

A background image of a baseball game. A batter in a white uniform with the name 'WRIGHT' and number '18' is swinging a bat. A catcher in a dark uniform is crouching behind home plate. A runner in a blue uniform is sliding into home plate. An umpire in a dark uniform is standing behind the catcher. The background is a large crowd of spectators in a stadium.

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UMPIRE INSTRUCTION

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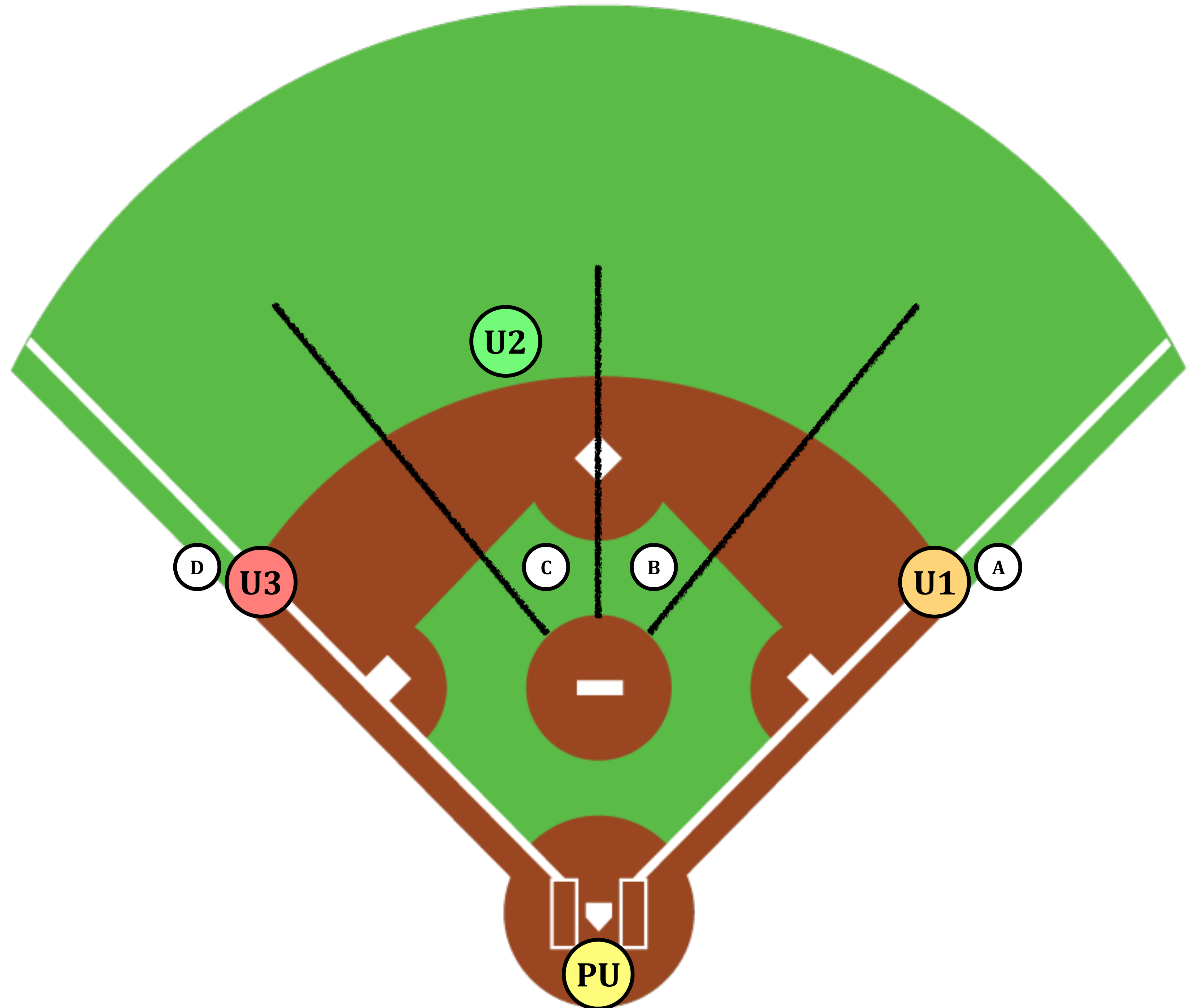
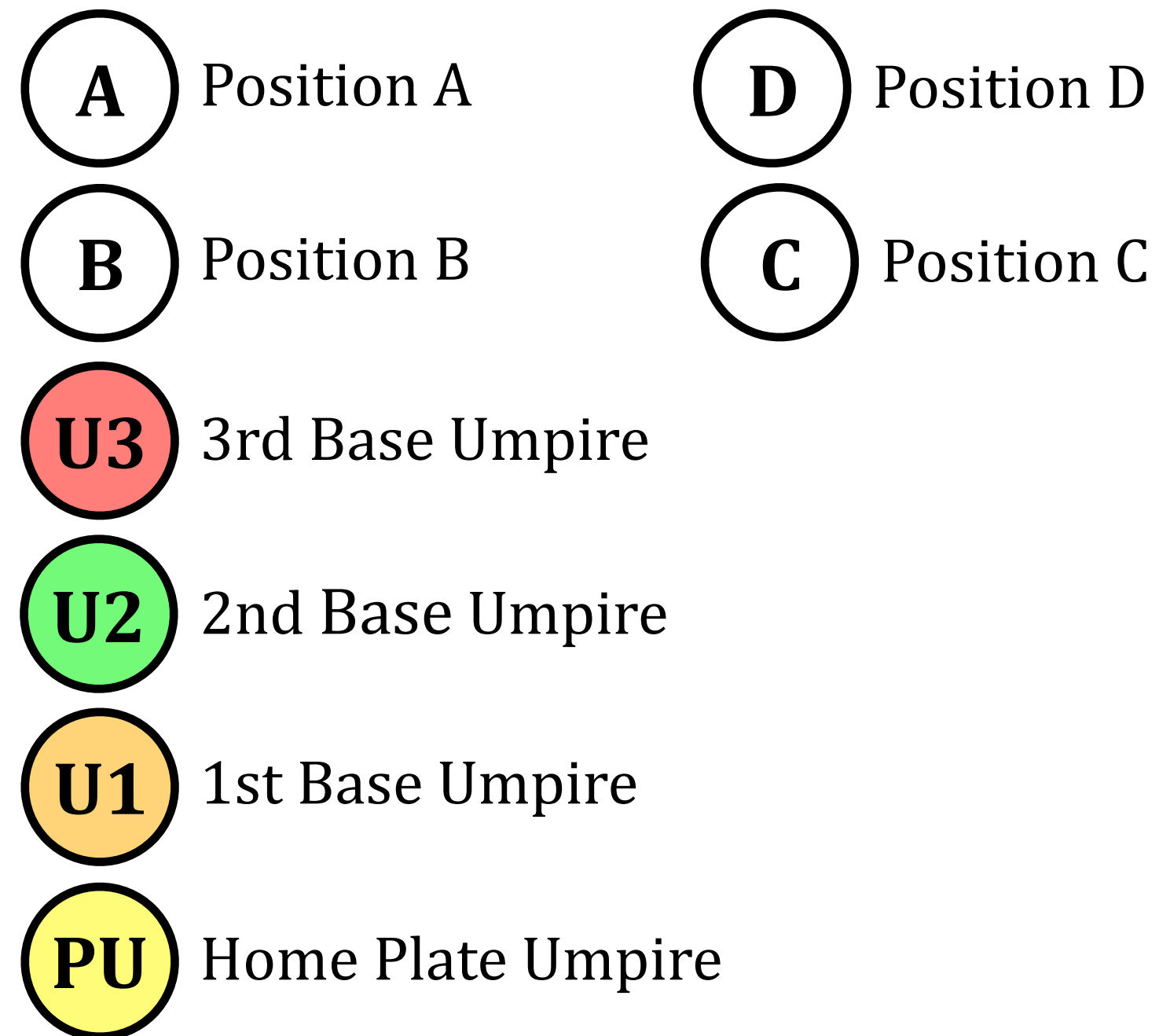
Mechanics Concepts:

- 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 is an acceptable practice for WBSC umpires.
- In many cases umpires have to split the difference and react.
- Most important is trust your instincts.
- One umpire will go out on ***ALL*** fly balls and line drives to the outfield.
- Umpires going out should go out as far as possible, but should be ***stopped*** when making the call.
- If you go out, do ***NOT*** return until the play is finished.
- The home plate will stay ***home*** whenever there is a runner in scoring position.
- Crew communication is extremely Important.

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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

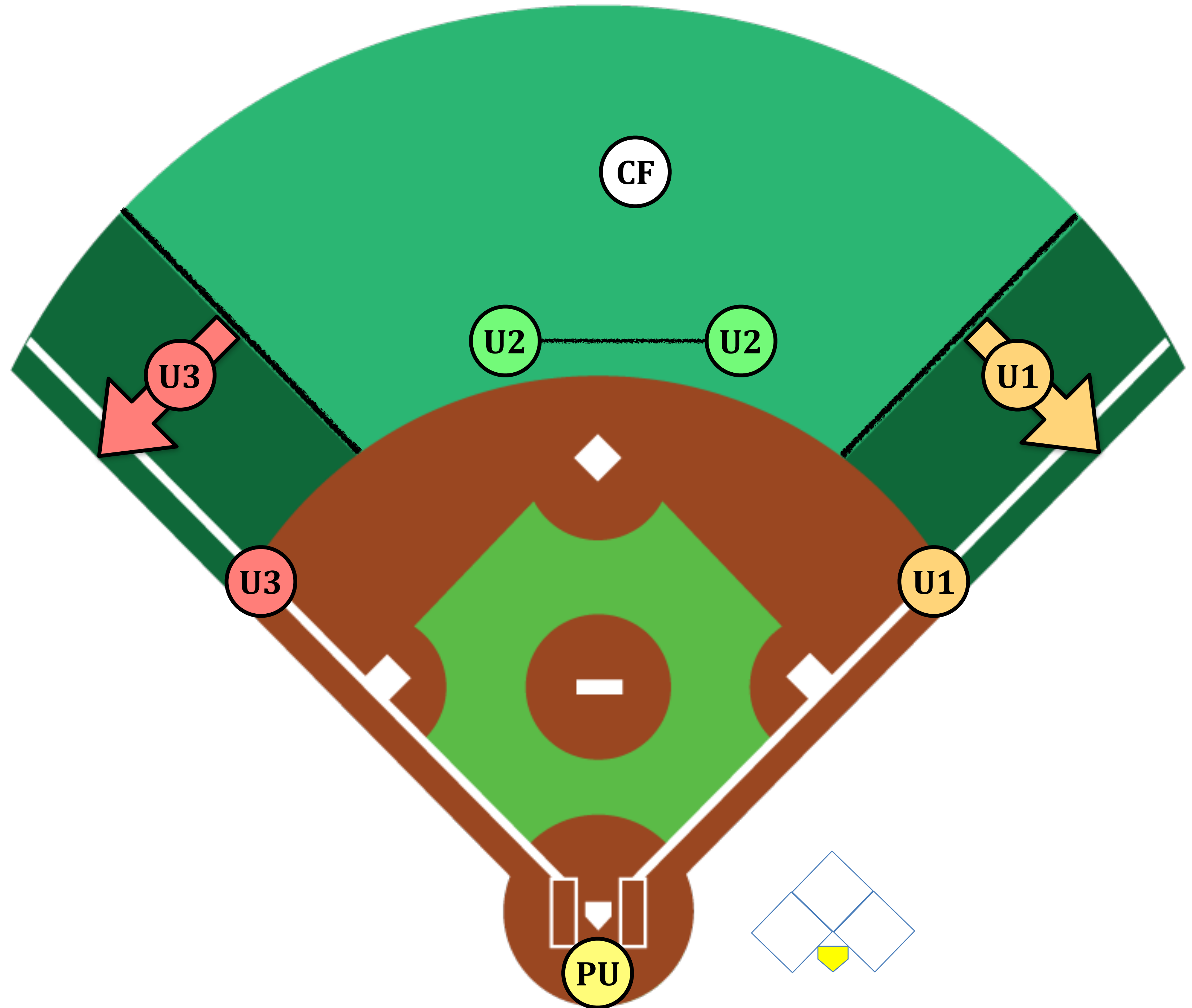


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INITIAL POSITIONS & OUTFIELD COVERAGE.

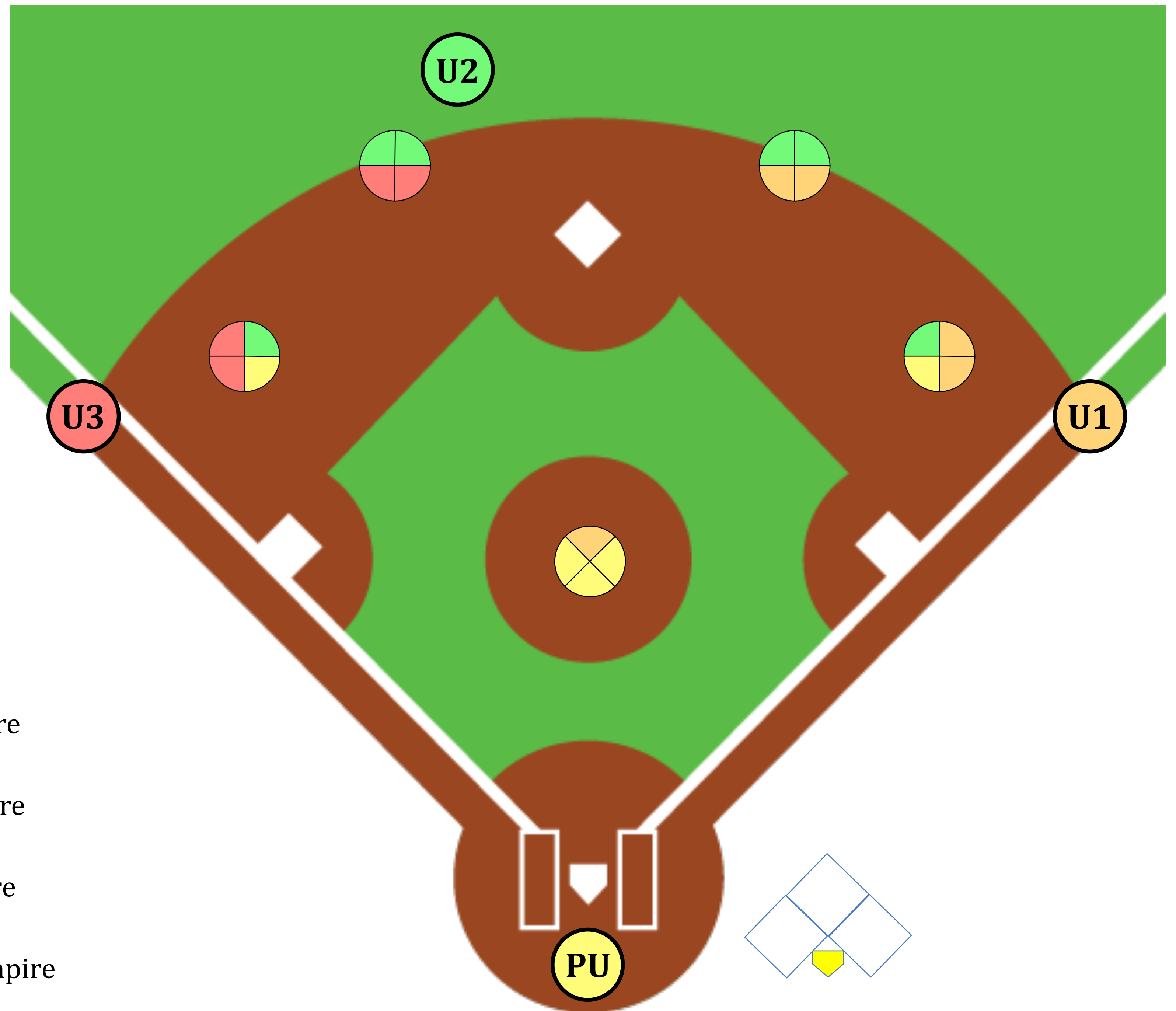
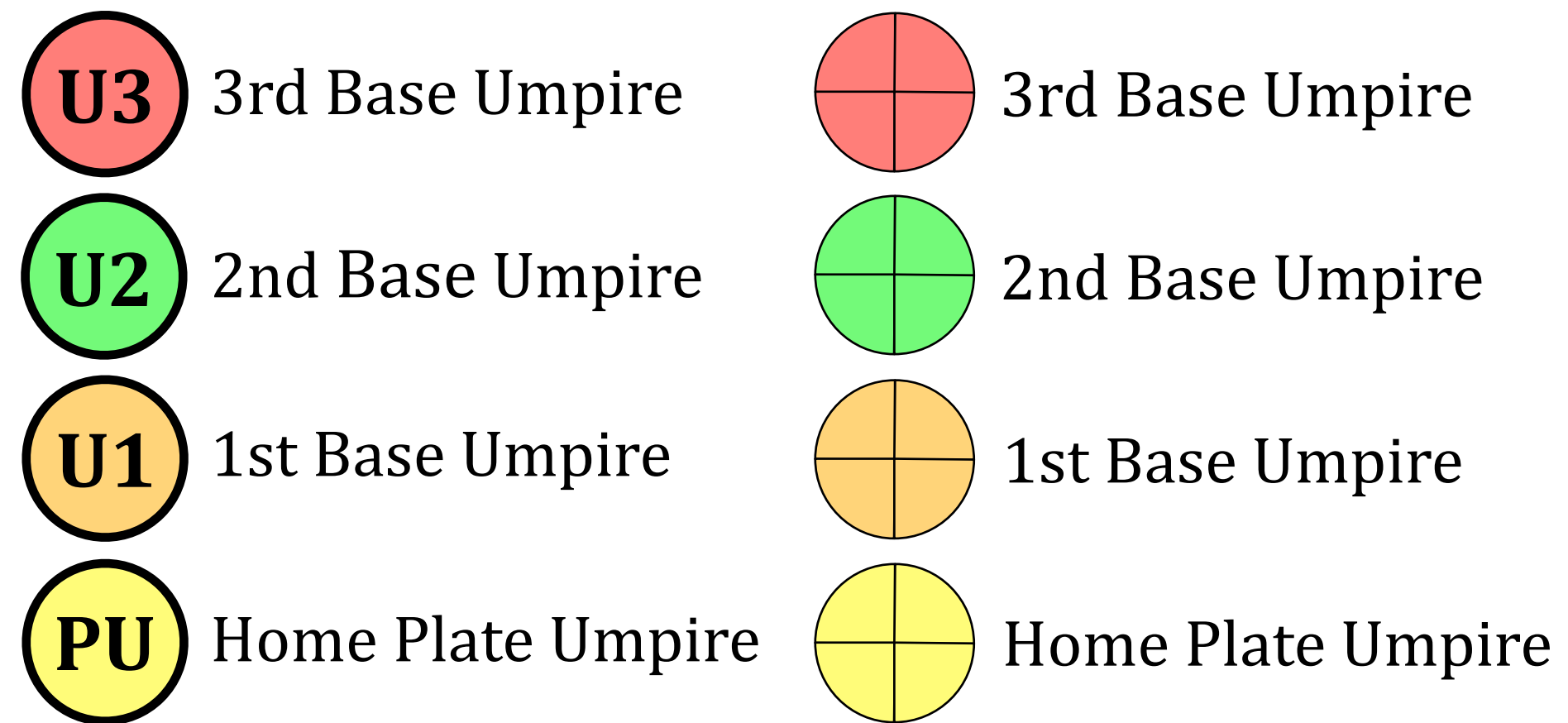
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INFIELD CATCH COVERAGE

