

A background image of a baseball game. In the foreground, a catcher in a dark uniform is crouched, and a batter in a white uniform with the name 'WRIGHT' and number '18' is swinging a bat. A runner in a blue uniform is sliding into a base. The background is filled with a large crowd of spectators in a stadium.

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UMPIRE INSTRUCTION

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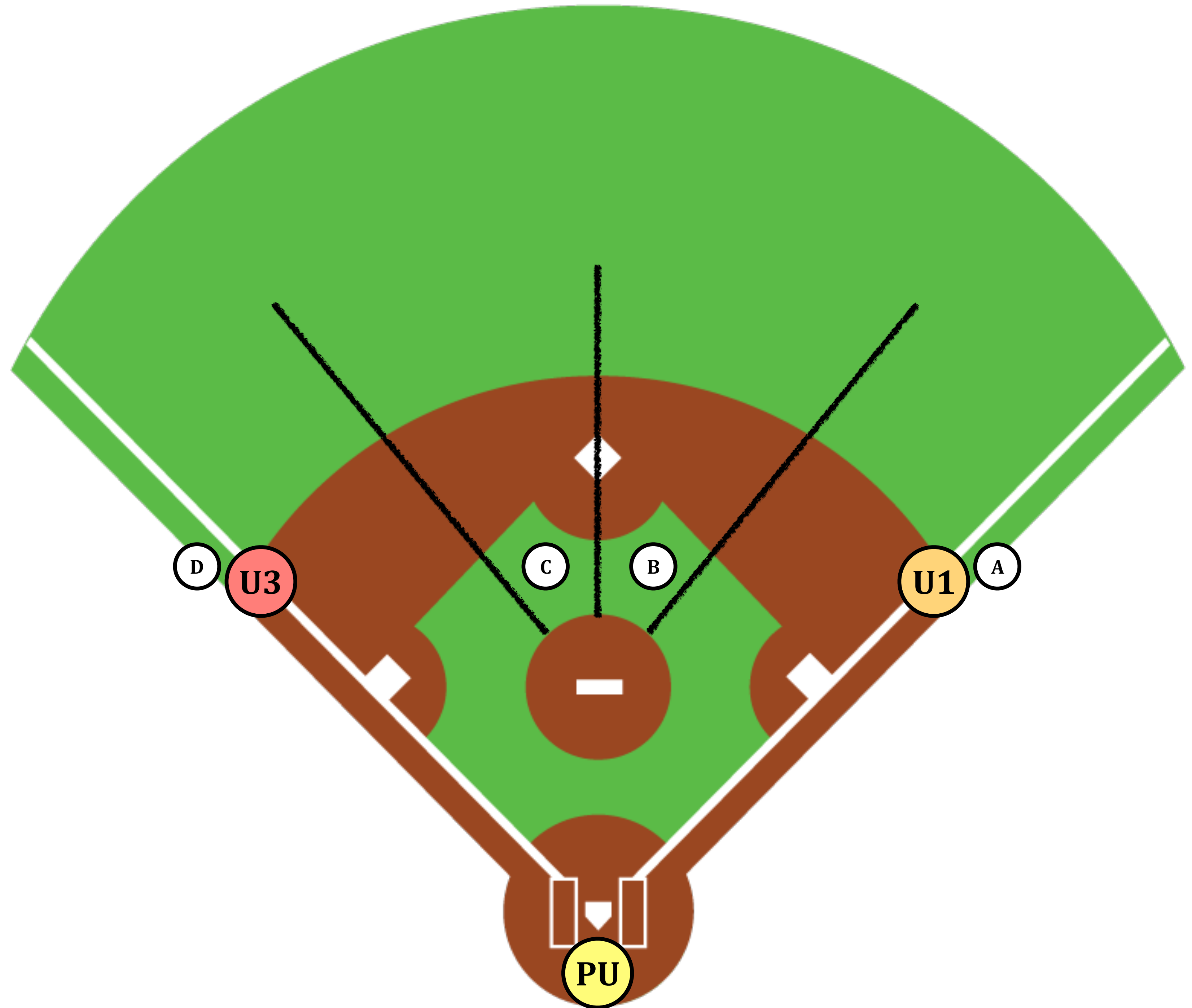
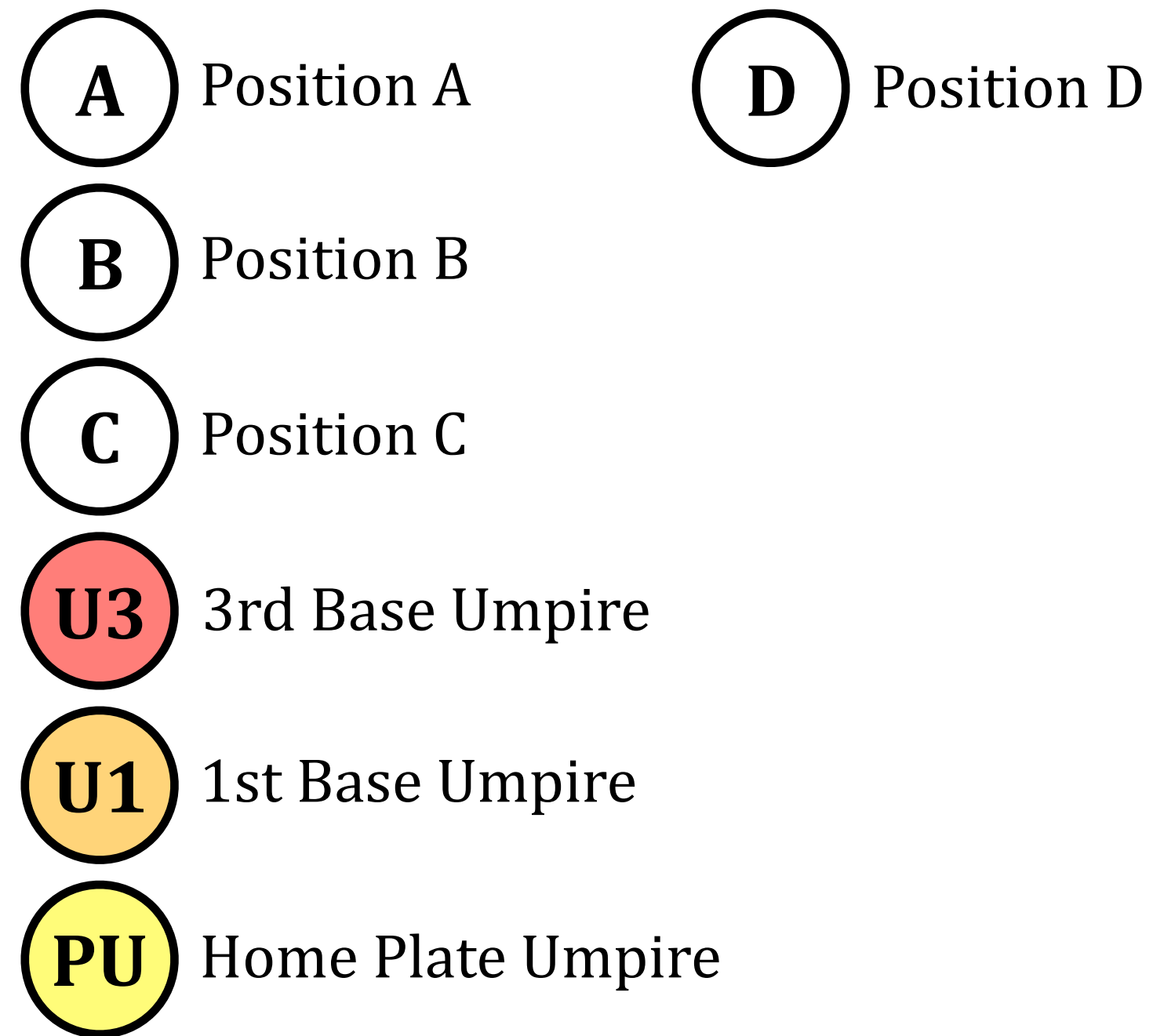
Mechanics Concepts:

- With no runners on base, U1 or U3 will go out on **ALL** fly balls and line drives that are his/her responsibility.
- With one runner on base, the wing umpire will go out on **ALL** fly balls and line drives to the outfield that are his/her responsibility.
- With multiple runner, umpires will only go out on fly balls and line drives to the outfield that are **trouble**.
- The guideline here is based on the play most likely to happen.
- The crew needs to communicate and work together at all times.
- WBSC umpires do not work together an entire season. Therefore mechanics are kept simple and consistent all over the world.
- The practice of “rimming” (moving on the outside of the base line) is an acceptable practice for WBSC umpires.
- In many cases umpires have to split the difference and react.
- Most important is trust your instincts.

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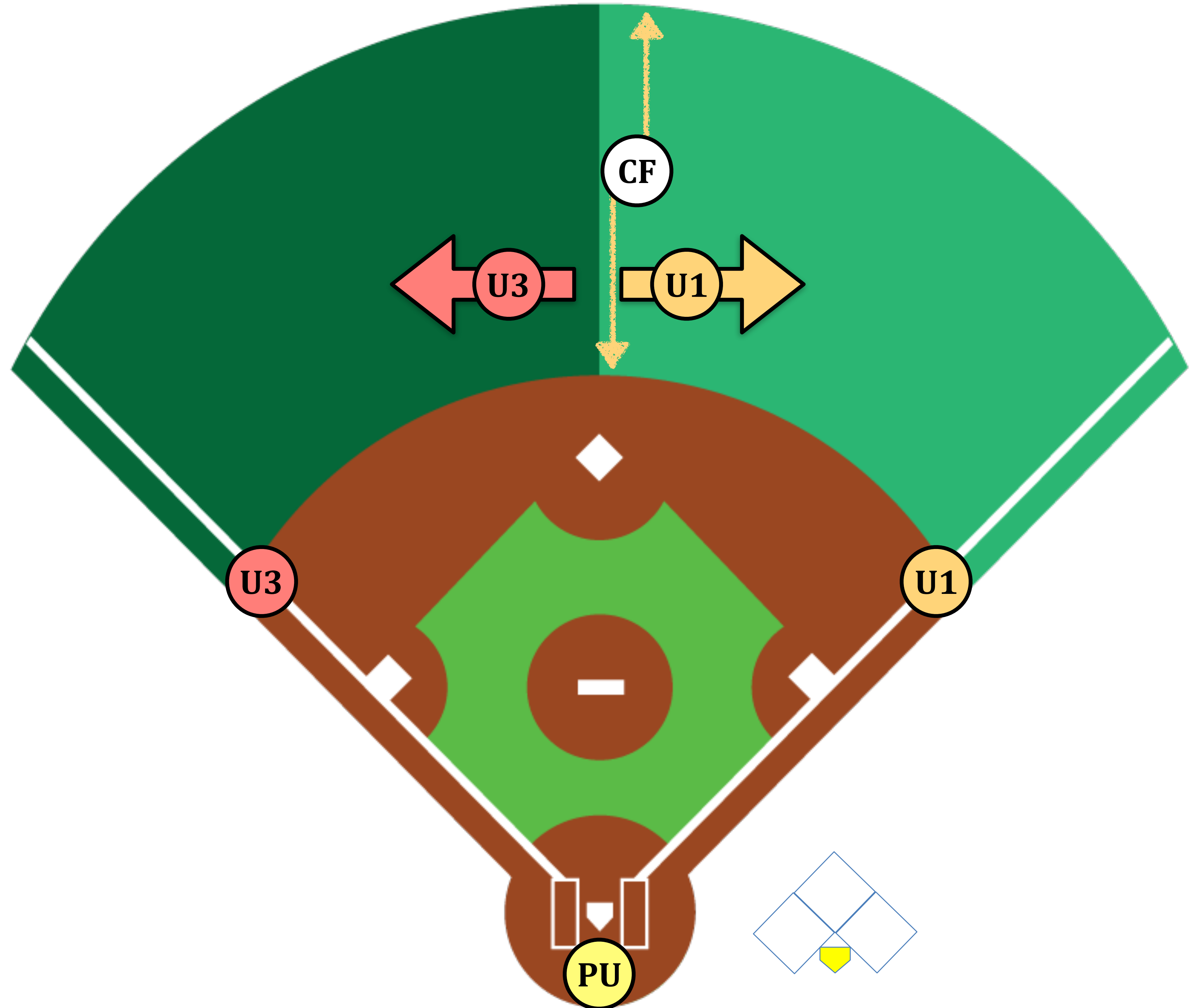
BASIC PRINCIPLES

1. BOX THEM IN
2. COMMUNICATION IS VERY IMPORTANT
3. INFIELD UMPIRES MAY GO OUT
4. BALK CONCENTRATION
5. BASIC OUTFIELD COVERAGE
6. OVERTHROWS



INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE.

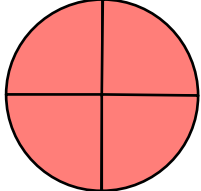
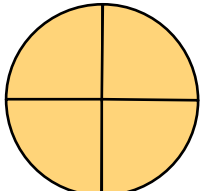
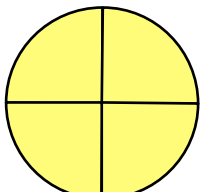


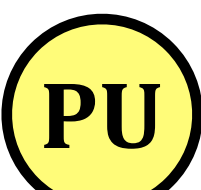
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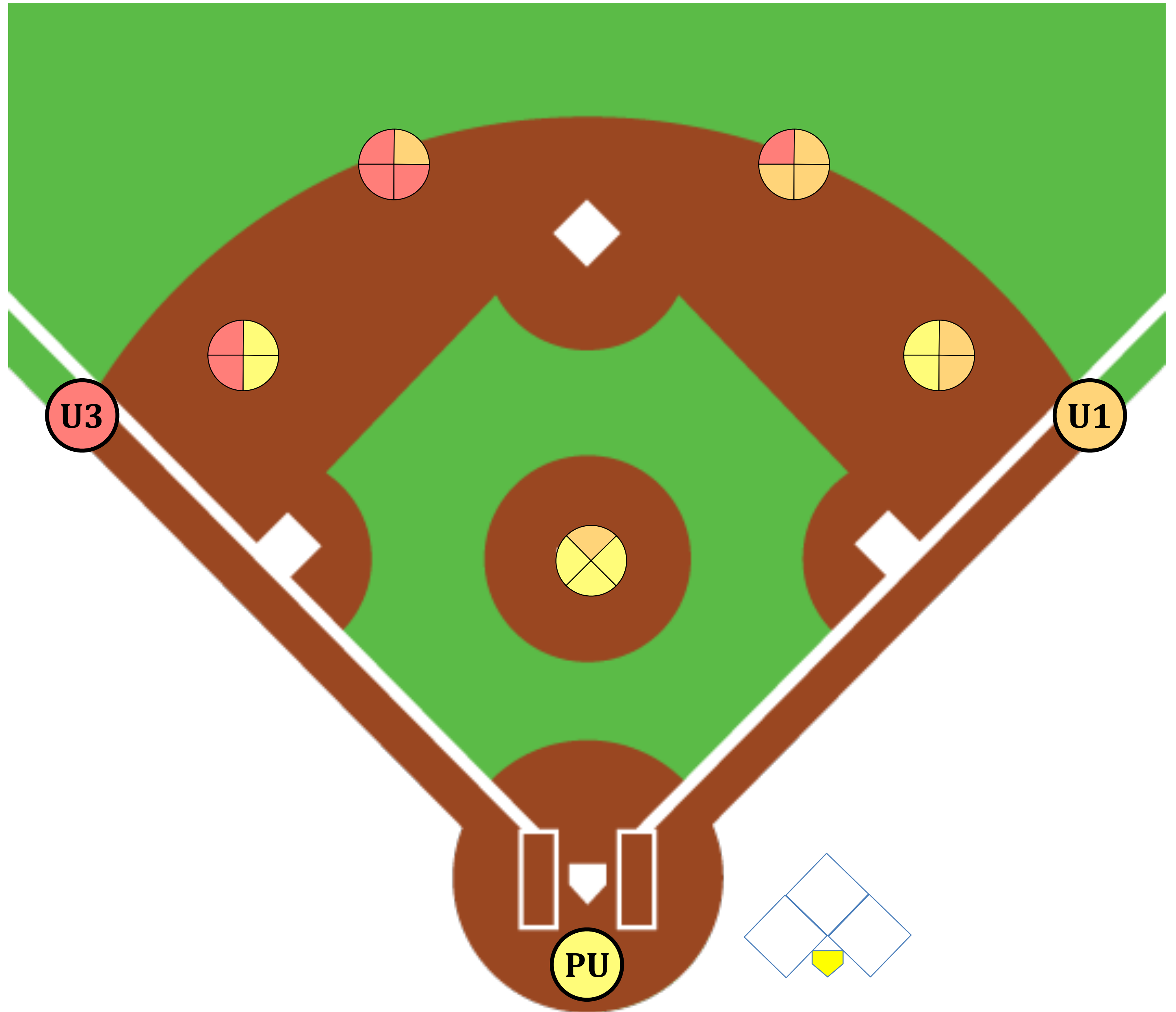


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INFIELD CATCH COVERAGE

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-  3rd Base Umpire
-  1st Base Umpire
-  Home Plate Umpire
-  **U3** 3rd Base Umpire
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FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE

↔ 3rd Base Umpire

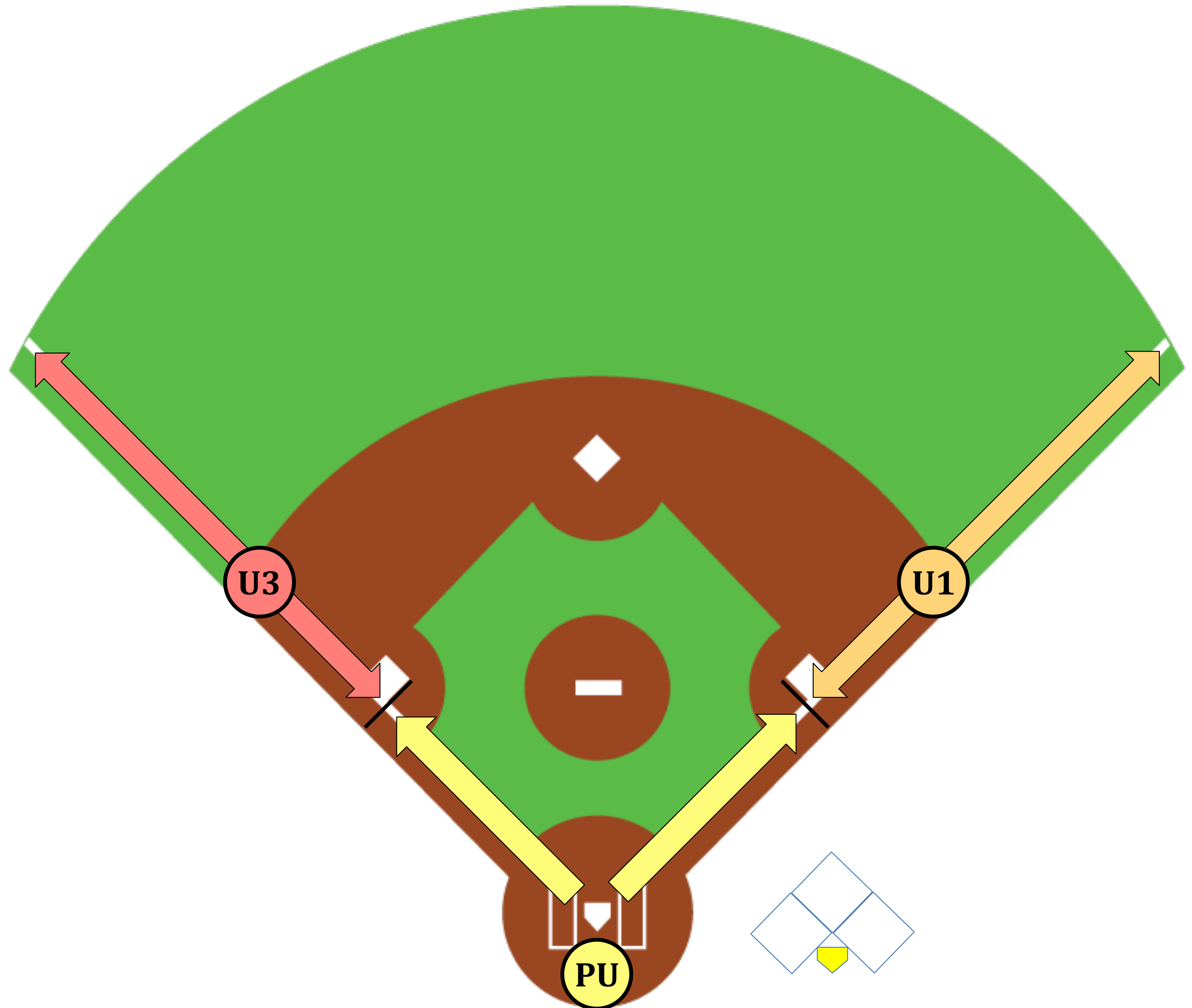
↔ 1st Base Umpire

→ Home Plate Umpire

U3 3rd Base Umpire







U1 1st Base Umpire

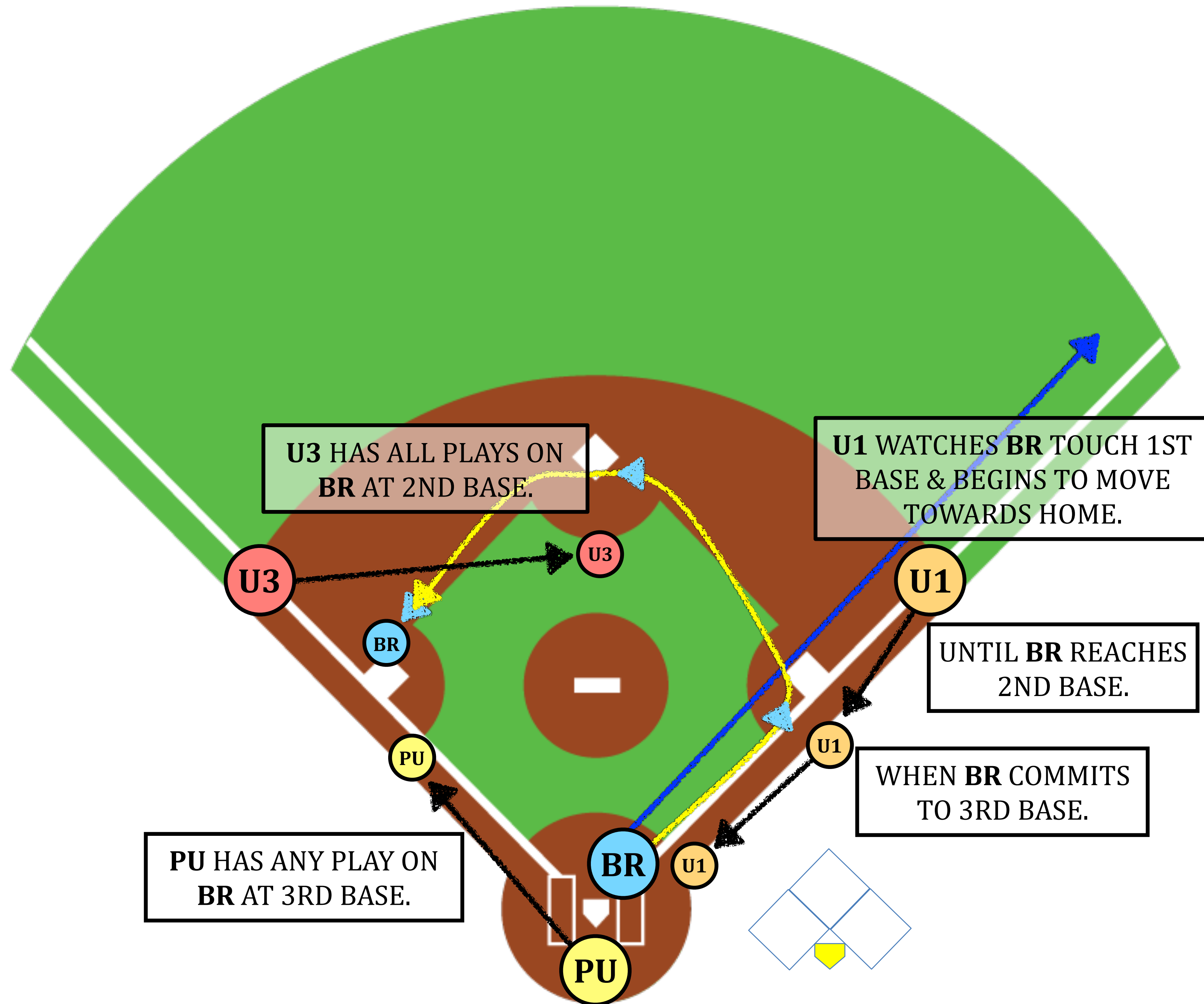
PU Home Plate Umpire



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CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD.

-  Hit
-  Runner's path
-  Base Runner
-  3rd Base Umpire
-  1st Base Umpire
-  Home Plate Umpire



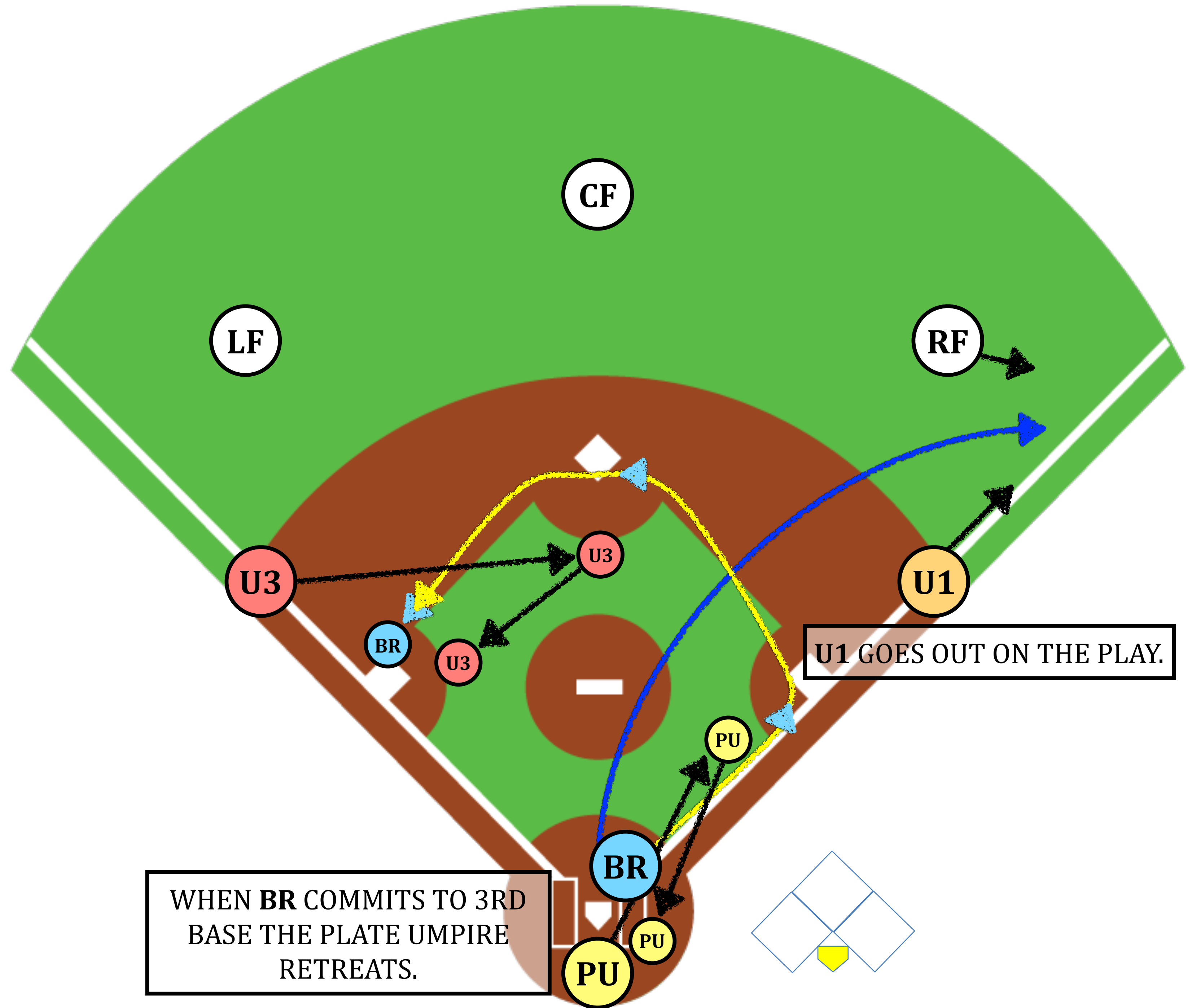
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FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD -
NO CATCH.

