1 back in to 1st base. U3 will also be responsible for the retouch or tag of R1 at 1st base.
- With runners on base, the wing umpire will continue to go out on all fly balls in their coverage area.
- Umpires **WILL NOT** go out from within the infield.
- Umpires that are already inside **will not** cross over the foul lines to take plays in the coach's box.
- With runners on base, the U3 will always position himself in either the C or Deep C positions, U3 **will not** position himself on the "B" side of the infield.
- U3 must remember to not leave the front end of any force play to ensure that the play is legal.
- The Plate Umpire will rotate to 3rd:
 - No one on base, base hit in the gap that does not require a base umpire to go out on and the batter-runner attempts to or advances to 3rd base.
 - R1 only attempts to or advances to 3rd base on a base hit

- R1 & R2; R2 tags and attempts to or advances to 3rd on a fly ball which is caught
 - If the U1 does not go out, the runner on 1st committing to 3rd will initiate the “regular rotation”
 - If the U1 goes out, it will take both ball AND runner for the Plate Umpire to take a play at 3rd.
- With runner on 3rd base only:
 - Plate Umpire will line up the tag of R3.
 - U3 will either:
 - Go out, if the fly ball is in his coverage area, or
 - Come across and assume responsibility of the batter-runner. U3 will have responsibility for the touching of bases and **all** plays at any base.
- U1 will position be in the Deep B position with:
 - R2 only with less than 2 outs.
 - R2, R3 with less than 2 outs.
- U1 will return to the A position with 2 outs regardless of the situation of the runners.
- Plate Umpire WILL stay home with runners on 1st and 3rd or 3rd base only regardless if a base umpire goes out.
- Plate Umpire WILL stay home with a runner on 1st base with a 3 ball 2 strike count and 2 outs.
- Umpires **WILL NOT** bring a rule book onto the field in case of protest. Leave them either in the car or in the locker room. In case of protest, two umpires will leave the field to check the proper rule while the 3rd will stay and monitor the field.

4-Umpire Key Concepts:

- The 2nd base umpire will be the quarterback regarding fly ball coverage with no runners on base **OR** R3 only.

- With no runners on base, U2 will have catch responsibility from the left fielder coming straight in to the right fielder coming straight in and everything in the middle.
- An umpire will go out on all fly balls to the outfield with the exception obvious base hits.
- With no runners on base, if the 1st base umpire goes out the plate umpire will have touch responsibility as well as any play back into 1st base on the batter-runner.
- With R1 only, if U1 goes out U2 will have all plays on the R1 back in to 1st base. U2 will also be responsible for the retouch or tag of R1 at 1st base.
- Once inside, U2 **will not** have fly ball responsibility.
- U2, when inside, **will not** cross over the foul lines to take plays in the coach's box.
- With a runner on base, U2 may position himself in either deep B or Deep C.
- With runners on base, revert to the fly ball coverage of the 3-Umpire System.
- With the U2 in the infield, either U3 OR the U1 will go out on all fly balls except for obvious base hits.
- The Plate Umpire will rotate to 3rd
 - No runners on base, either U2 or U3 have gone out and the batter-runner attempts to or advances to 3rd base (regular rotation)
 - R1, U3 goes out and R1 attempts to or advances to 3rd base.
 - R1 R2, less than 2 outs, U3 goes out and R2 tags and attempts to or advances to 3rd base on a caught fly ball.
- **U3 ONLY:**
 - U2 will return to the outfield and assume his normal fly ball coverage.
 - With less than 2 outs U2 shall position himself in shallow CF just behind the hip of the SS.
 - U2 will have responsibility for any play back into 3rd is U3 goes out

- U2 will have all plays on the batter runner at 1st or 2nd base if U1 goes out.
- U2 will return to regular position with 2 outs.