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FAIR | FOUL COVERAGE

↔ 3rd Base Umpire

↔ 1st Base Umpire

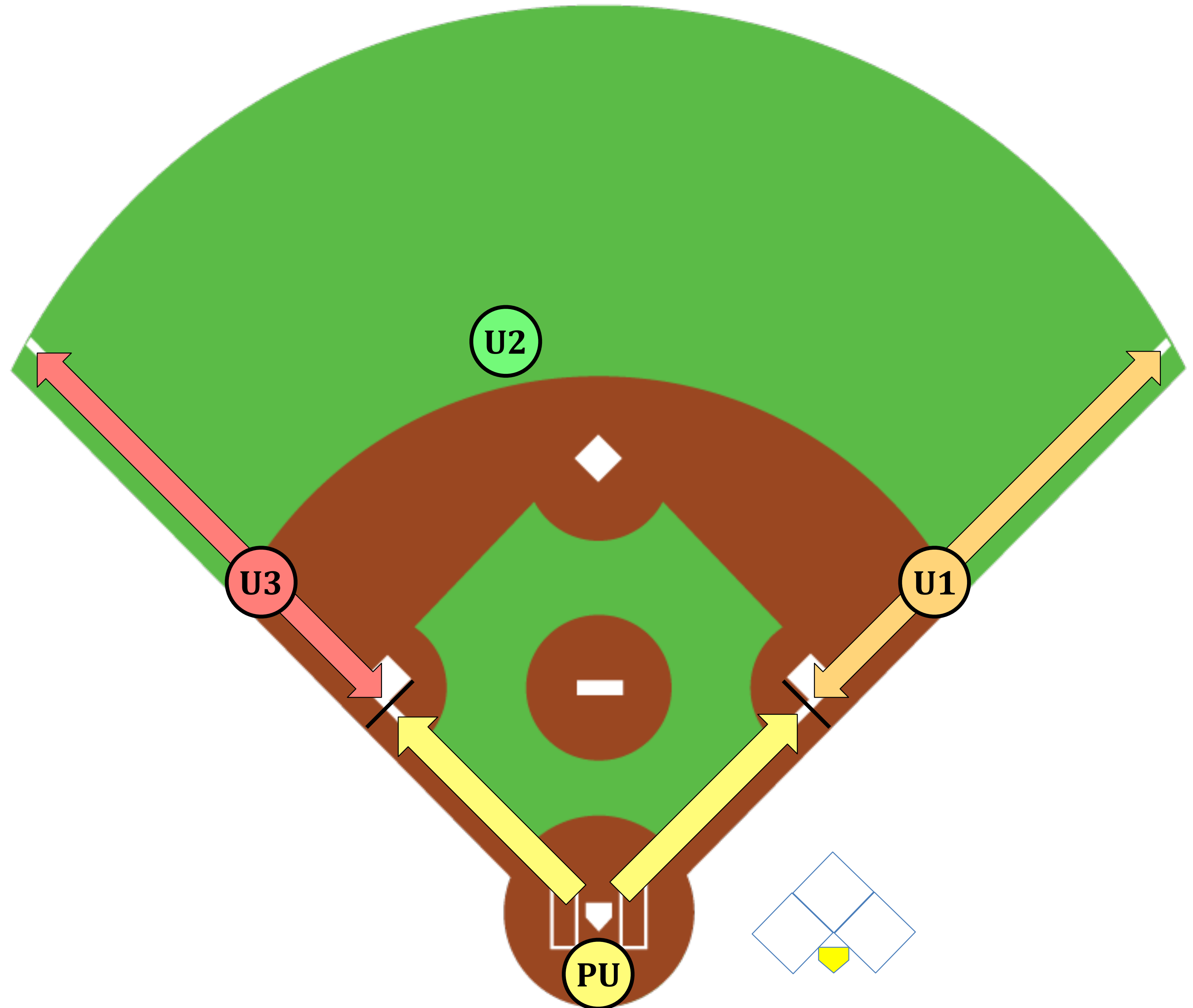
➡ Home Plate Umpire

U3 3rd Base Umpire

U2 2nd Base Umpire







U1 1st Base Umpire

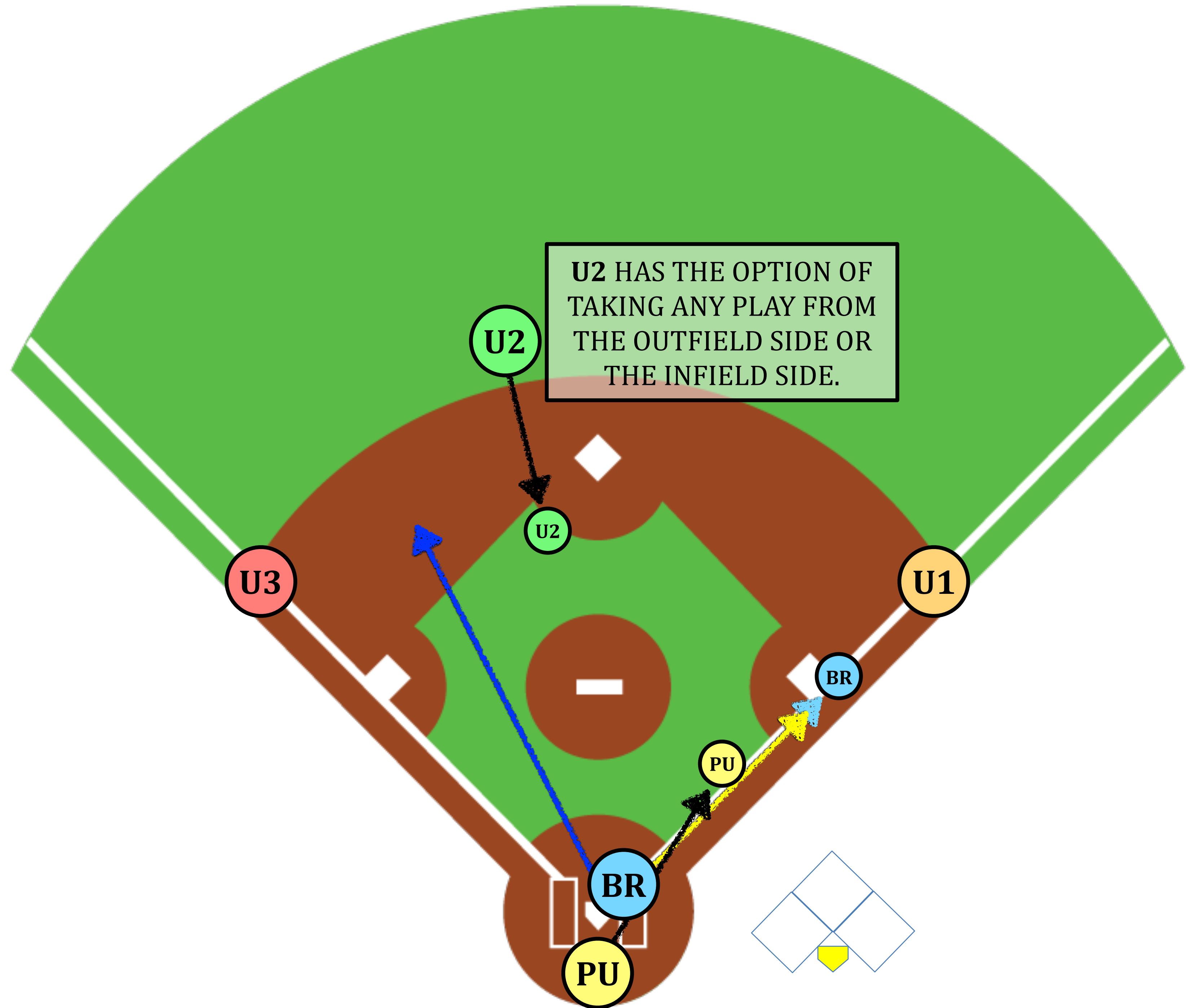
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GROUND BALL WITHIN THE
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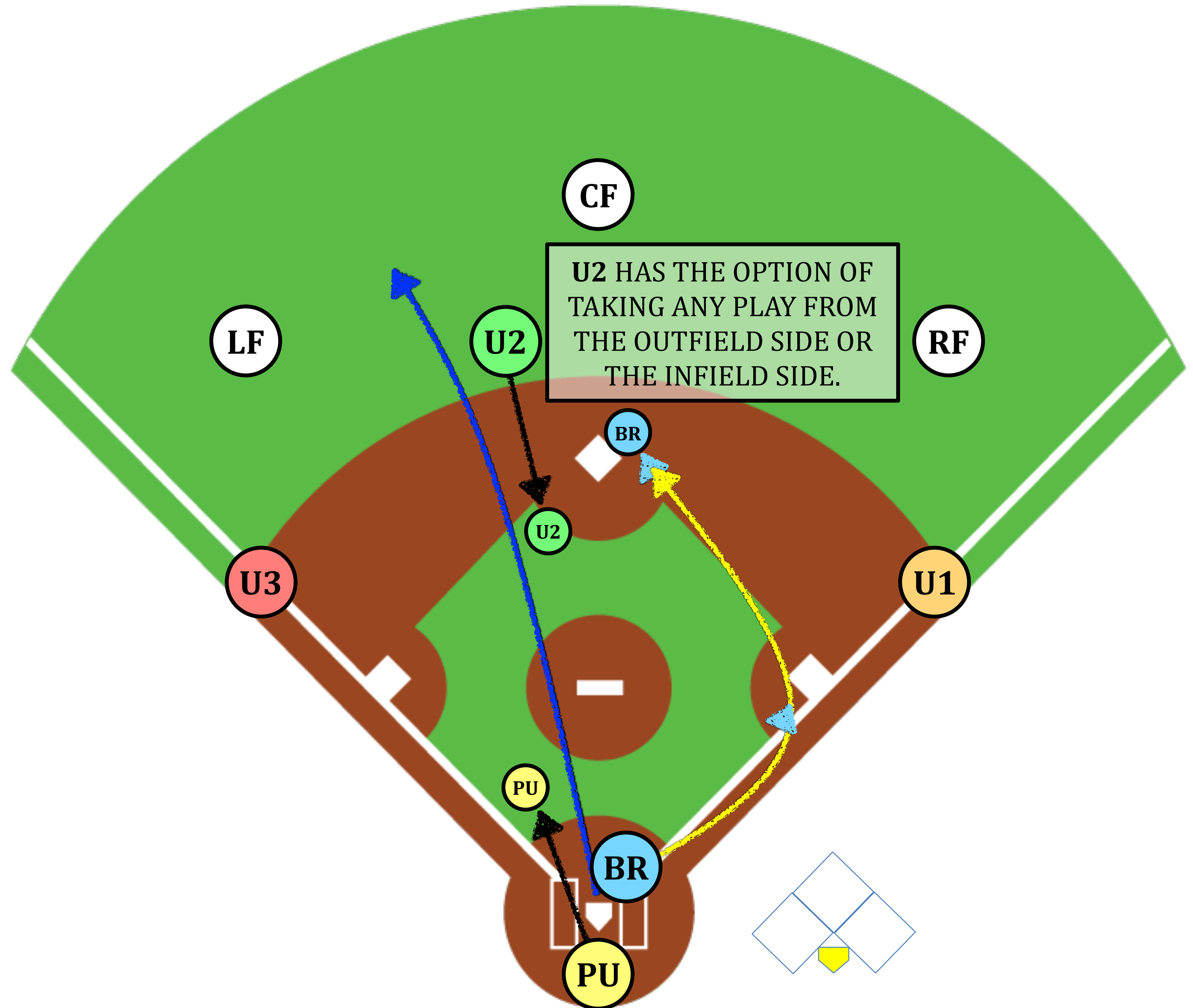
-  Ground Ball
-  Runner's path
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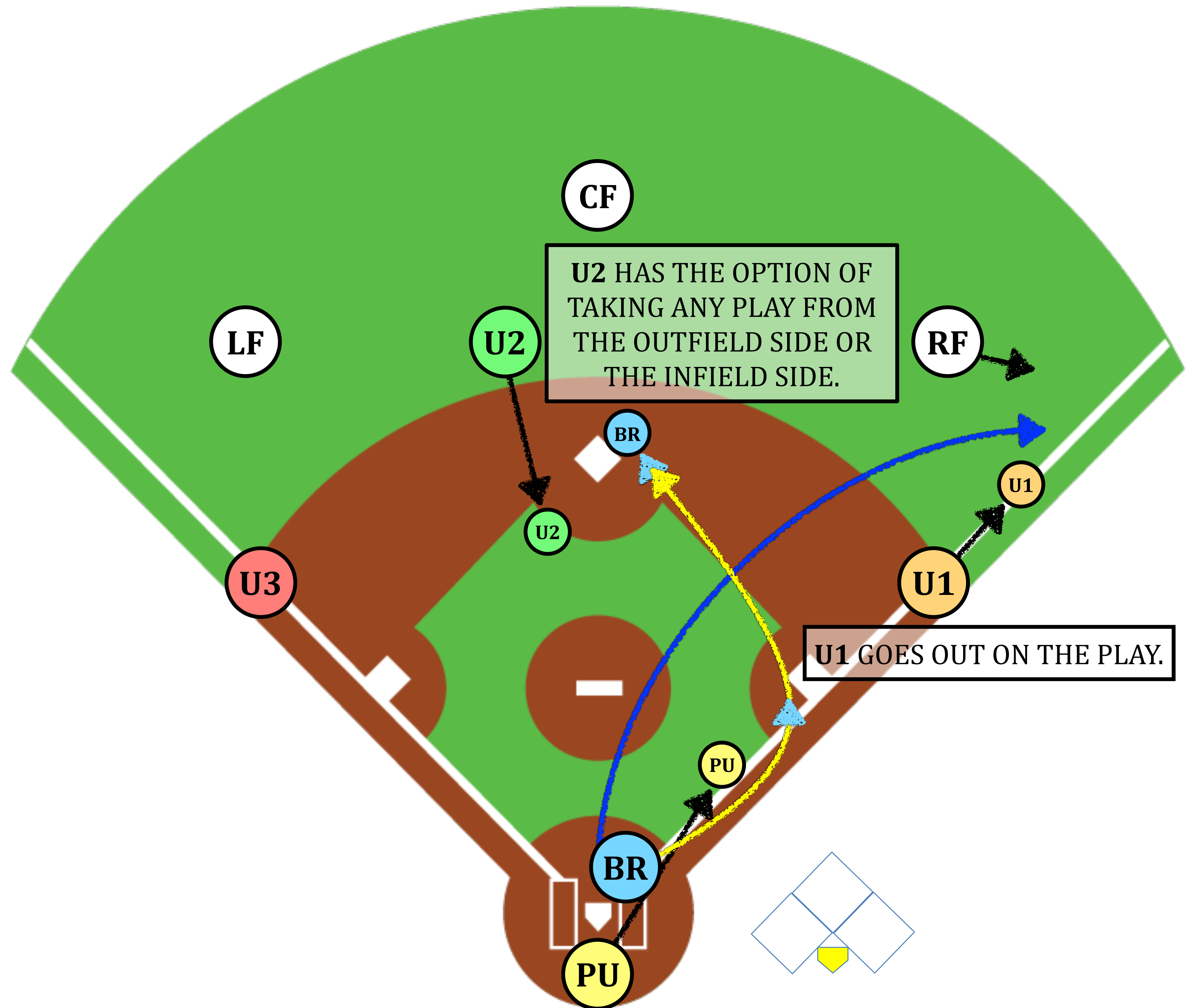
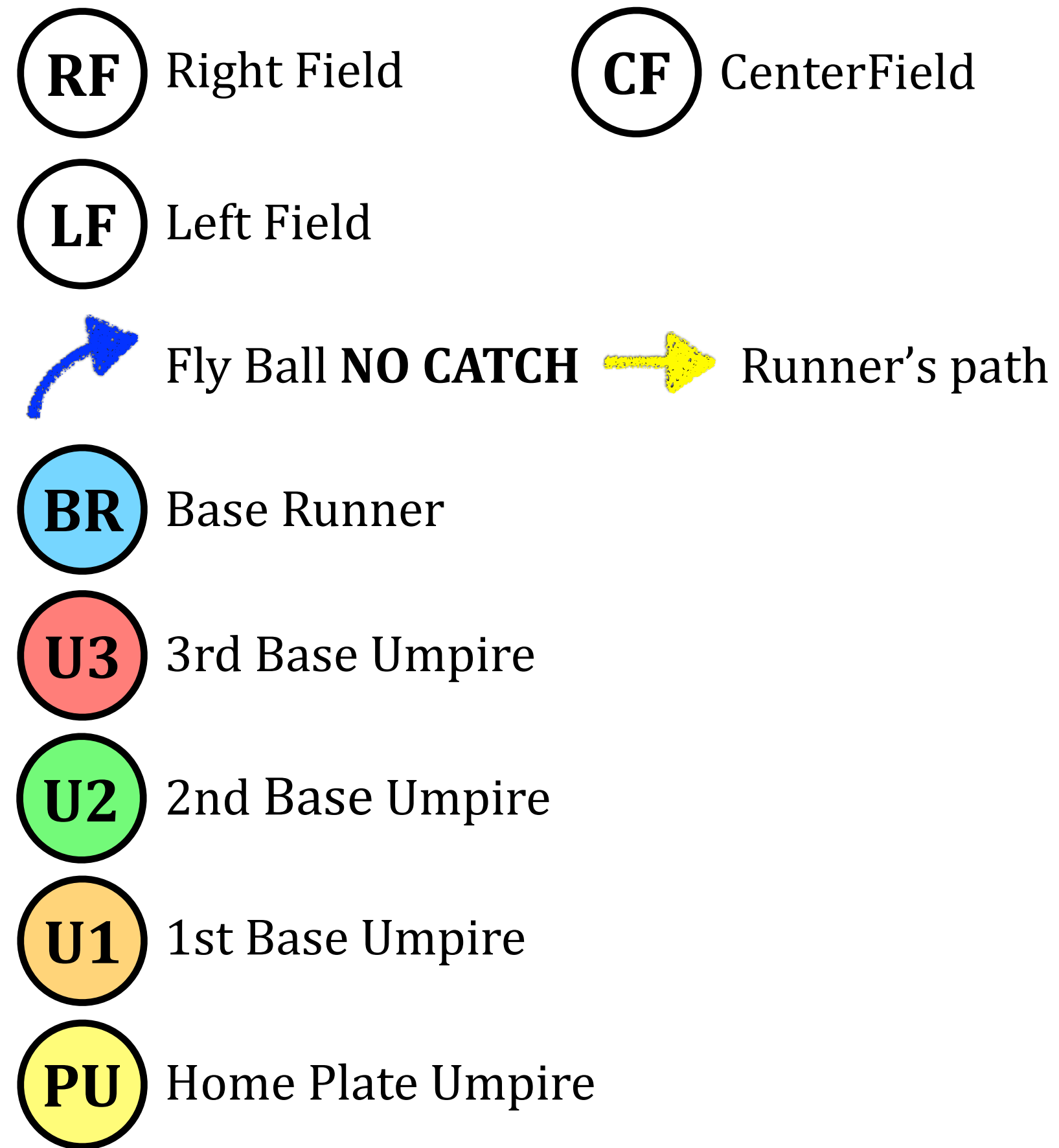
CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD.

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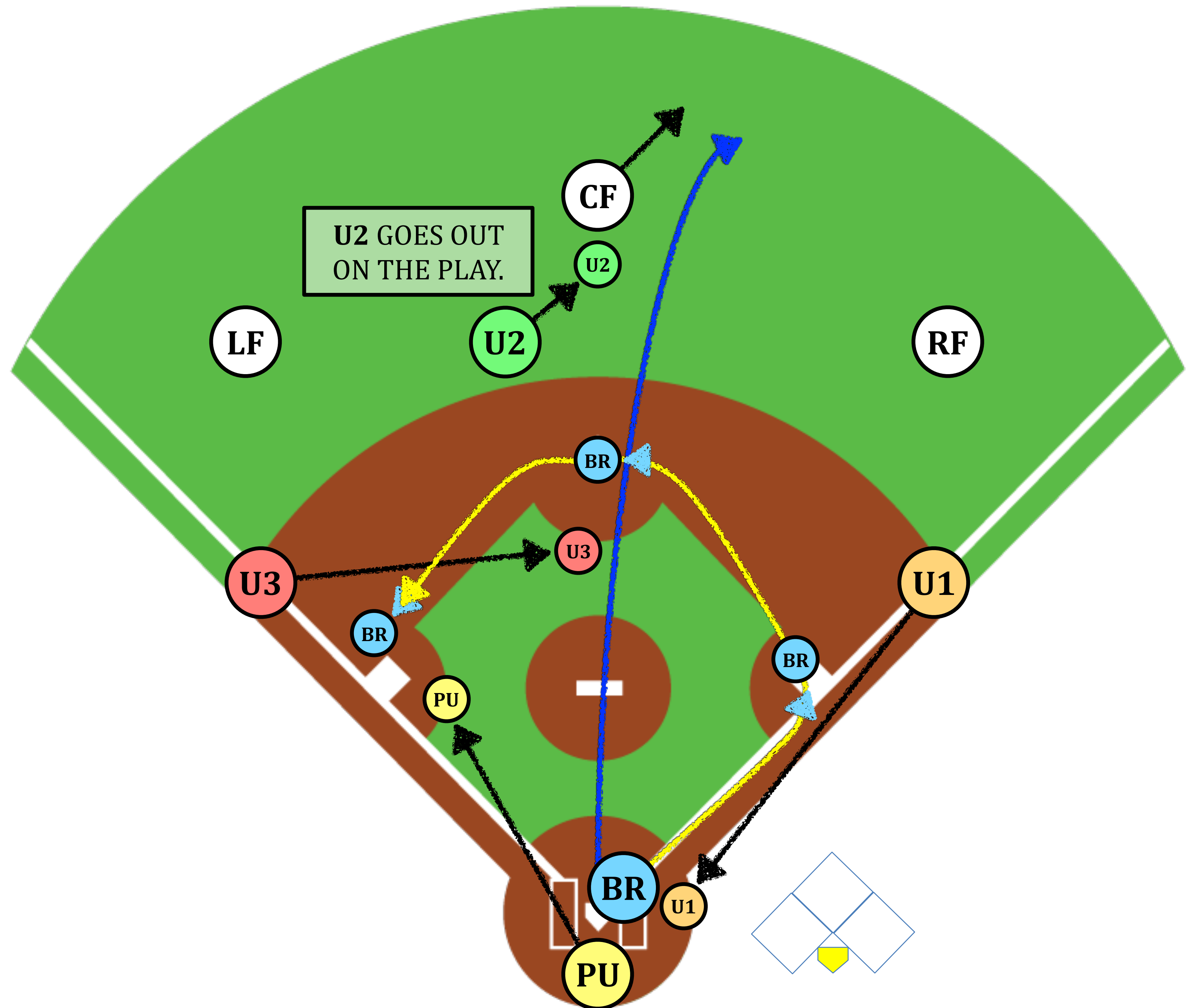
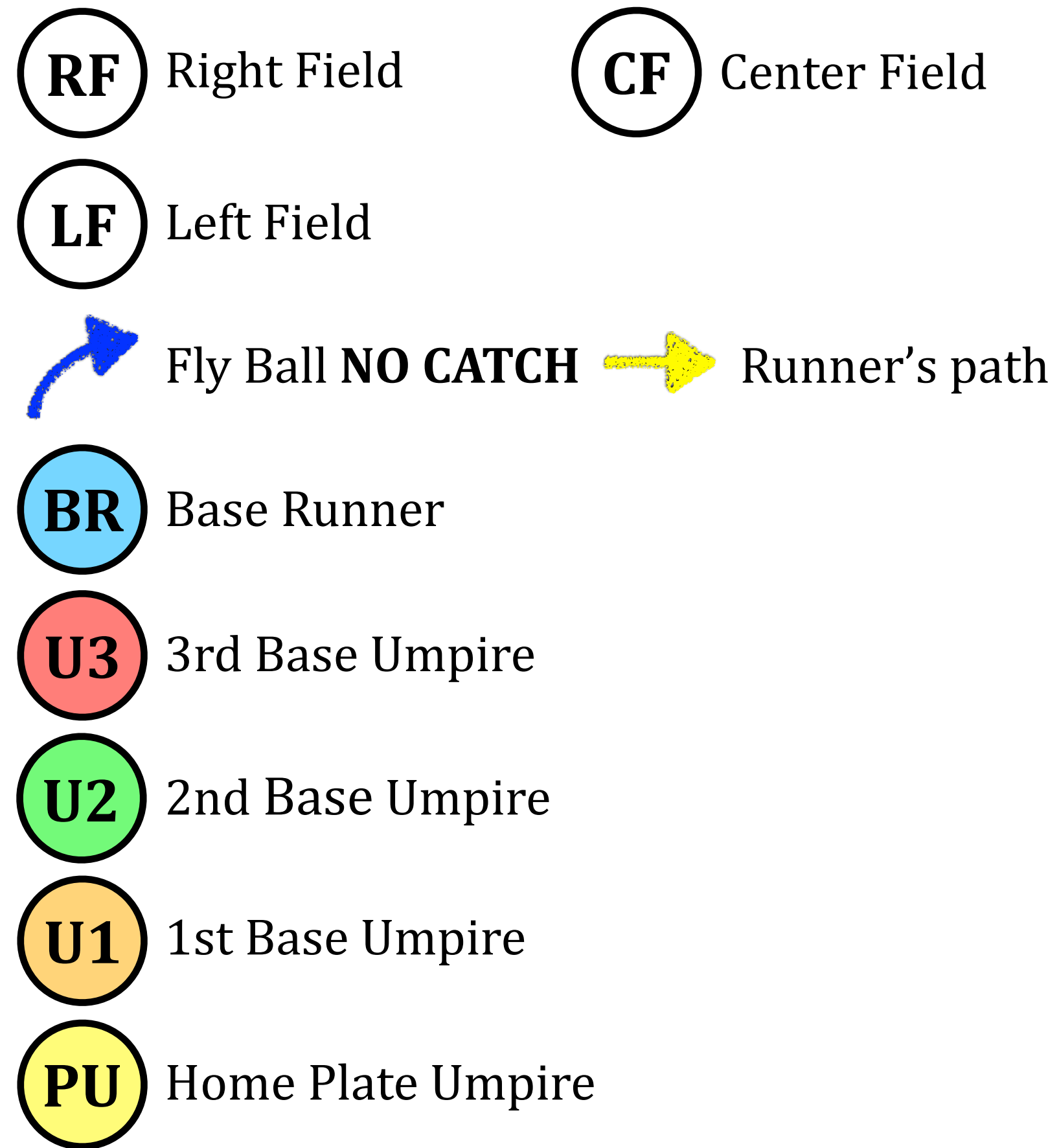
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FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD -
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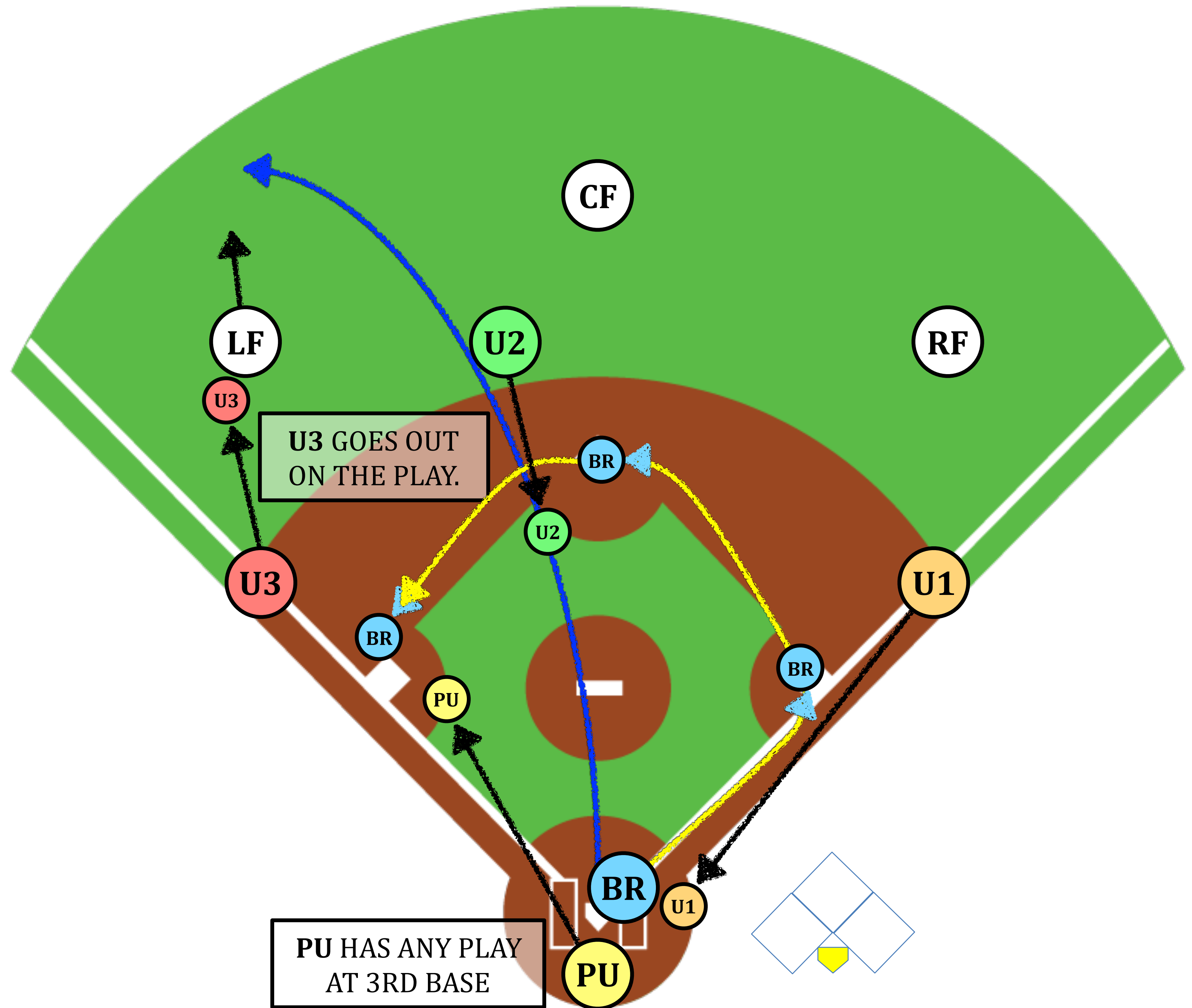
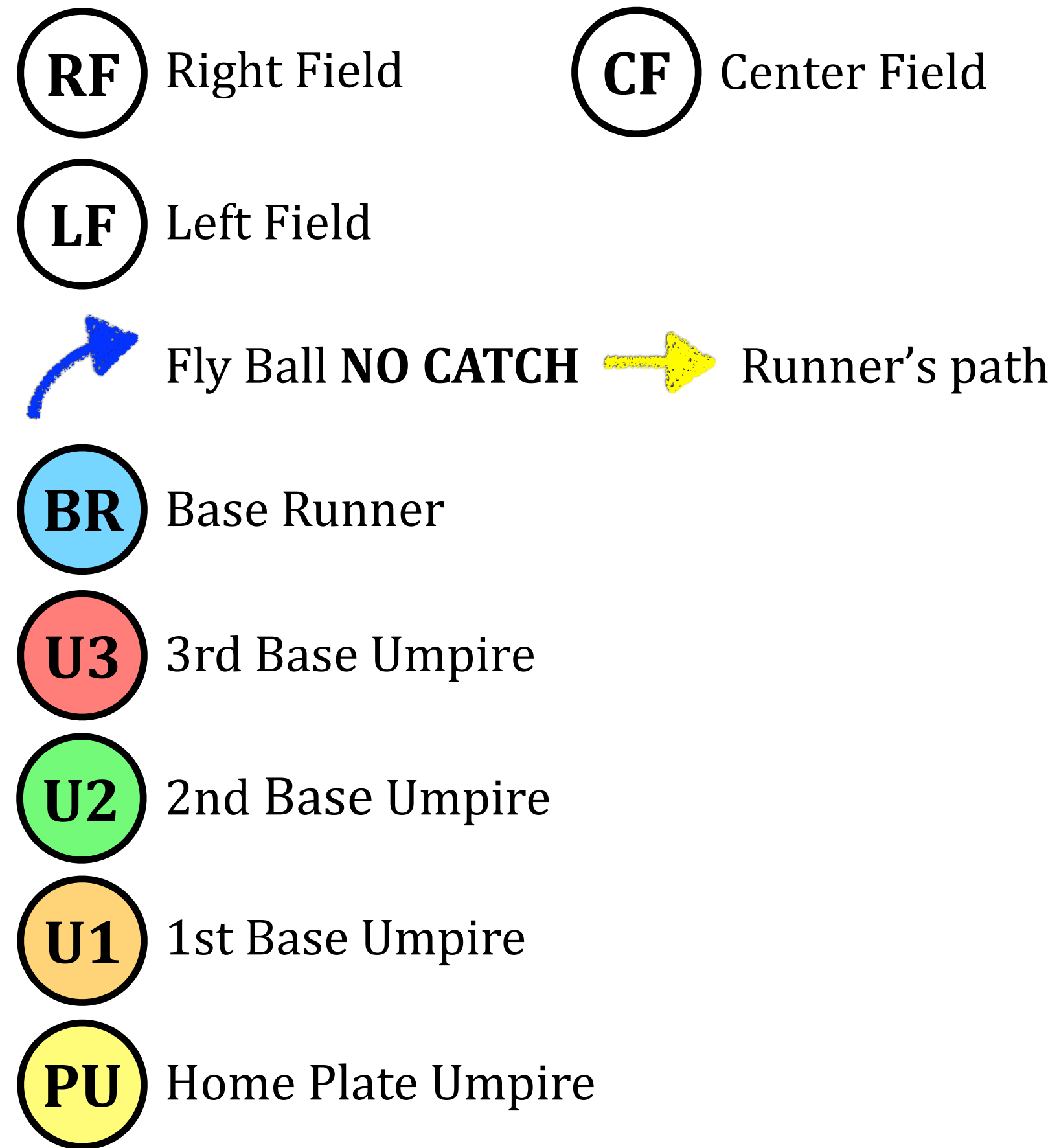
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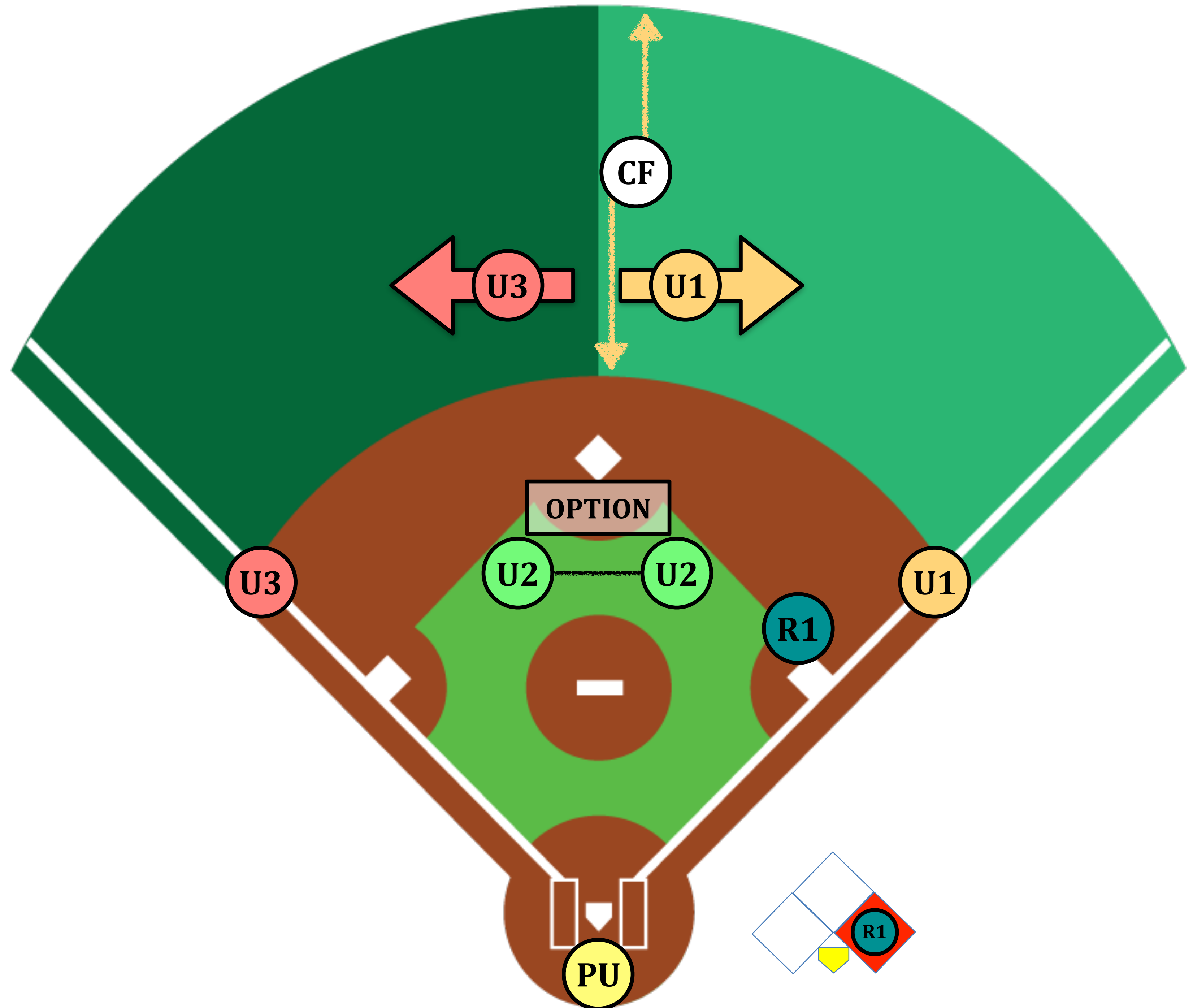
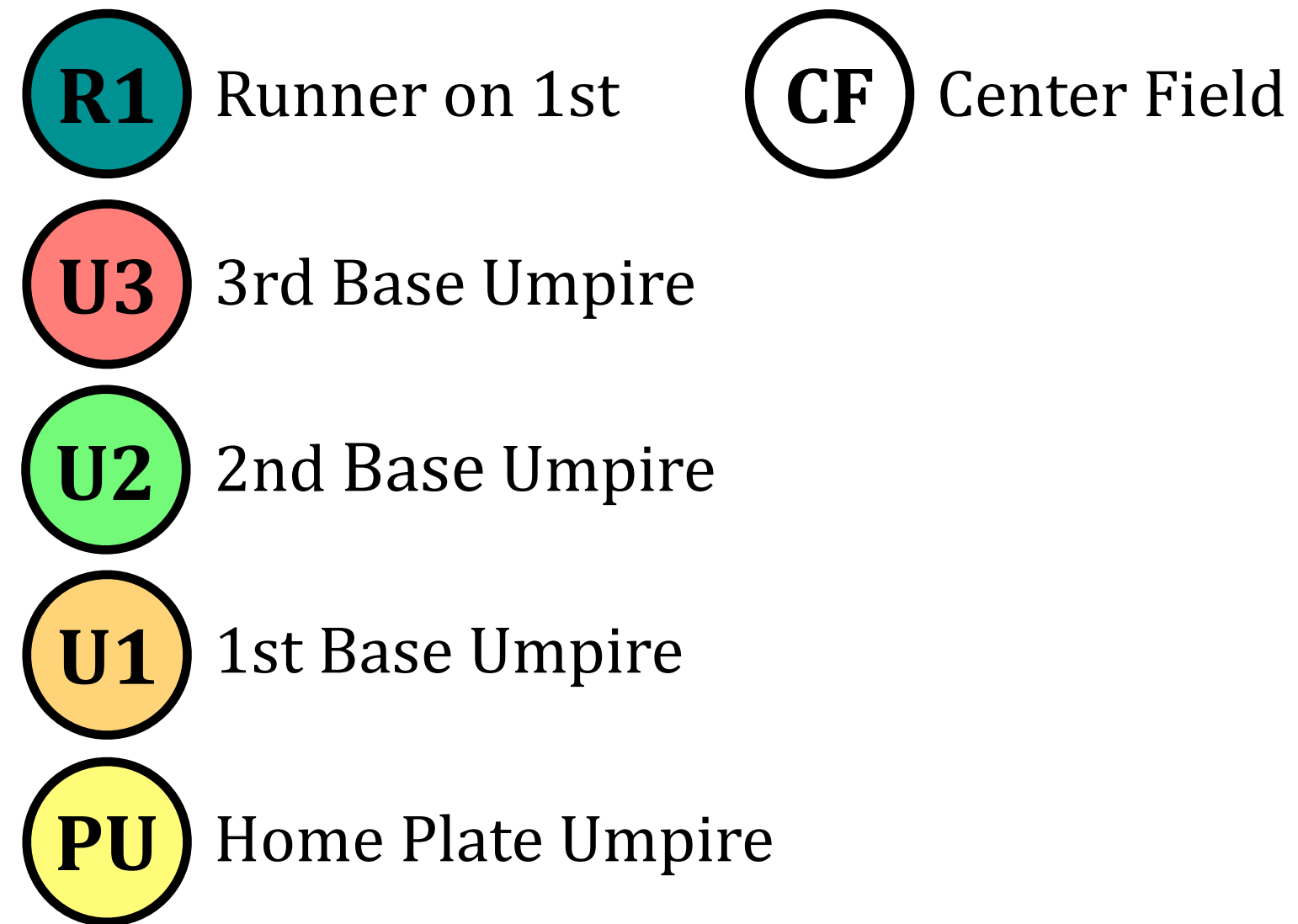
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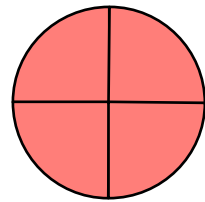
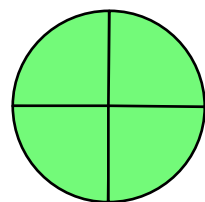
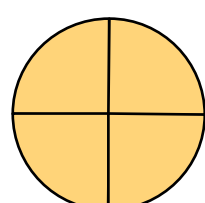
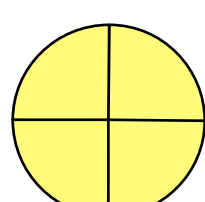
THE FIRST BASE UMPIRE IS KEY FOR OUTFIELD COVERAGE. HE/SHE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CENTERFIELDER STRAIGHT IN OR WHEN HE/SHE TURNS TO HIS LEFT AND GOES STRAIGHT BACK.