- RF** Right Field
- LF** Left Field
- CF** Center Field
- BR** Base Runner
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 Fly Ball NO CATCH

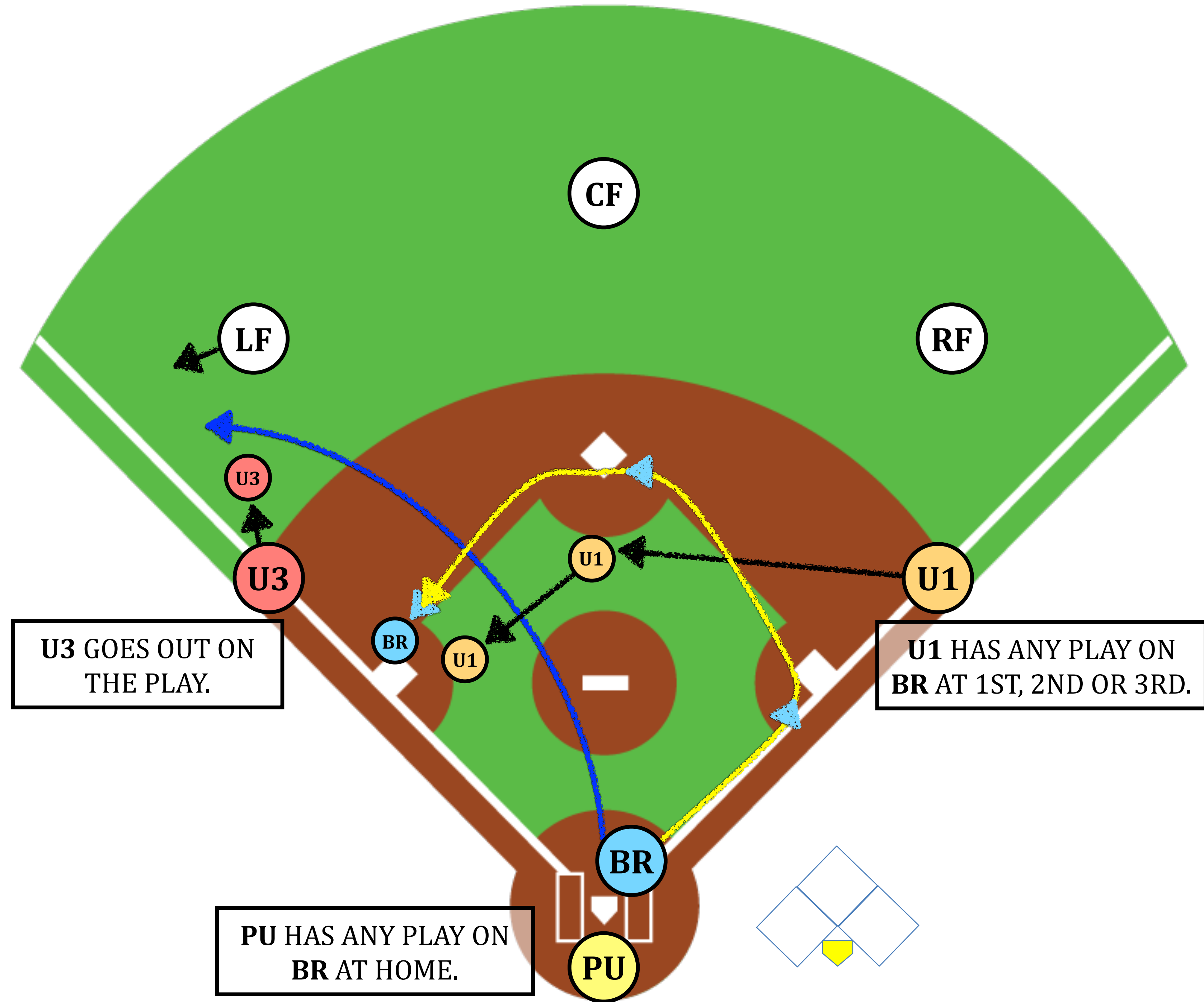
 Runner's path



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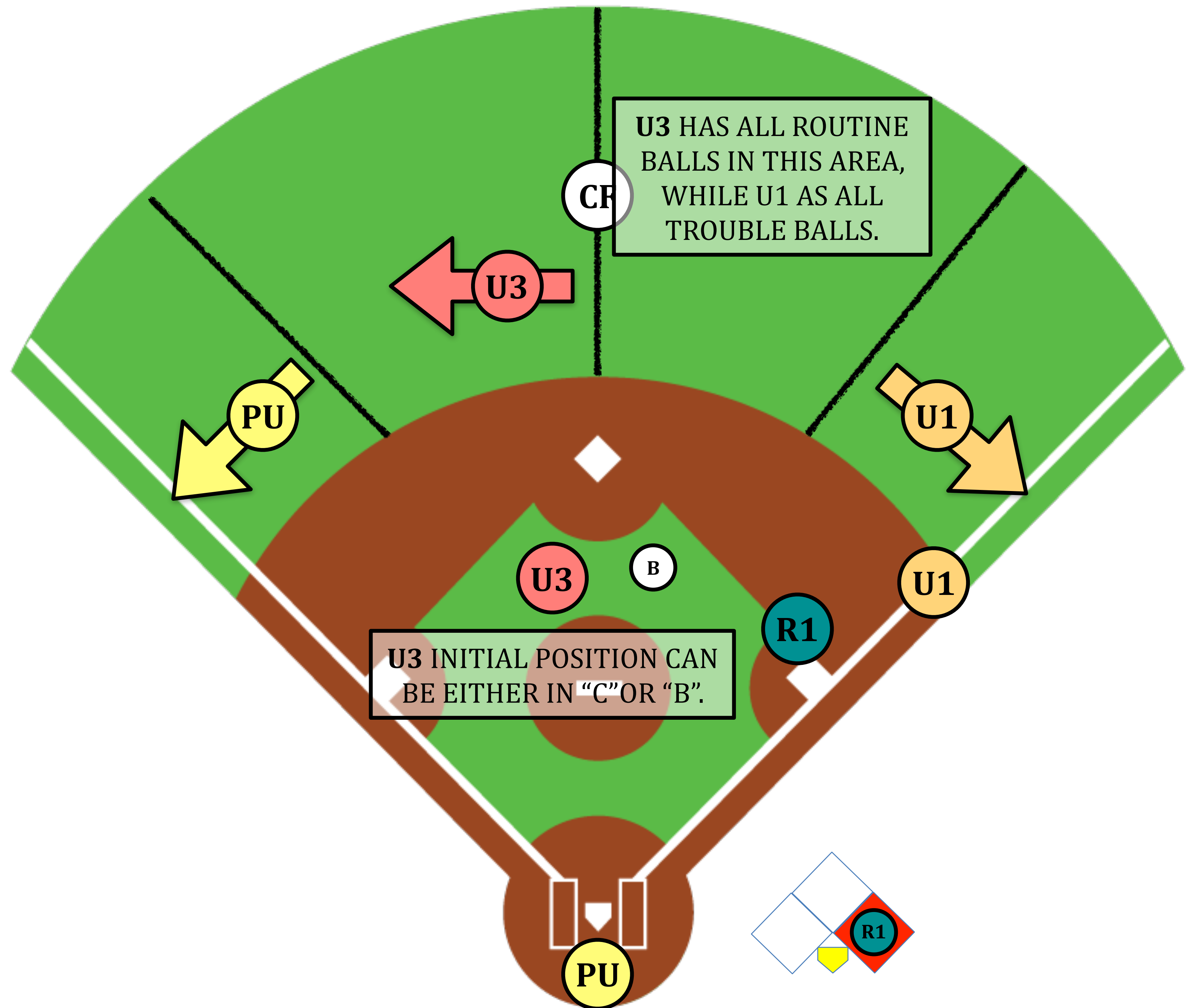
FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD -
NO CATCH.

- RF Right Field
- LF Left Field
- Fly Ball NO CATCH
- ➡ Runner's path
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- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire
- CF Center Field



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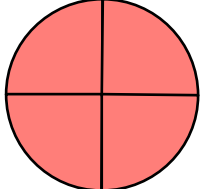
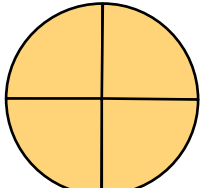
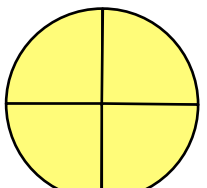



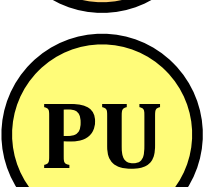
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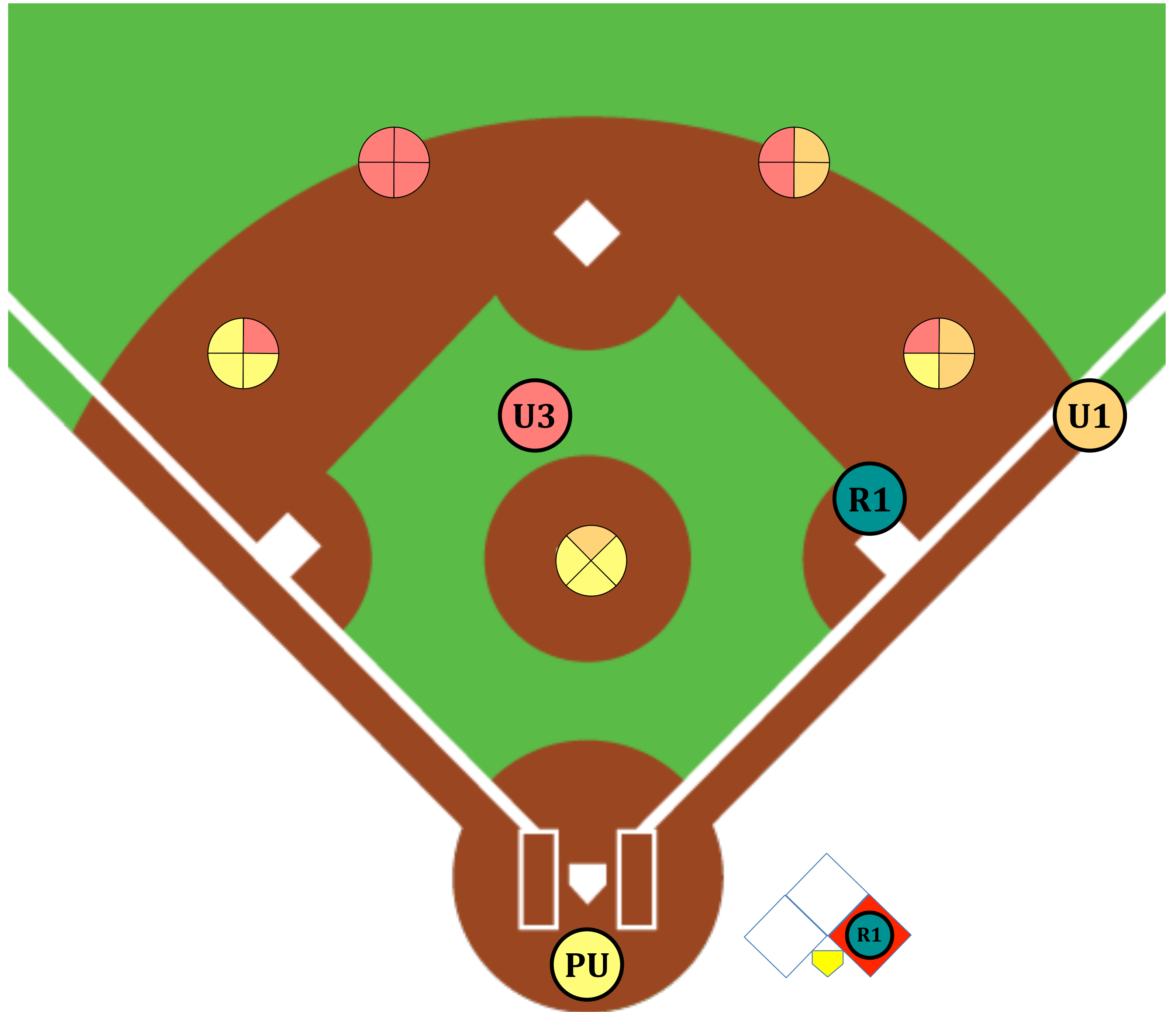


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-  Runner on 1st
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↔ 1st Base Umpire

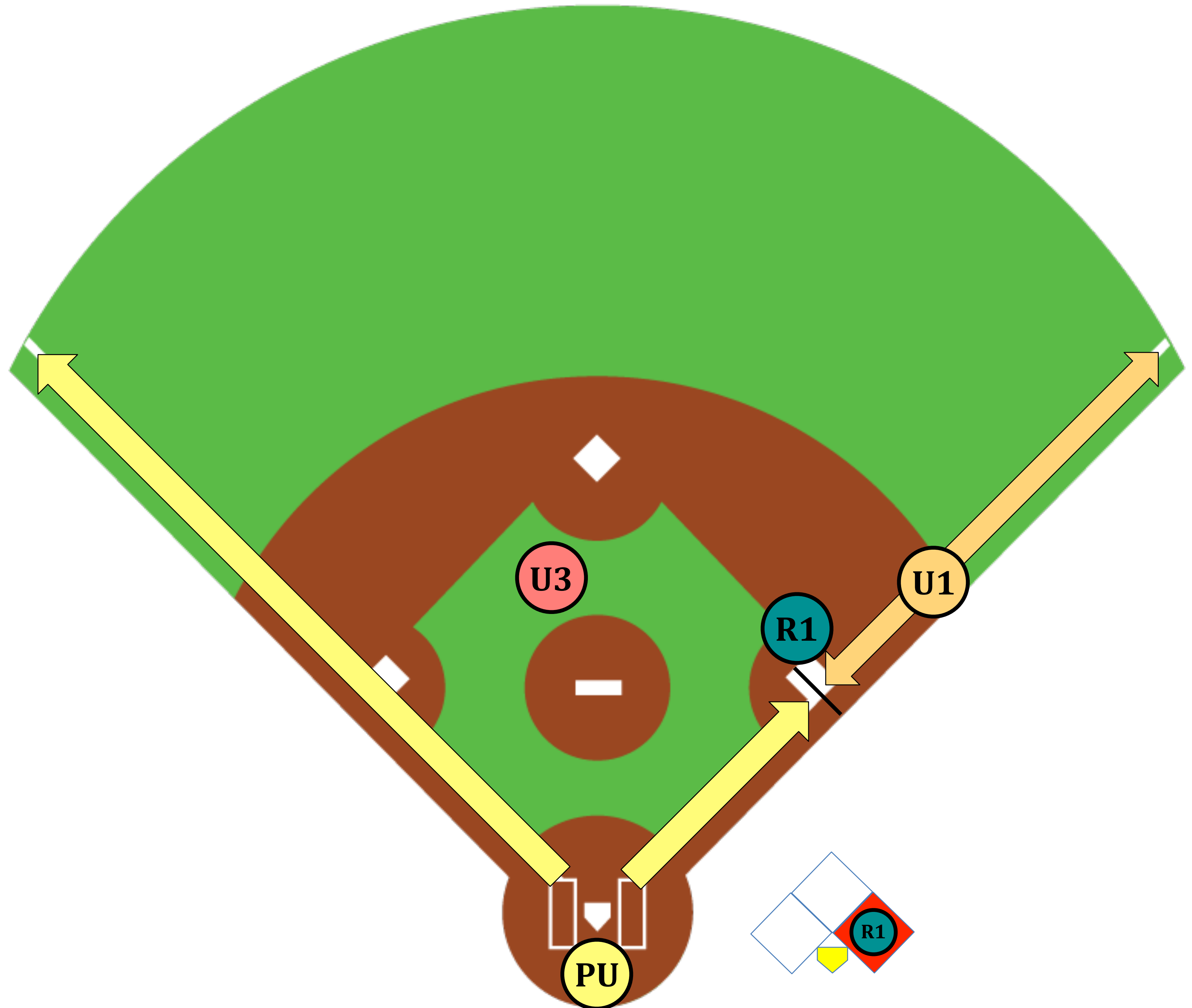
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R1 Runner on 1st

U3 3rd Base Umpire







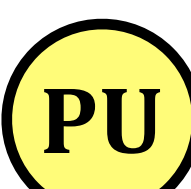
U1 1st Base Umpire

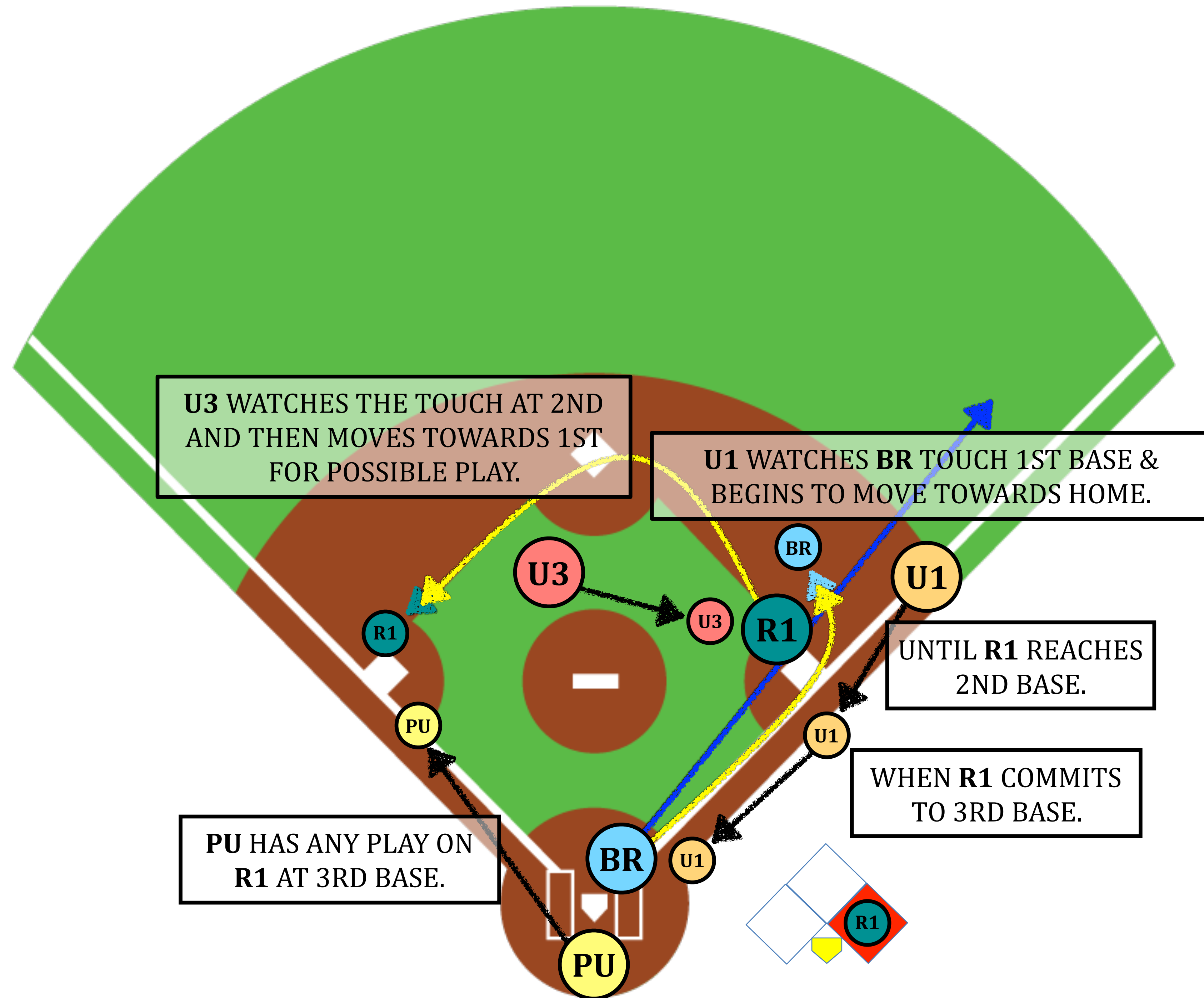
PU Home Plate Umpire



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CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD.

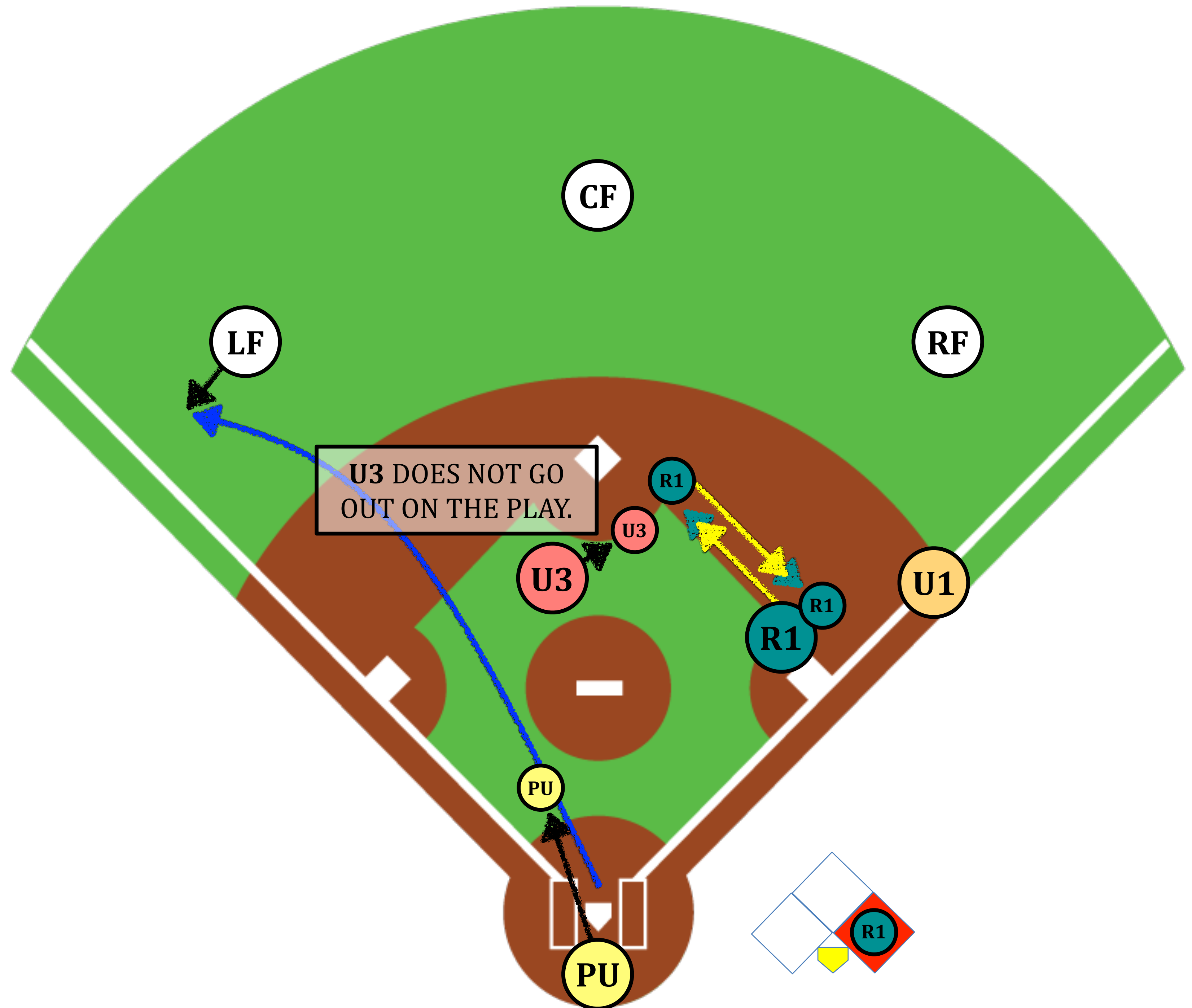
-  Base Hit
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-  Base Runner
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ROUTINE FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD - CATCH

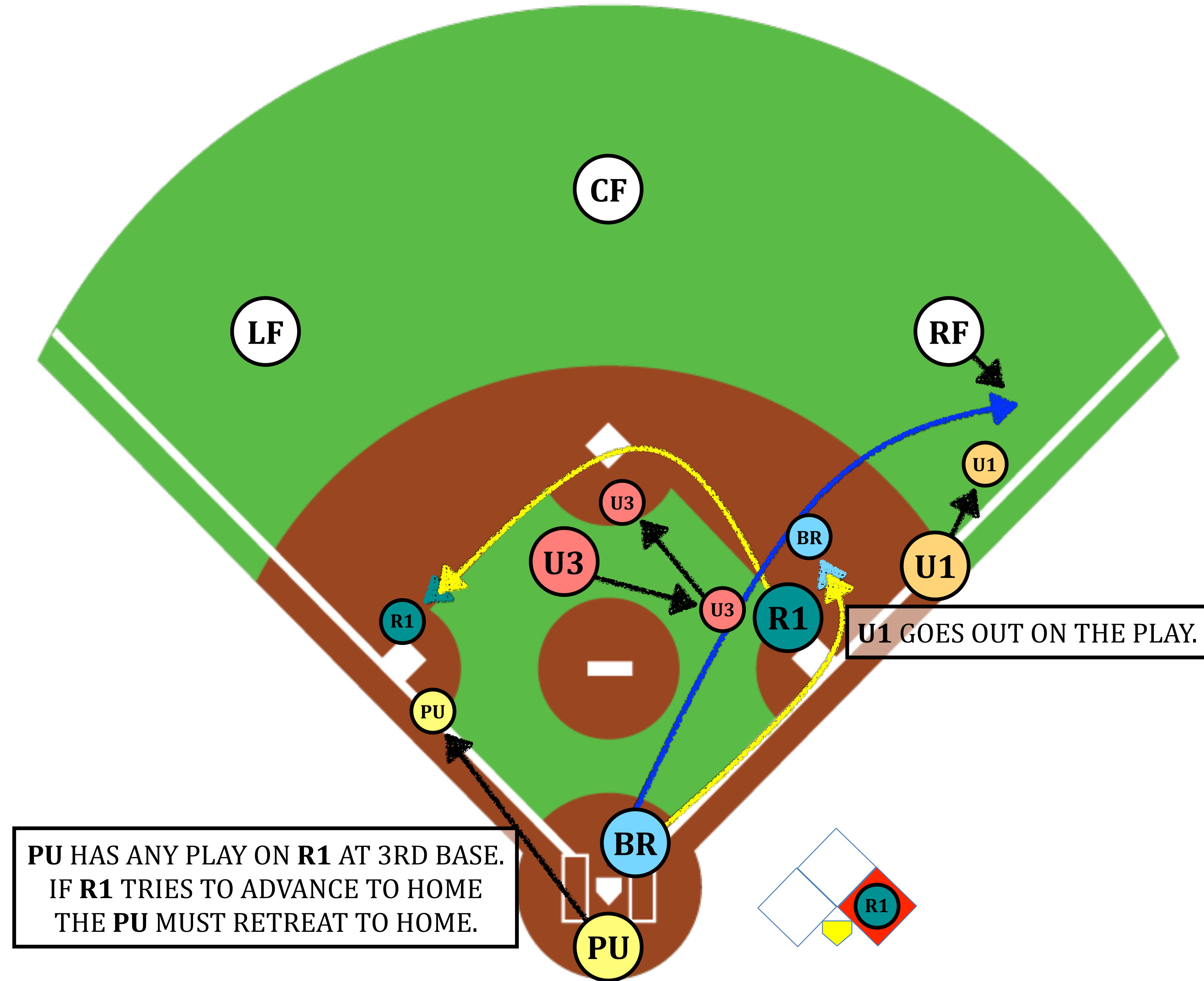
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-  Fly Ball **CATCH**
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FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD -
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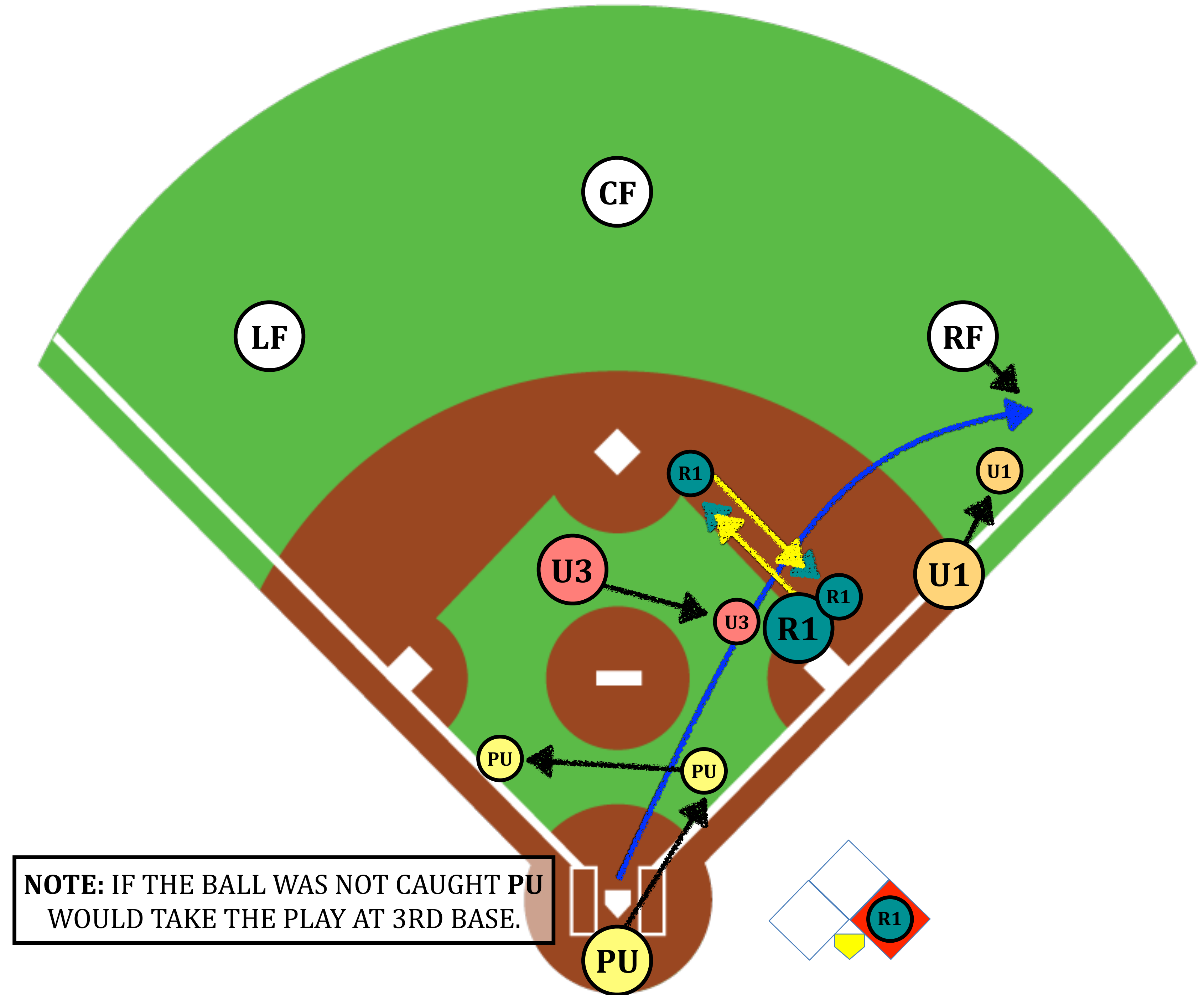
- RF Right Field
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- ↗ Fly Ball **NO CATCH**
- Runner's path
- BR Base Runner
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FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD - CATCH