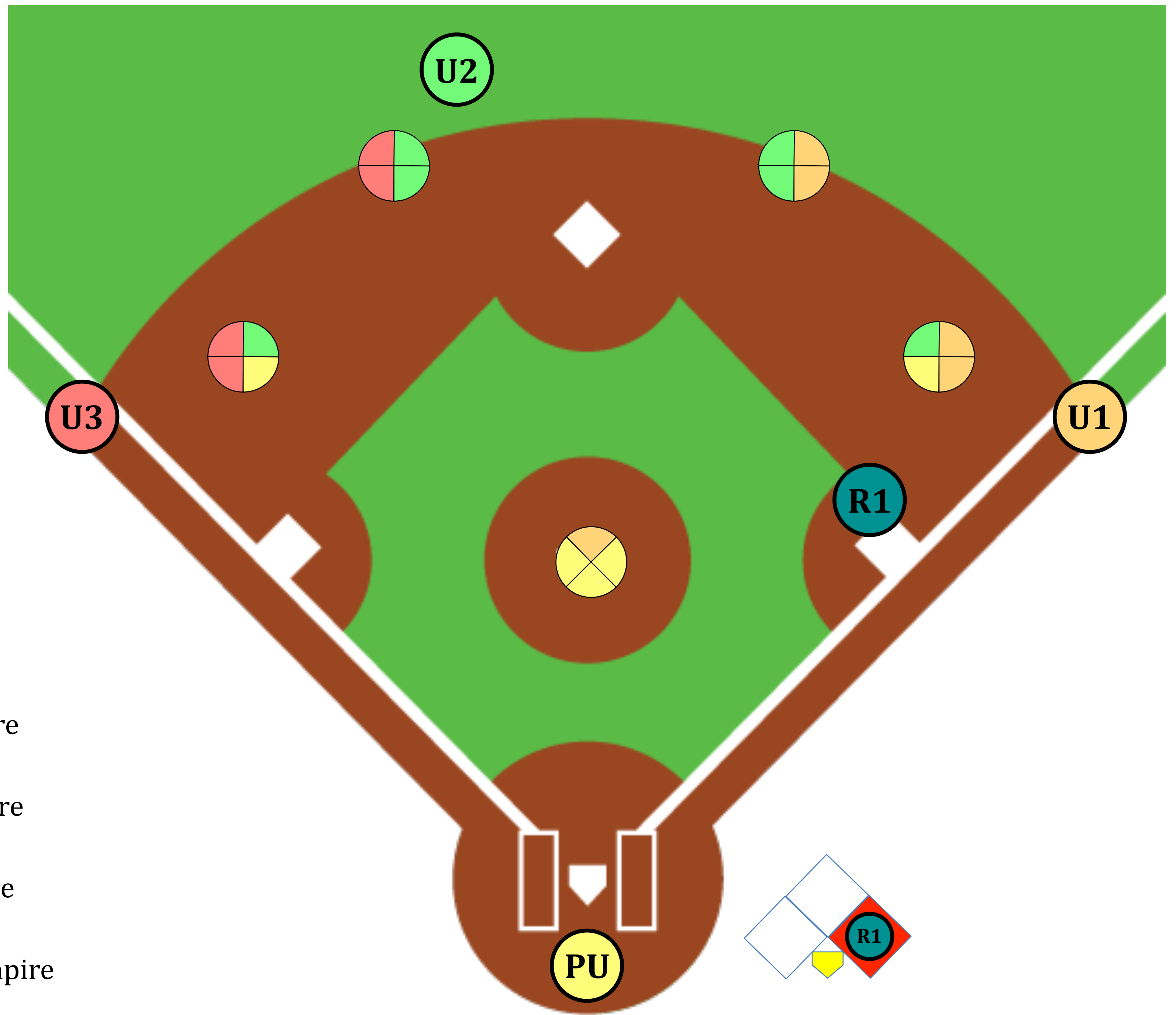


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| PU | Home Plate Umpire |  | Home Plate Umpire |



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CLEAN HIT TO THE OUTFIELD
WITH THE RUNNER ON FIRST
ADVANCING TOWARDS 3RD BASE &
THE BATTER ROUNDING 1ST BASE.



Hit



Runner's path



Base Runner



Runner on 1st



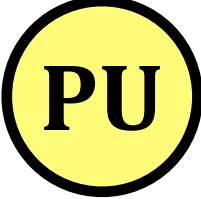
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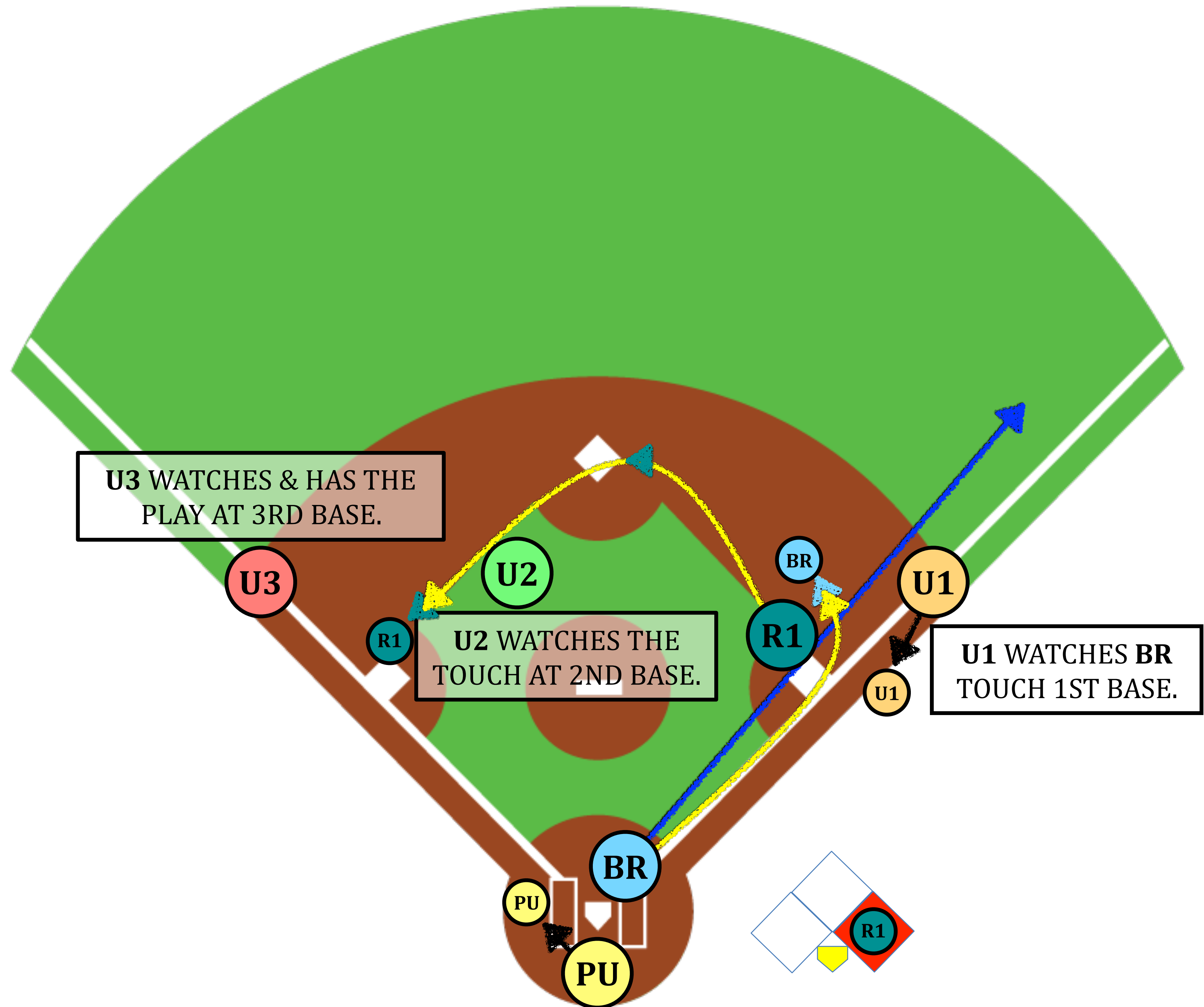
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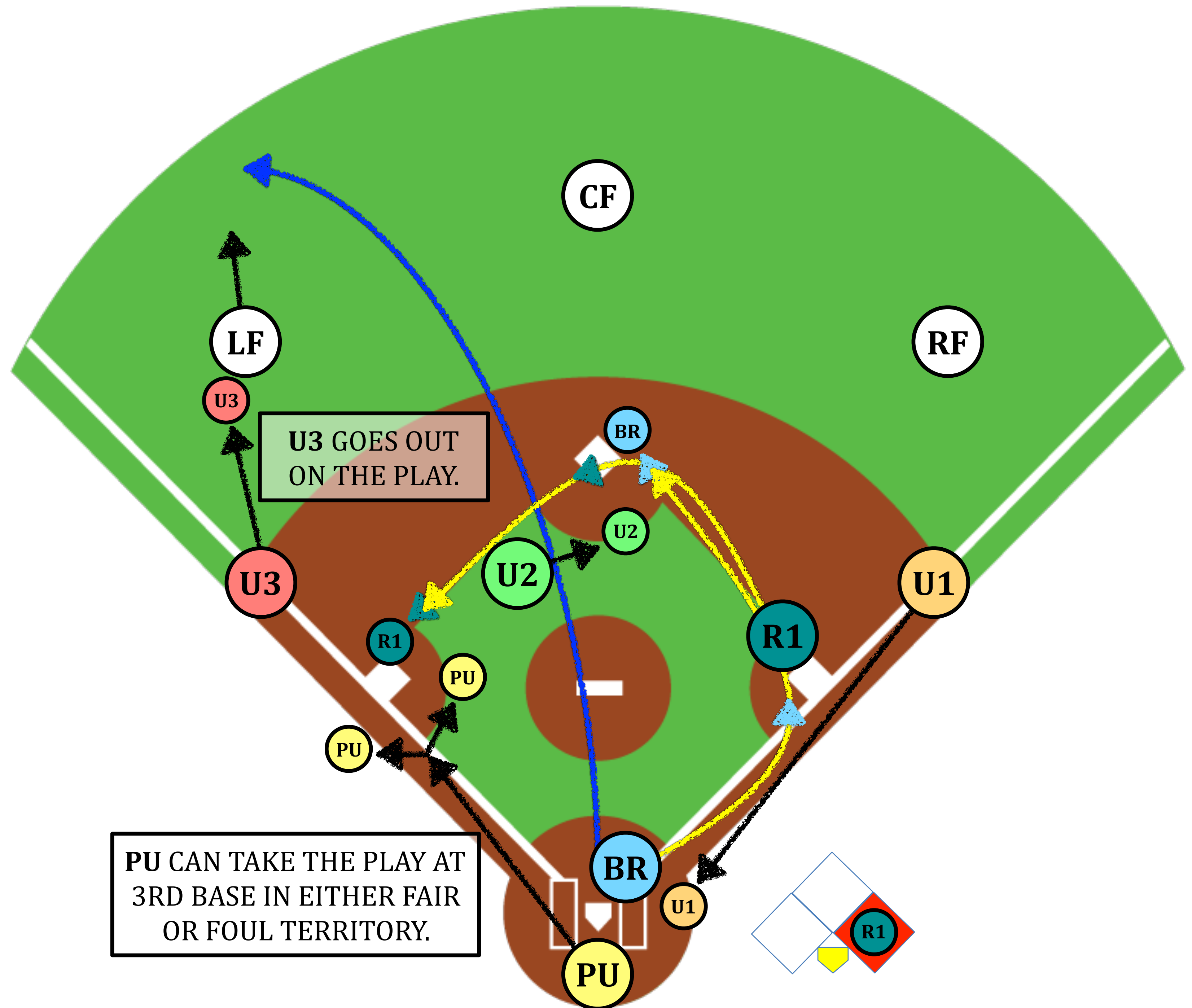
Home Plate Umpire



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FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD -
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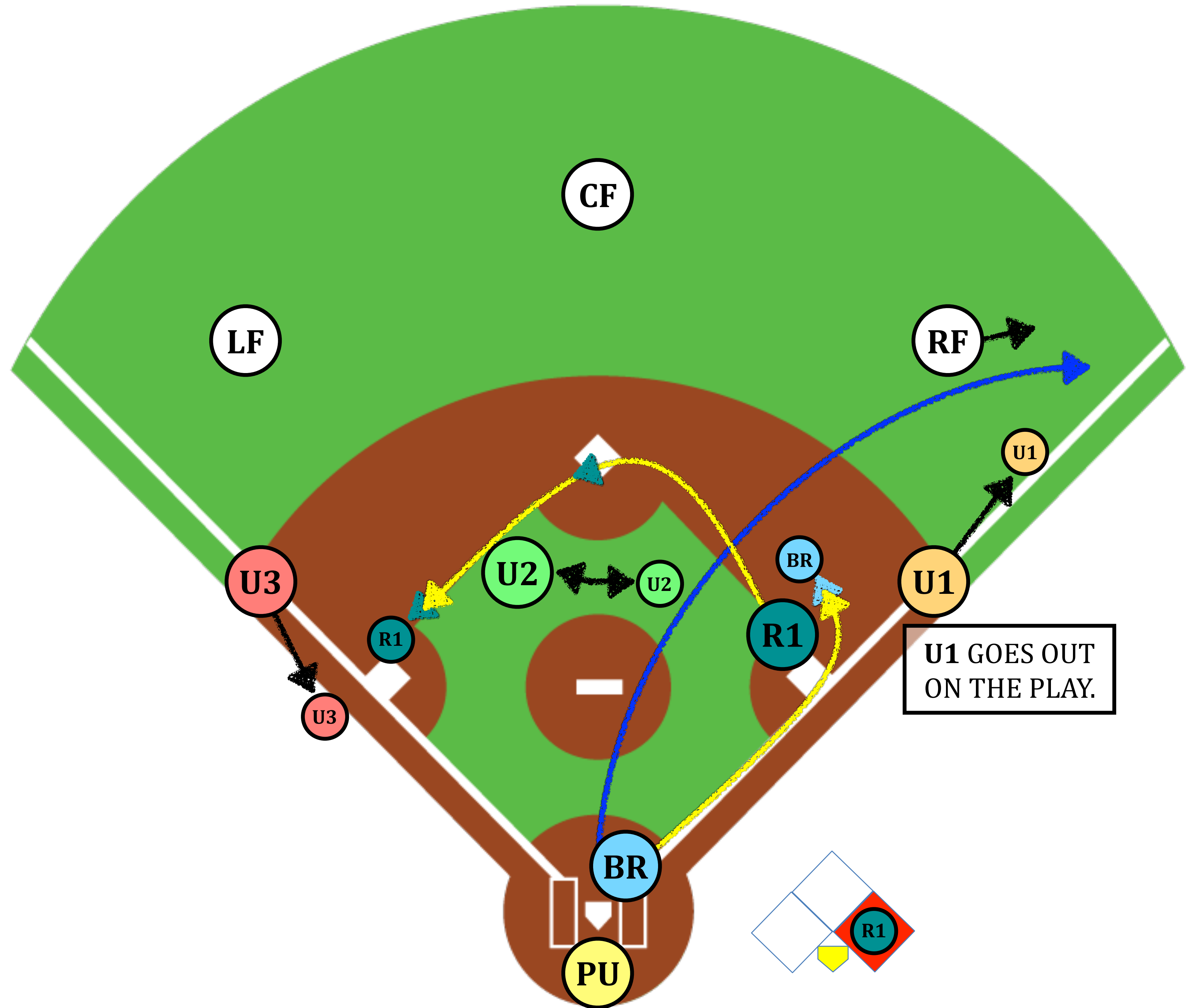
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- LF Left Field
- ↗ Fly Ball **NO CATCH** → Runner's path
- BR Base Runner
- R1 Runner on 1st
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- PU Home Plate Umpire



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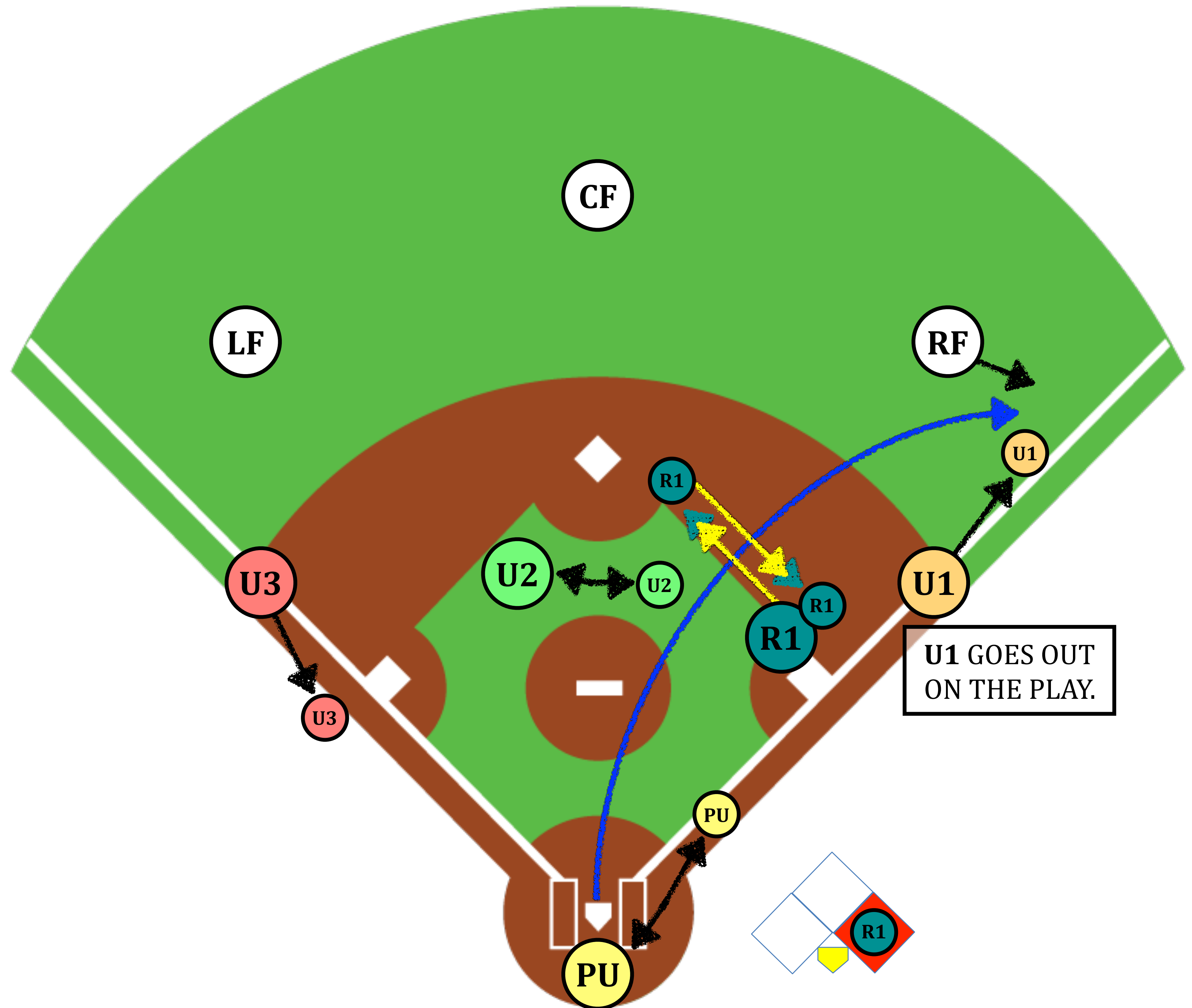
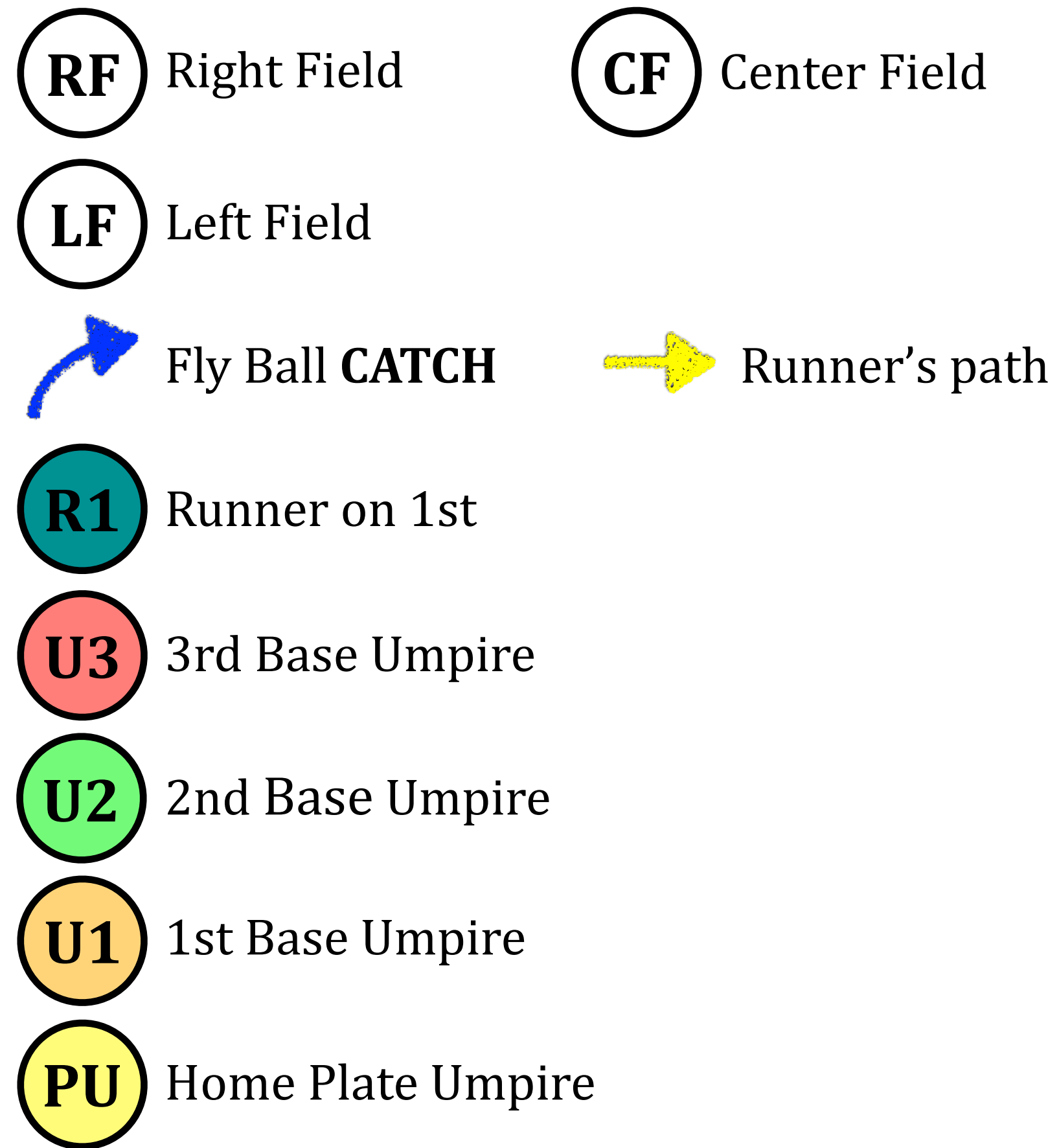
FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD -
NO CATCH.

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 - CF** Center Field
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  Runner's path



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FLY BALL TO RIGHT FIELD -
CATCH.

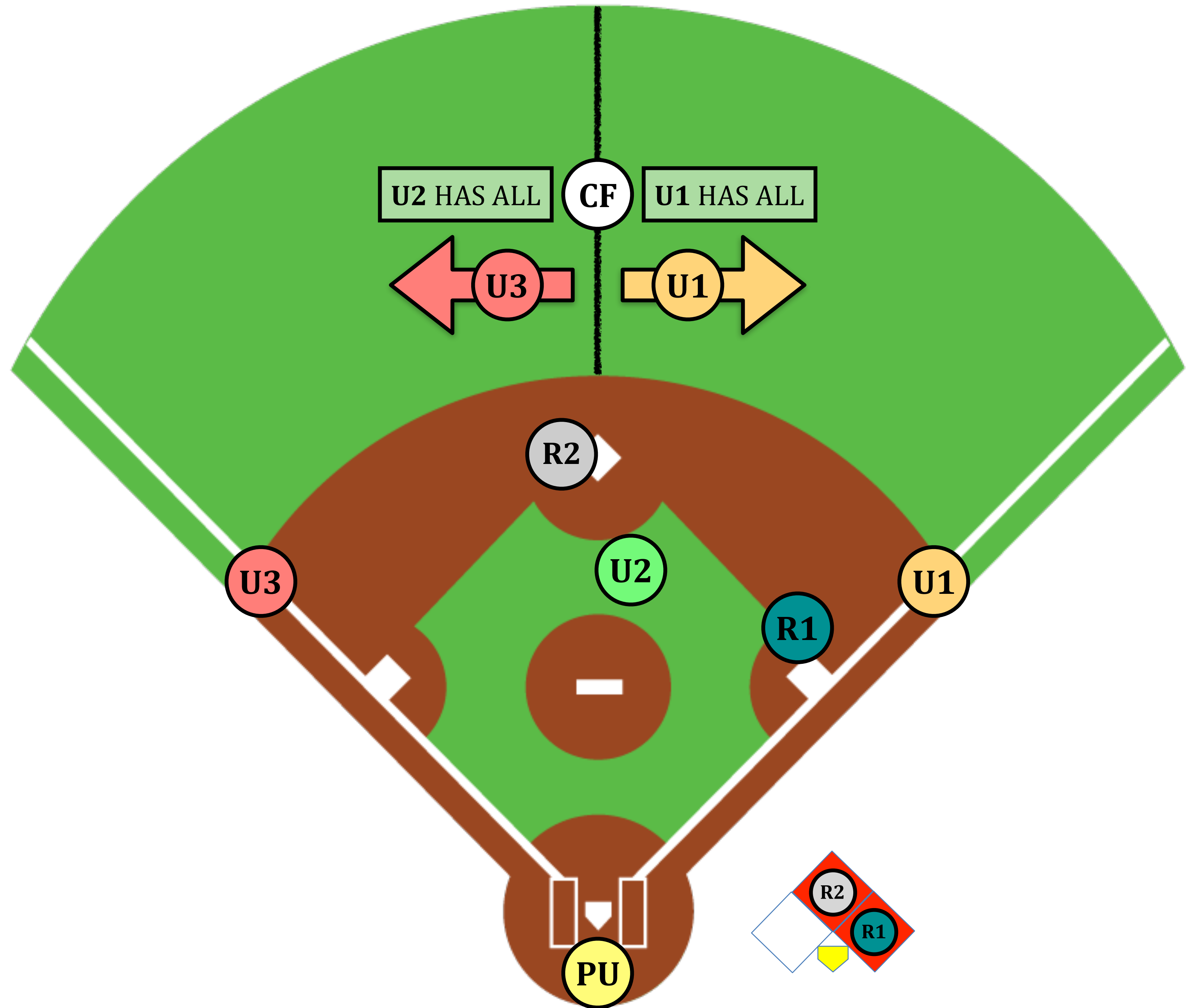


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- R1** Runner on 2nd
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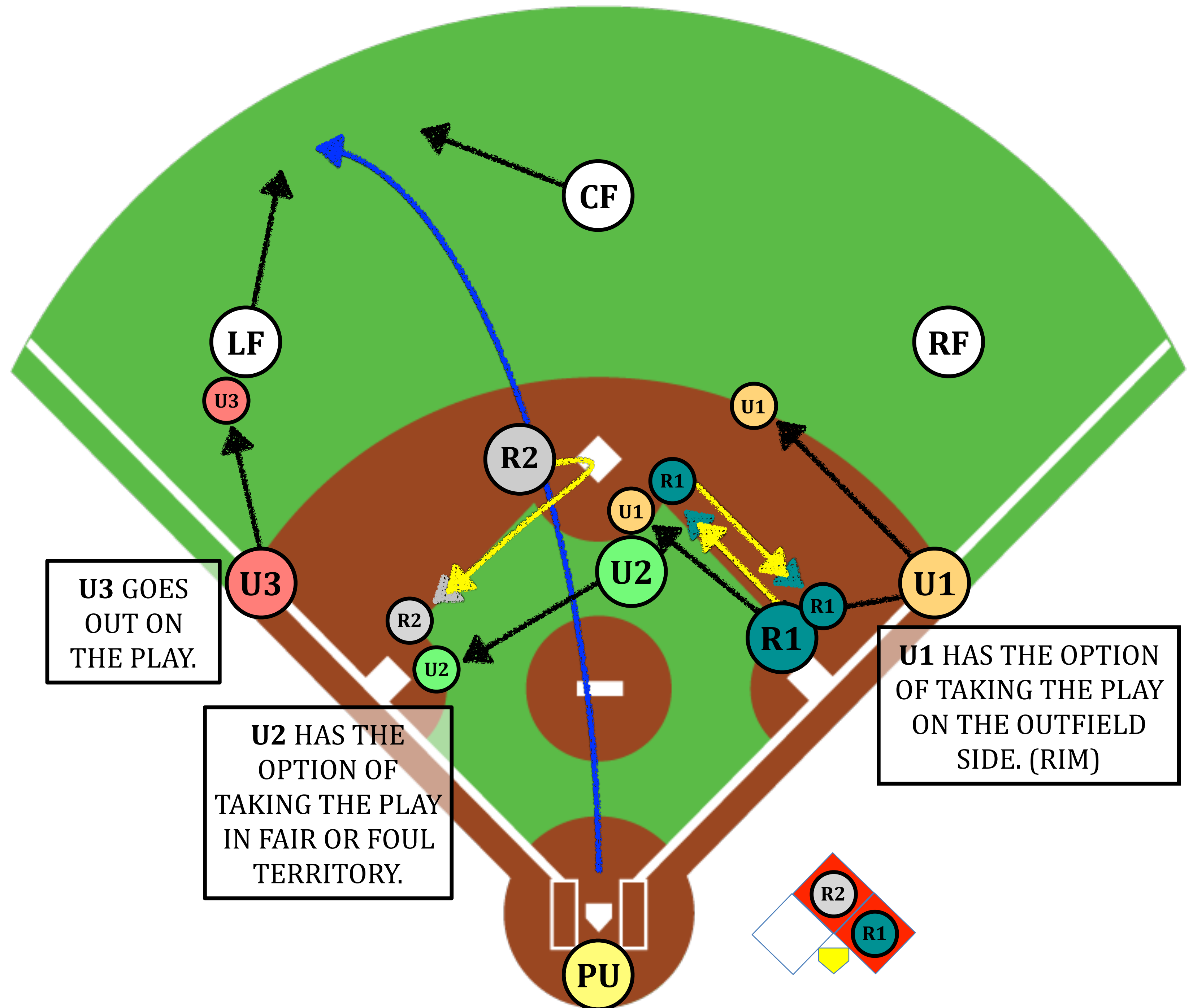


LY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER FIELD

CF Center Field



➡ Runner's path

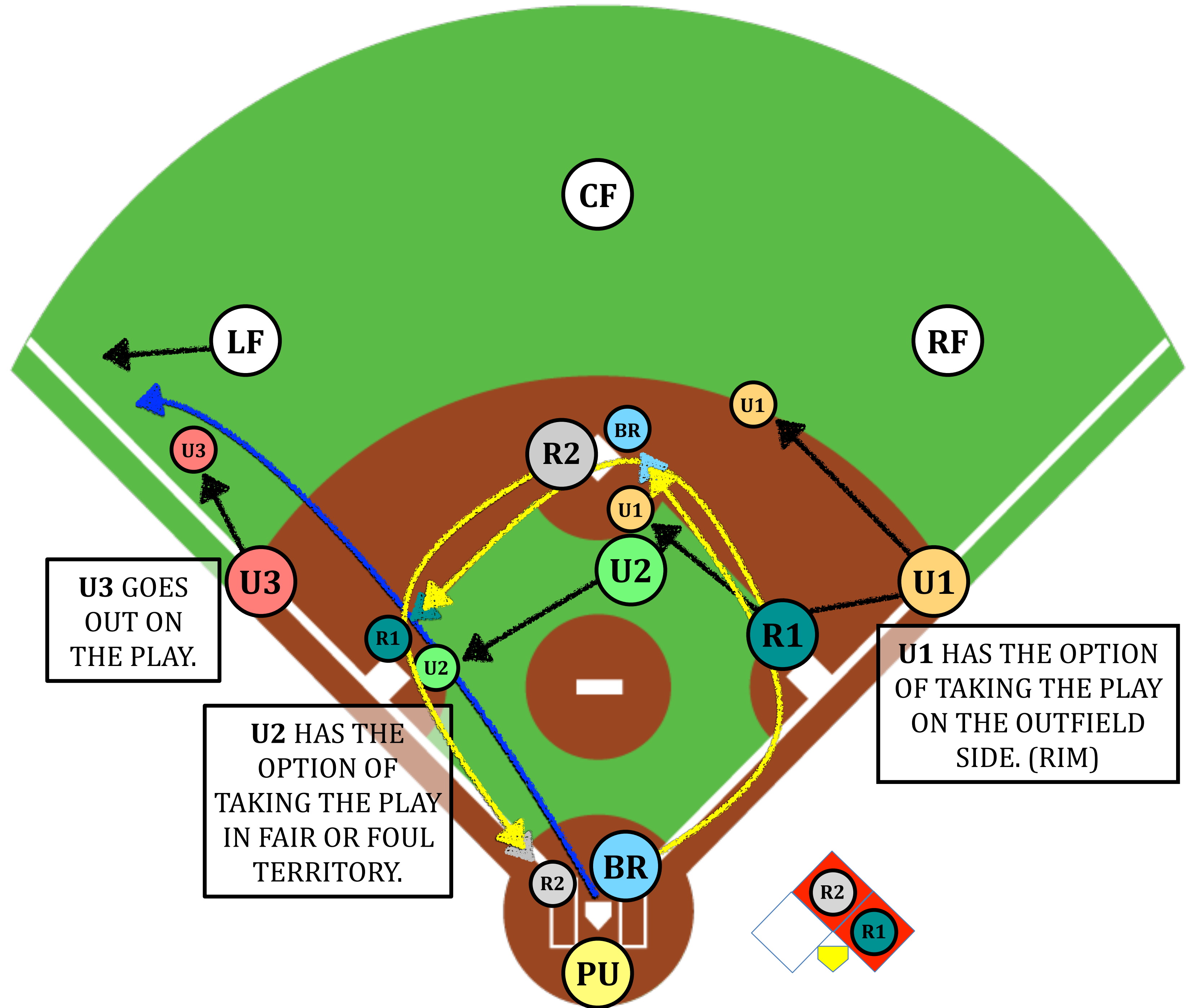
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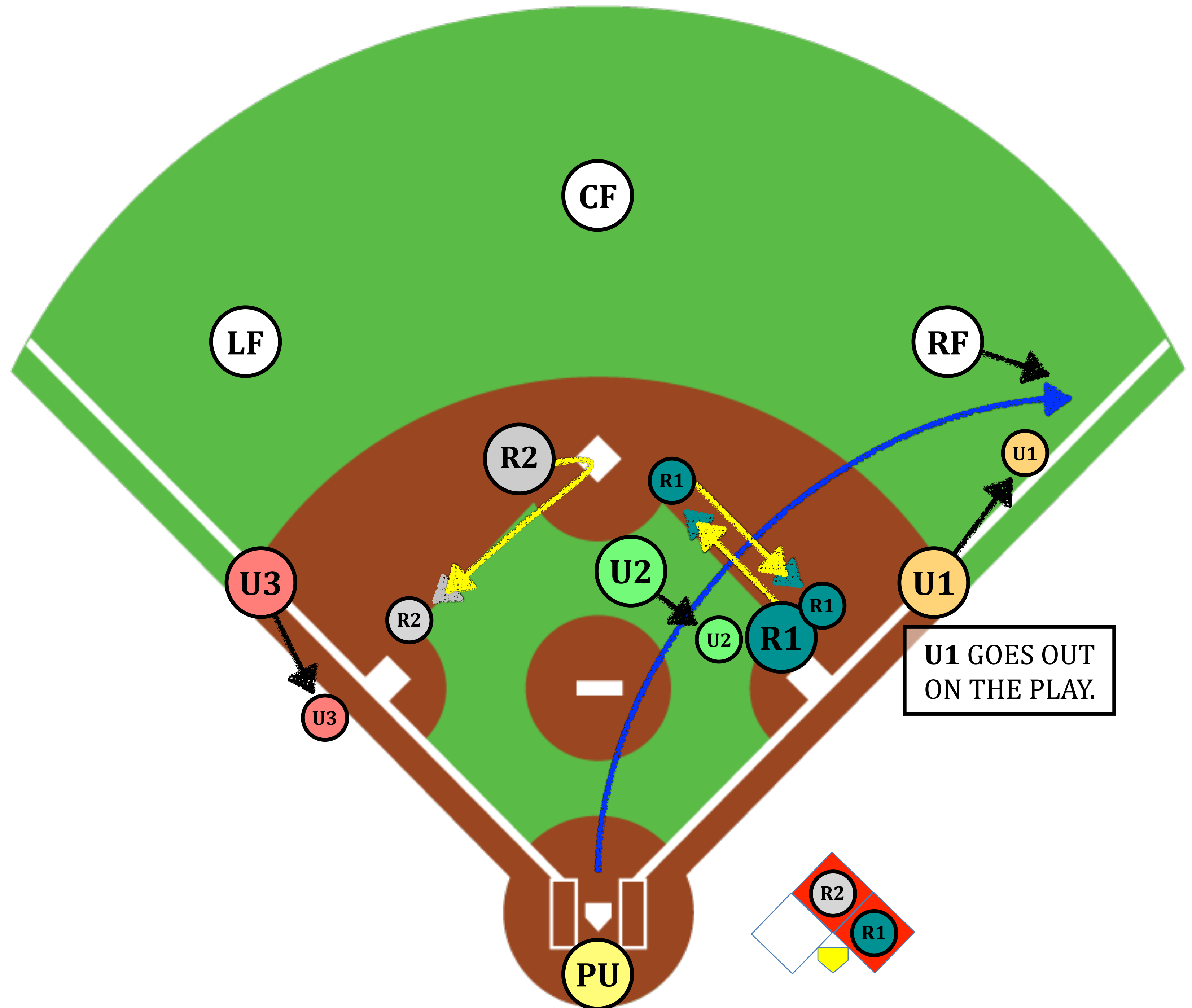
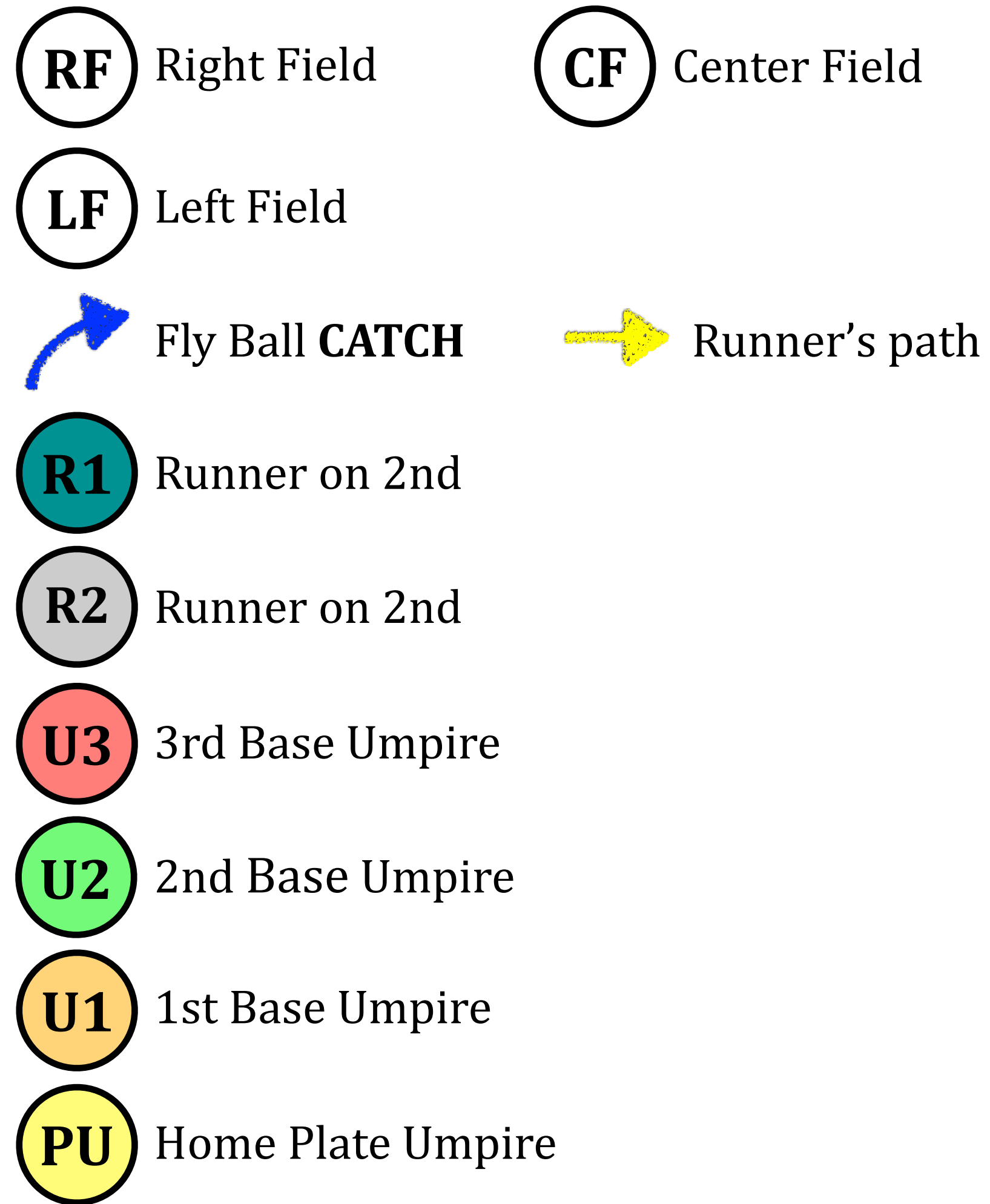
FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD LINE -
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-  Fly Ball **NO CATCH**
 Runner's path



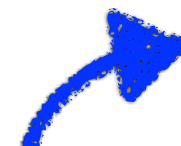

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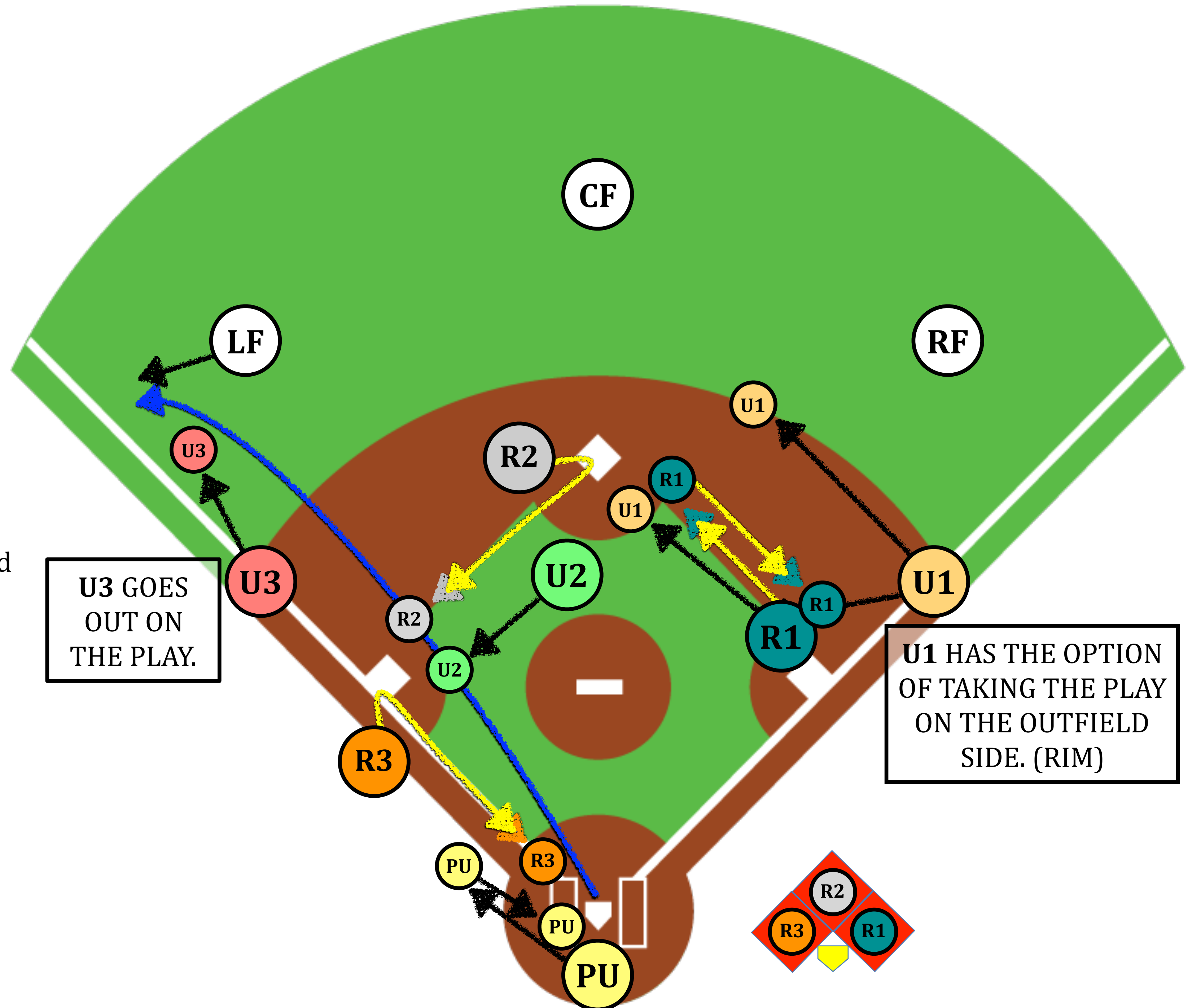
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CATCH.