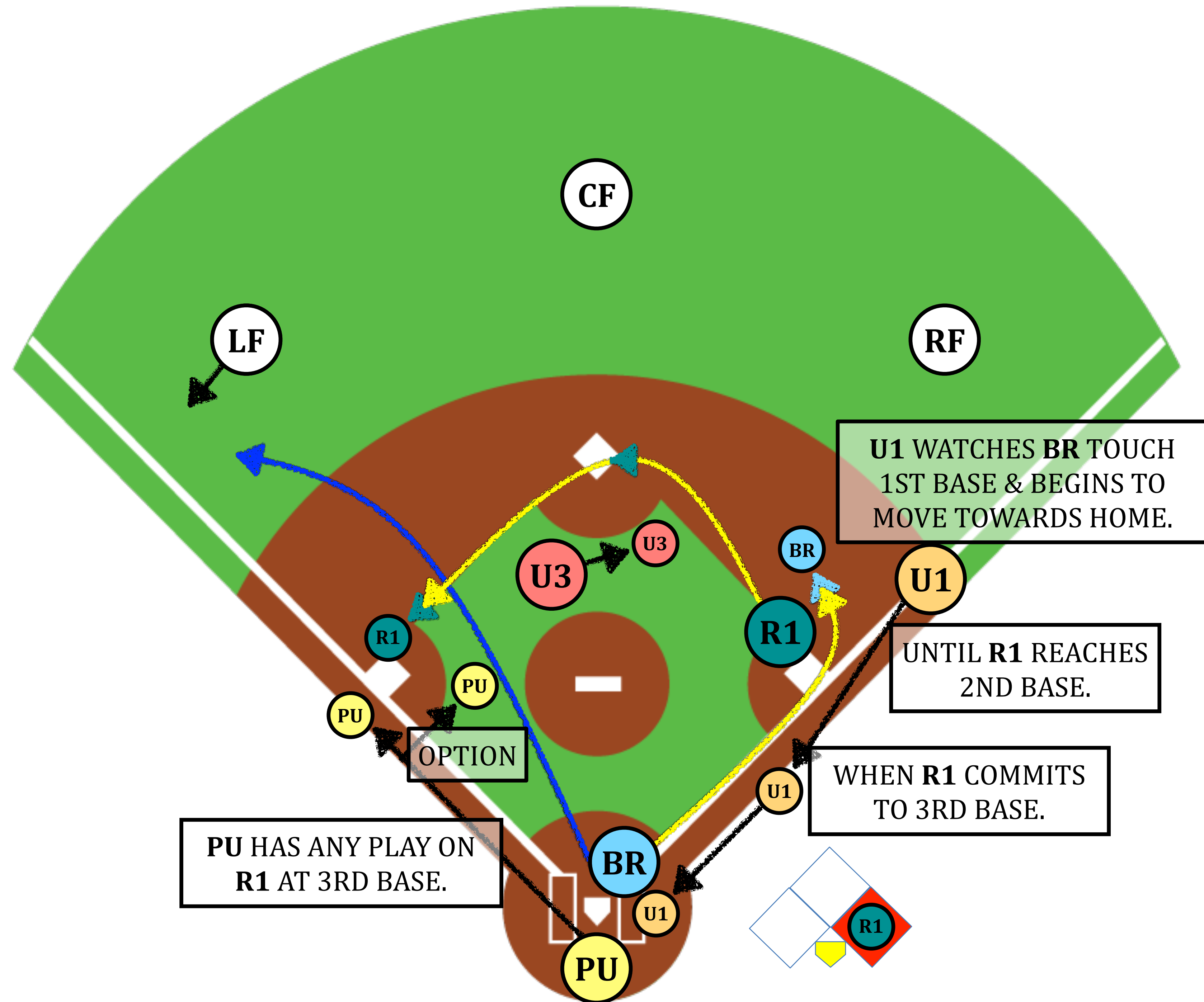
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FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD -
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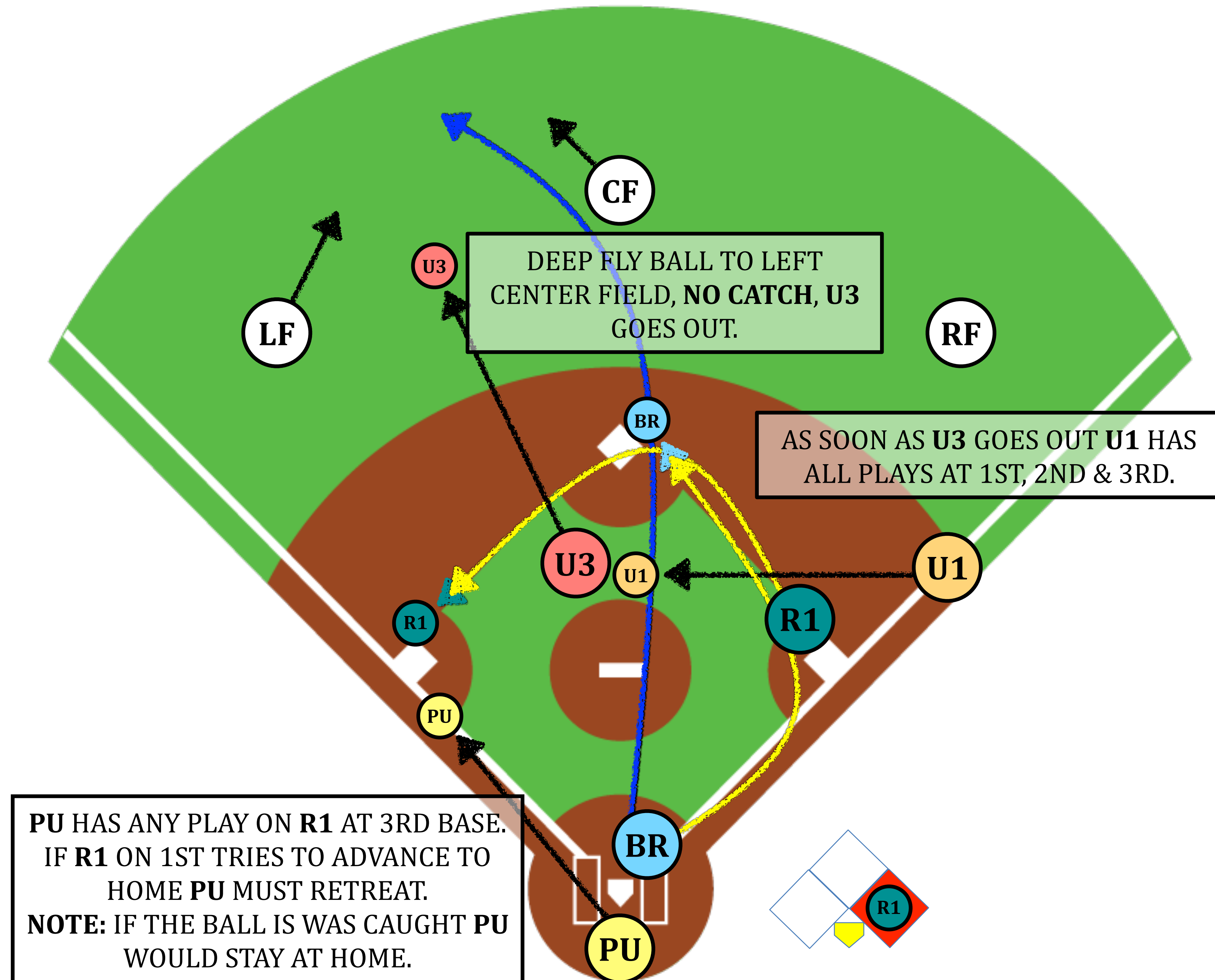
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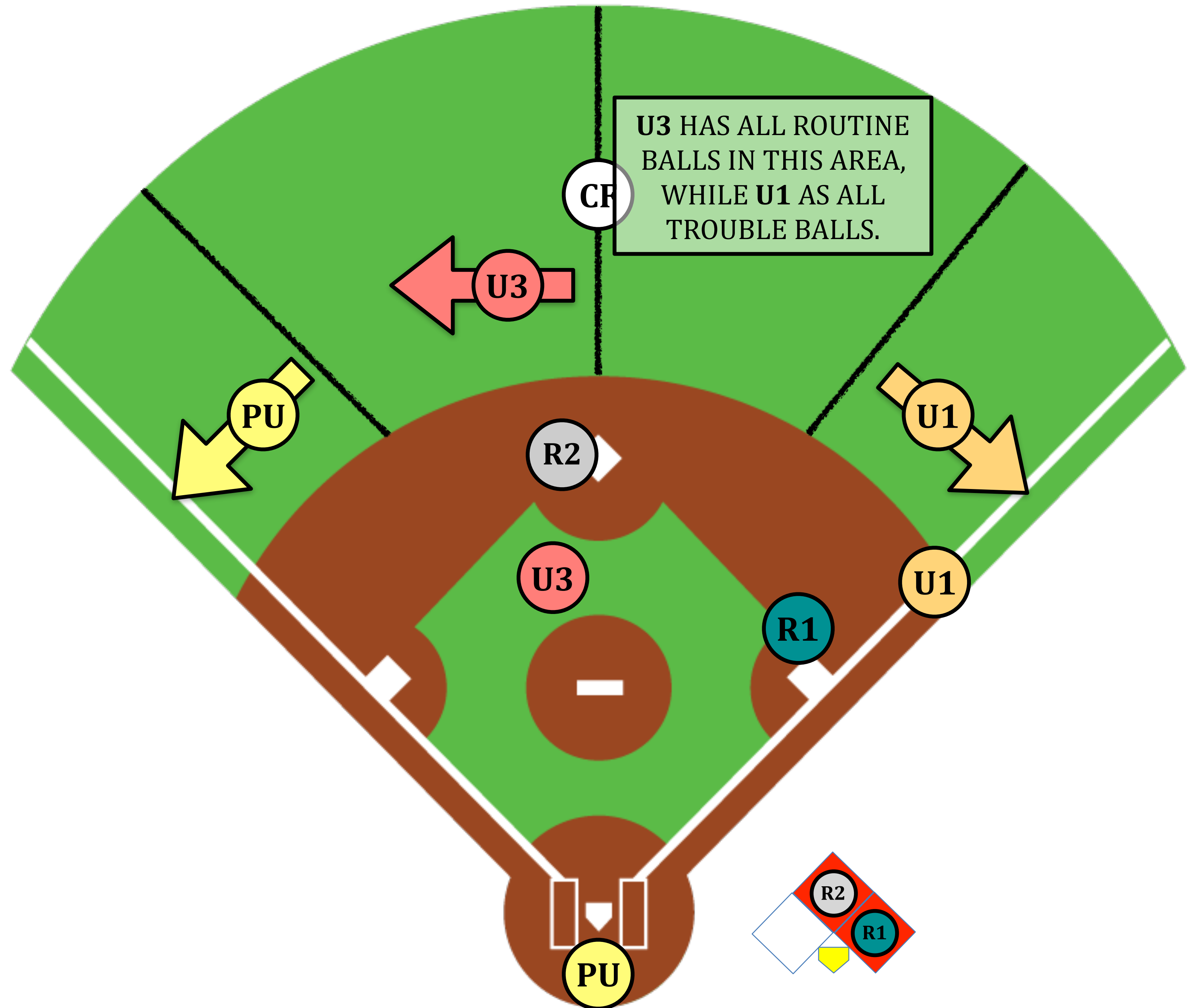
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FIELD - **NO CATCH**

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- CF** Center Field
- R1** Runner on 2nd
- R2** Runner on 2nd
- U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- U1** 1st Base Umpire
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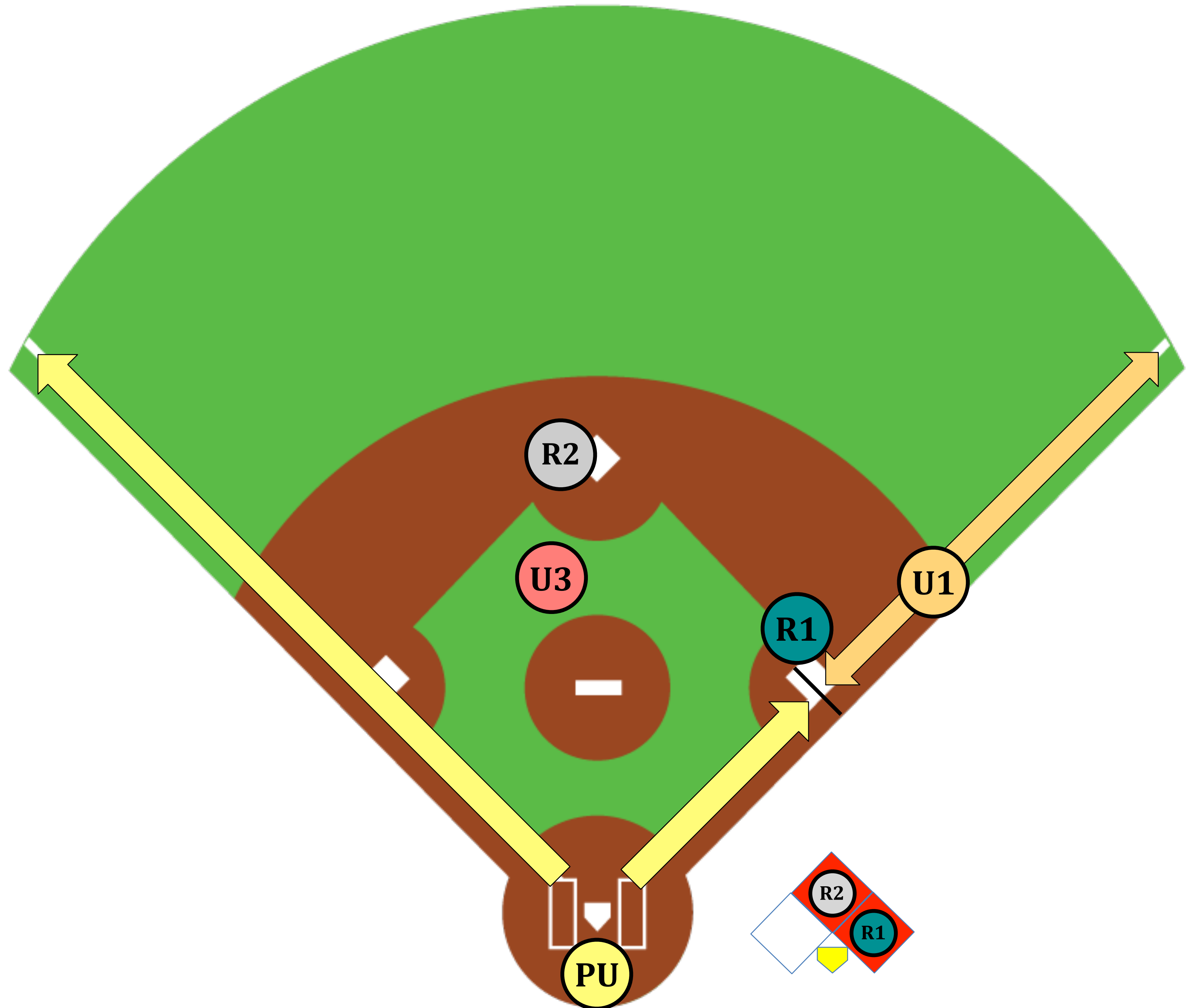
R1 Runner on 2nd

R2 Runner on 2nd

U3 3rd Base Umpire



U1 1st Base Umpire

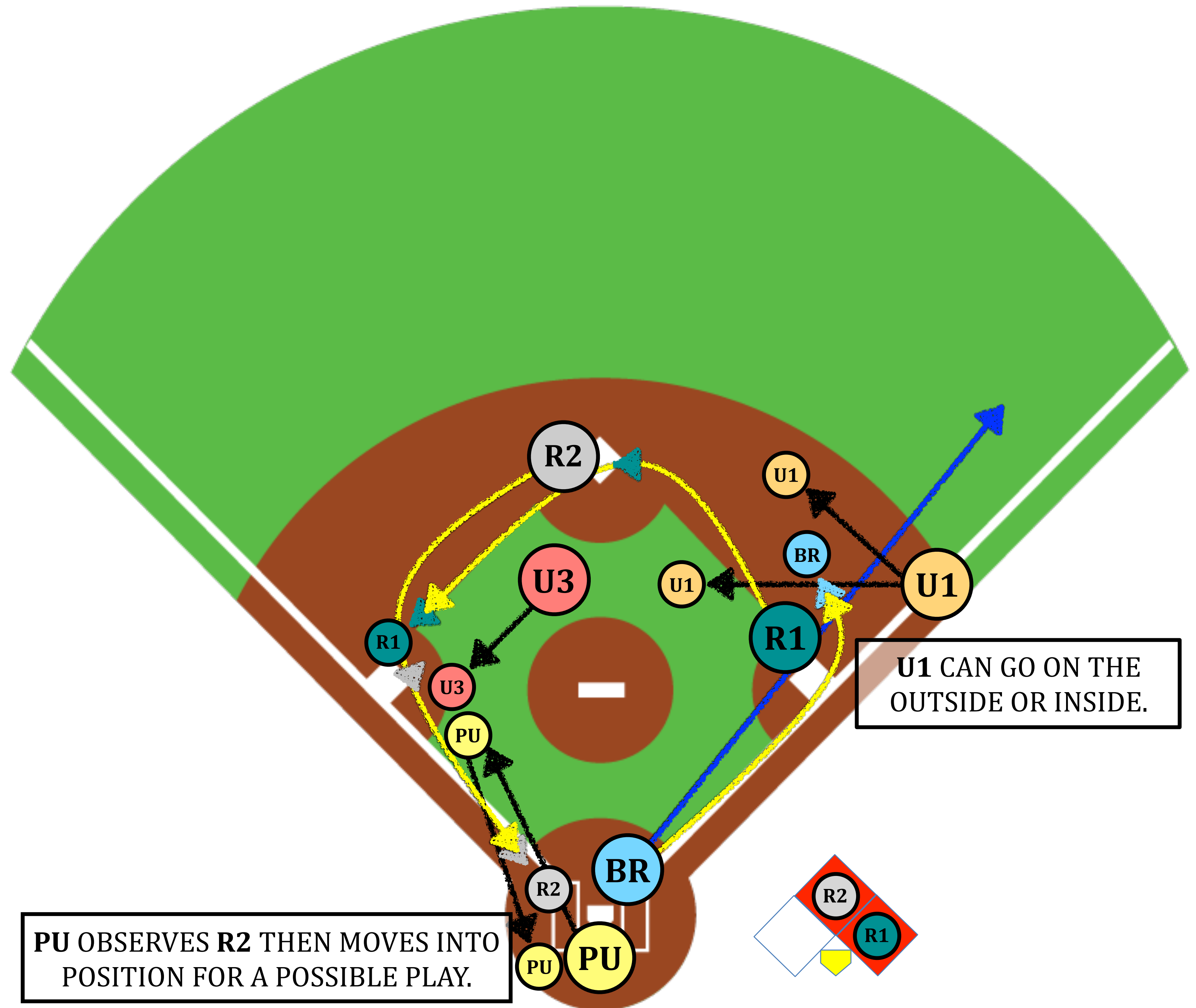
PU Home Plate Umpire



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CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

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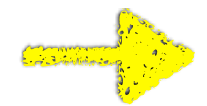
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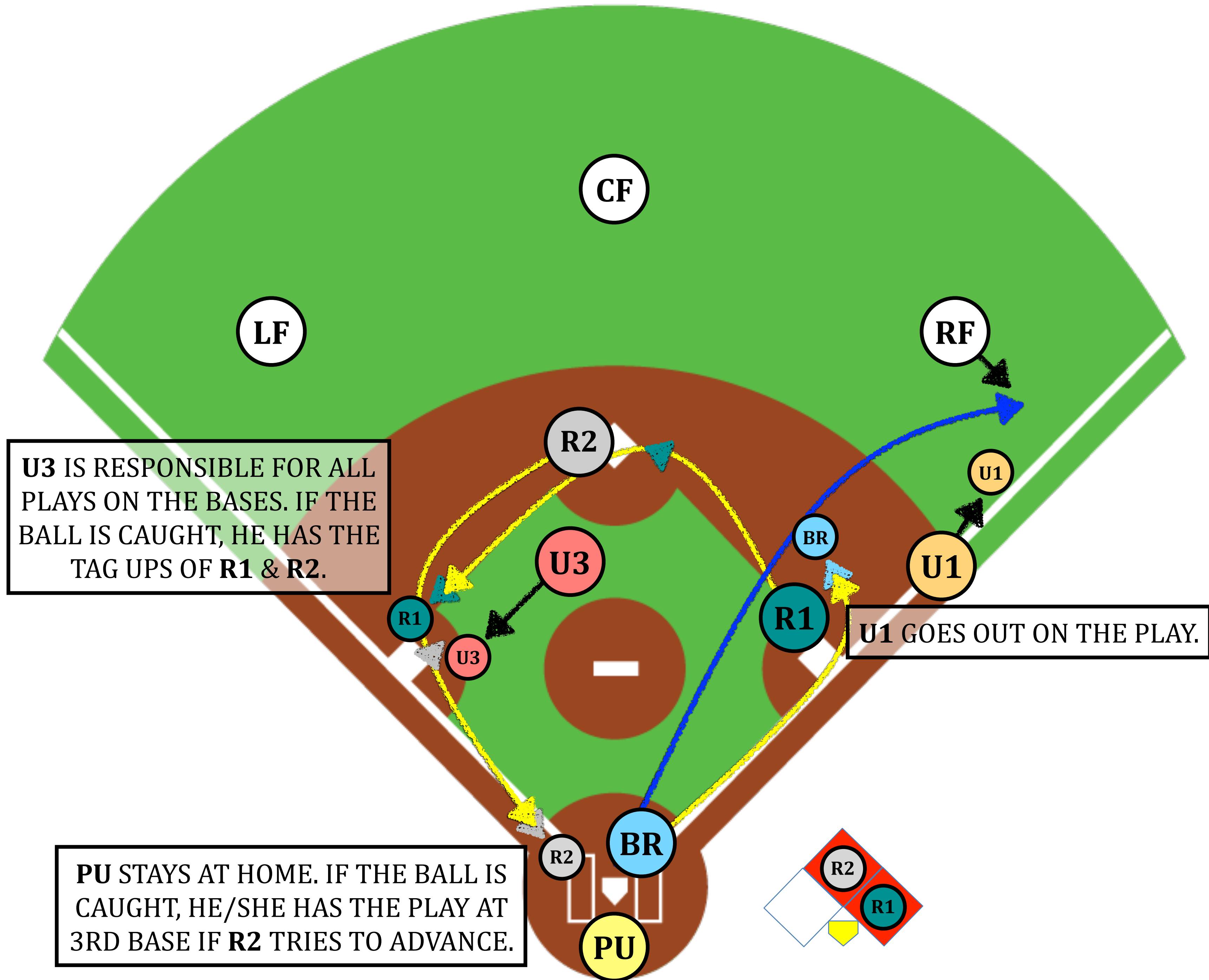
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Fly Ball **NO CATCH**





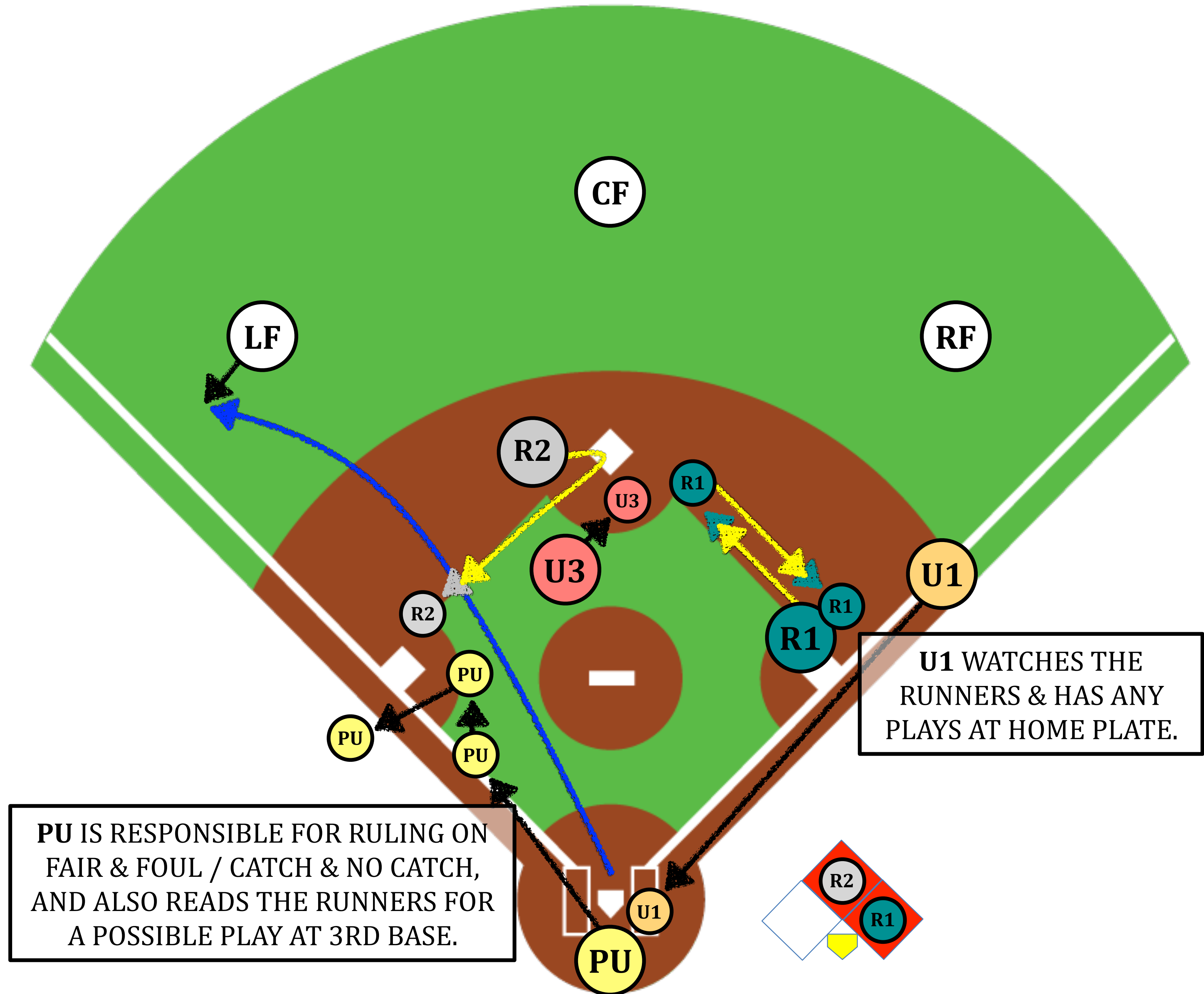
Runner's path



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FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD - CATCH

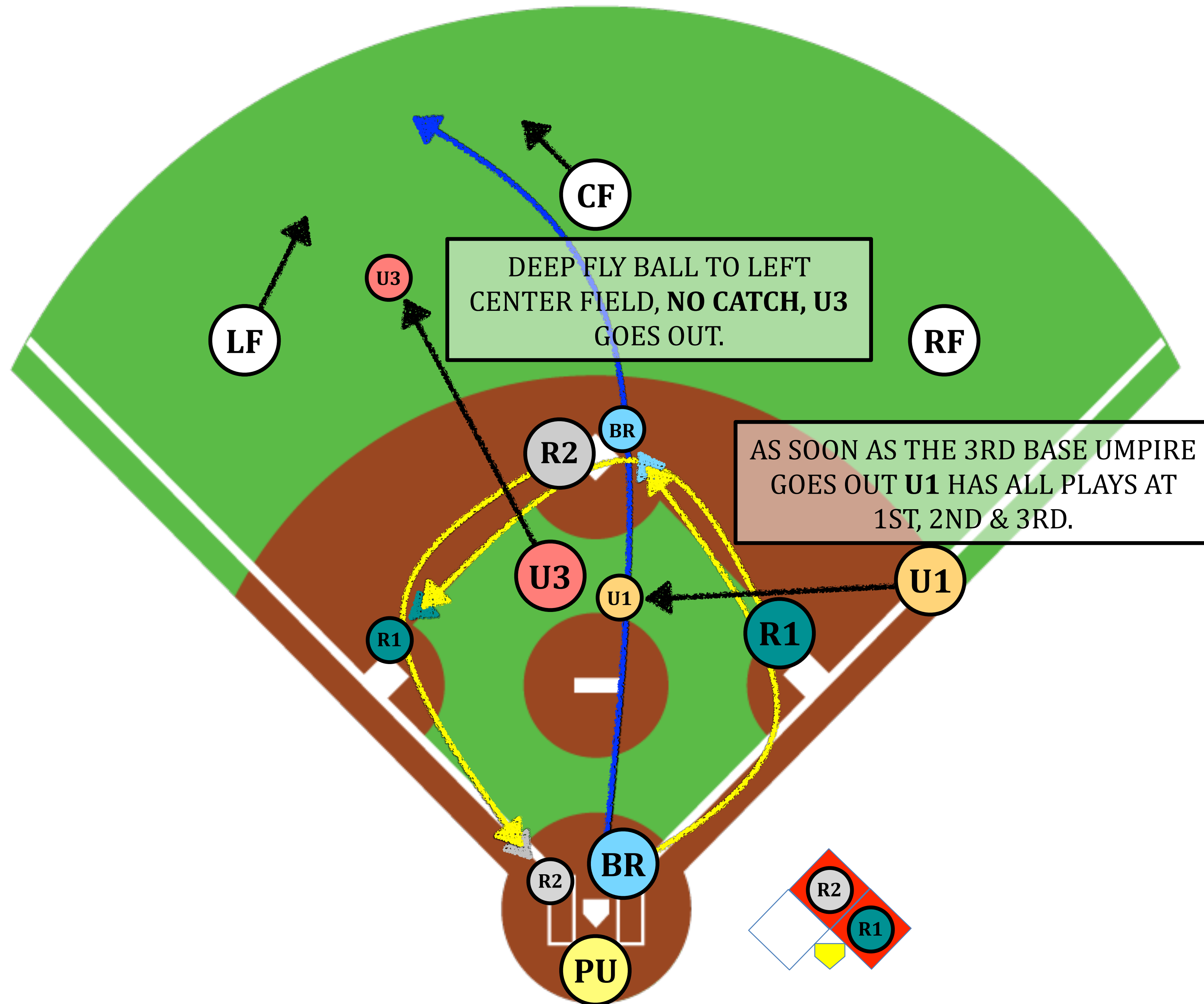
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- LF** Left Field
- CF** Center Field
-  Fly Ball **CATCH**
-  Runner's path
- R2** Runner on 2nd
- R1** Runner on 1st
- U3** 3rd Base Umpire
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DEEP FLY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER
FIELD - **NO CATCH**

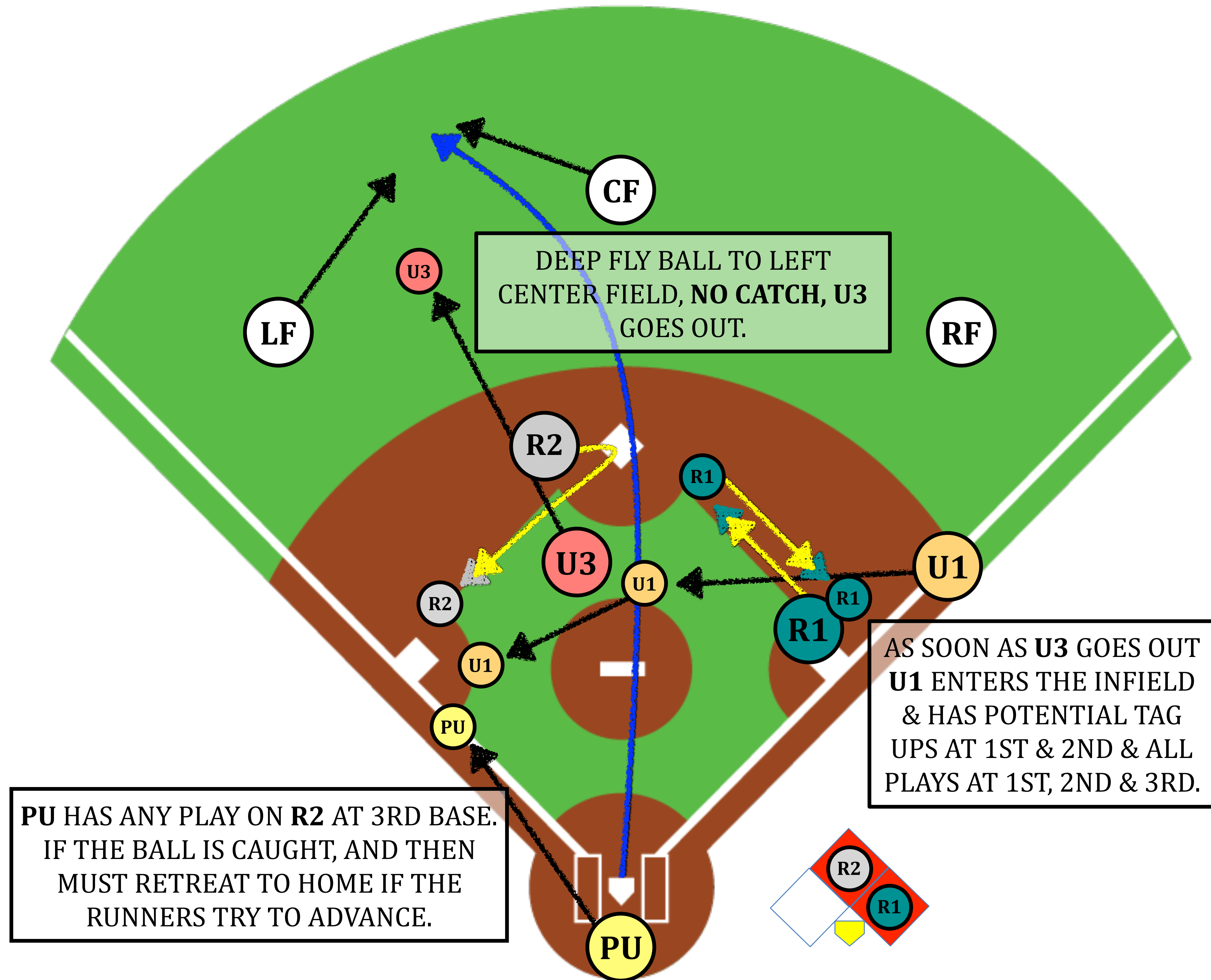
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 Runner's path



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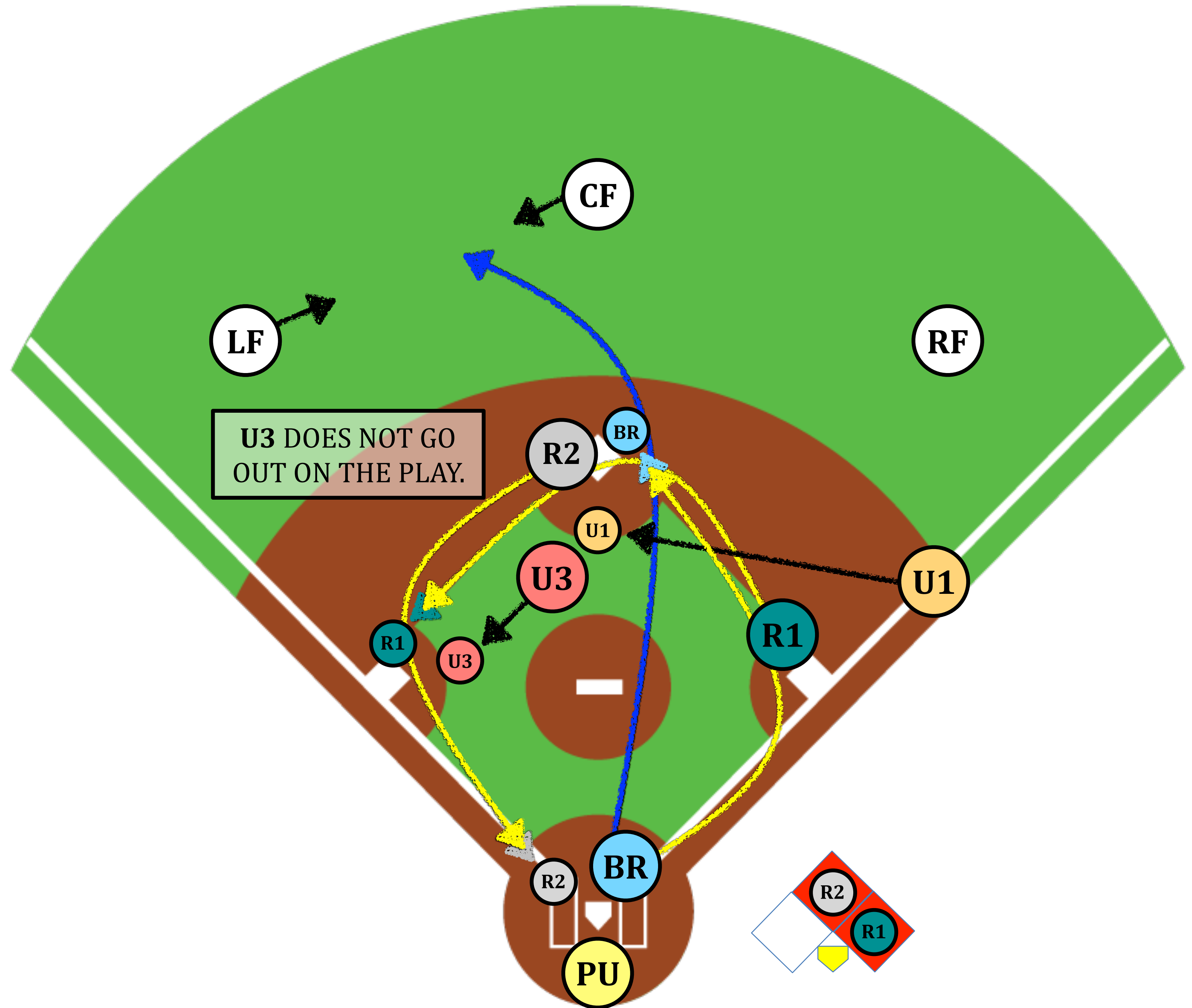
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 Runner's path



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CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

 Runner's path

 Hit

BR Base Runner

R1 Runner on 2nd

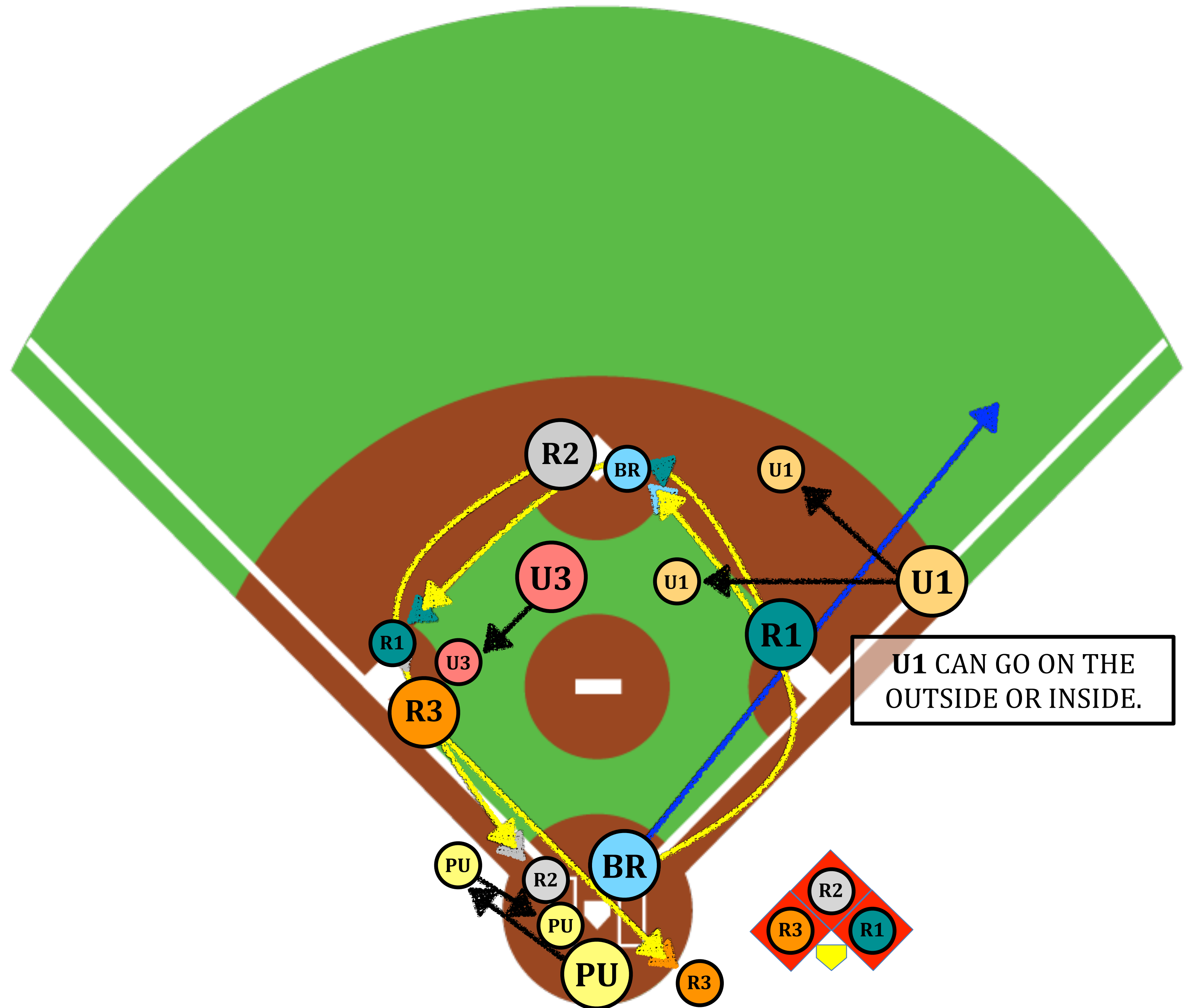
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U3 3rd Base Umpire



U1 1st Base Umpire

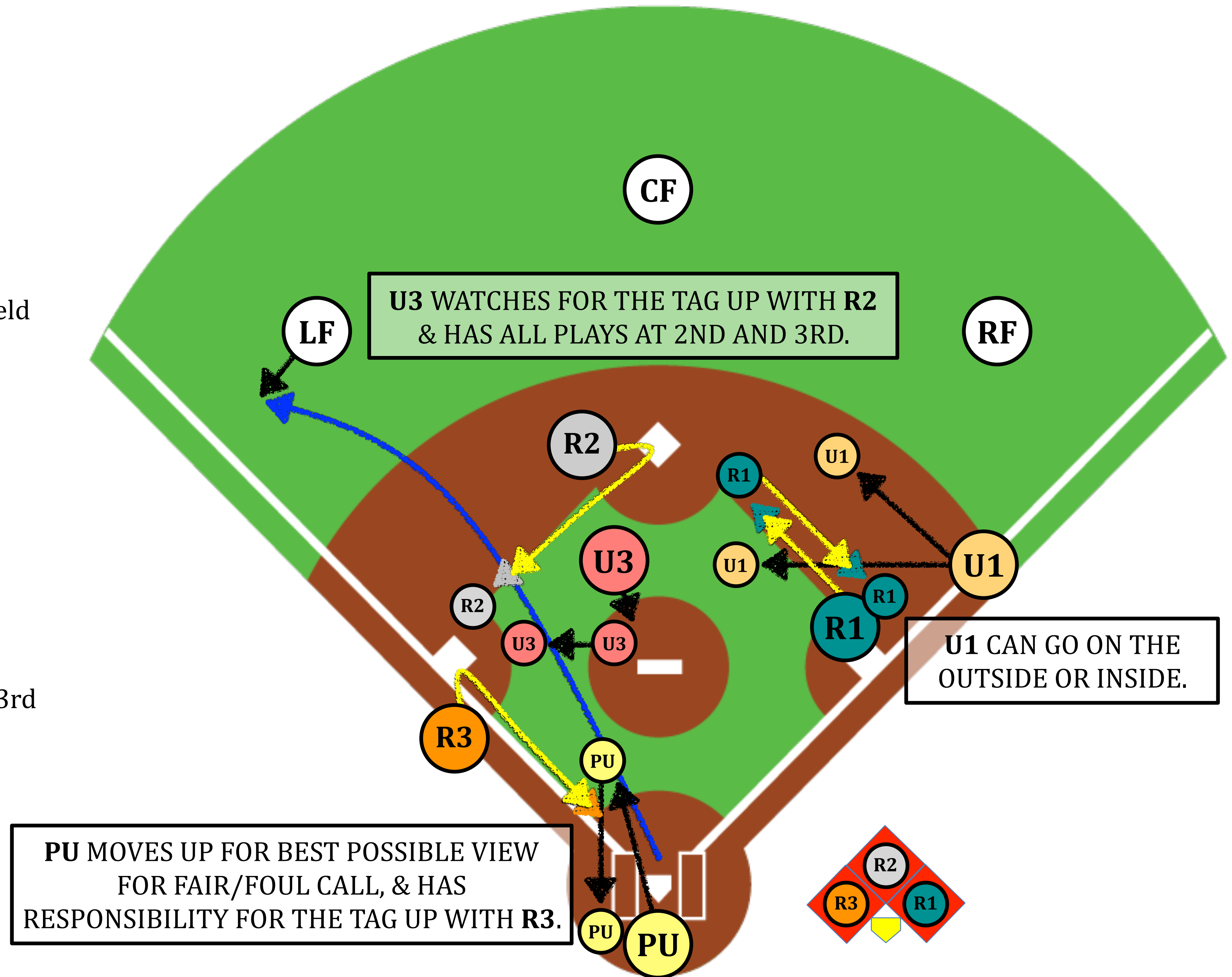
PU Home Plate Umpire



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FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD LINE -
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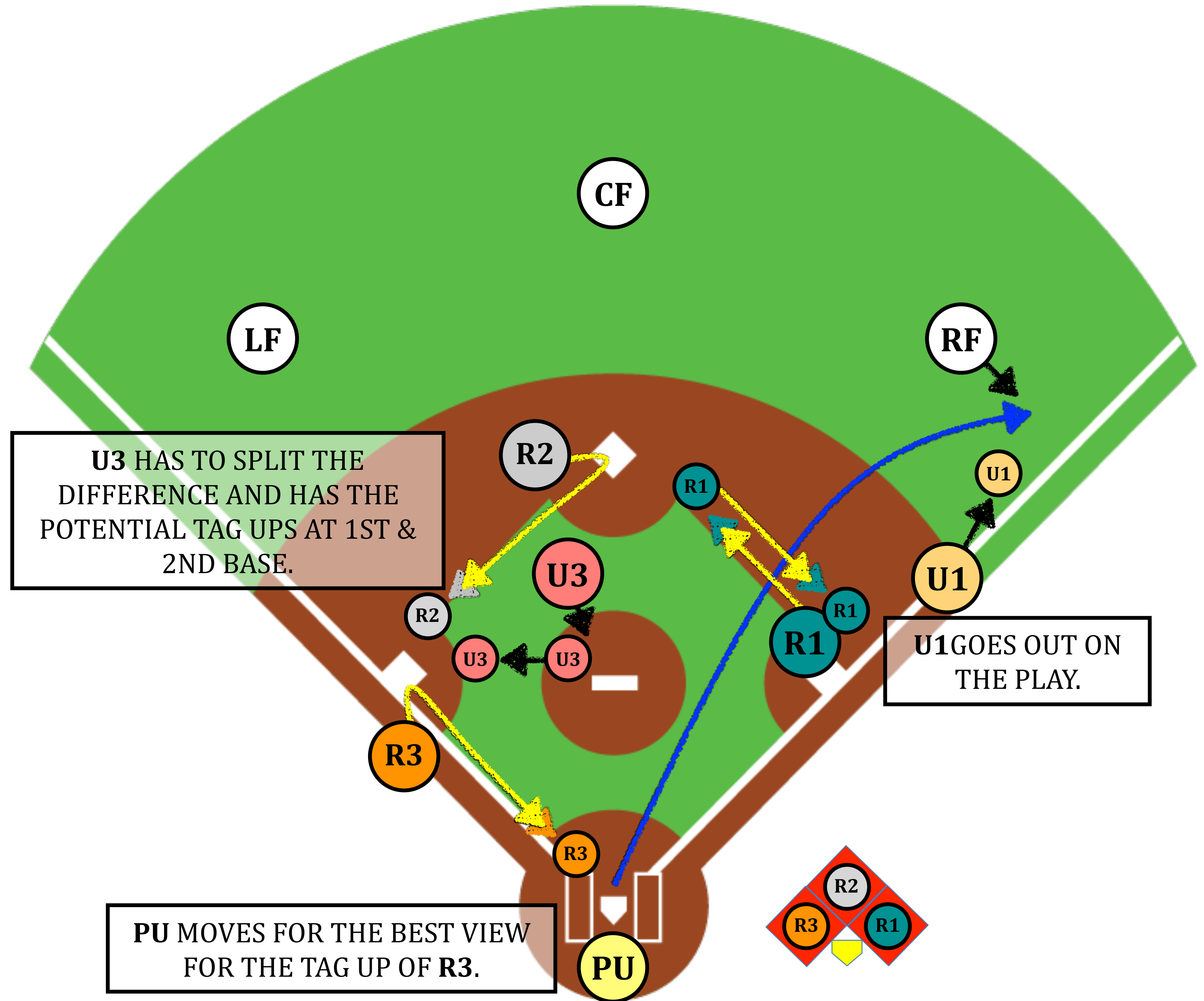
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 Runner's path



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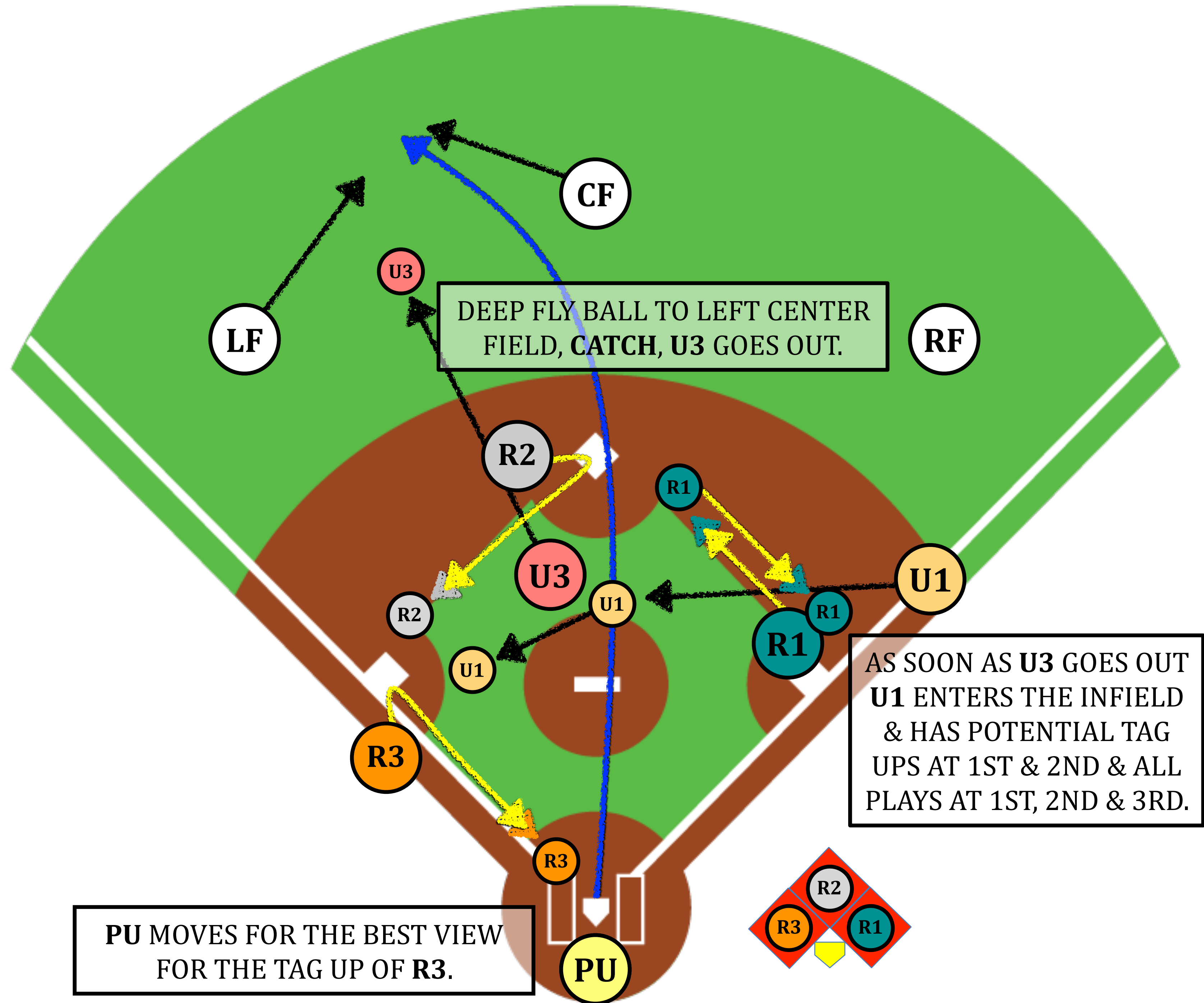
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 Runner's path