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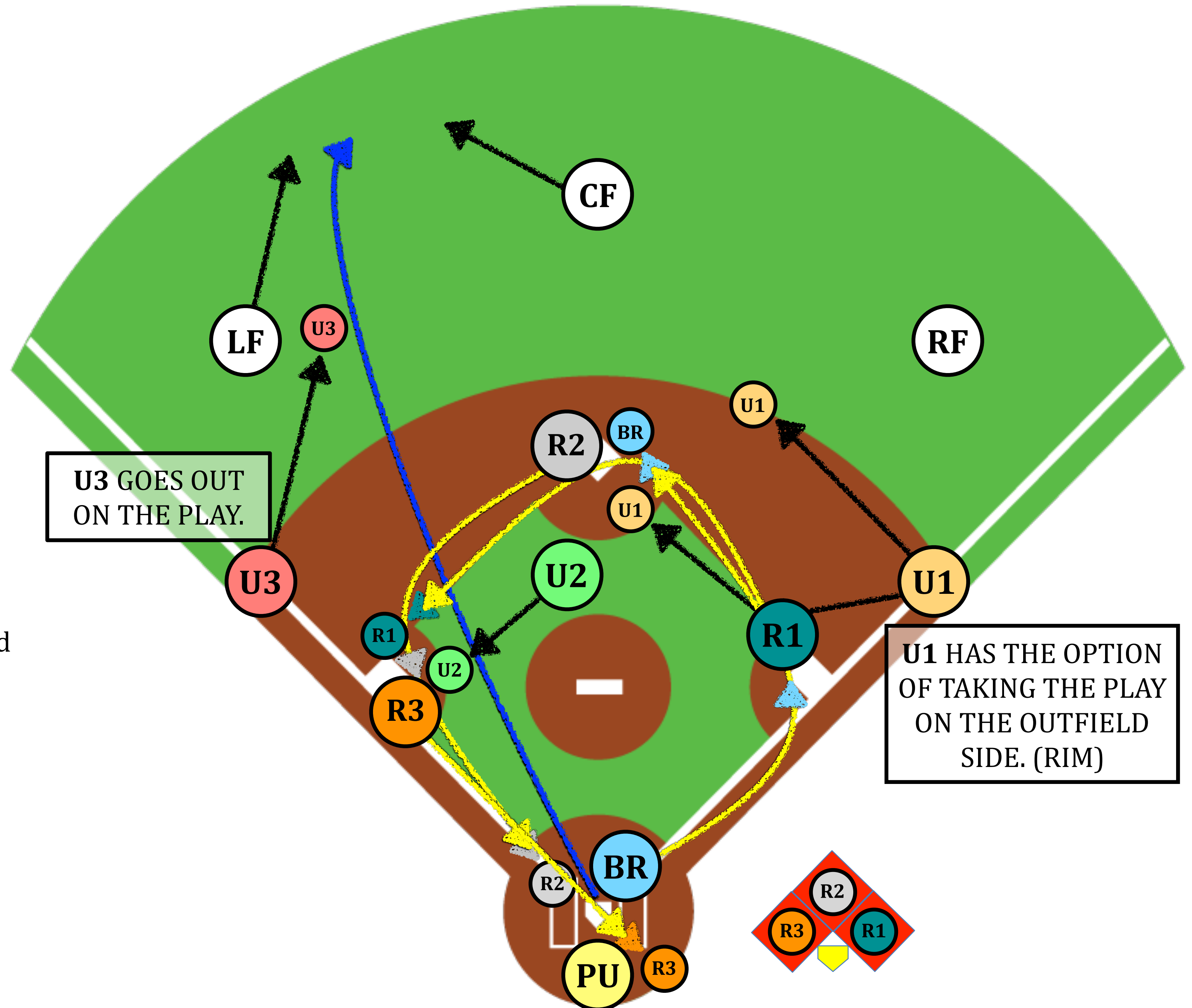
- RF** Right Field
- LF** Left Field
-  Fly Ball **CATCH**
-  Runner's path
- R2** Runner on 2nd
- R3** Runner on 3rd
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- CF** Center Field
- R1** Runner on 2nd



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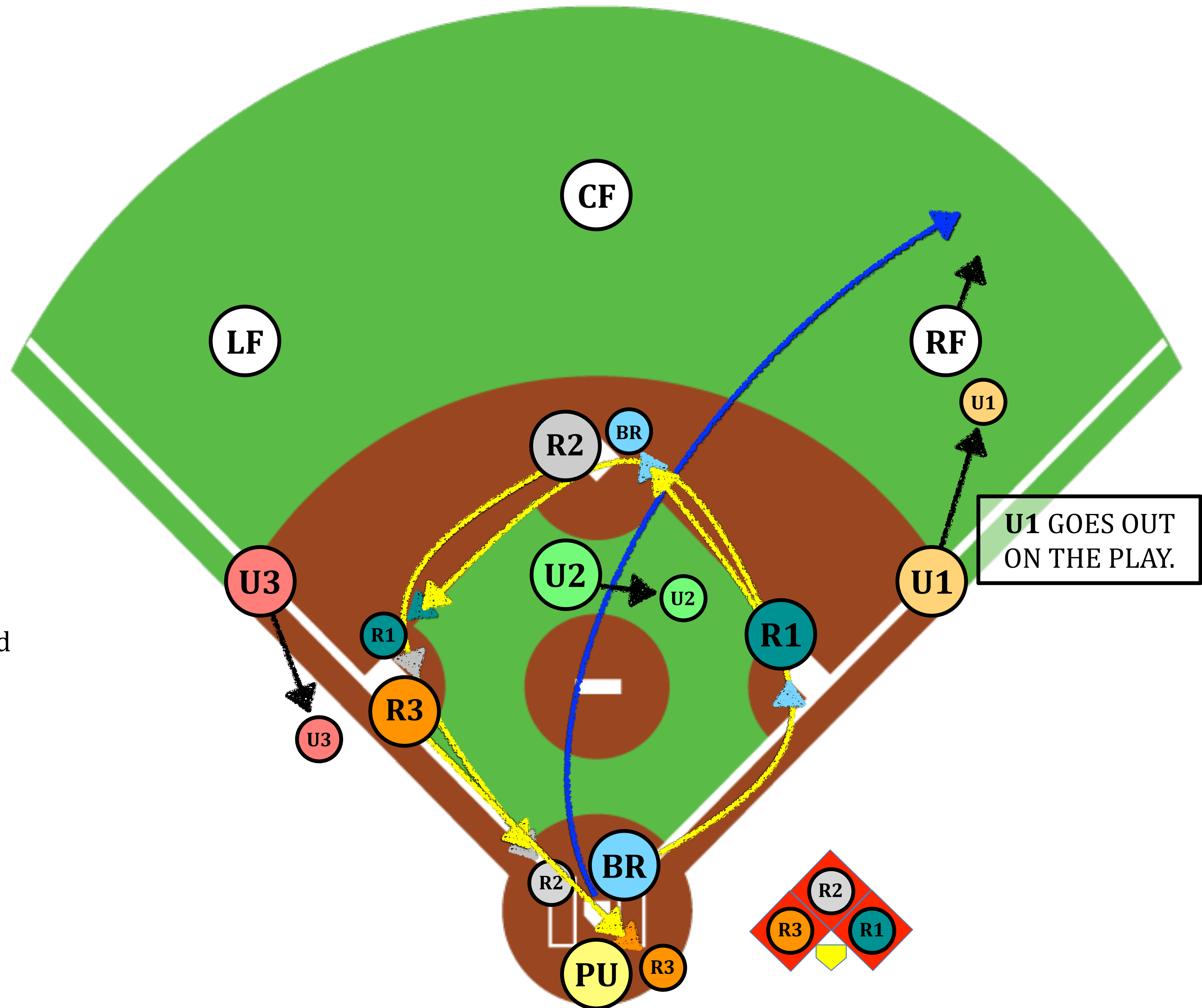
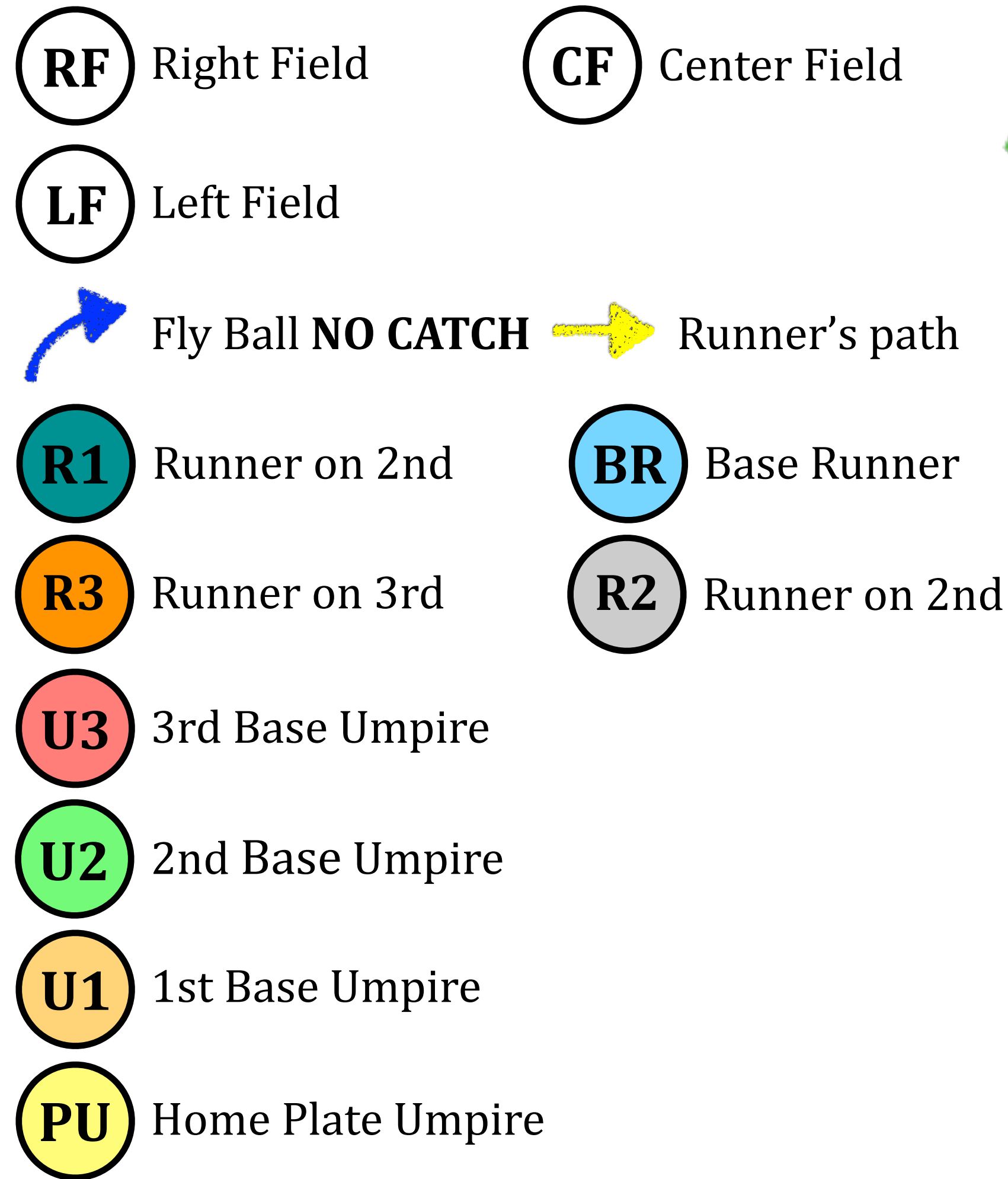
FLY BALL TO LEFT|CENTER FIELD -
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-  Fly Ball NO CATCH
  Runner's path



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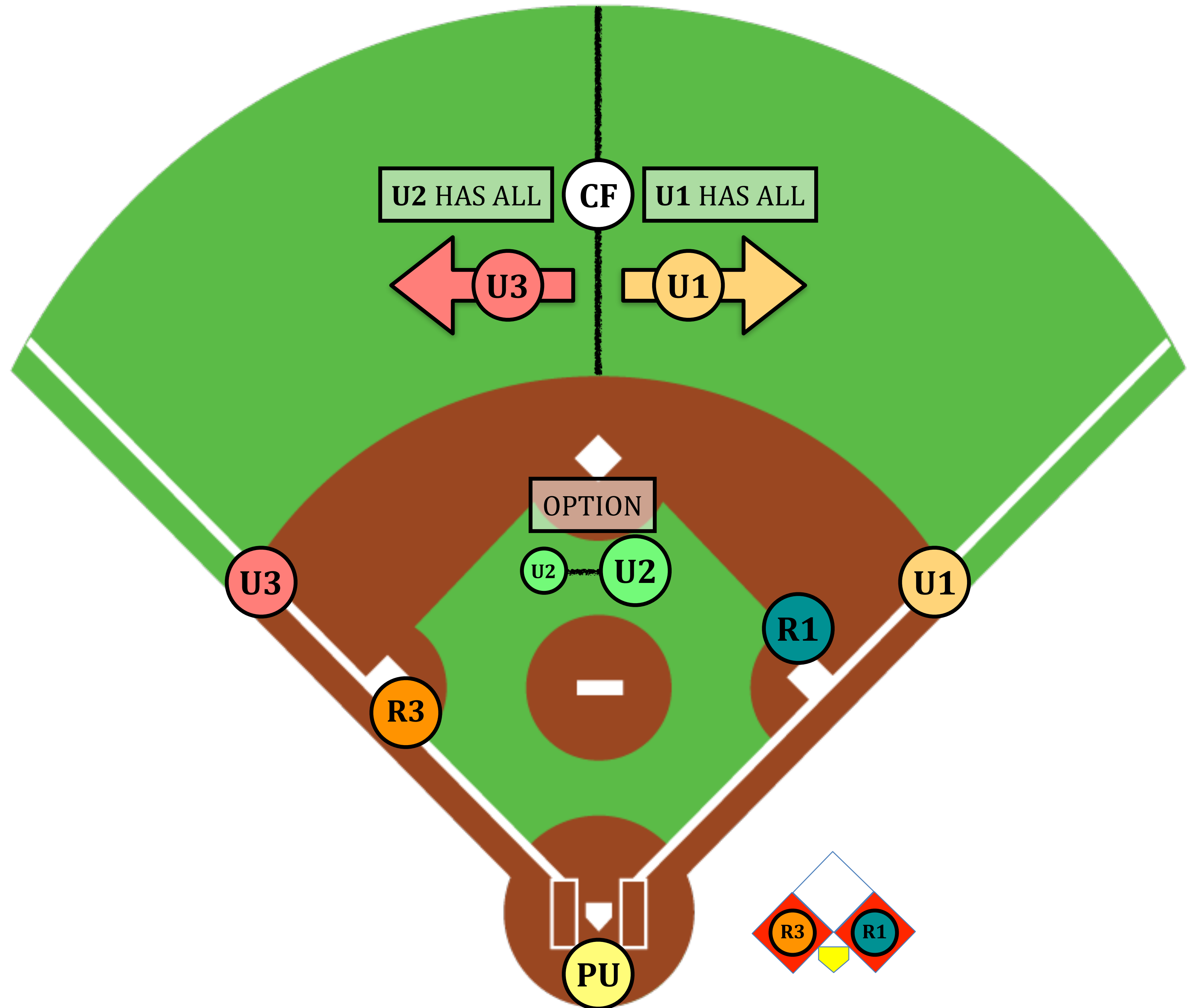


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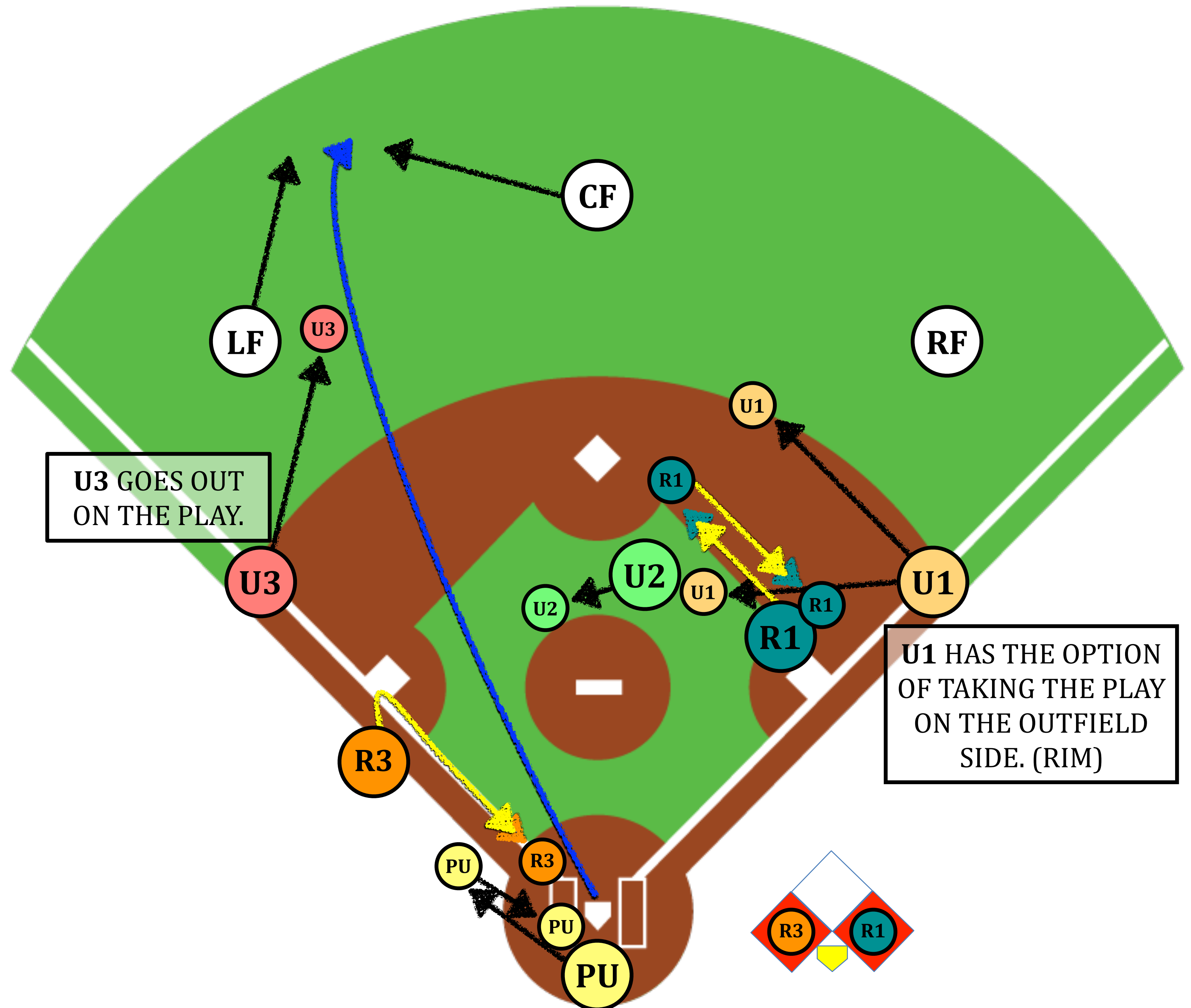
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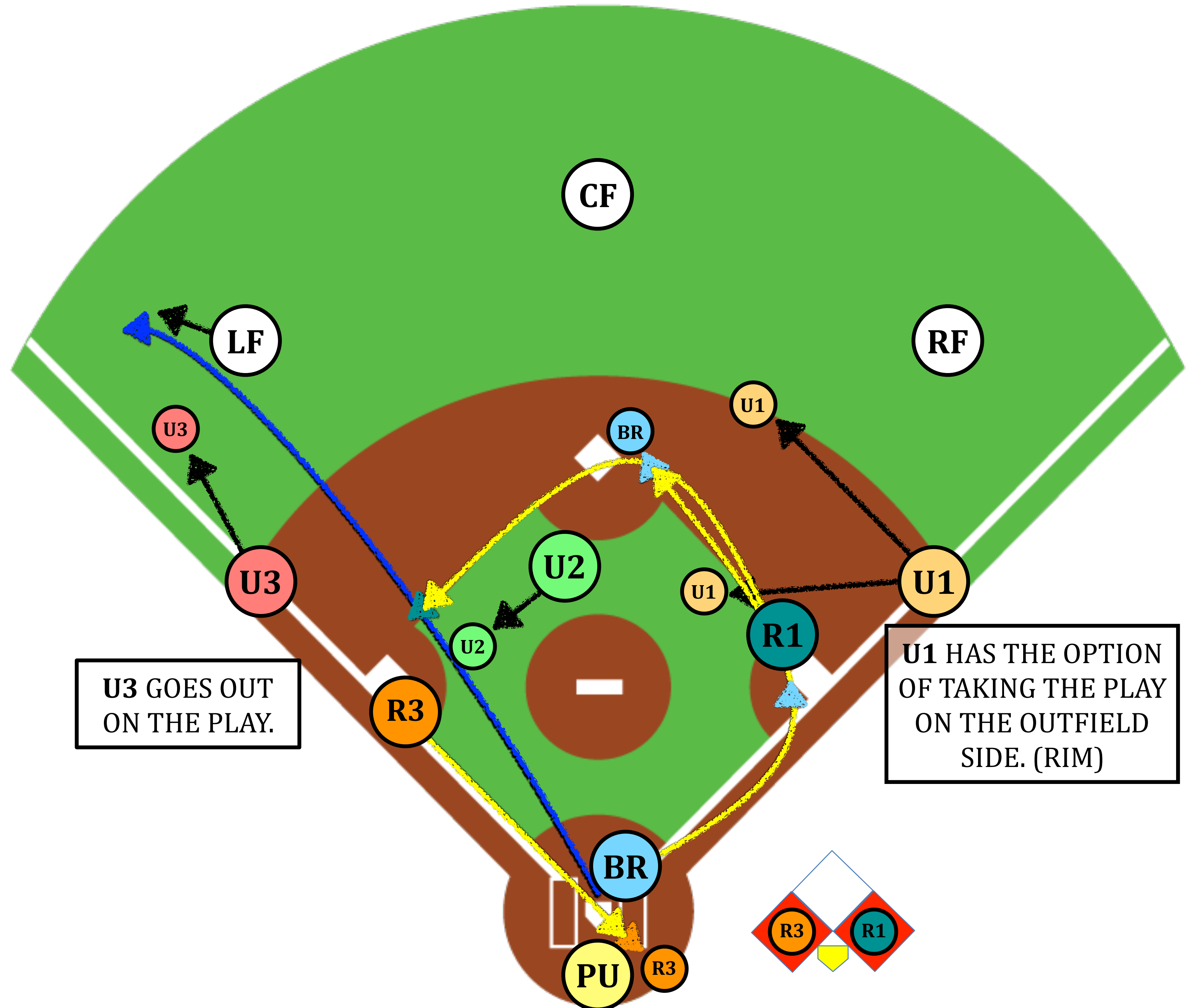
→ Runner's path