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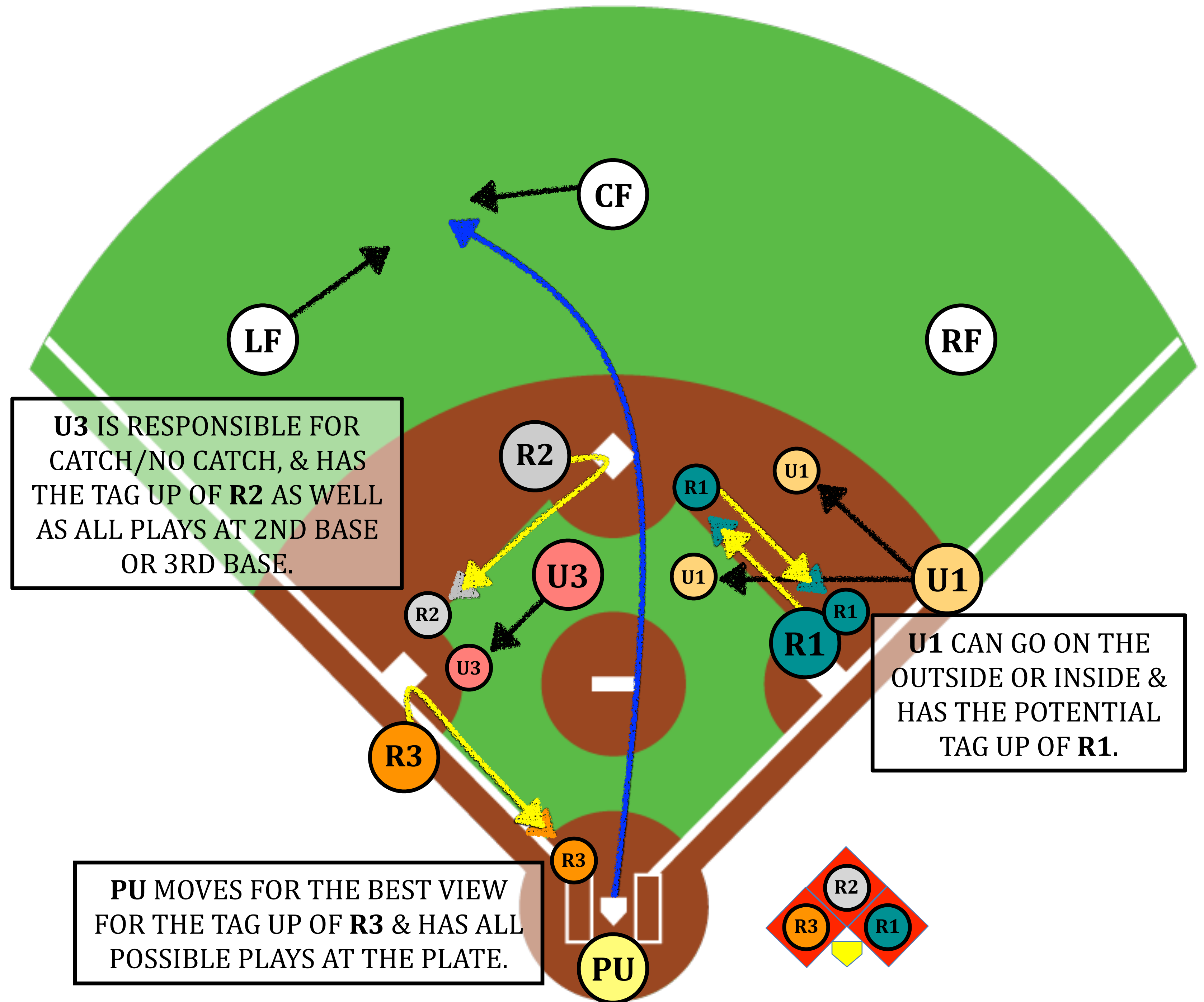
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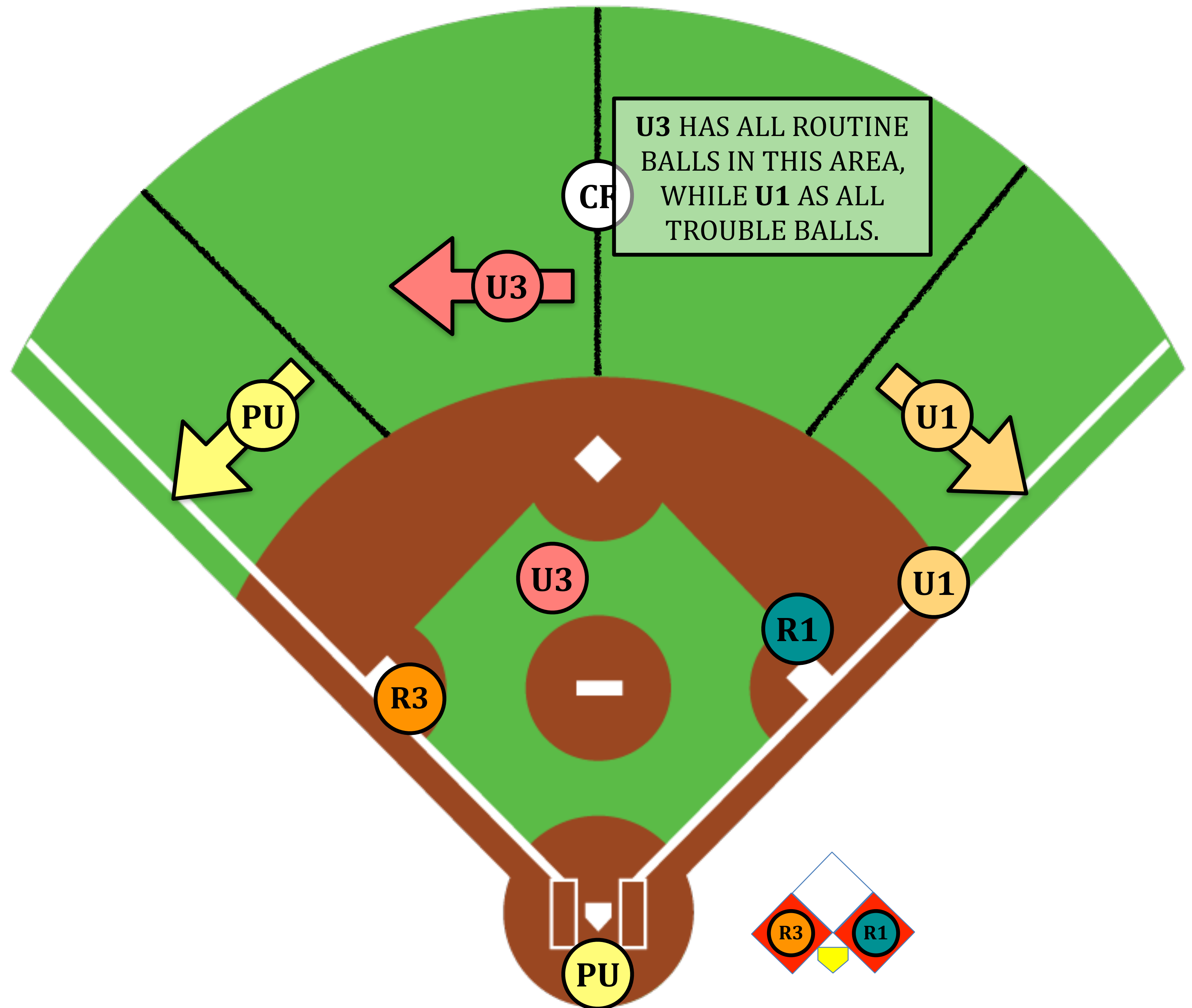
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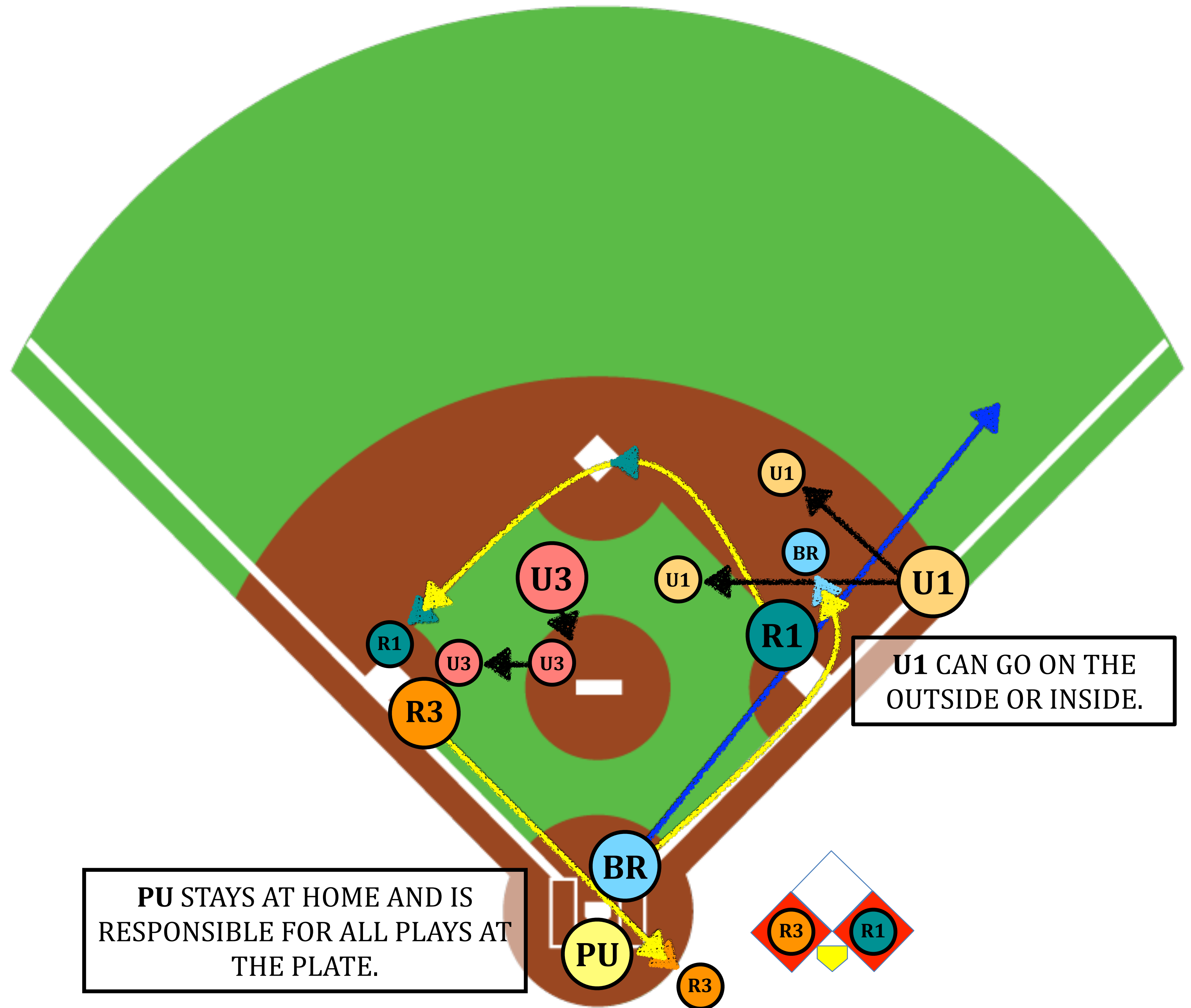
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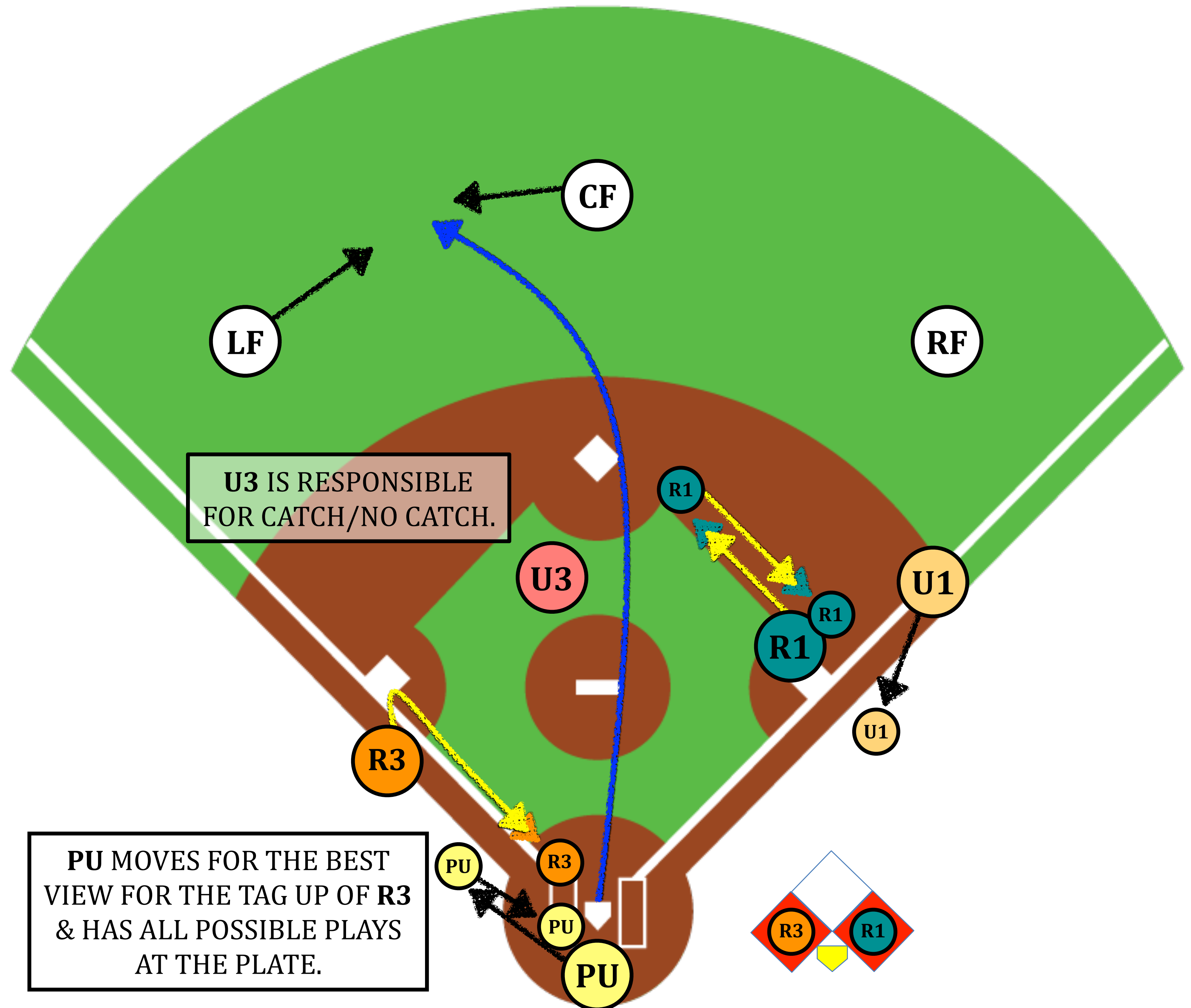
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-  Base Runner
-  Runner on 2nd
-  Runner on 3rd
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FLY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER FIELD -
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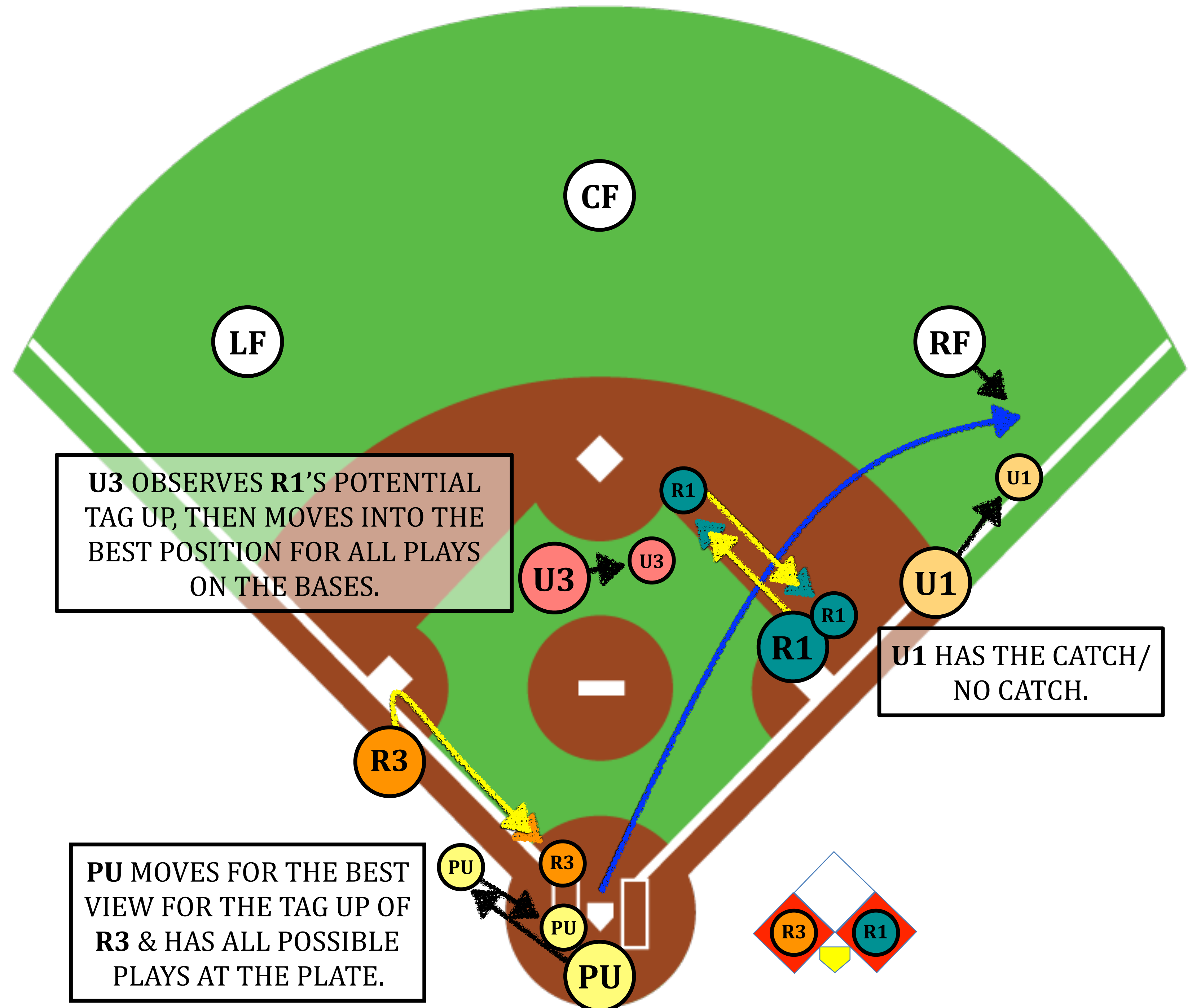
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FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD - CATCH

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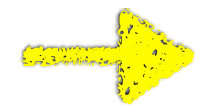
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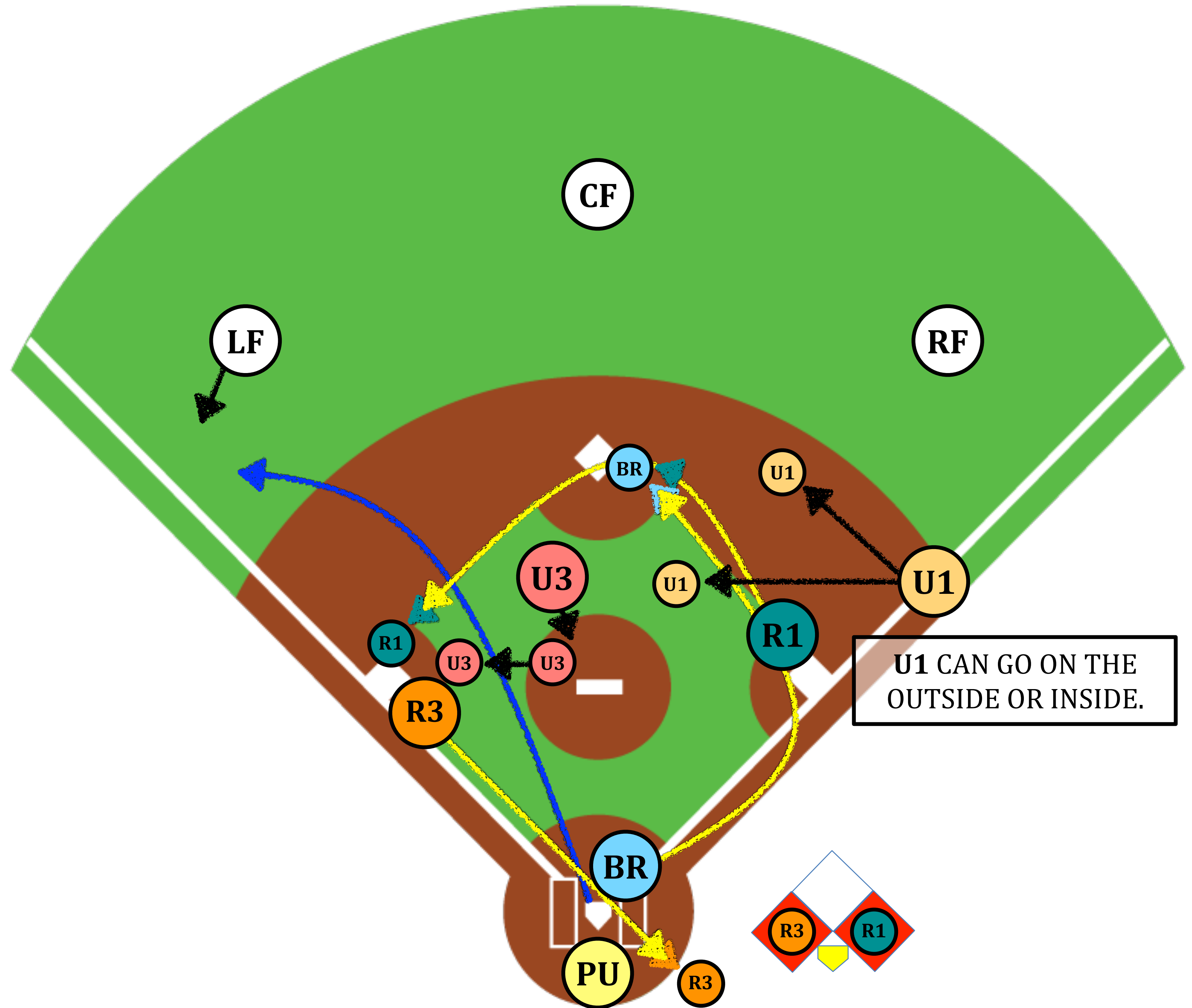
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Fly Ball **NO CATCH**



Runner's path



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DEEP FLY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER
FIELD - **CATCH**

RF Right Field **CF** Center Field

LF Left Field

 Fly Ball **CATCH**

 Runner's path

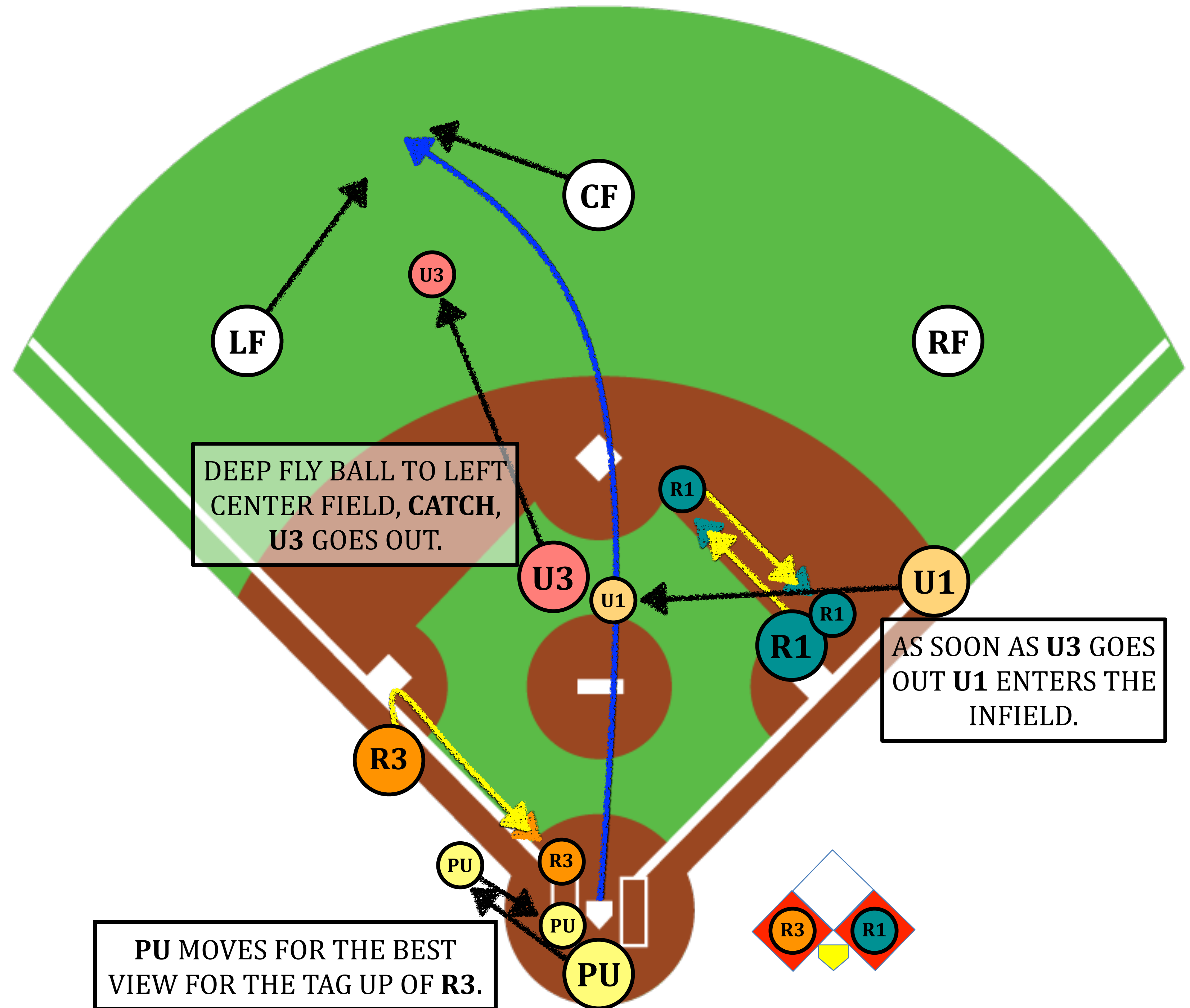
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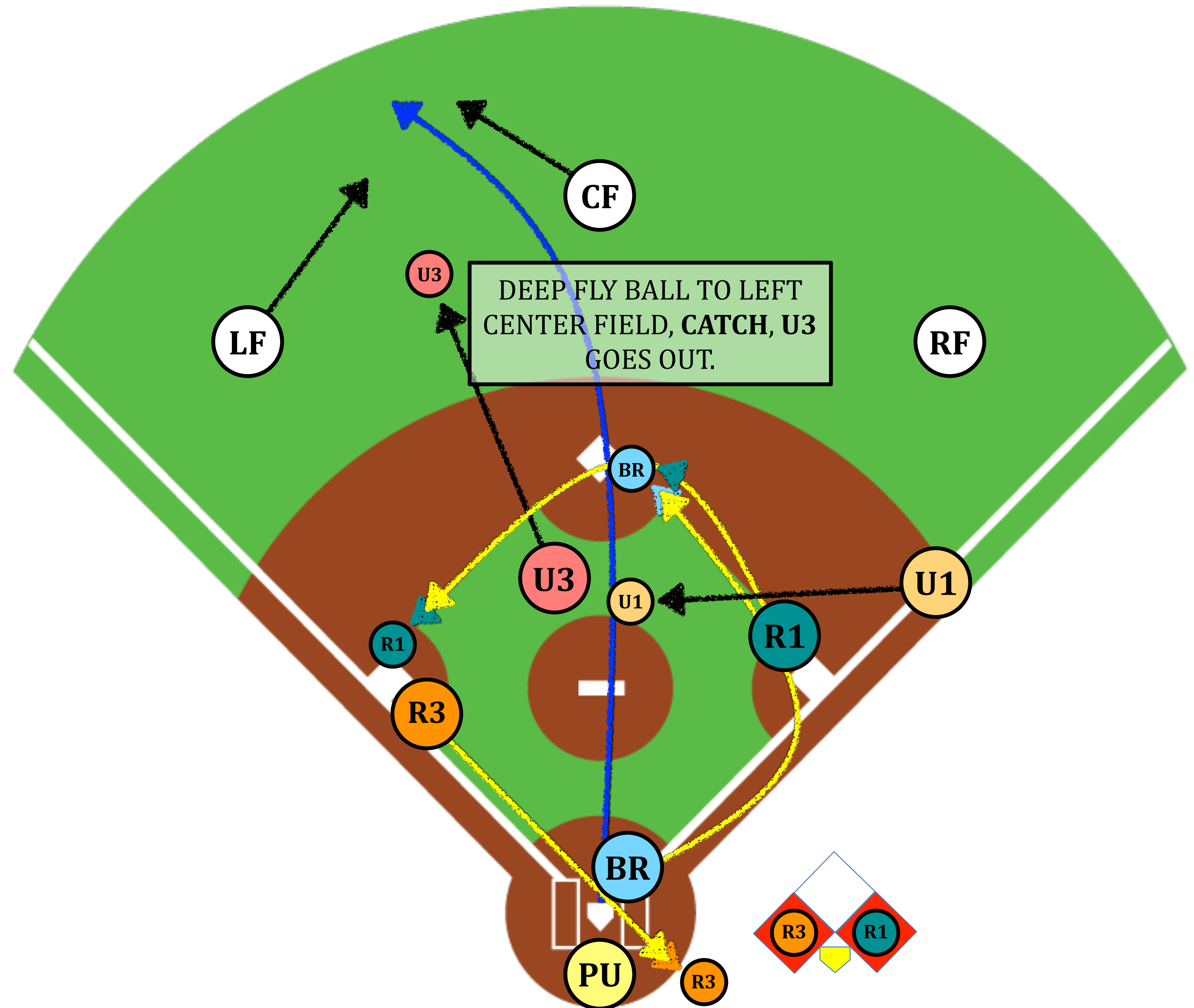
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DEEP FLY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER
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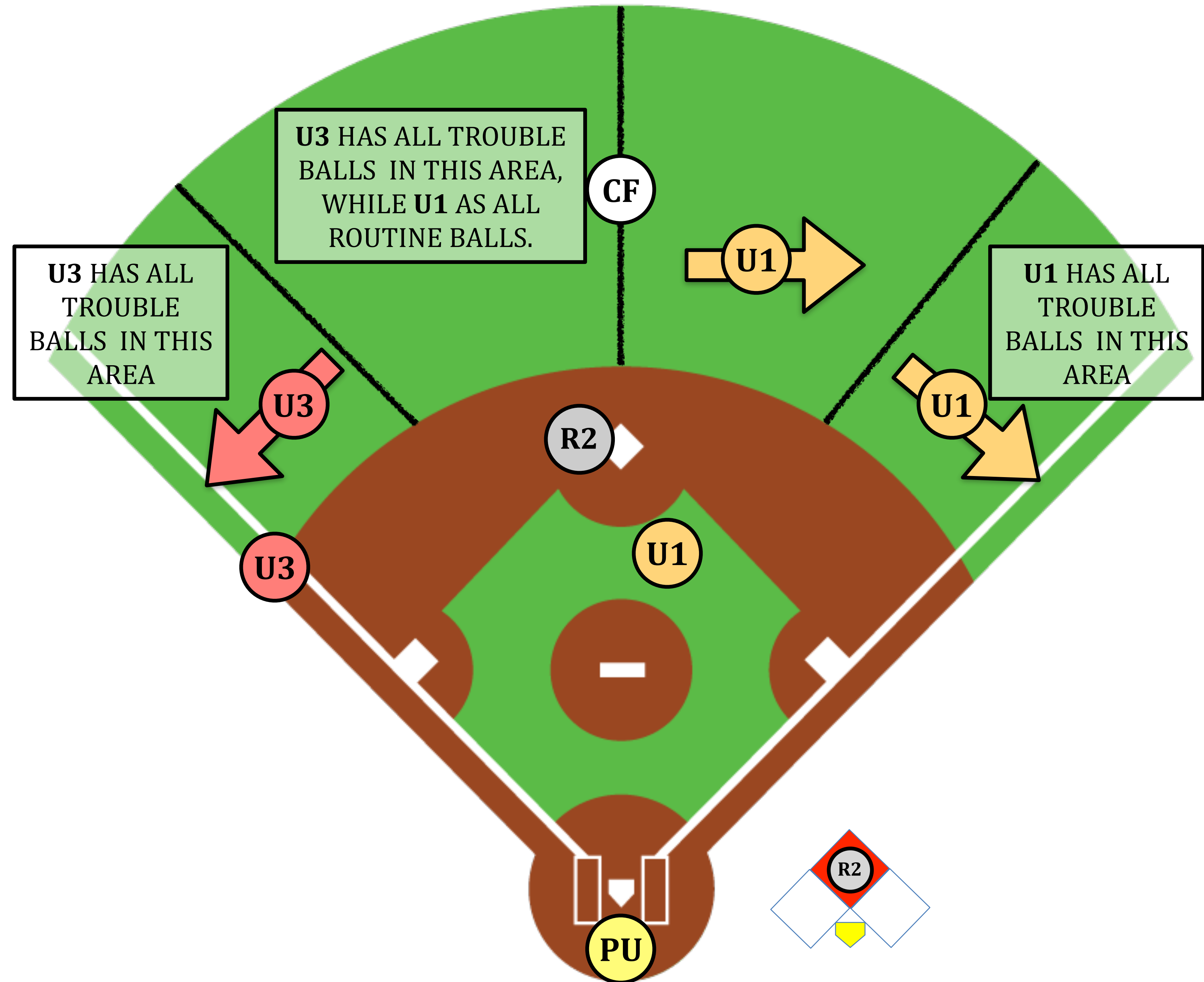
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 Runner's path