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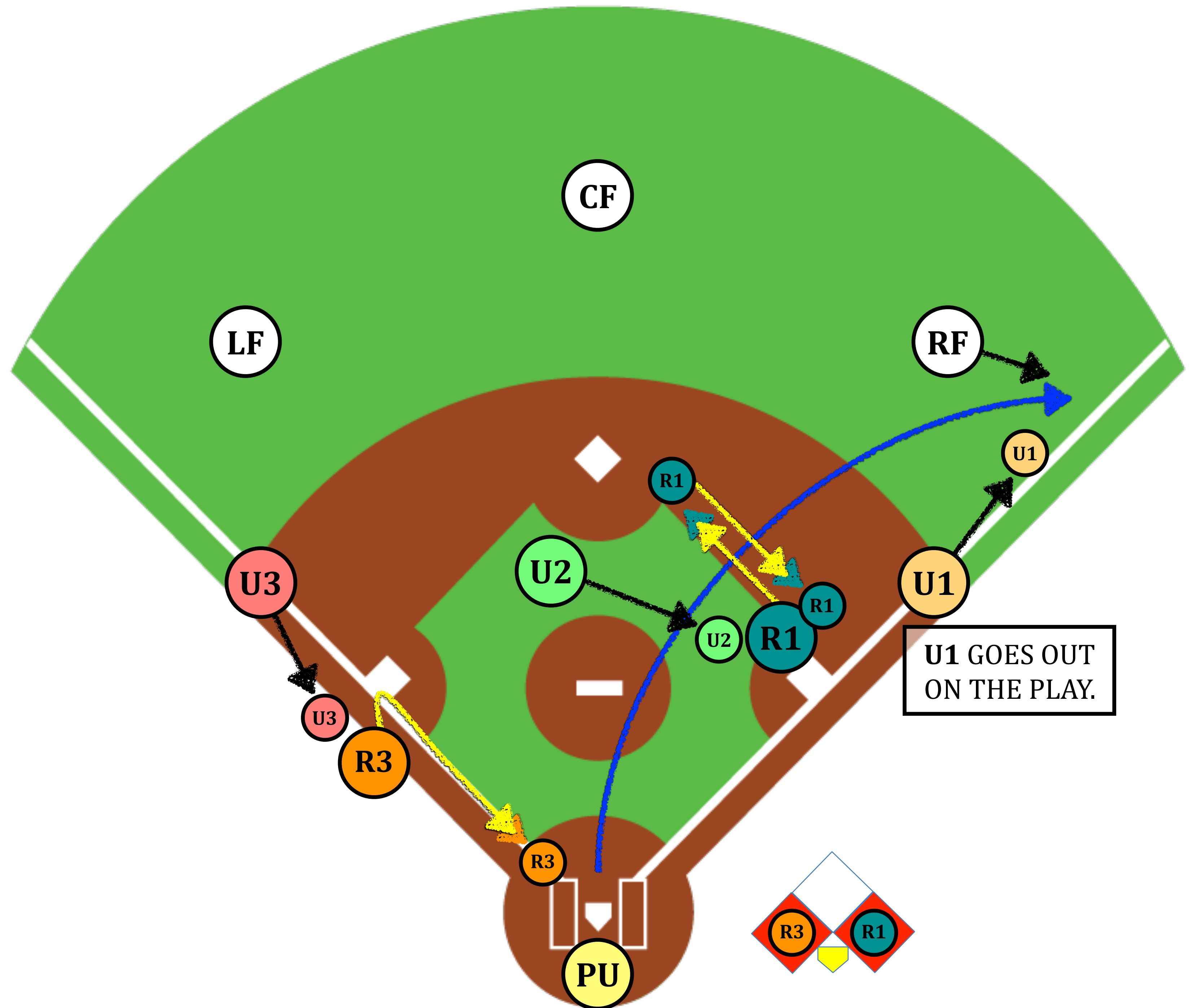
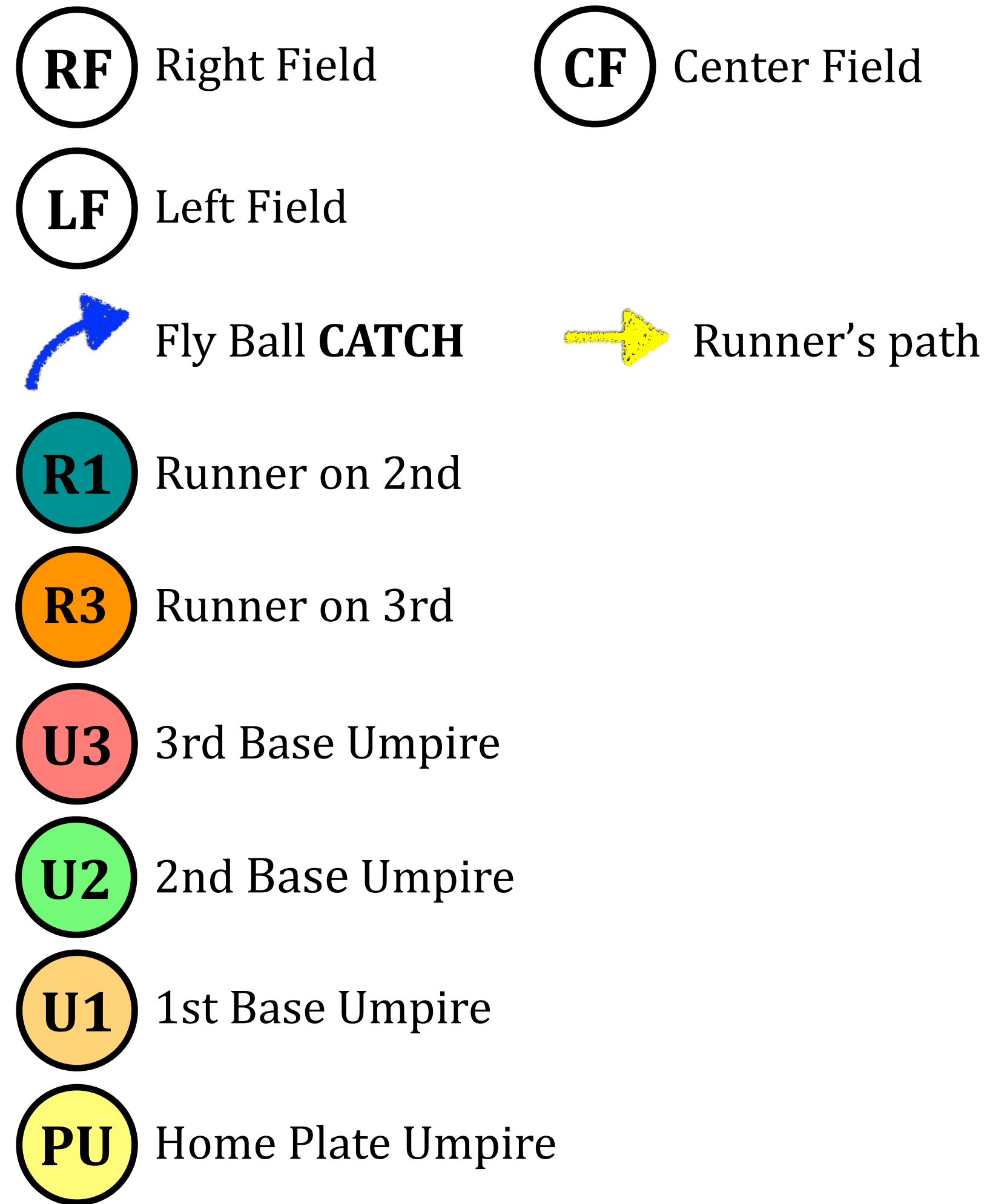
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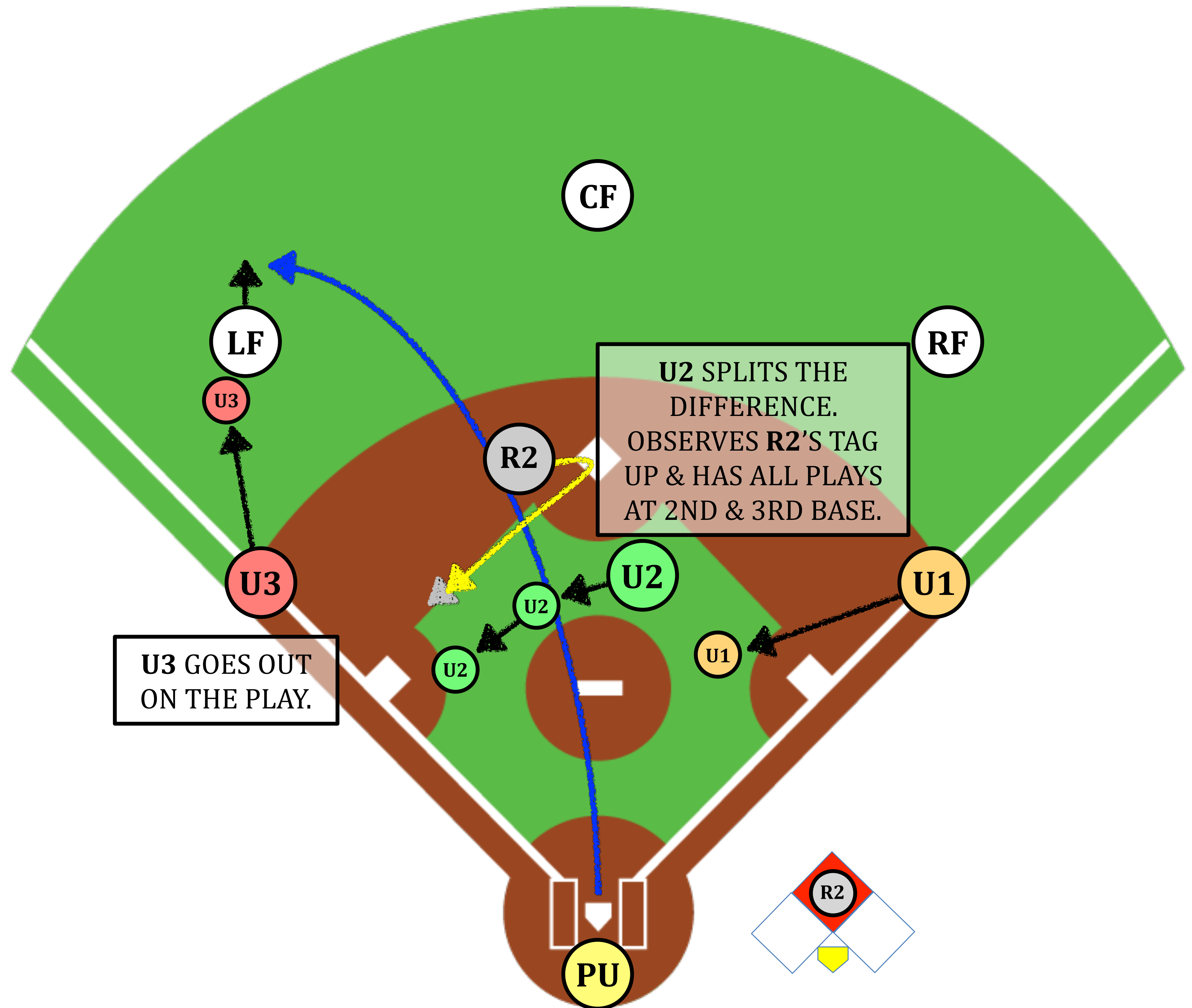
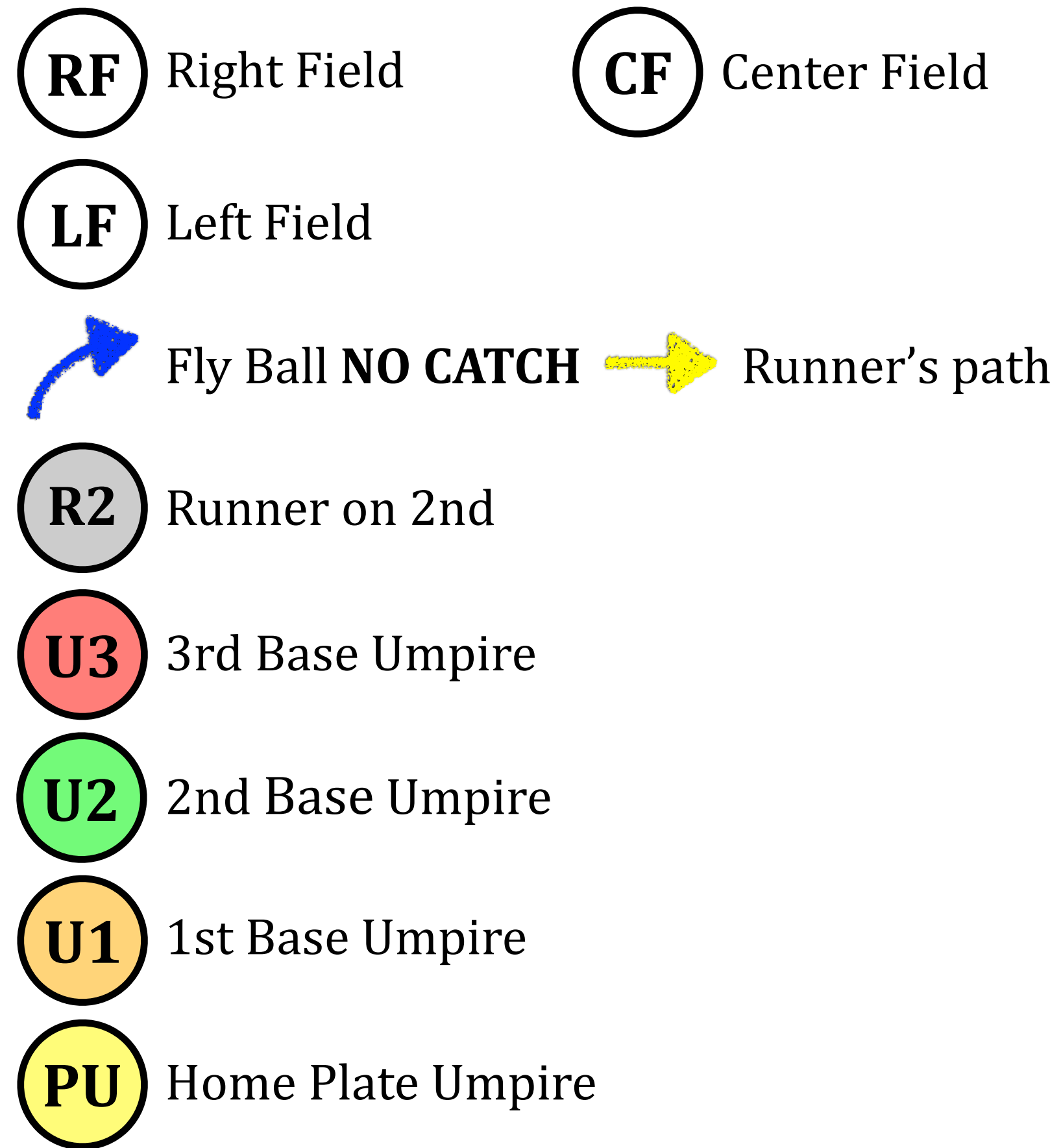
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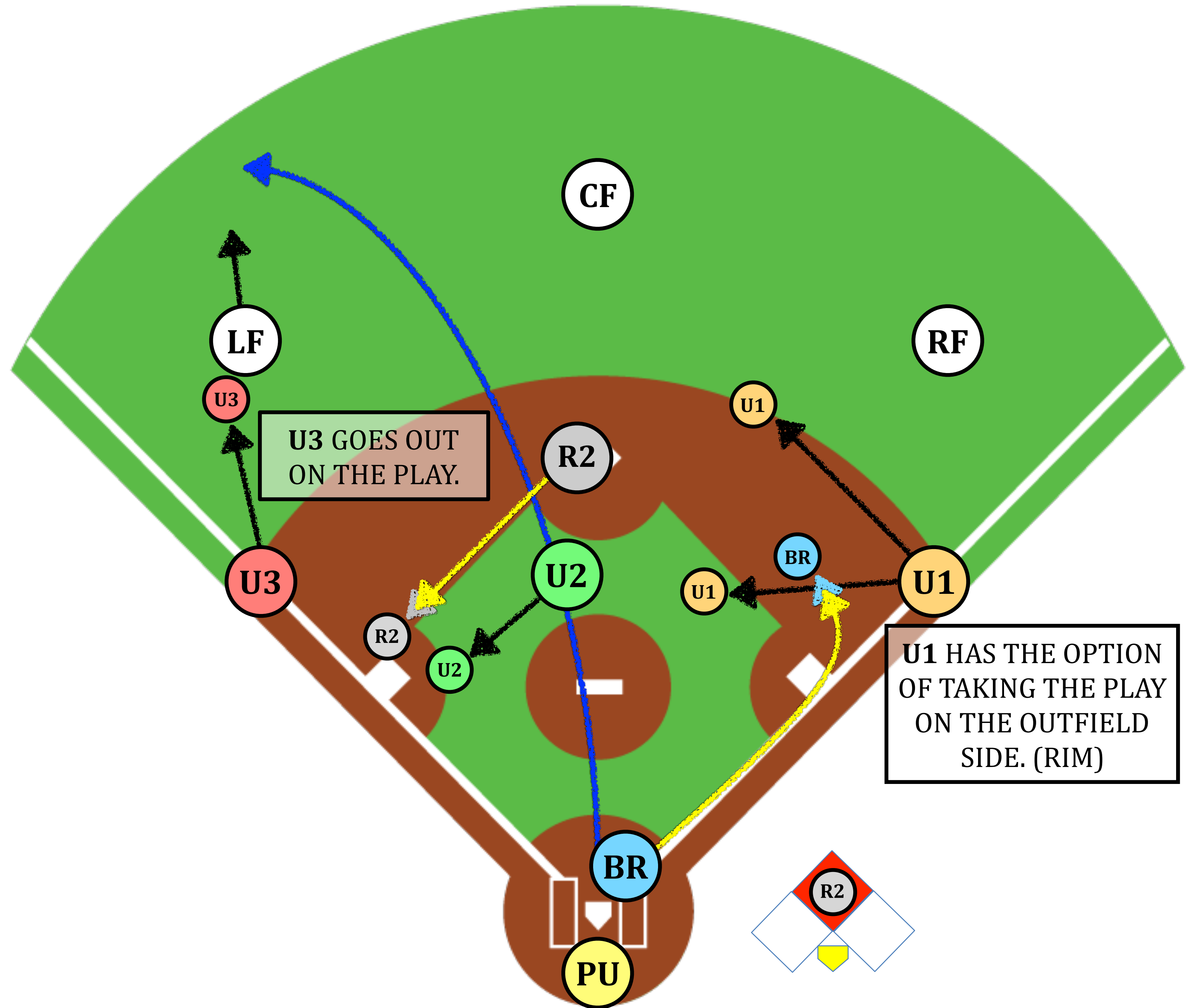
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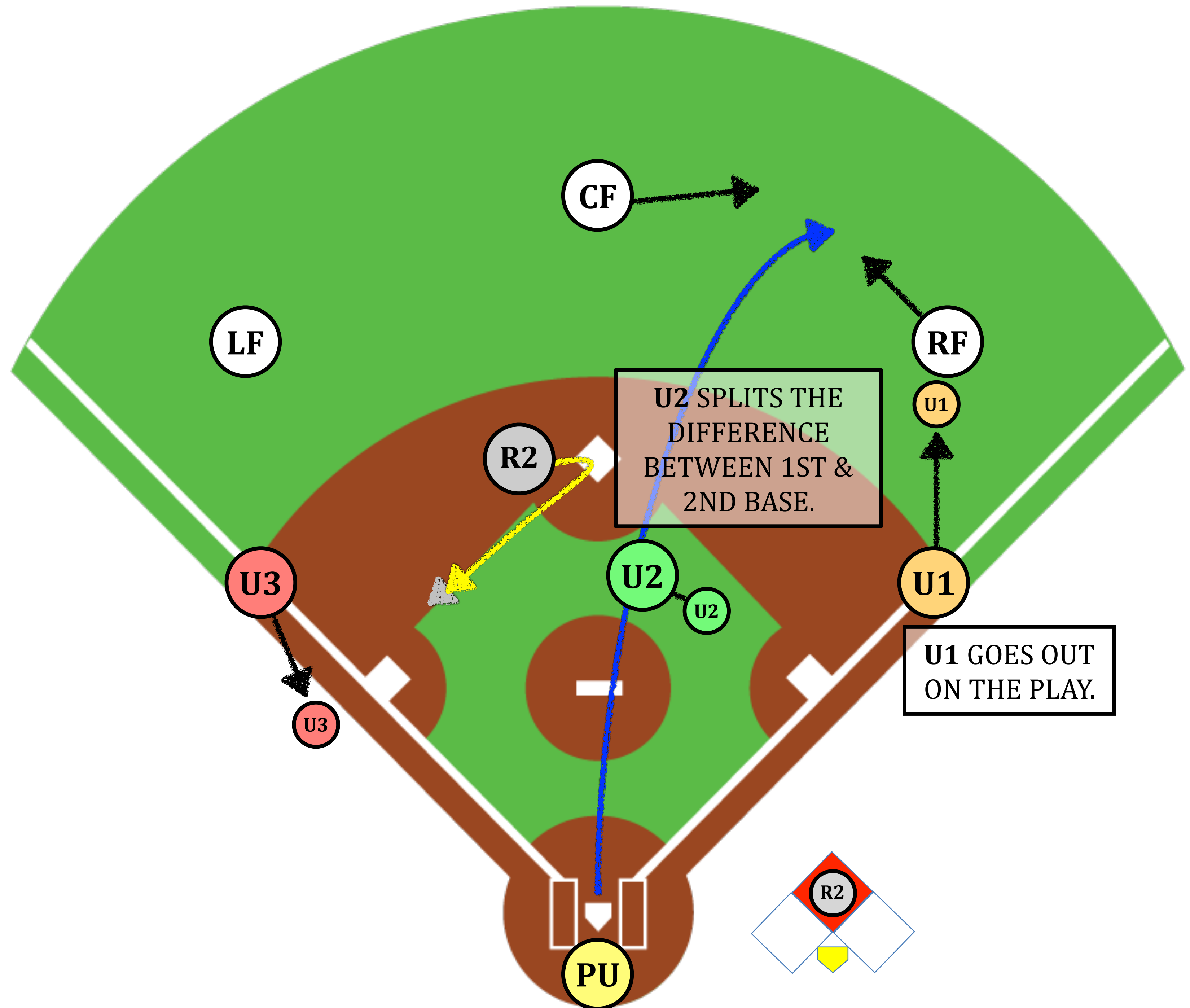
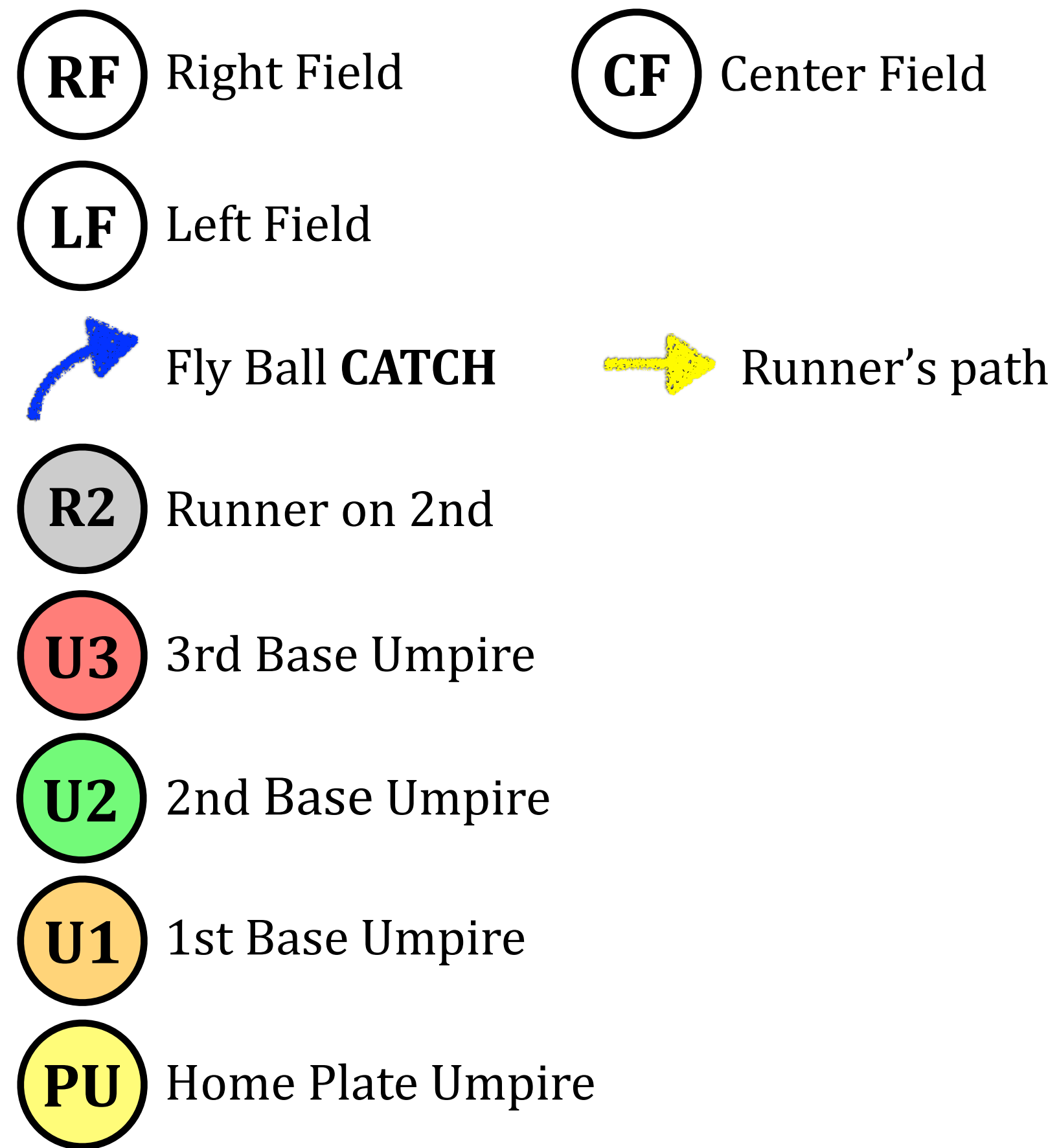
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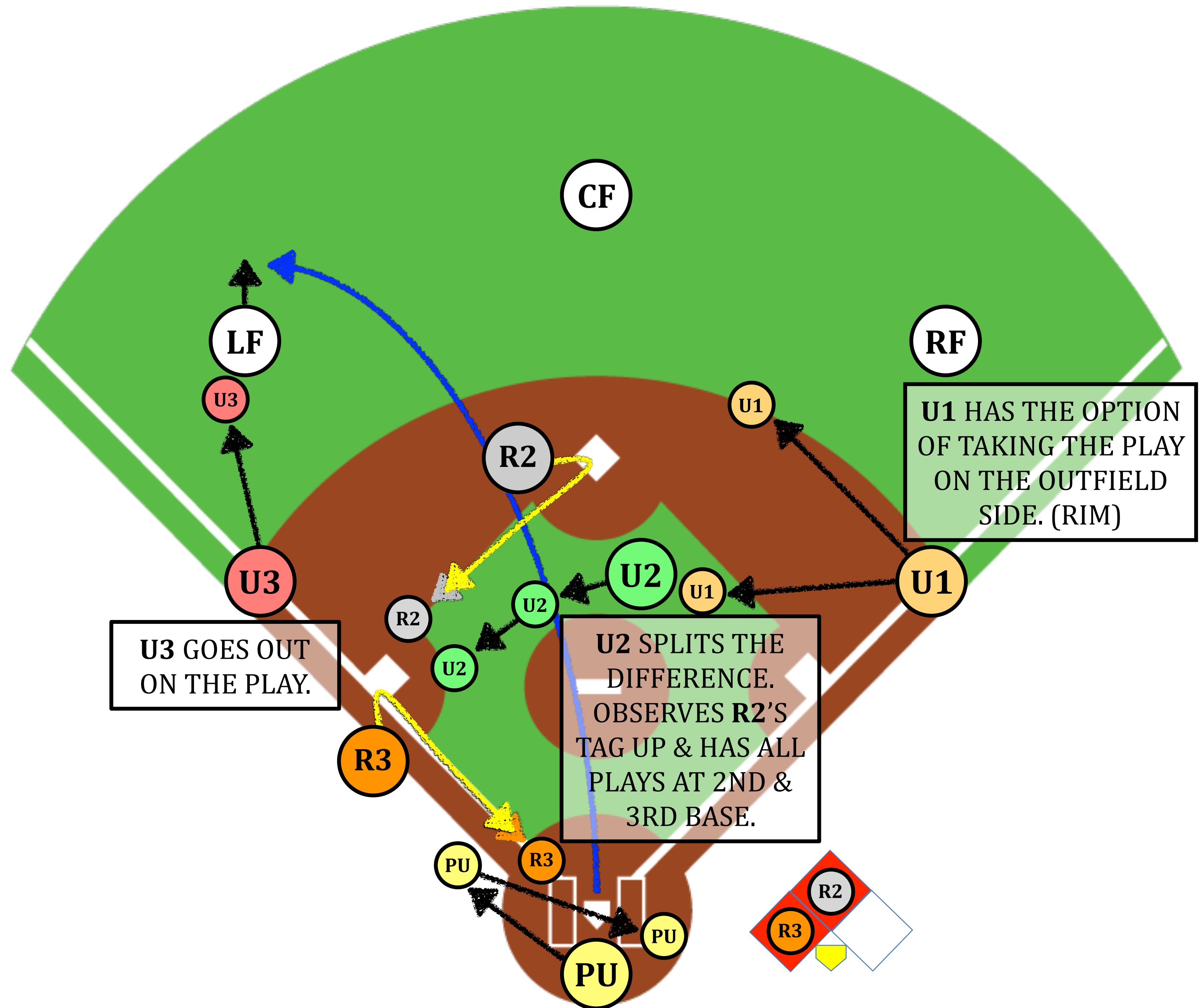
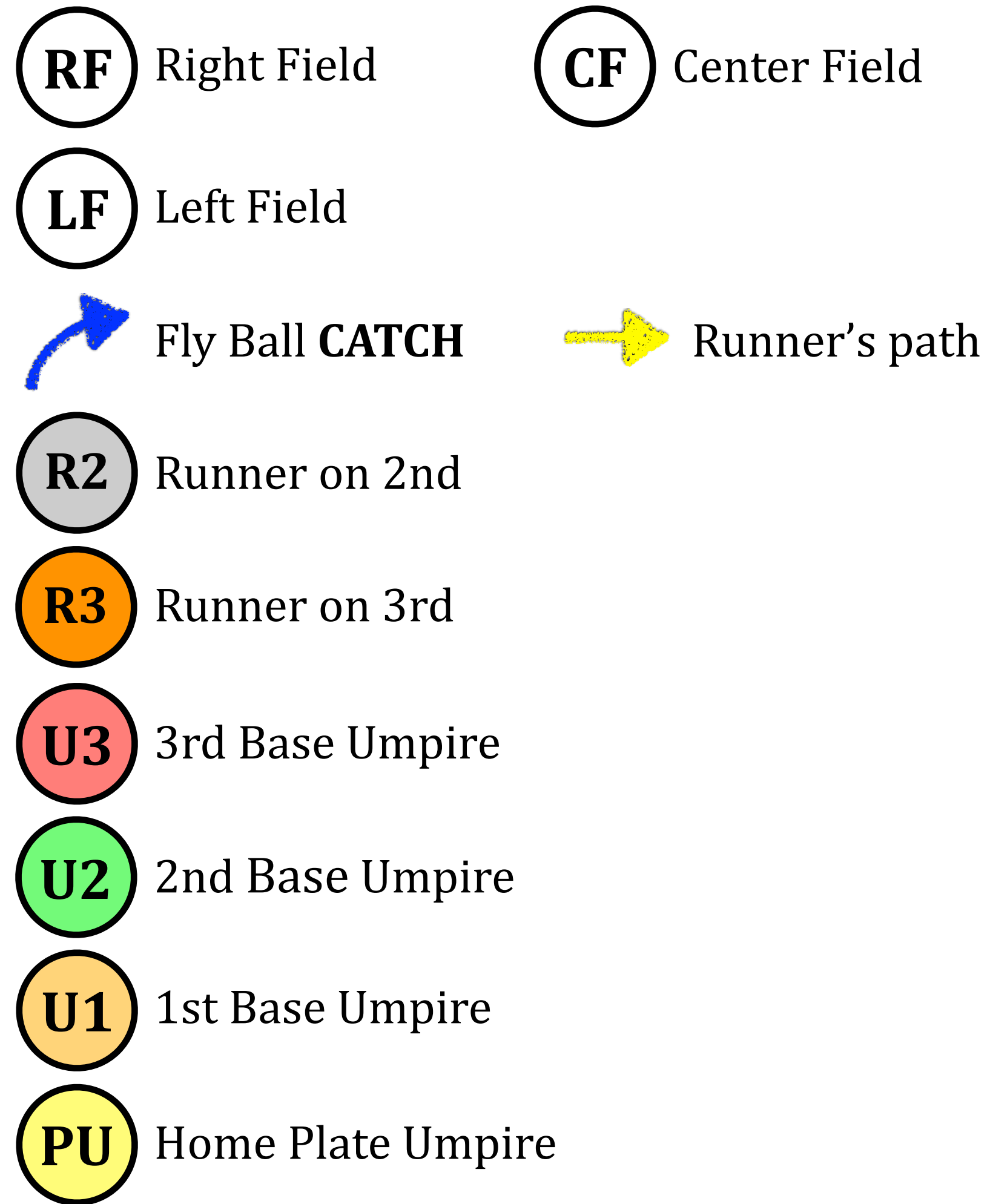
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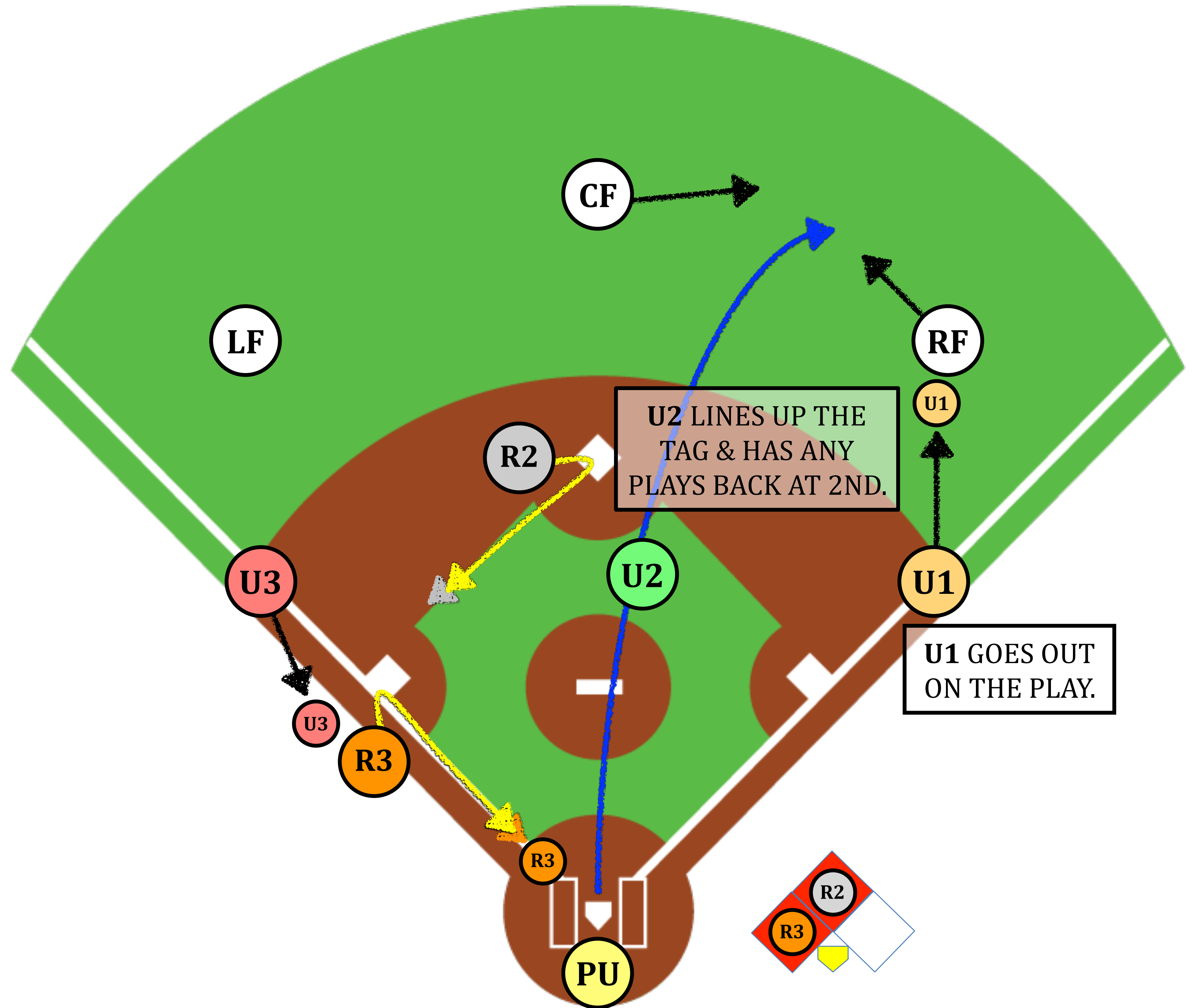
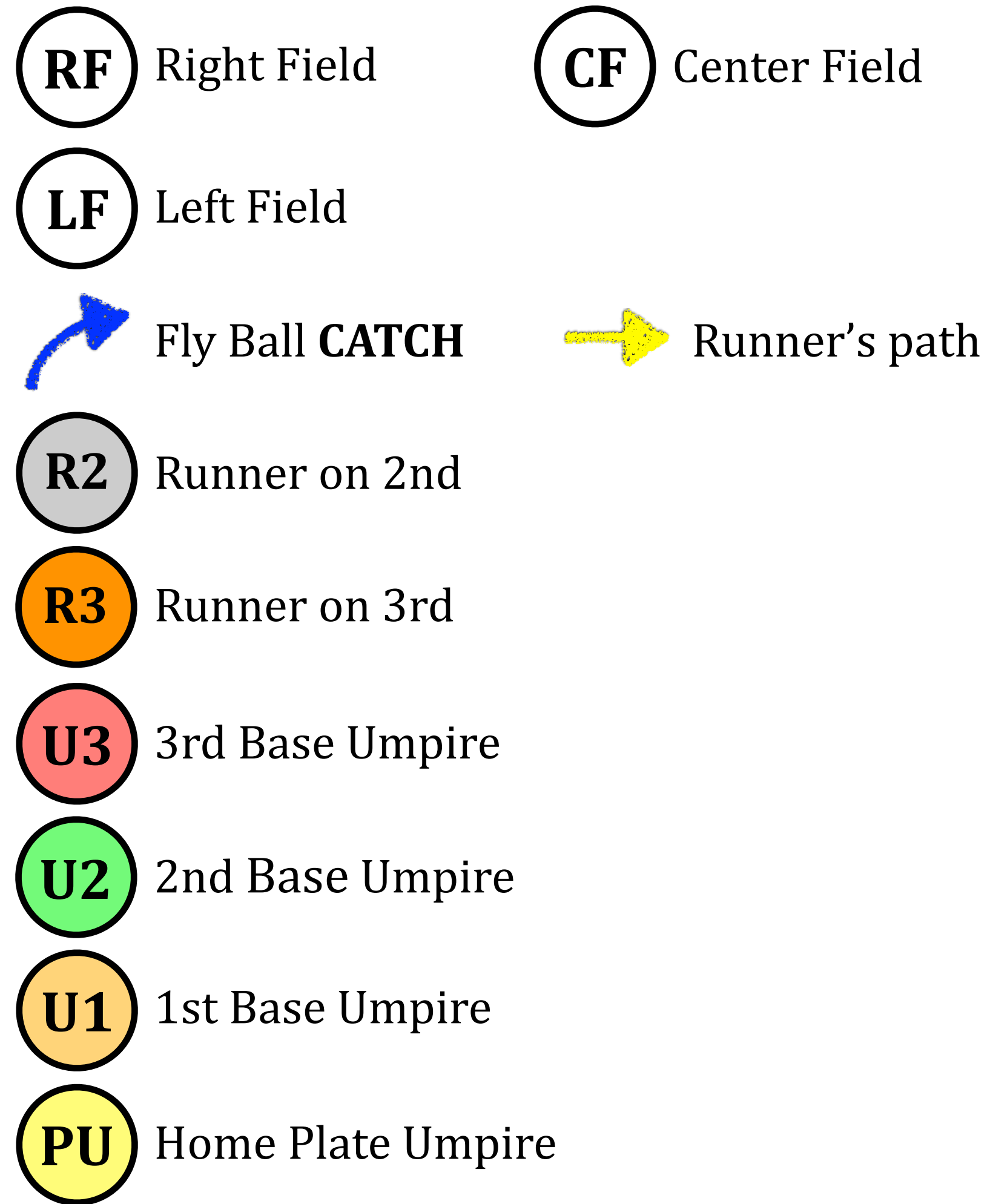
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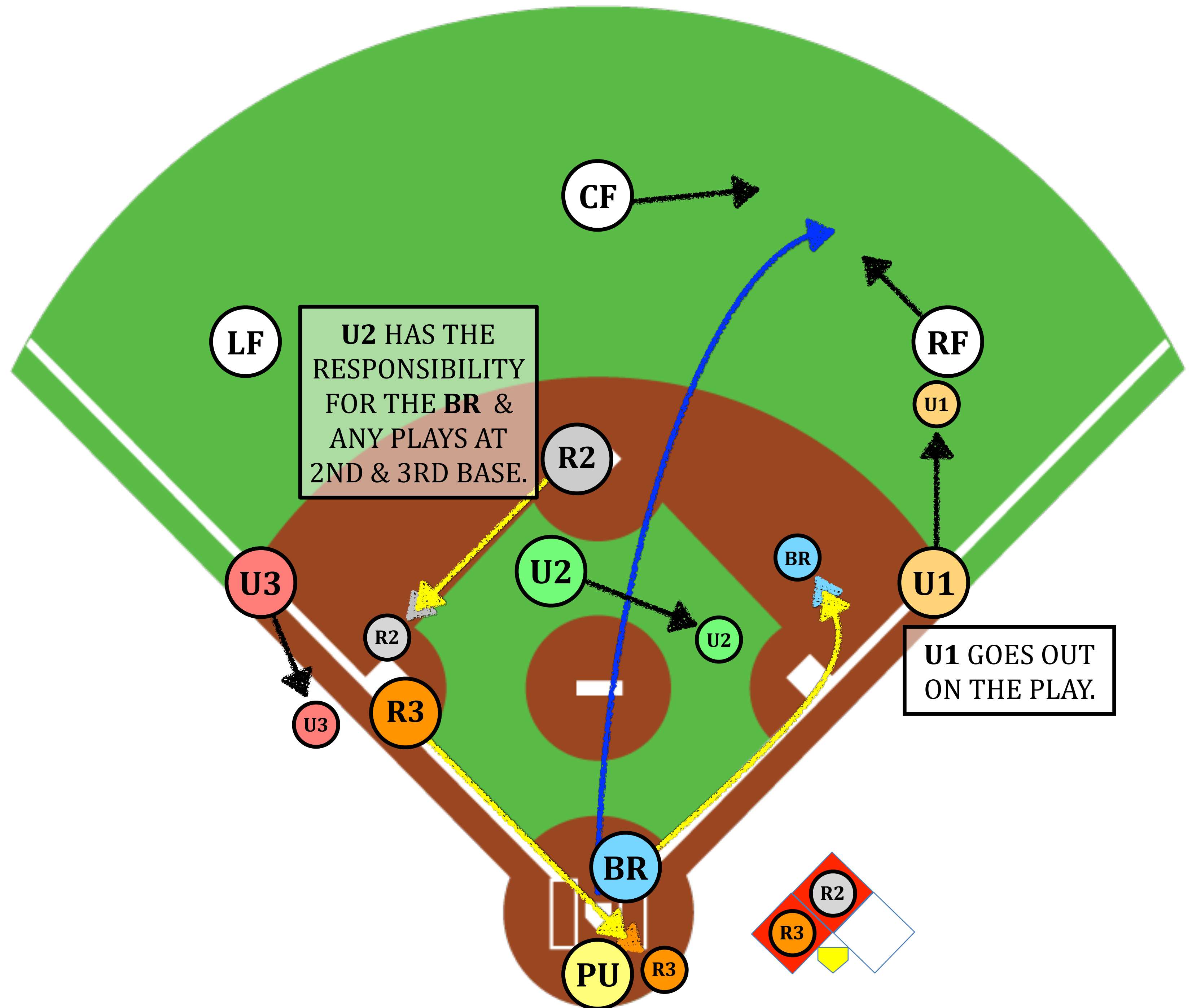
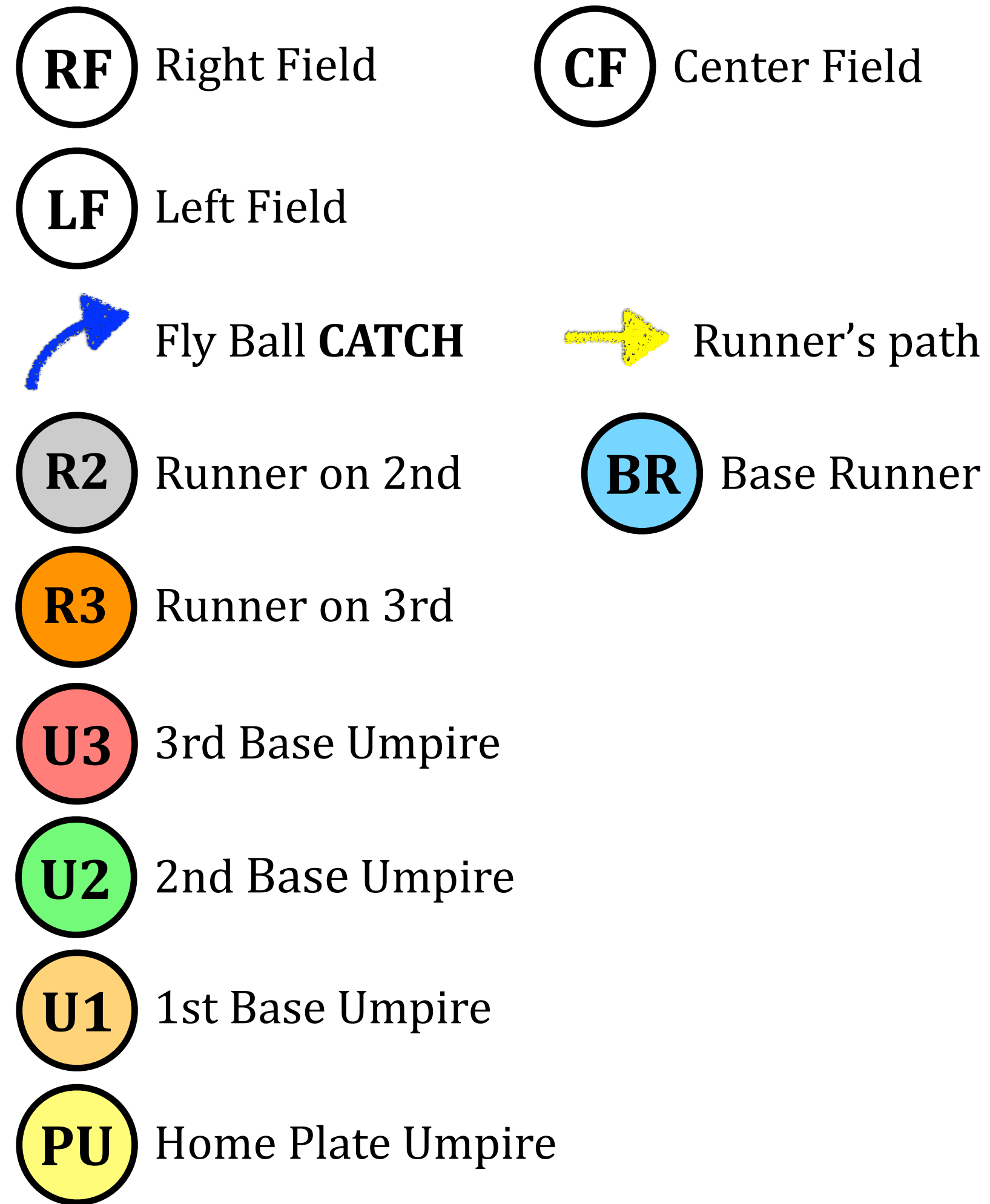
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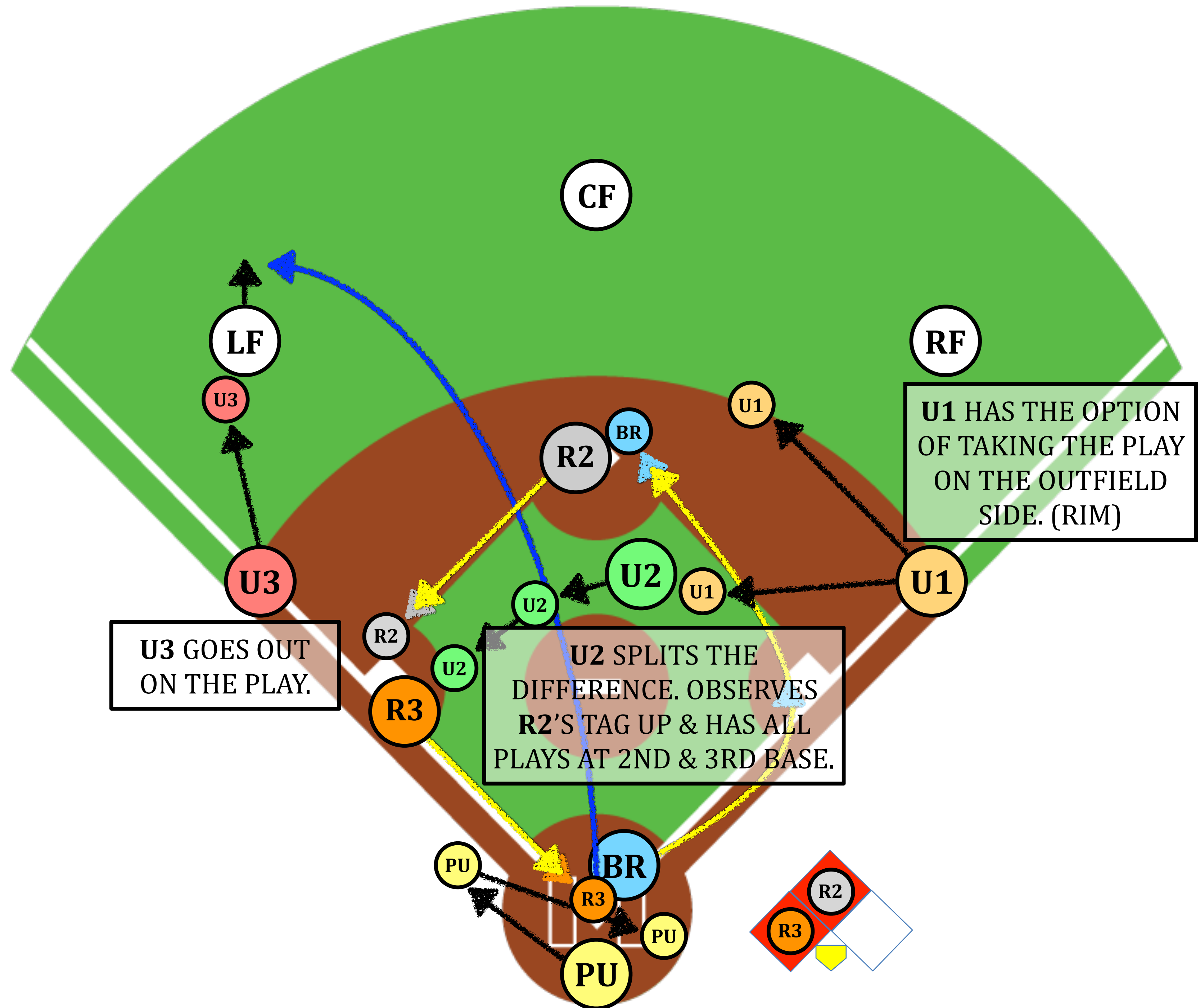
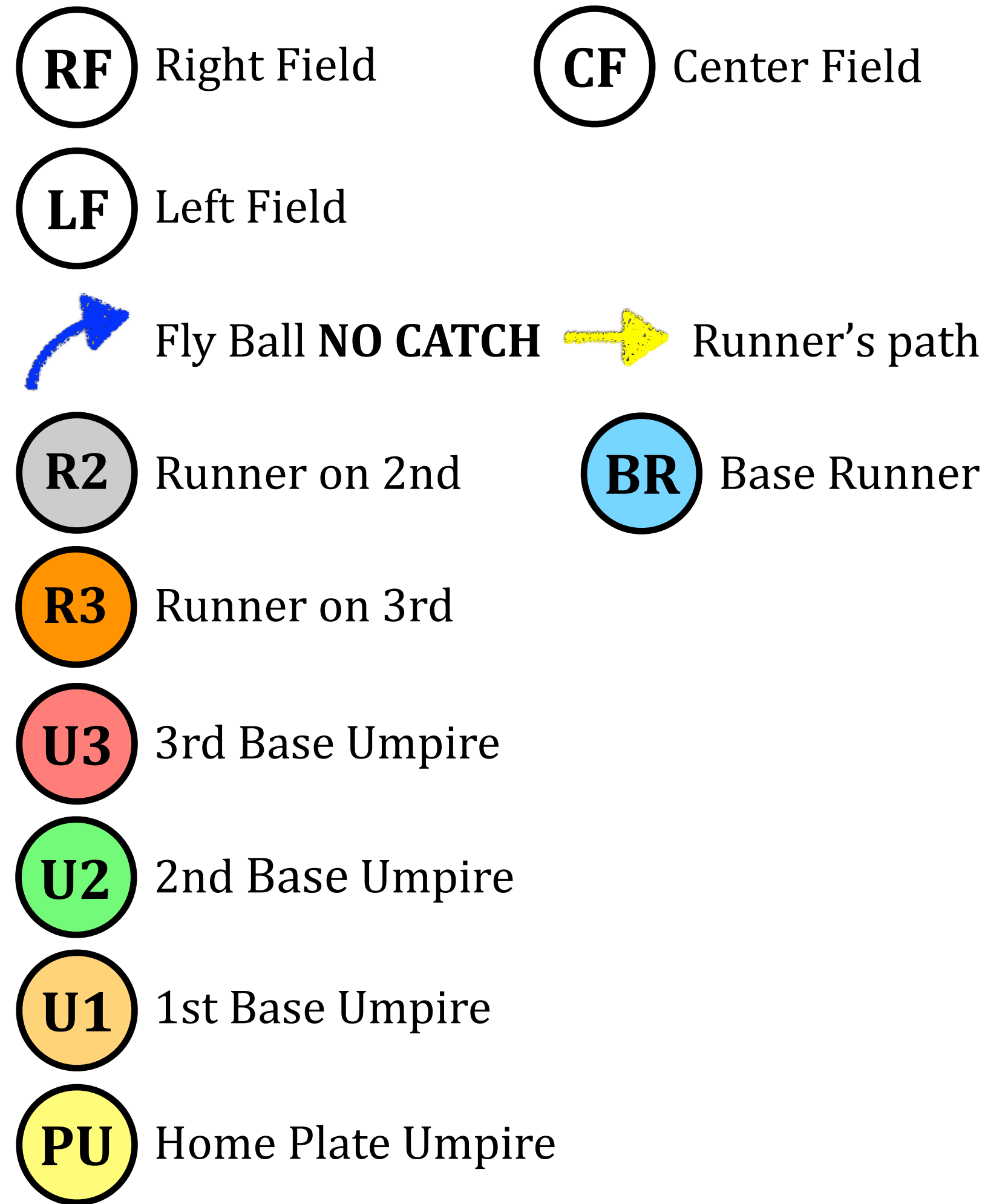