3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

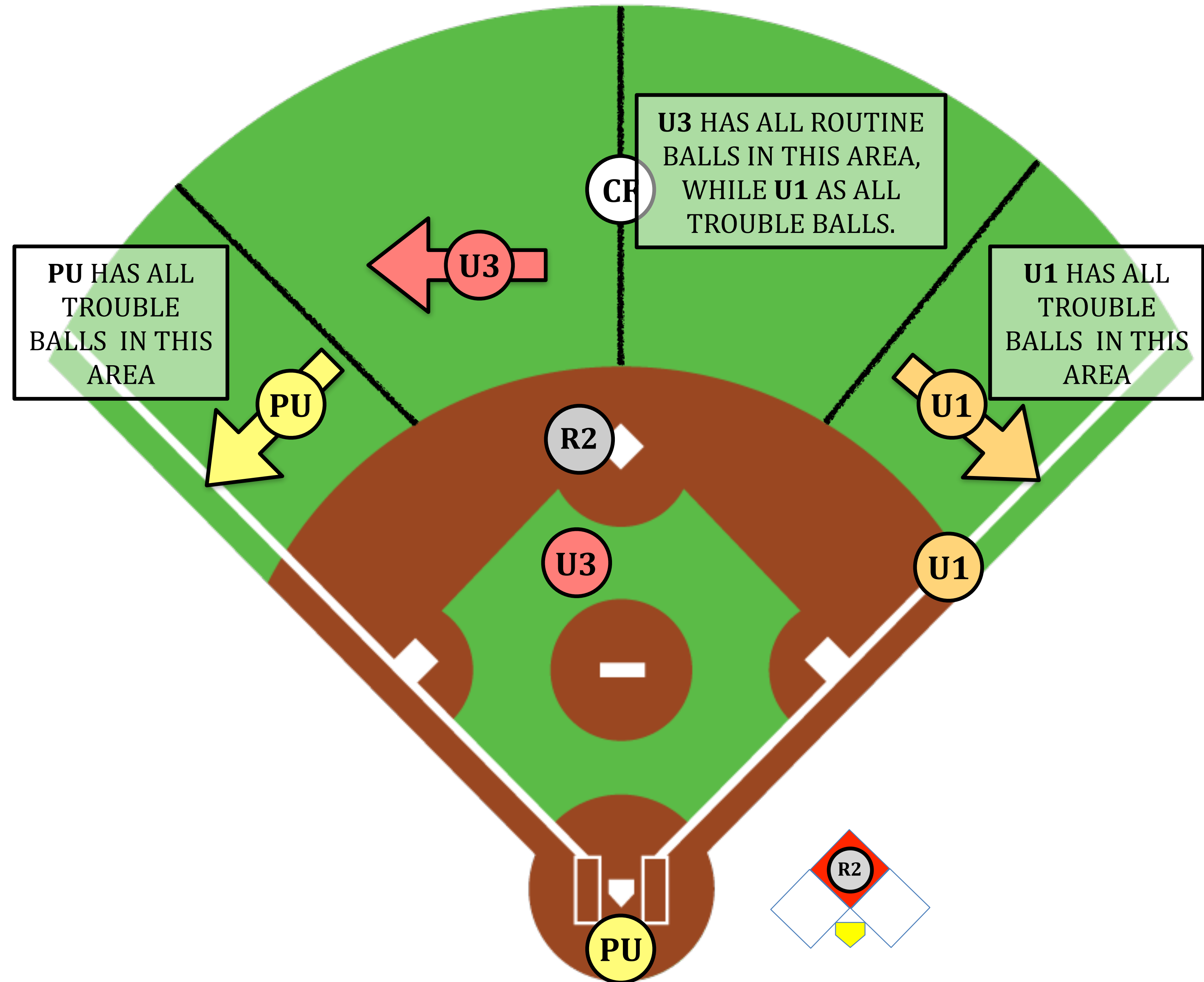
INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD
COVERAGE **LESS THAN 2 OUTS.**

- CF** Center Field
- R2** Runner on 2nd
- U3** 3rd Base Umpire
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- PU** Home Plate Umpire



3 UMPIRE MECHANICS INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE 2 OUTS.

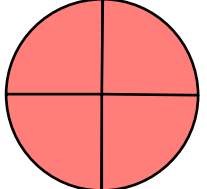
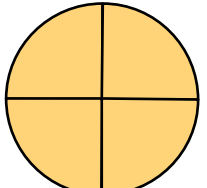
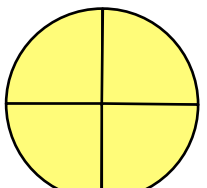




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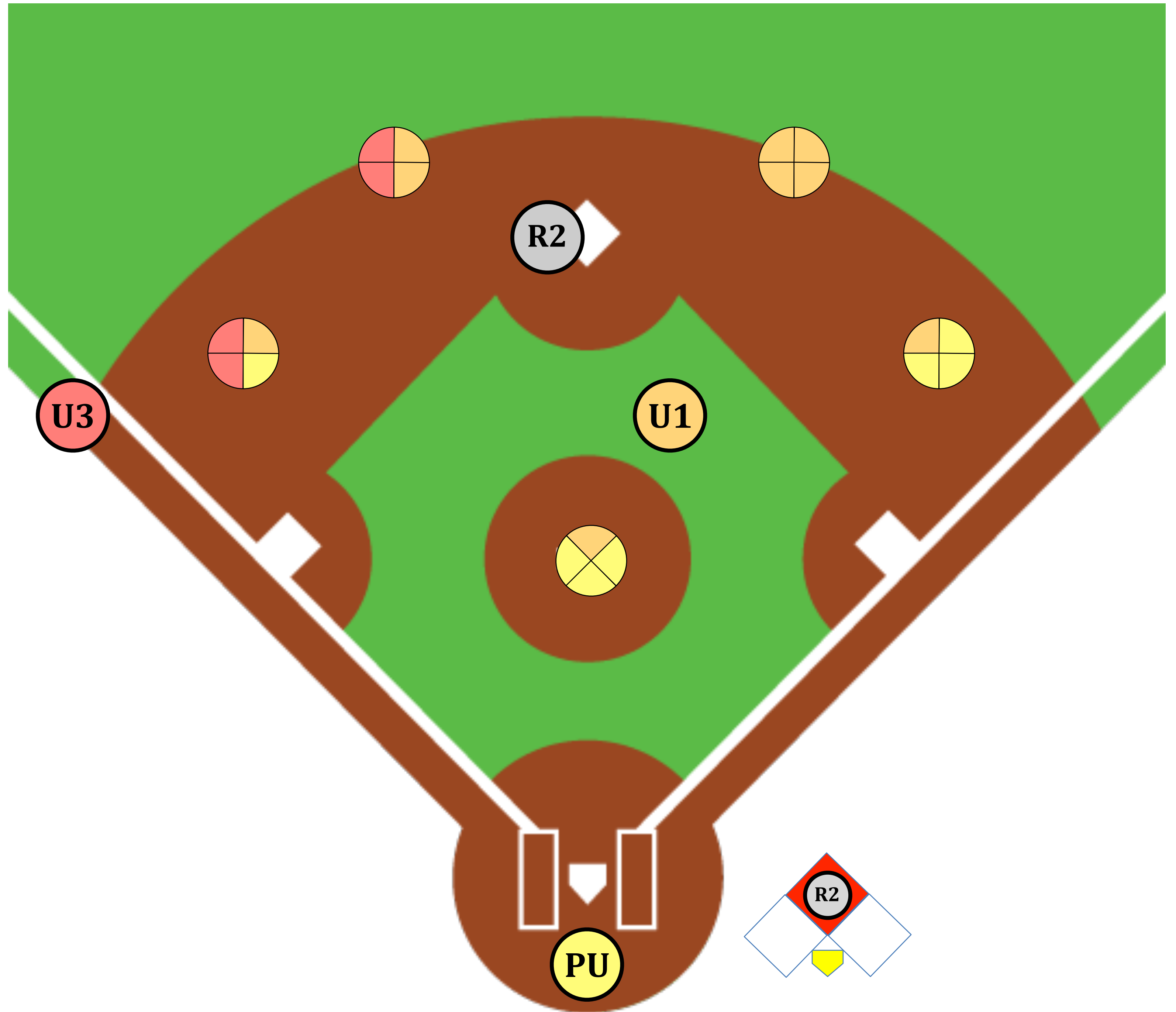


3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

INFIELD CATCH COVERAGE

THIS IS SUGGESTED CATCH COVERAGE. HOWEVER EYE CONTACT BETWEEN UMPIRES IS IMPORTANT.

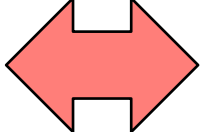
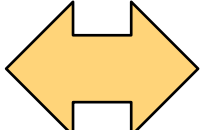
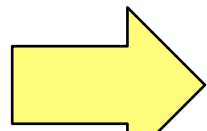



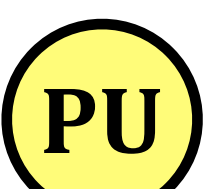
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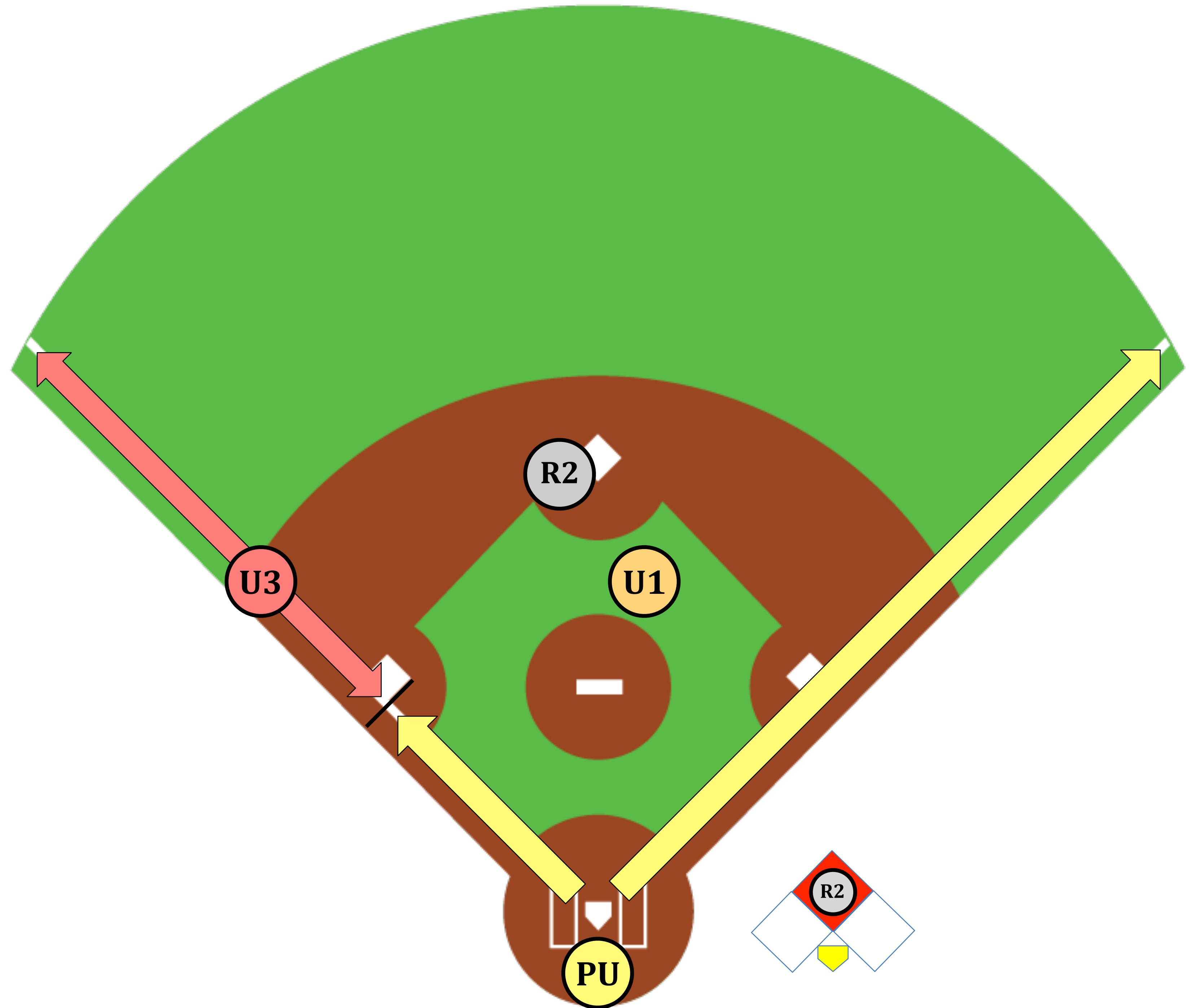


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3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE WITH LESS
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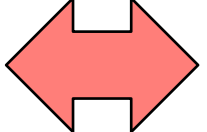
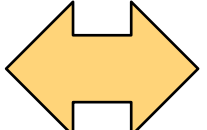
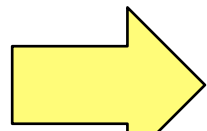




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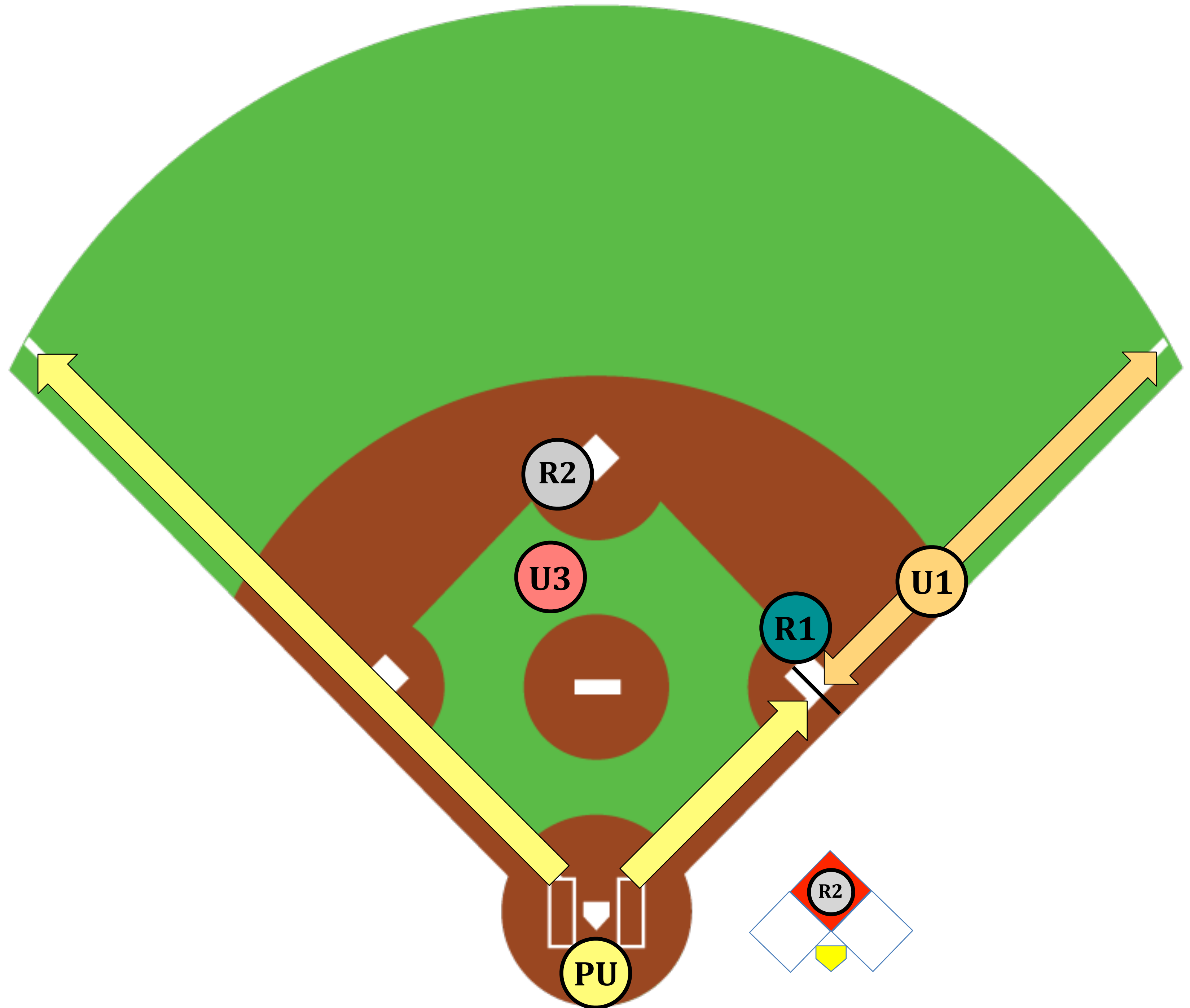


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3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE WITH
2 OUTS







-  3rd Base Umpire
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-  Home Plate Umpire
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-  3rd Base Umpire
-  1st Base Umpire
-  Home Plate Umpire

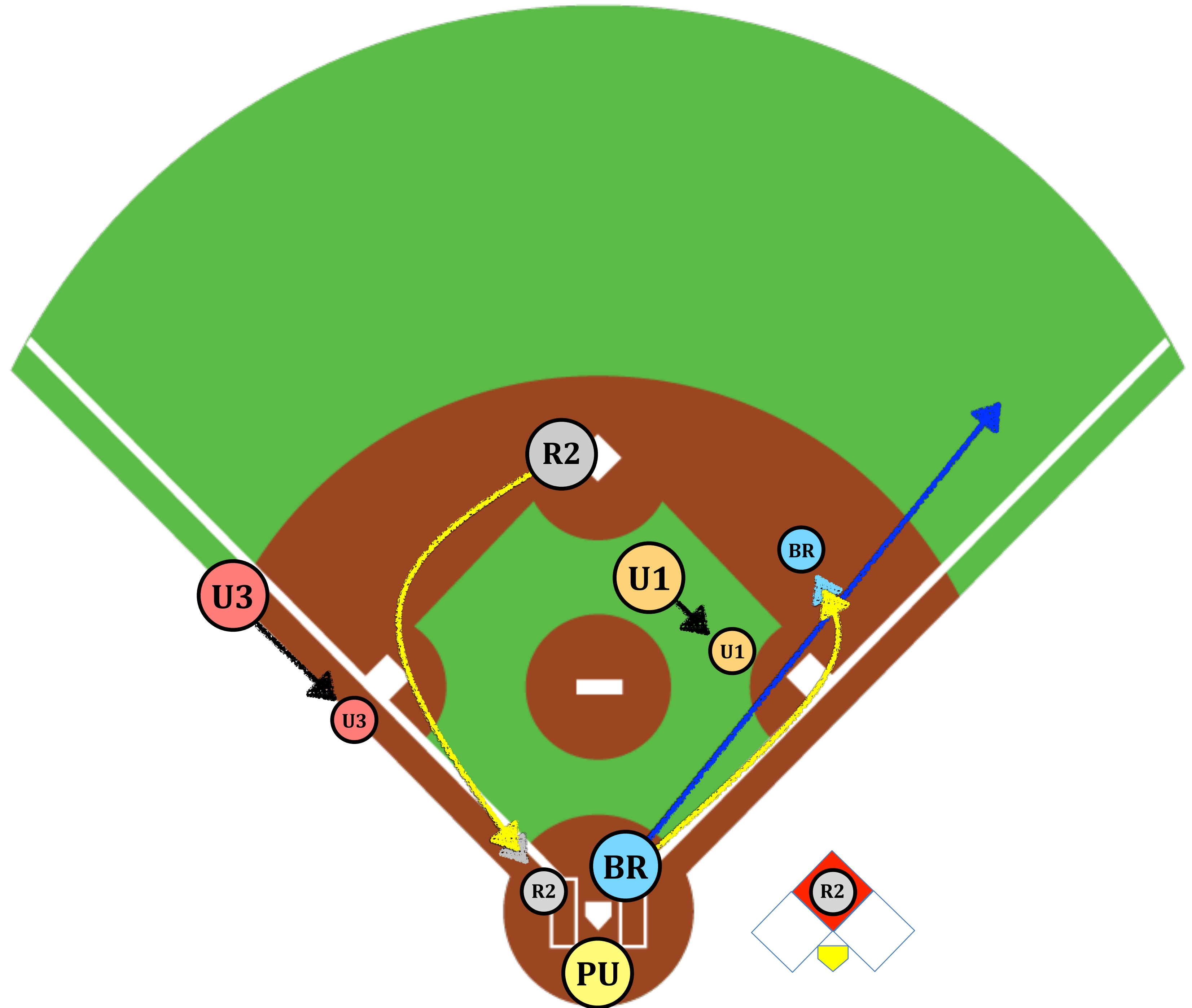


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3 UMPIRE MECHANICS



CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

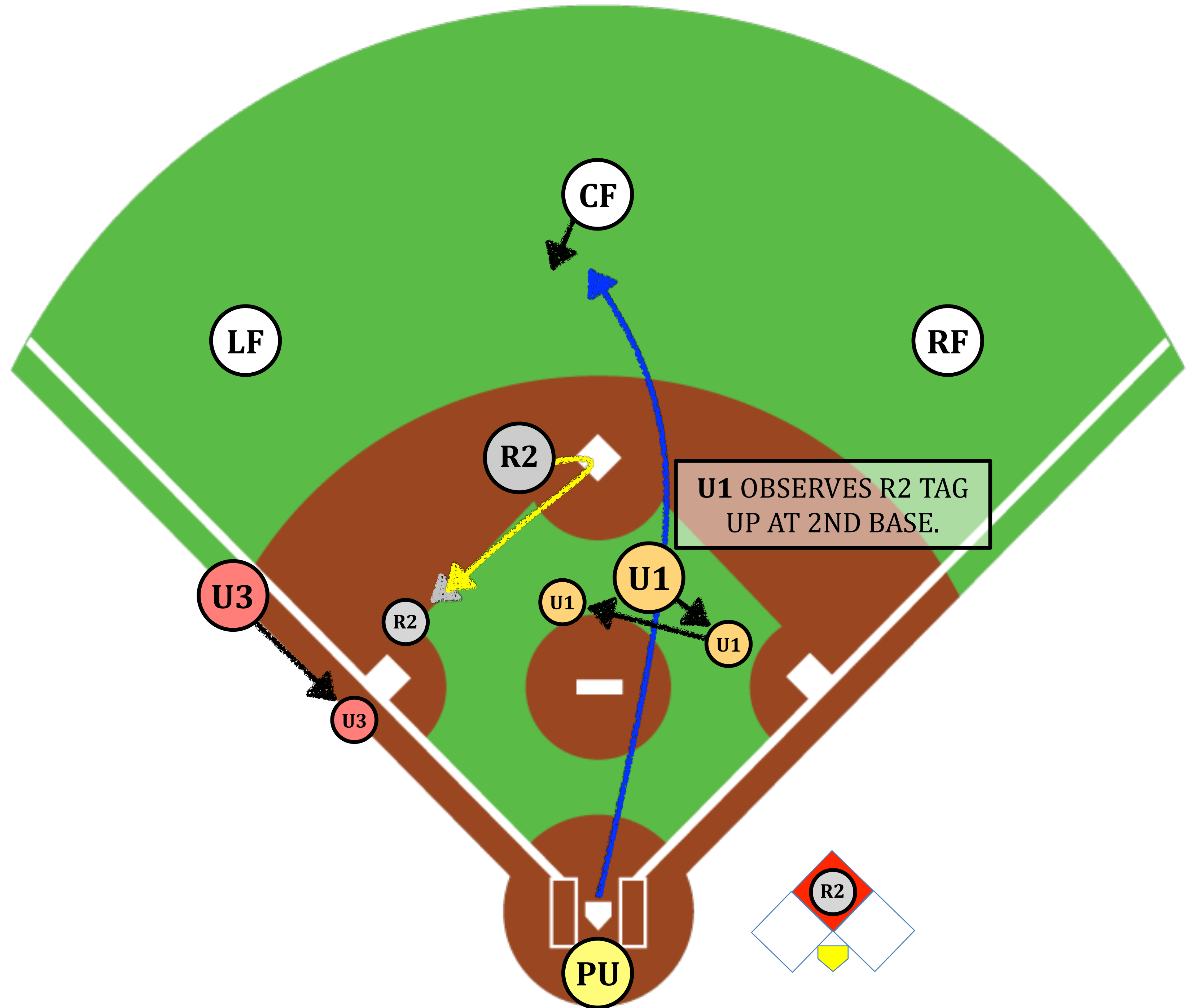
-  Base Hit
-  Runner's path
-  Base Runner
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-  Home Plate Umpire



3 UMPIRE MECHANICS



FLY BALL TO CENTER FIELD - CATCH

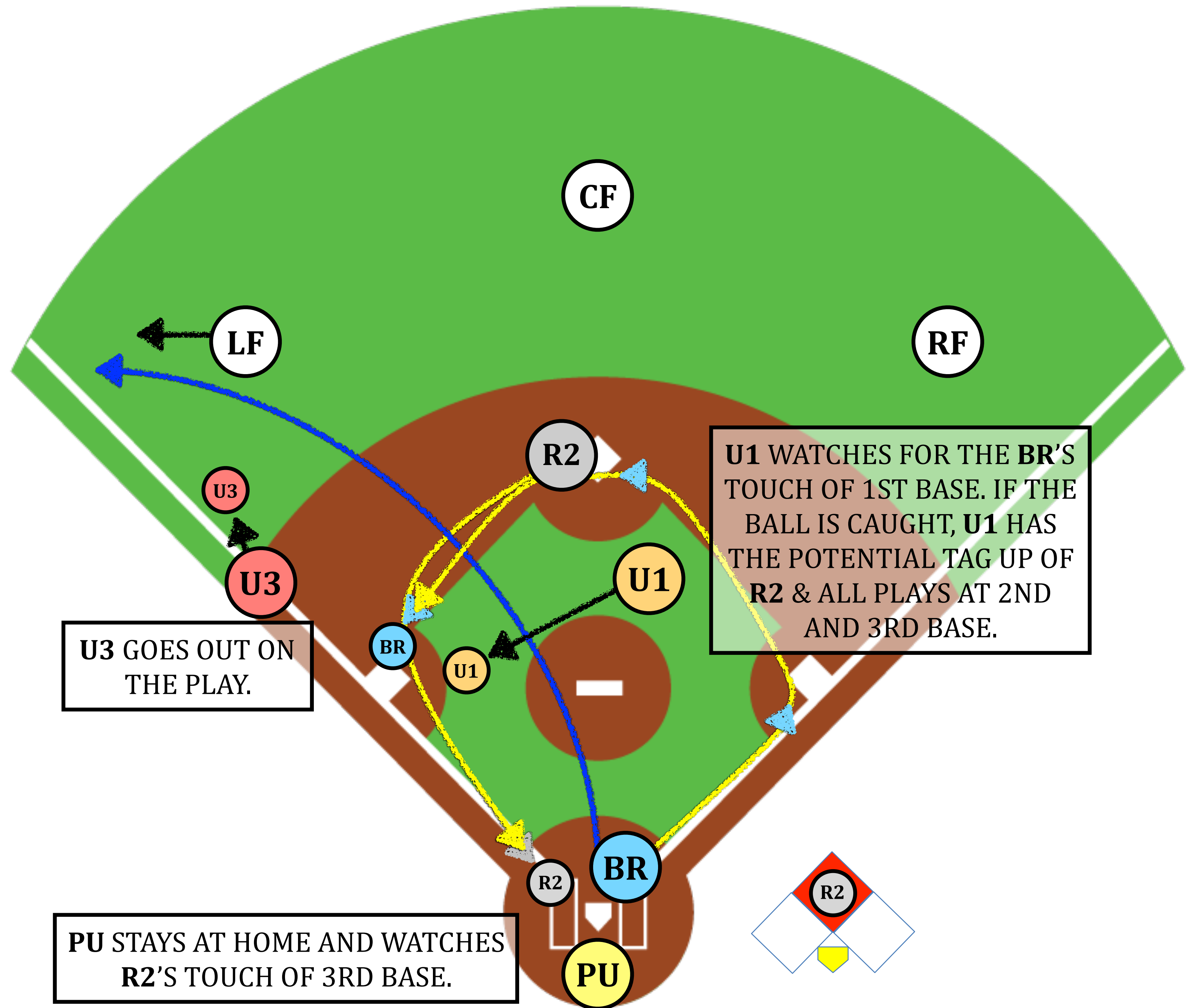
- CF** Center Field
- RF** Right Field
- LF** Left Field
-  Fly Ball **CATCH**
-  Runner's path
- R2** Runner on 2nd
- U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- U1** 1st Base Umpire
- PU** Home Plate Umpire



3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD -
NO CATCH

- RF** Right Field
- CF** Center Field
- LF** Left Field
-  Fly Ball **NO CATCH**
-  Runner's path
- BR** Base Runner
- R2** Runner on 2nd
- U3** 3rd Base Umpire
- U1** 1st Base Umpire
- PU** Home Plate Umpire



3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELDERS LEFT -
CATCH

CF Center Field

RF Right Field

LF Left Field

 Fly Ball **CATCH**

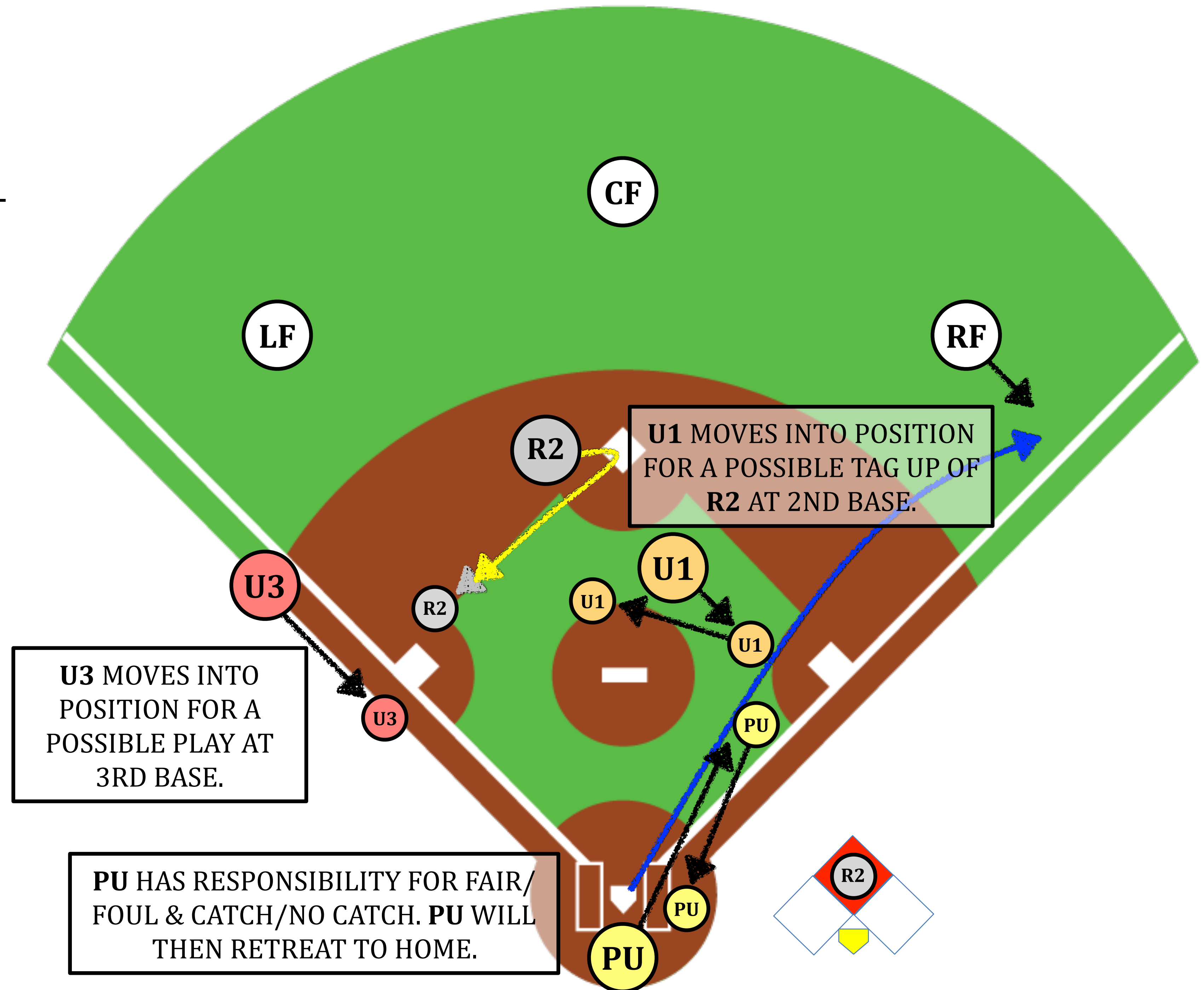
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R2 Runner on 2nd

U3 3rd Base Umpire



U1 1st Base Umpire

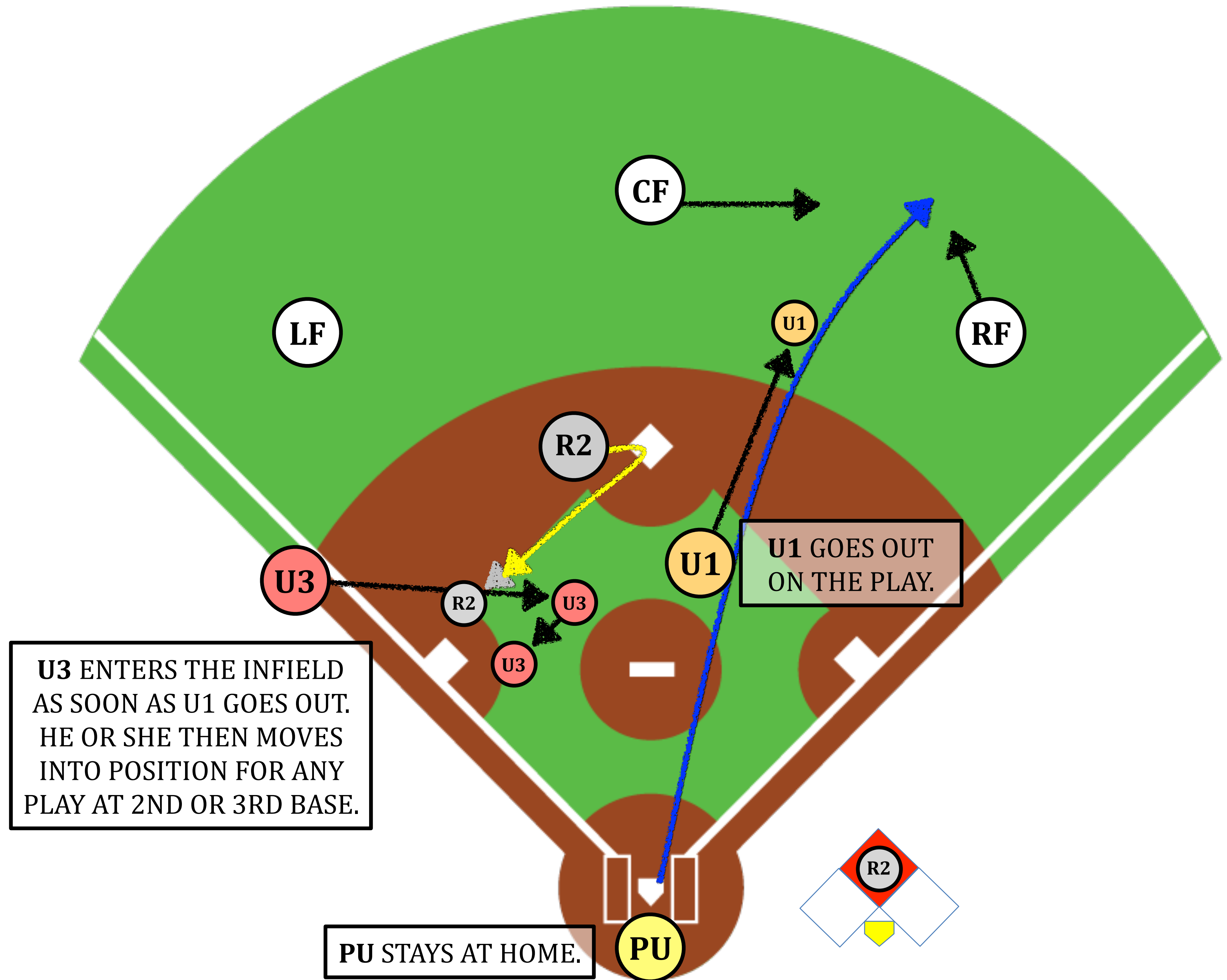
PU Home Plate Umpire



3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT | CENTER -
CATCH

- CF** Center Field
- RF** Right Field
- LF** Left Field
-  Fly Ball **CATCH**
-  Runner's path
- R2** Runner on 2nd
- U3** 3rd Base Umpire
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- PU** Home Plate Umpire



3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT | CENTER -
NO CATCH

RF Right Field **CF** Center Field

LF Left Field

 Fly Ball **NO CATCH**

 Runner's path

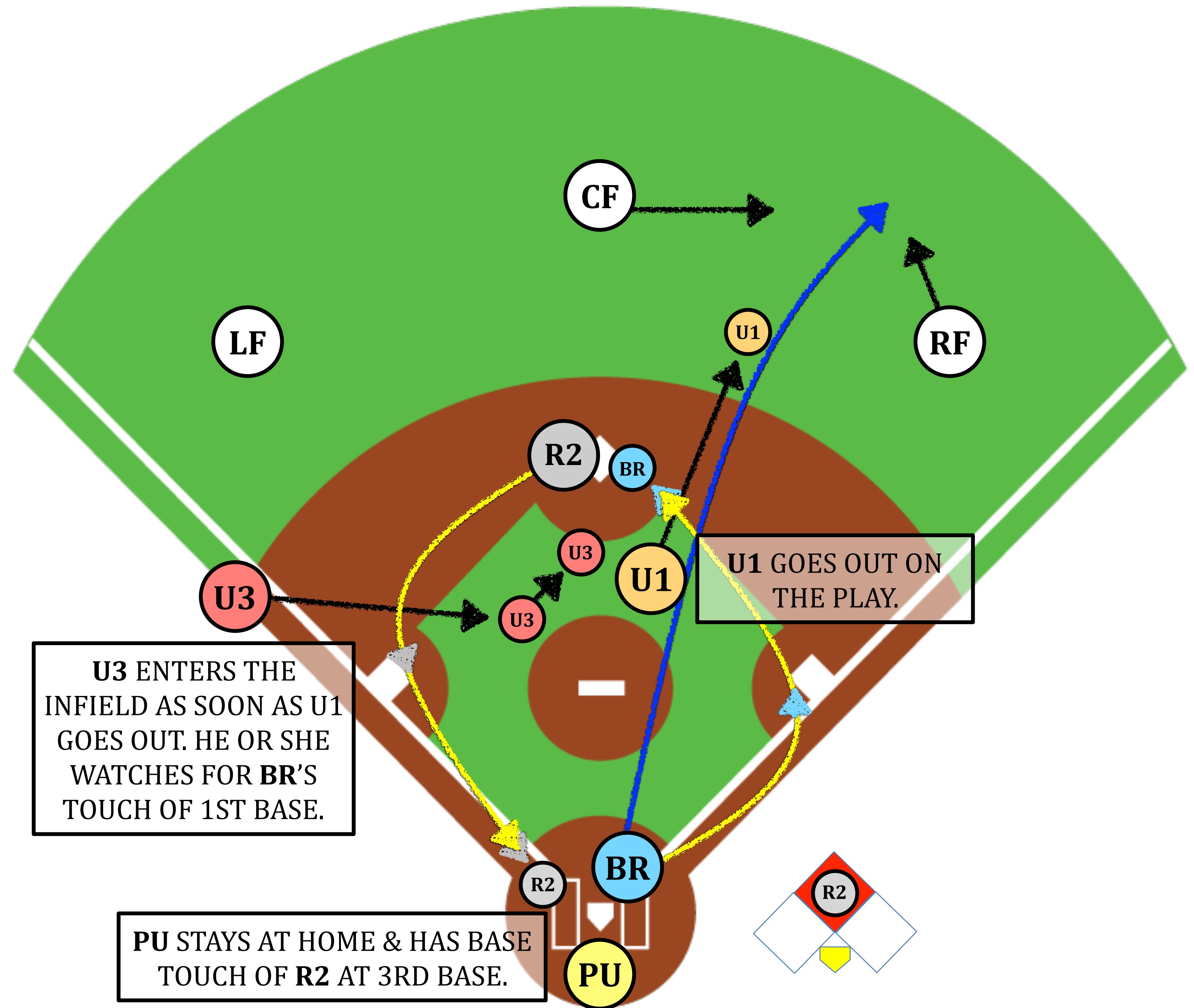
BR Base Runner

R2 Runner on 2nd

U3 3rd Base Umpire








U1 1st Base Umpire

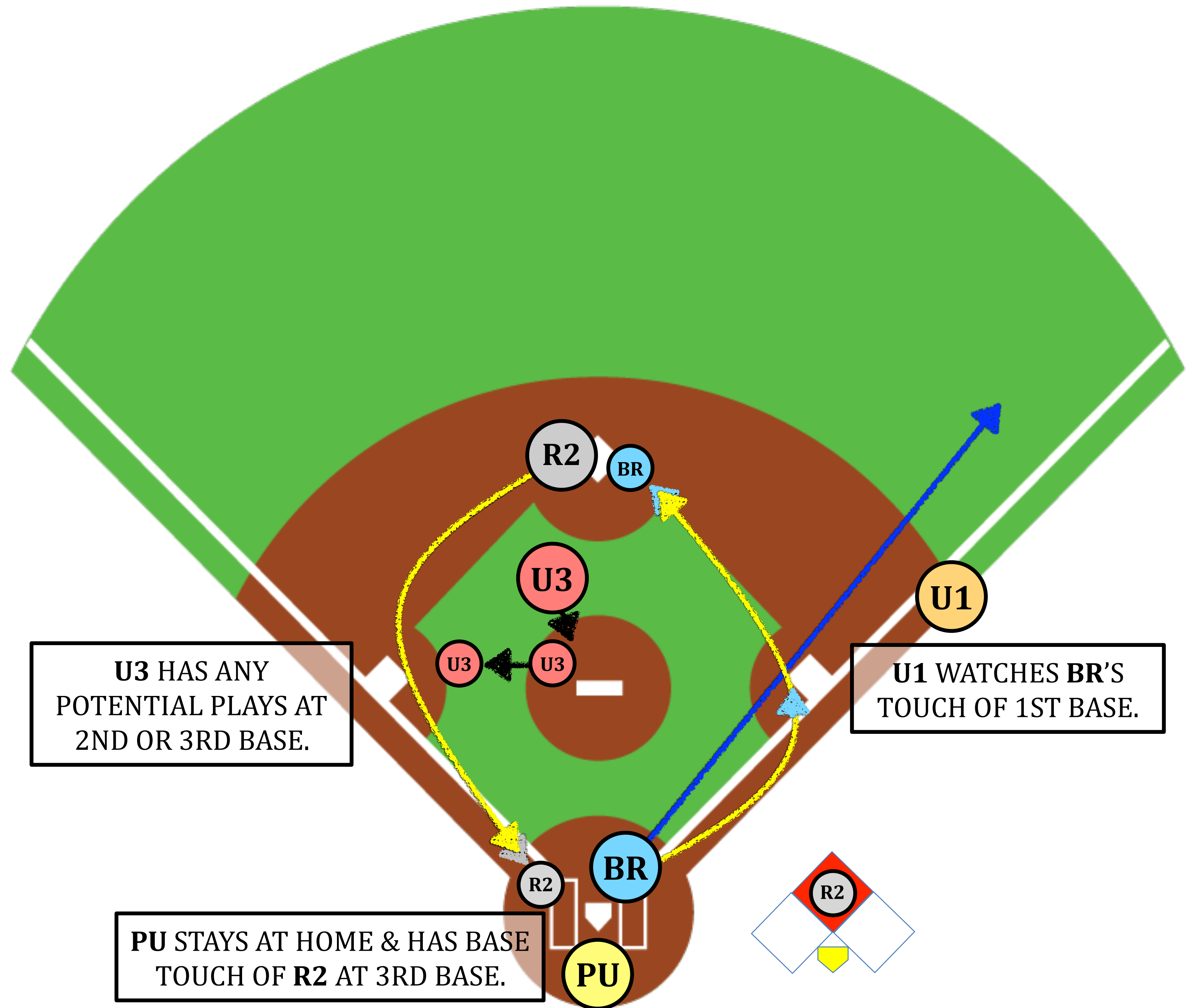
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3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD
WITH 2 OUTS

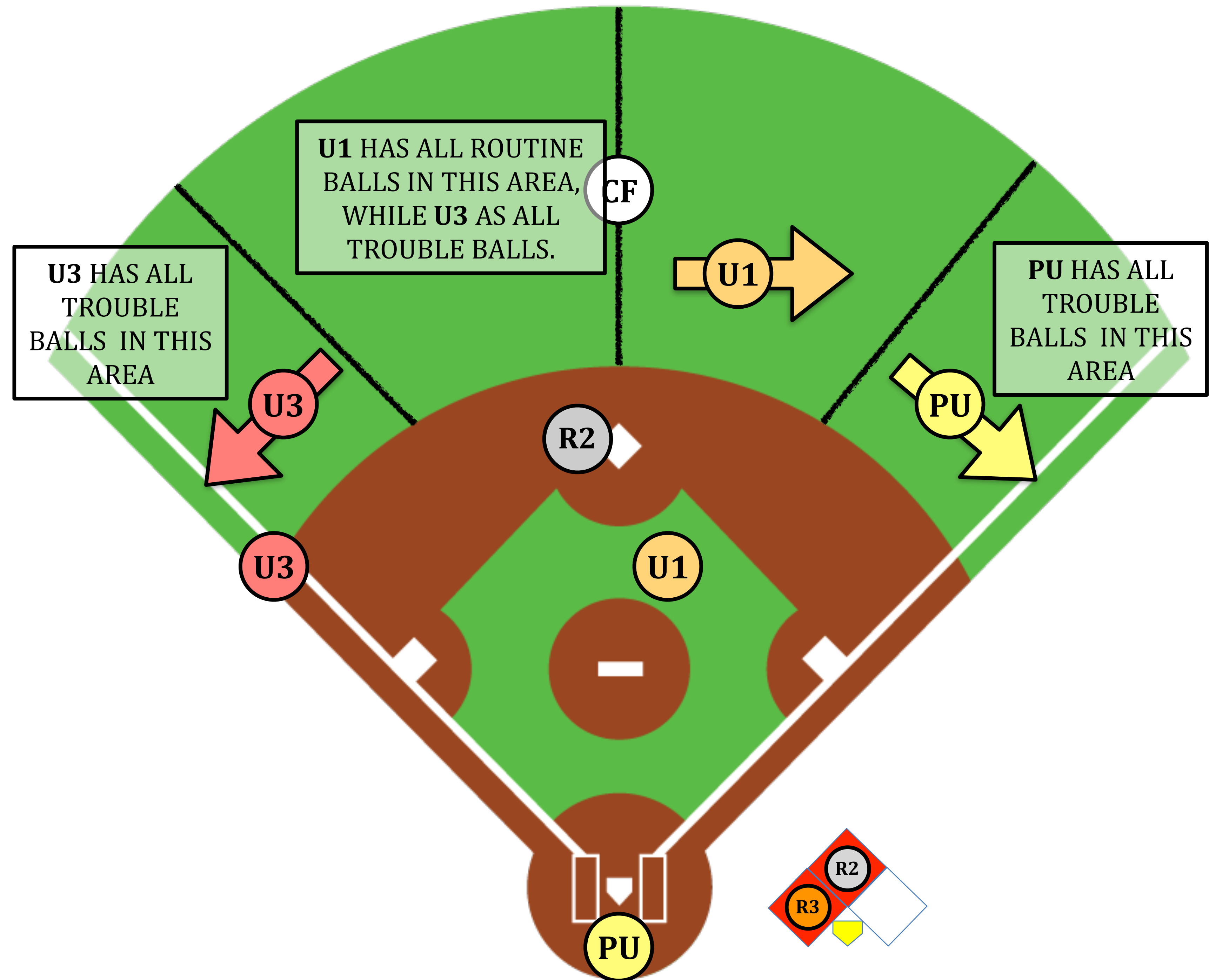
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3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD
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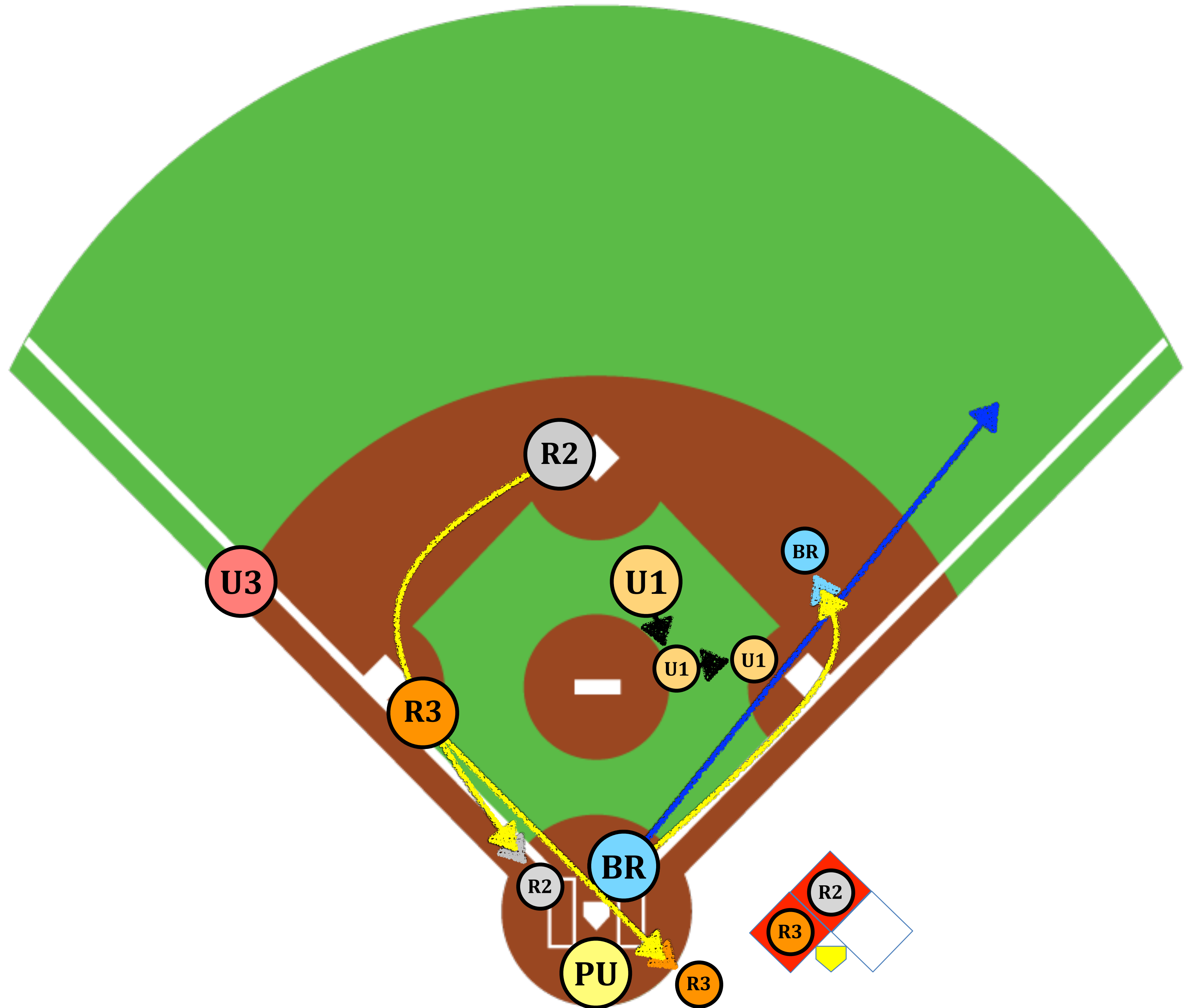


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3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD

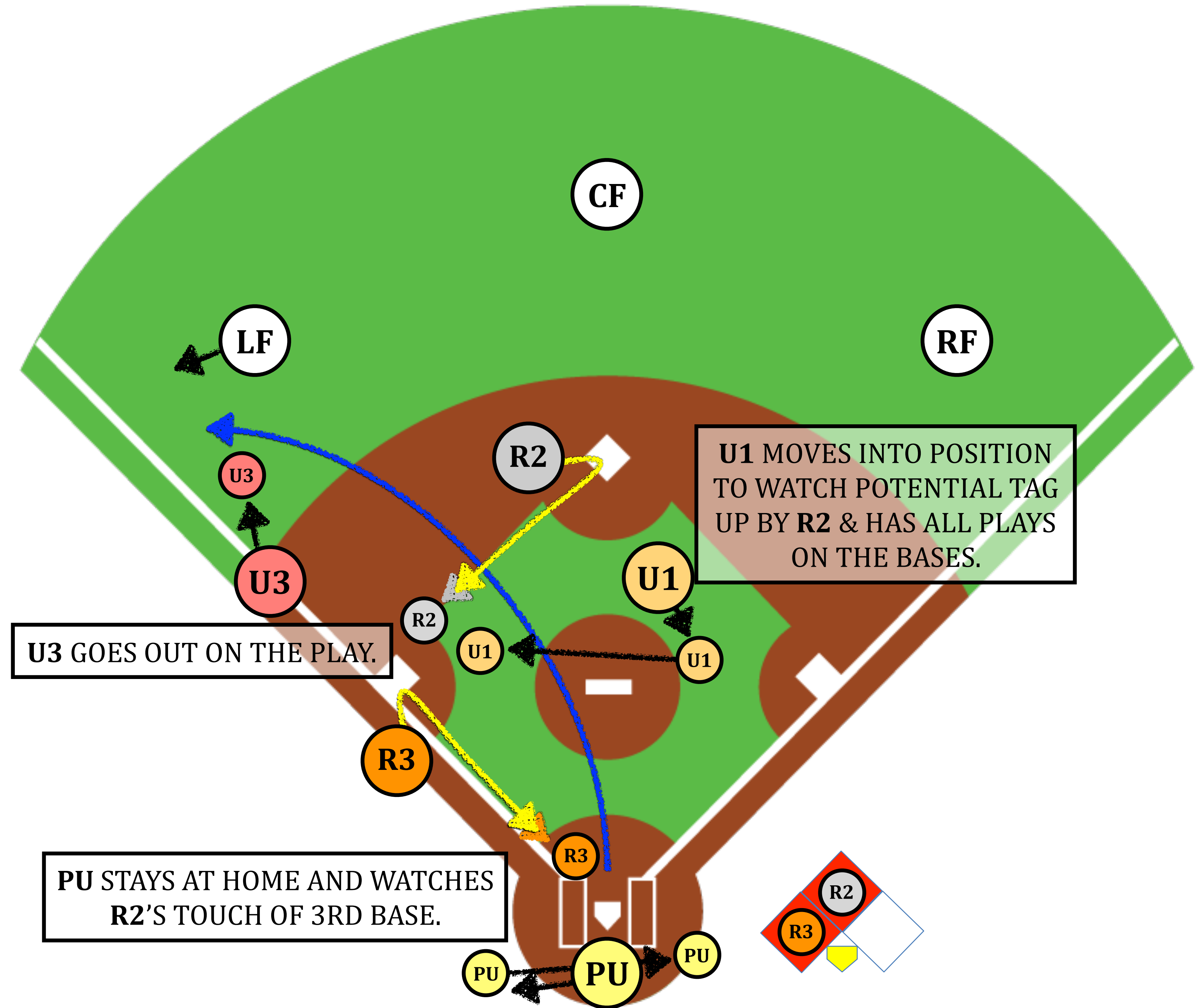
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3 UMPIRE MECHANICS



FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD -
CATCH

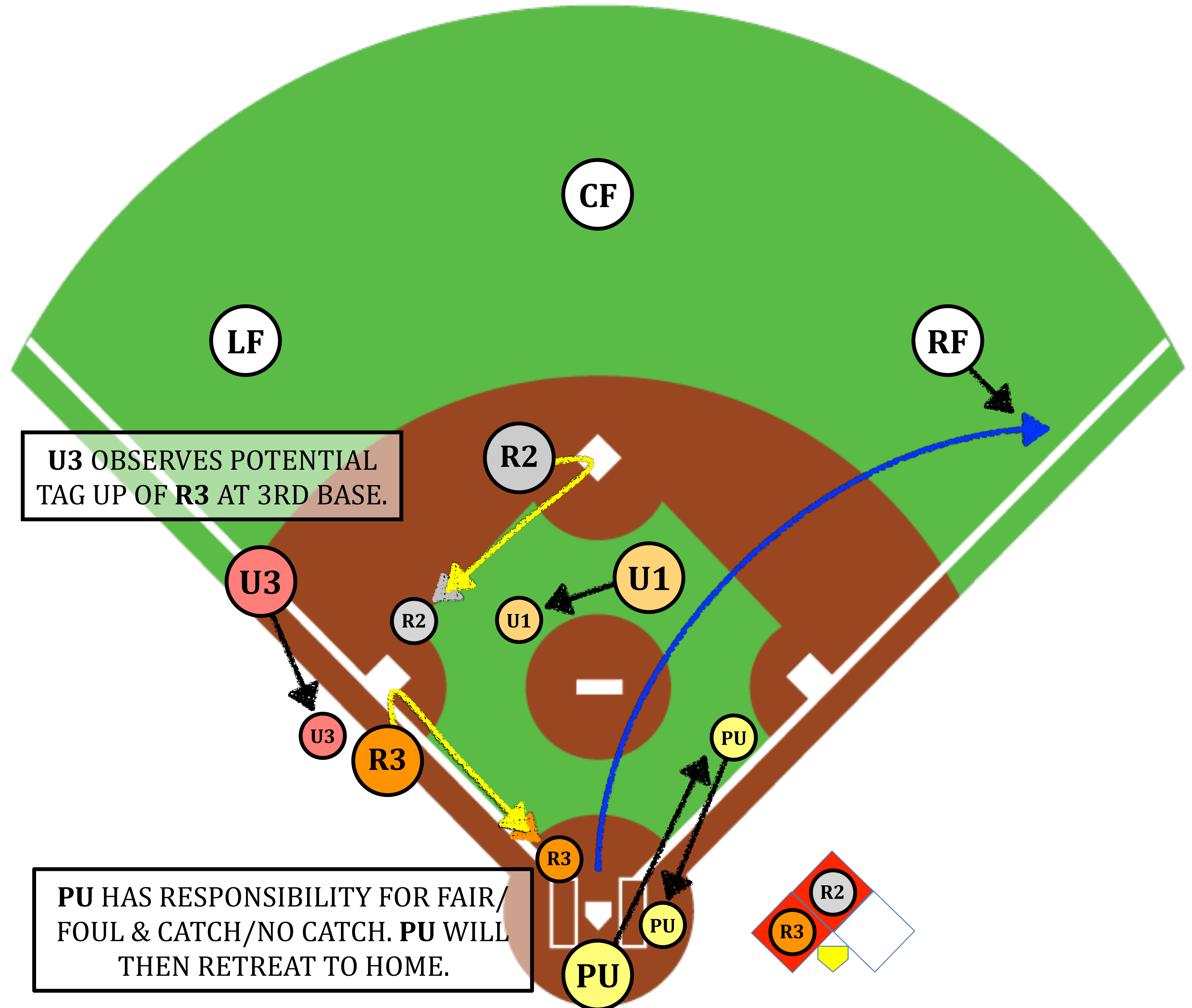
- RF Right Field
- LF Left Field
- ➡ Fly Ball **CATCH**
- ➡ Runner's path
- R2 Runner on 2nd
- R3 Runner on 3rd
- U3 3rd Base Umpire
- U1 1st Base Umpire
- PU Home Plate Umpire
- CF Center Field



3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD LINE -
CATCH

- RF** Right Field
- LF** Left Field
- CF** Center Field
-  Fly Ball **CATCH**
-  Runner's path
- R2** Runner on 2nd
- R3** Runner on 3rd
- U3** 3rd Base Umpire
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3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT|CENTER FIELD
- **CATCH**

RF Right Field **CF** Center Field

LF Left Field

 Fly Ball **CATCH**

 Runner's path

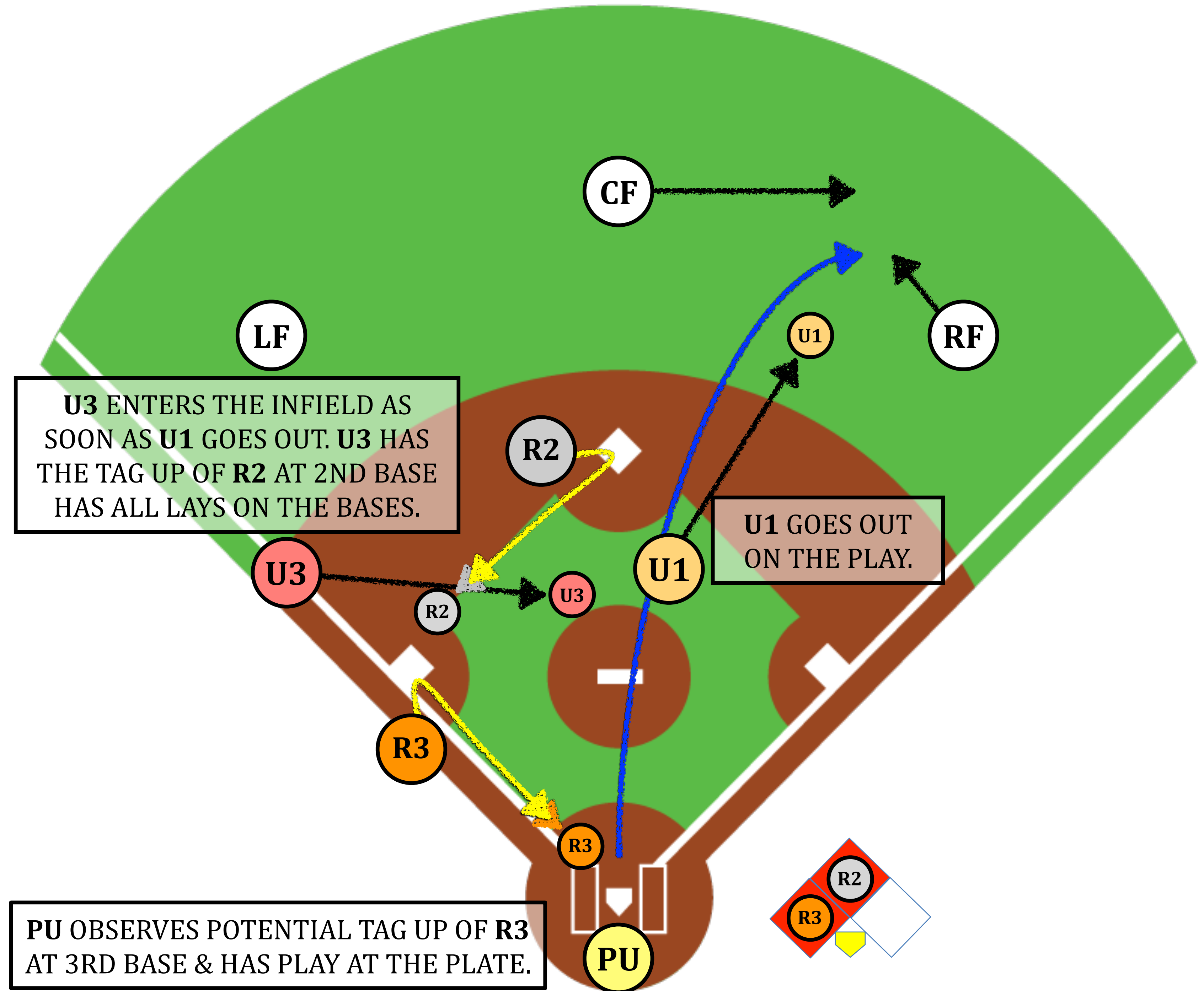
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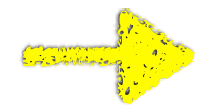
3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

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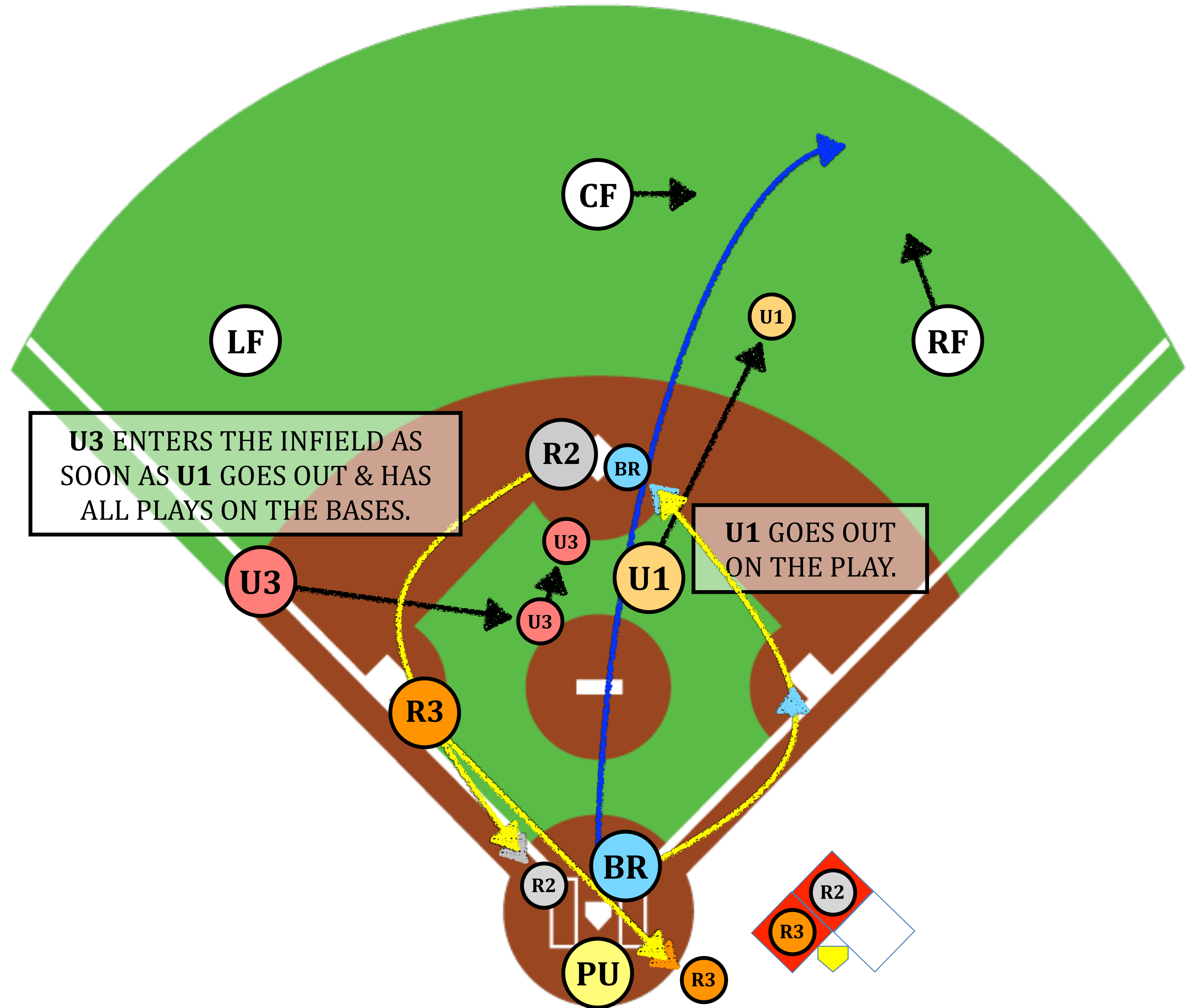
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Fly Ball **NO CATCH**





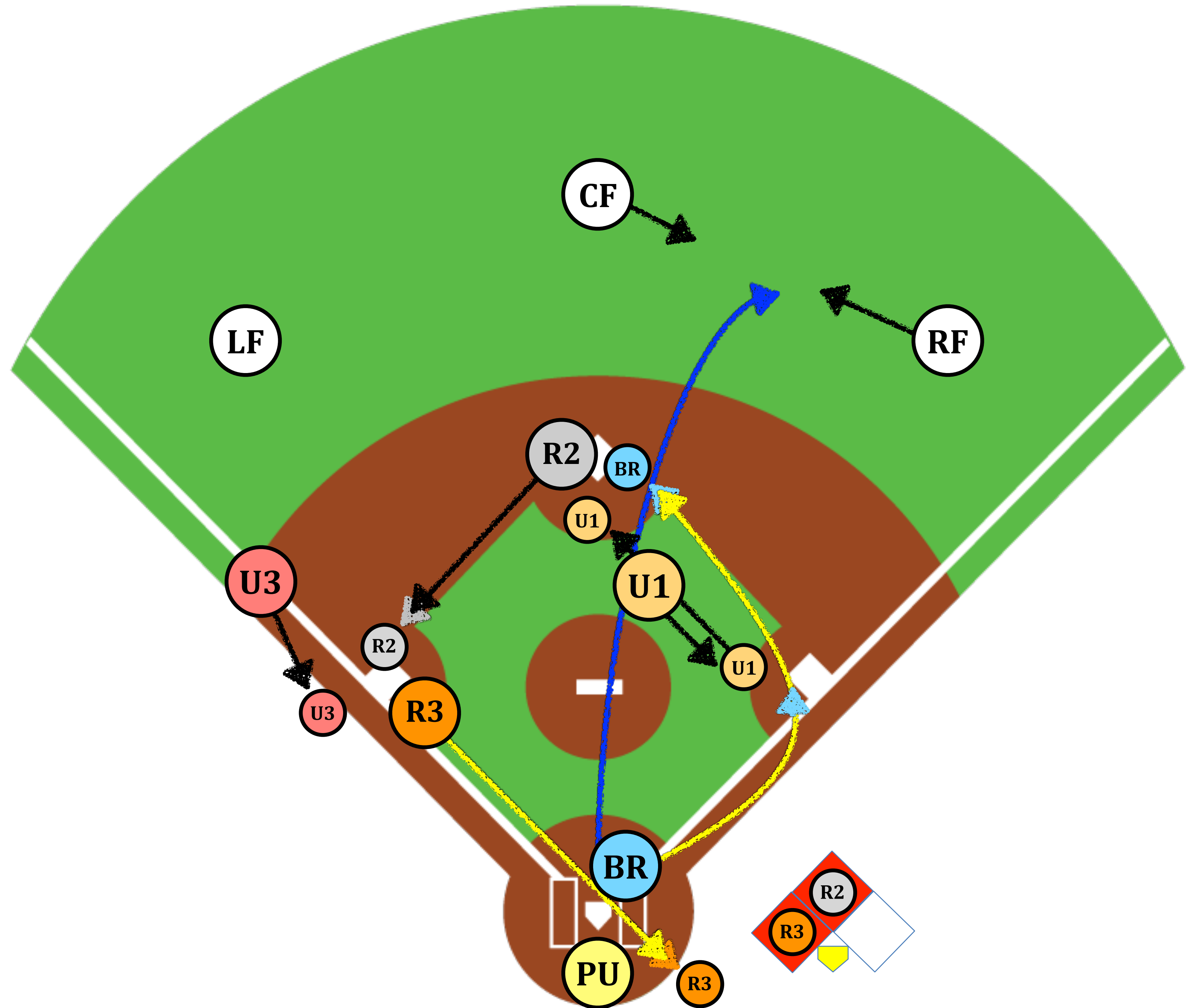
Runner's path



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FLY BALL TO RIGHT|CENTER FIELD
- **NO CATCH**

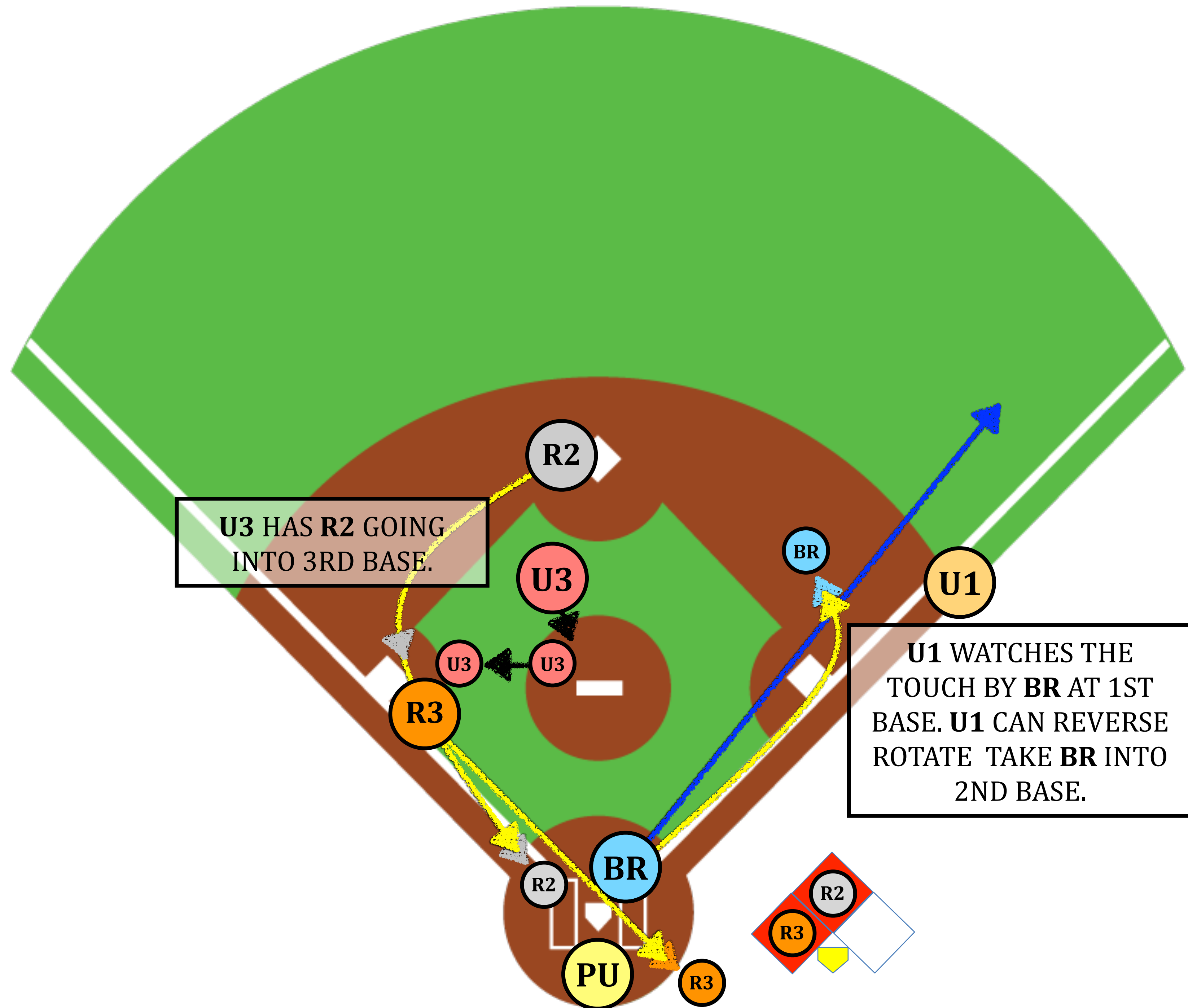
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 Runner's path



3 UMPIRE MECHANICS








CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD
WITH 2 OUTS

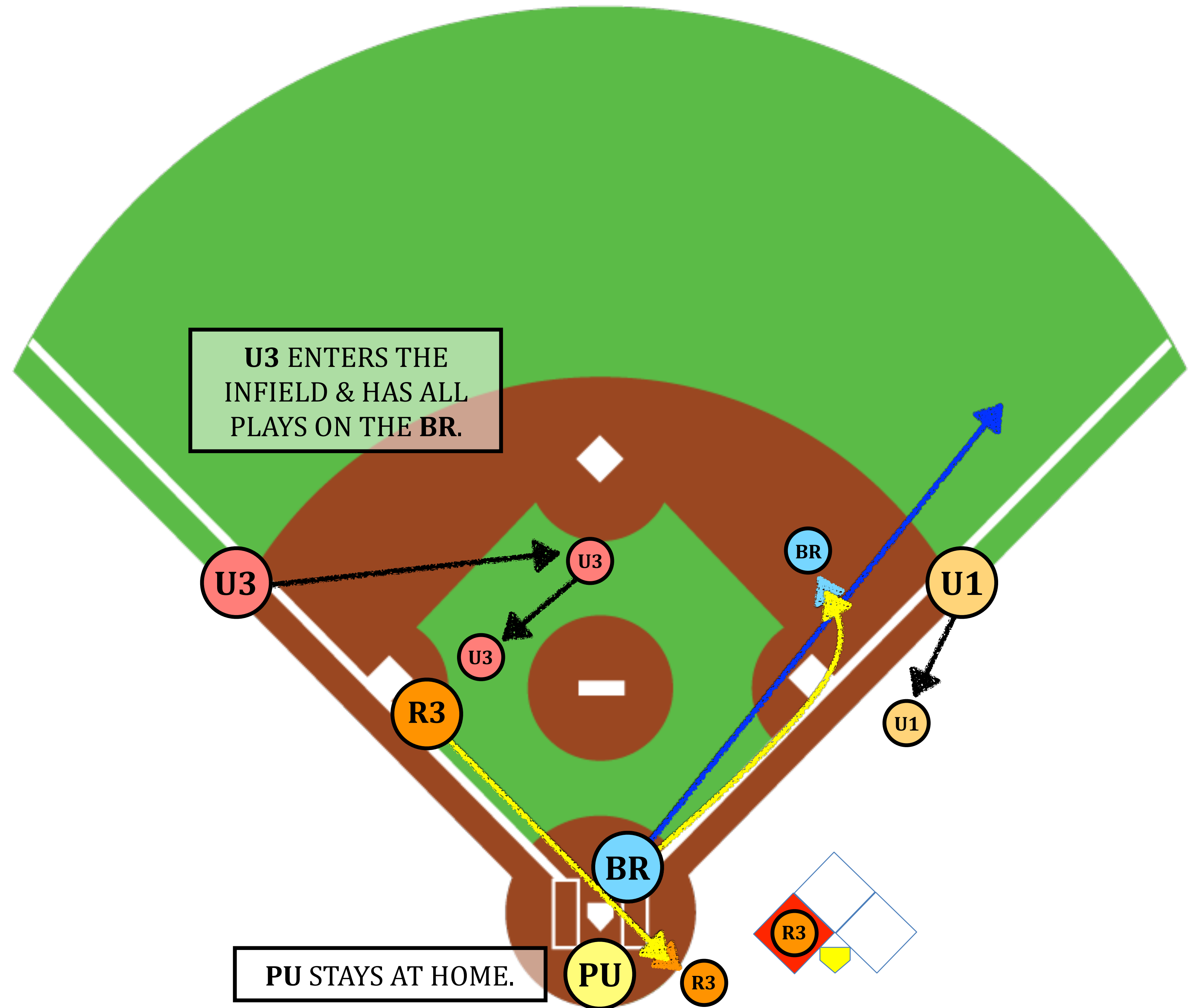
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3 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO RIGHT LINE - CATCH

CF Center Field

RF Right Field

LF Left Field

 Fly Ball **CATCH**

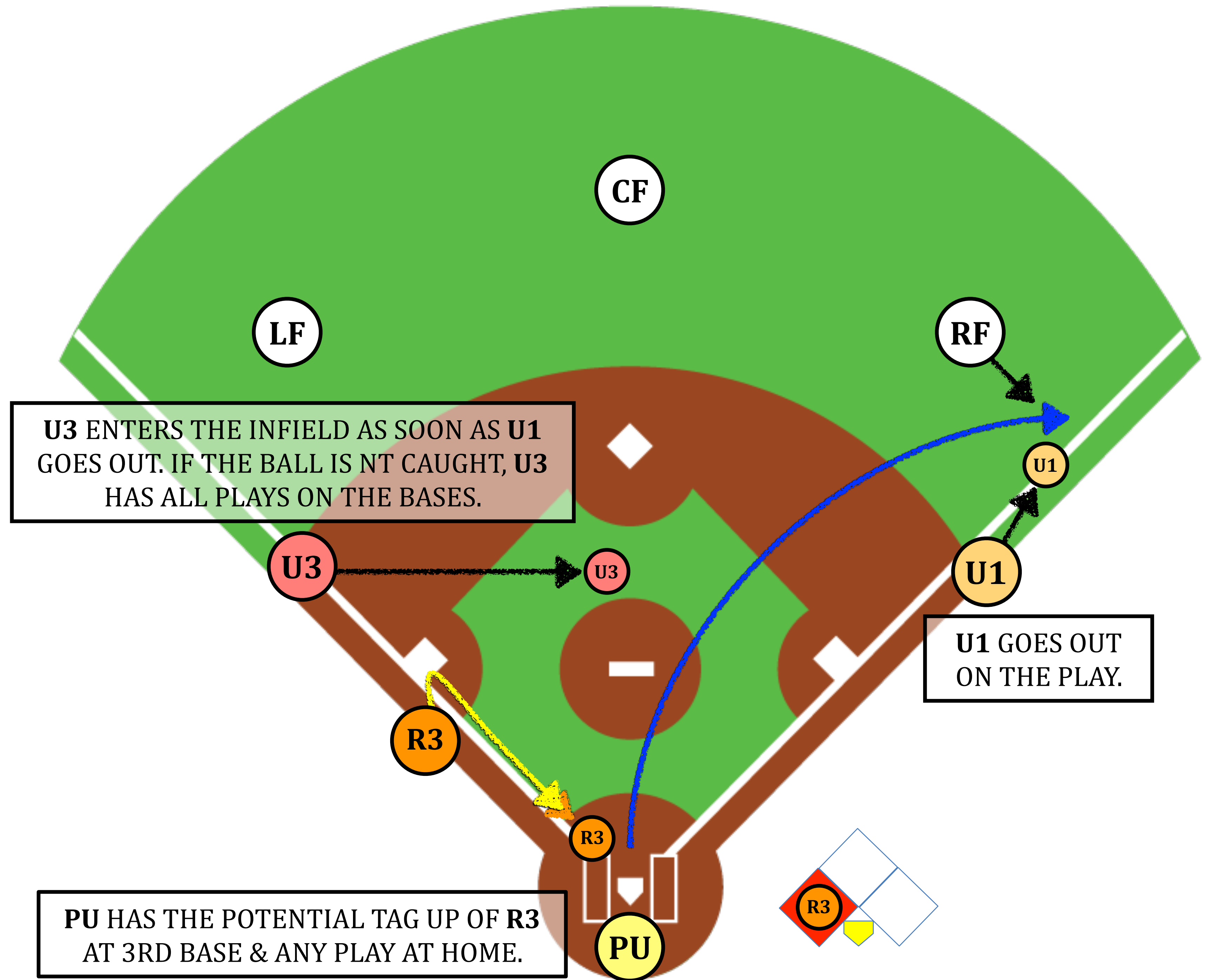
 Runner on 2nd

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