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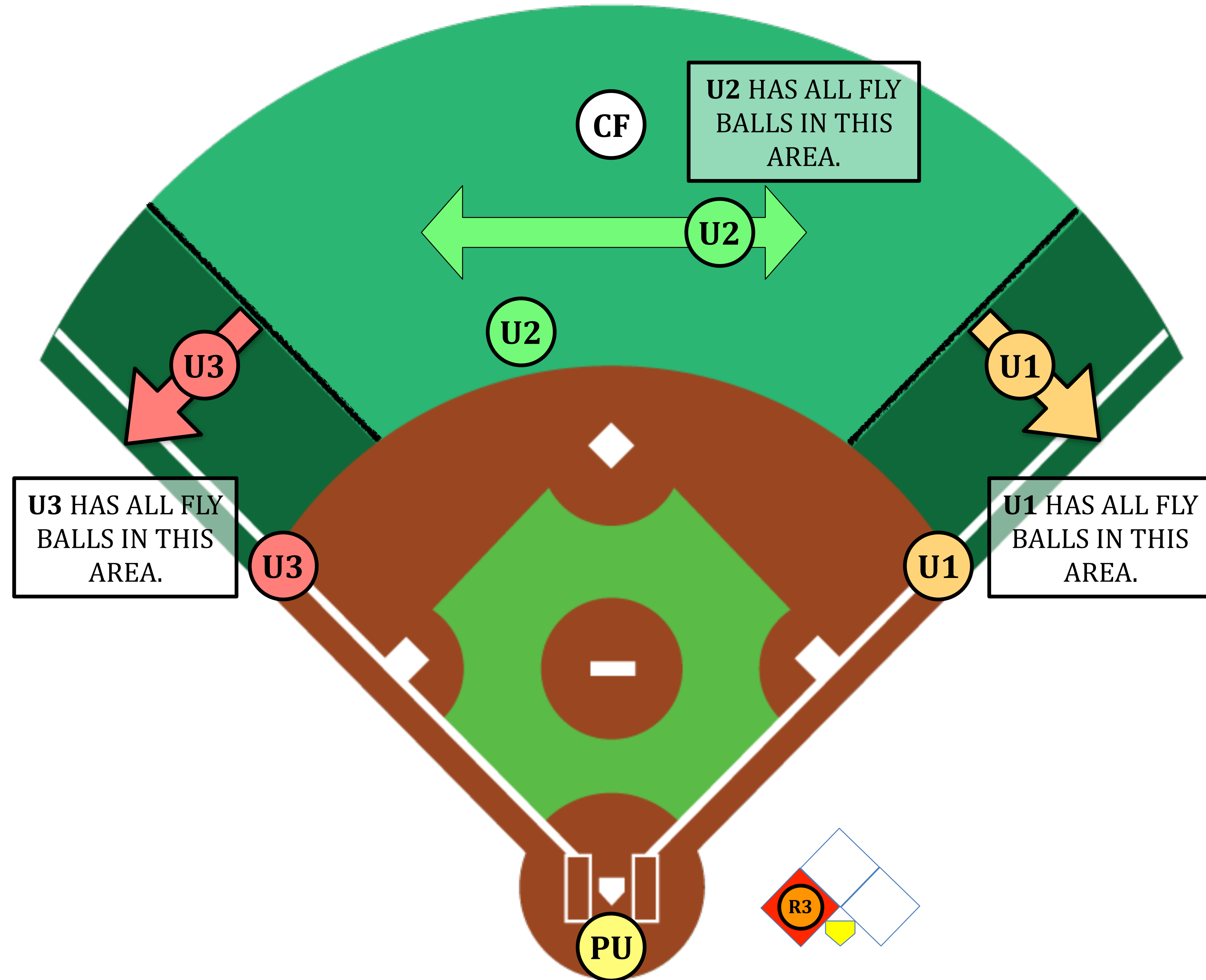
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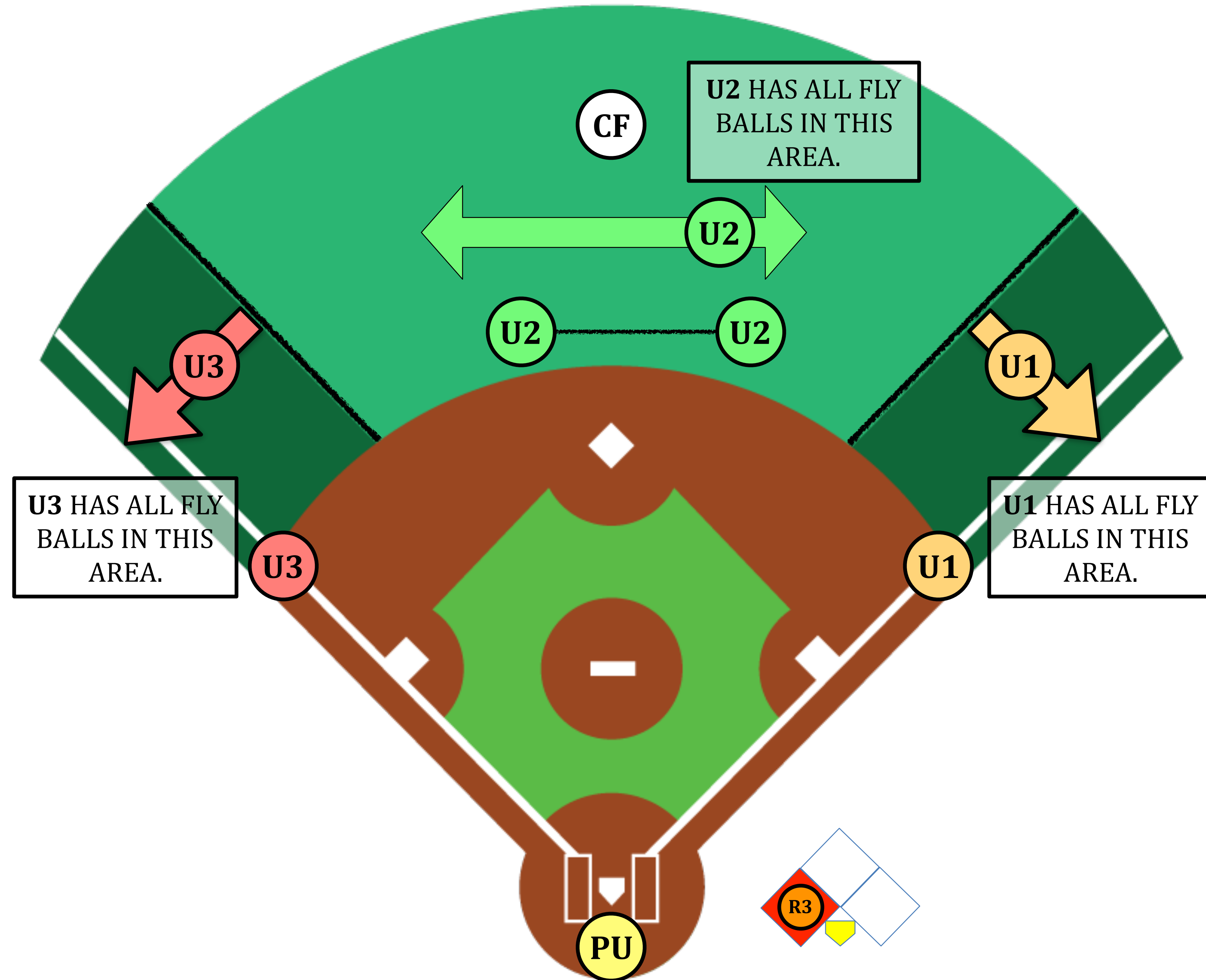
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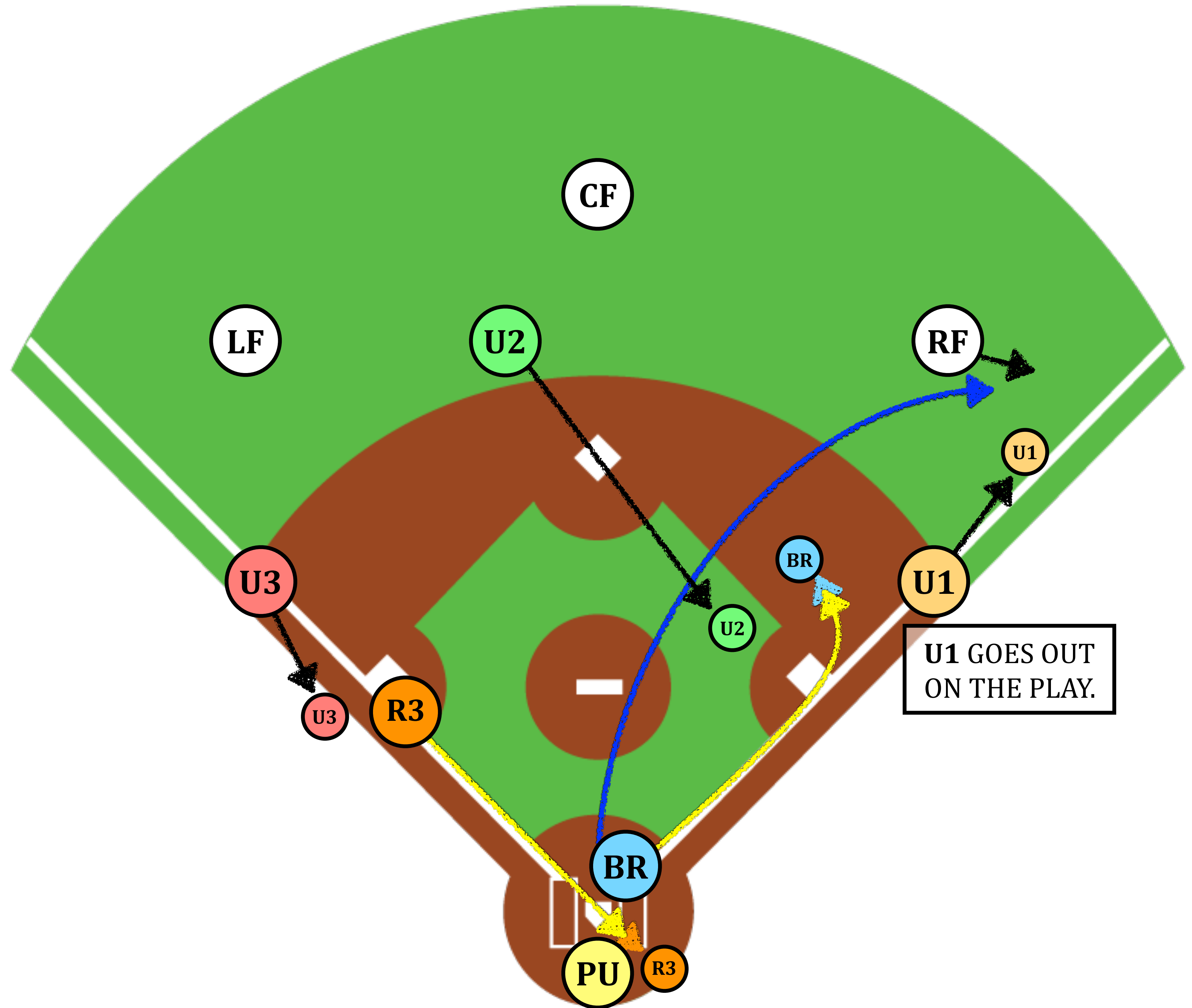
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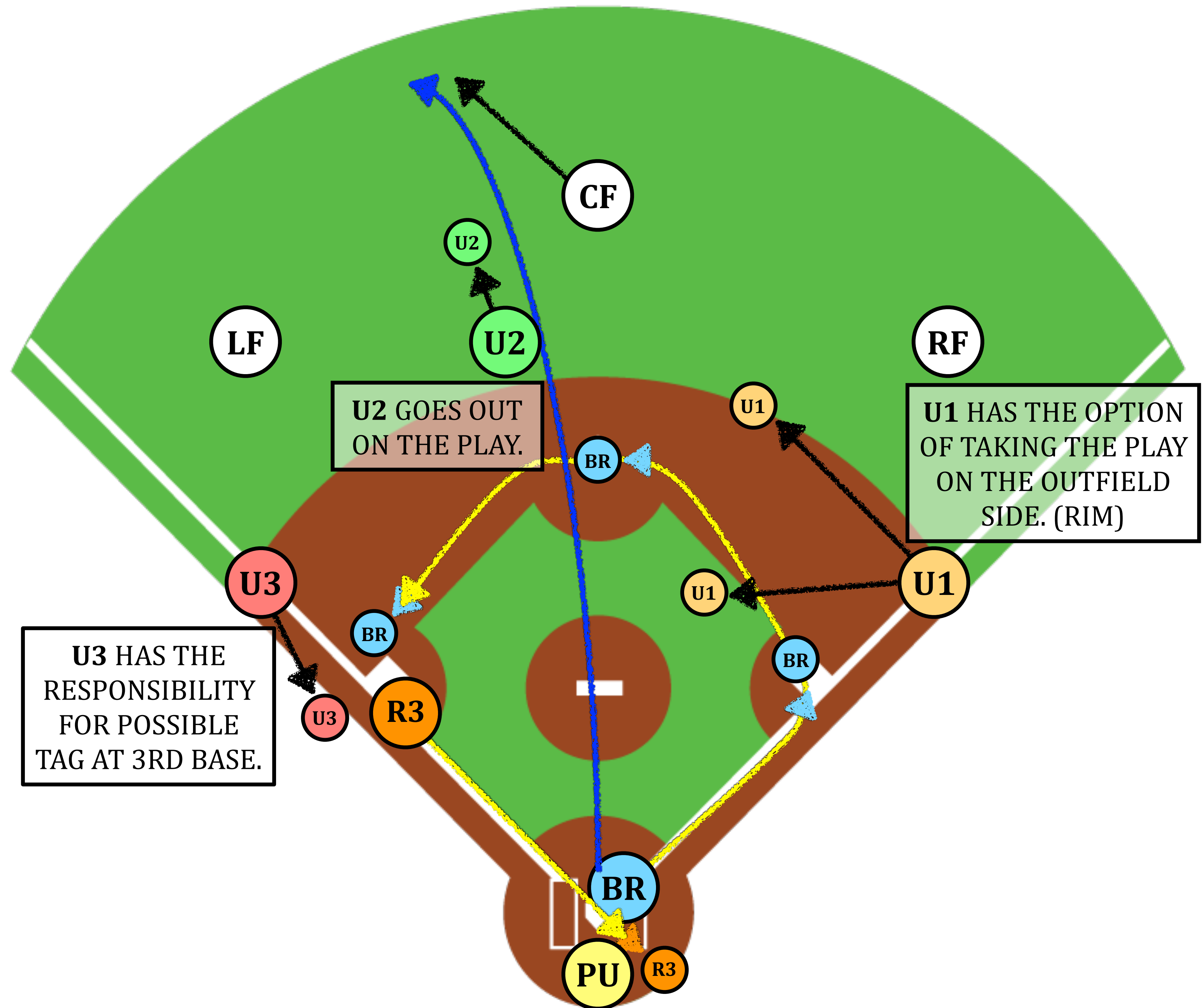
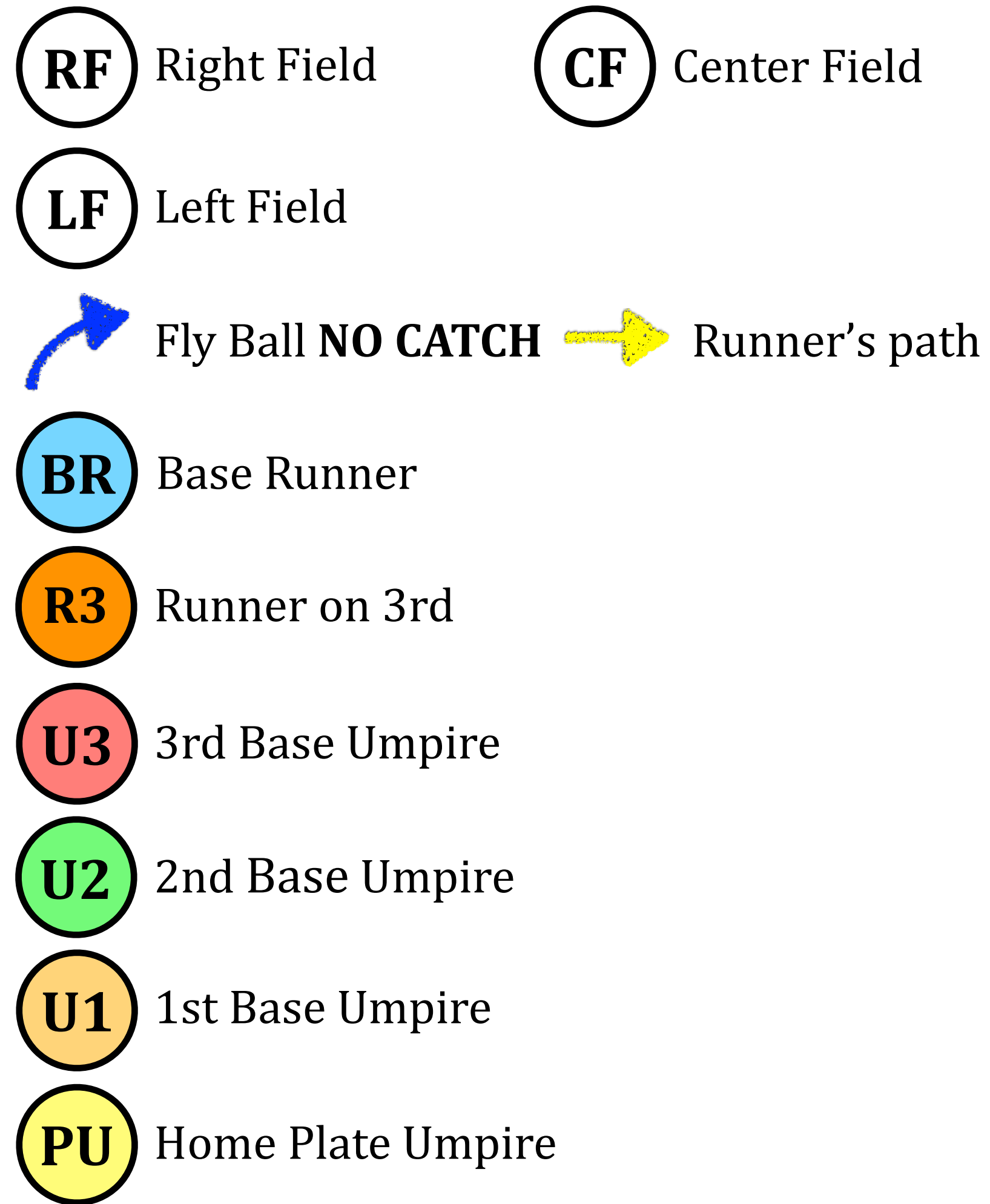
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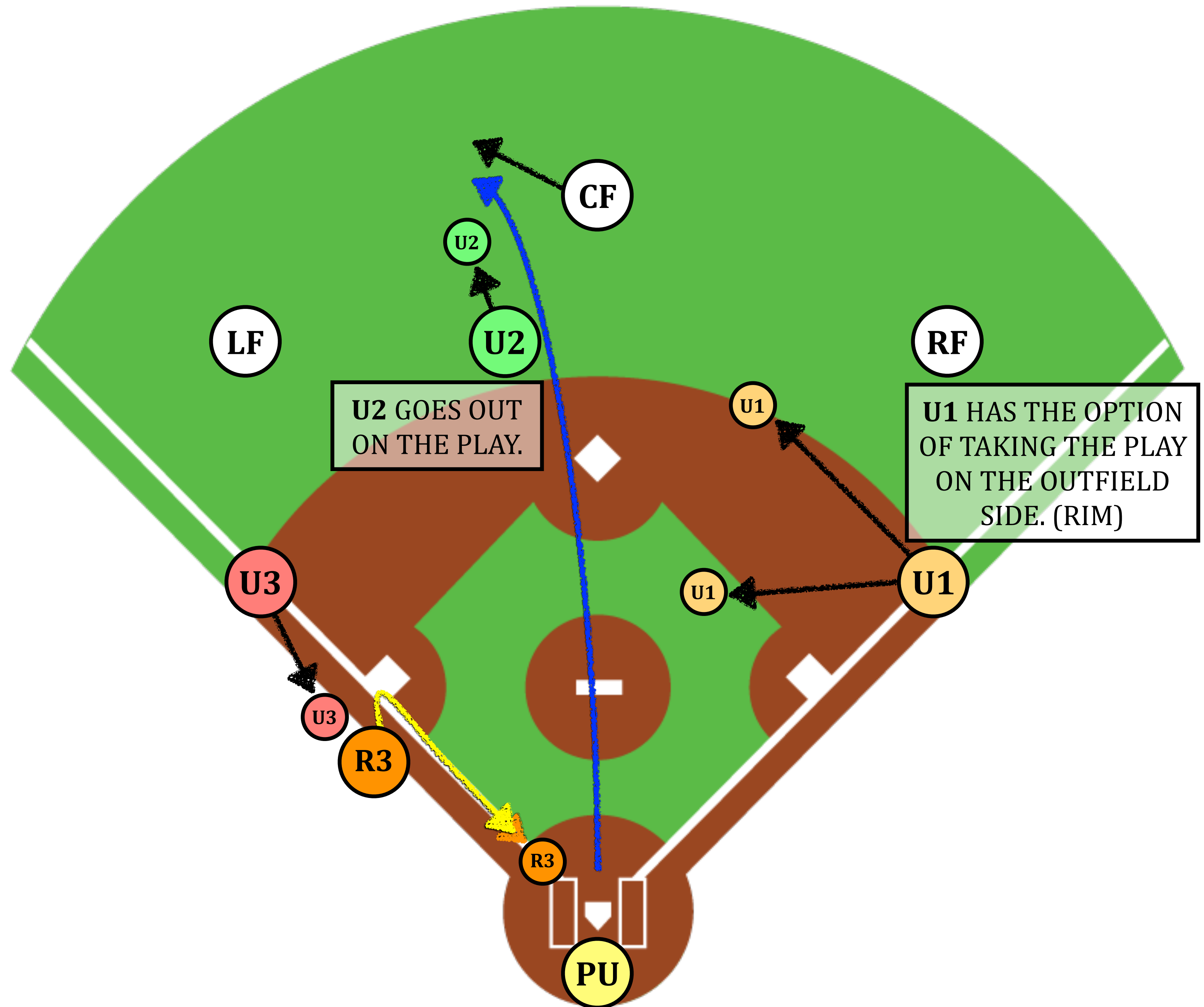
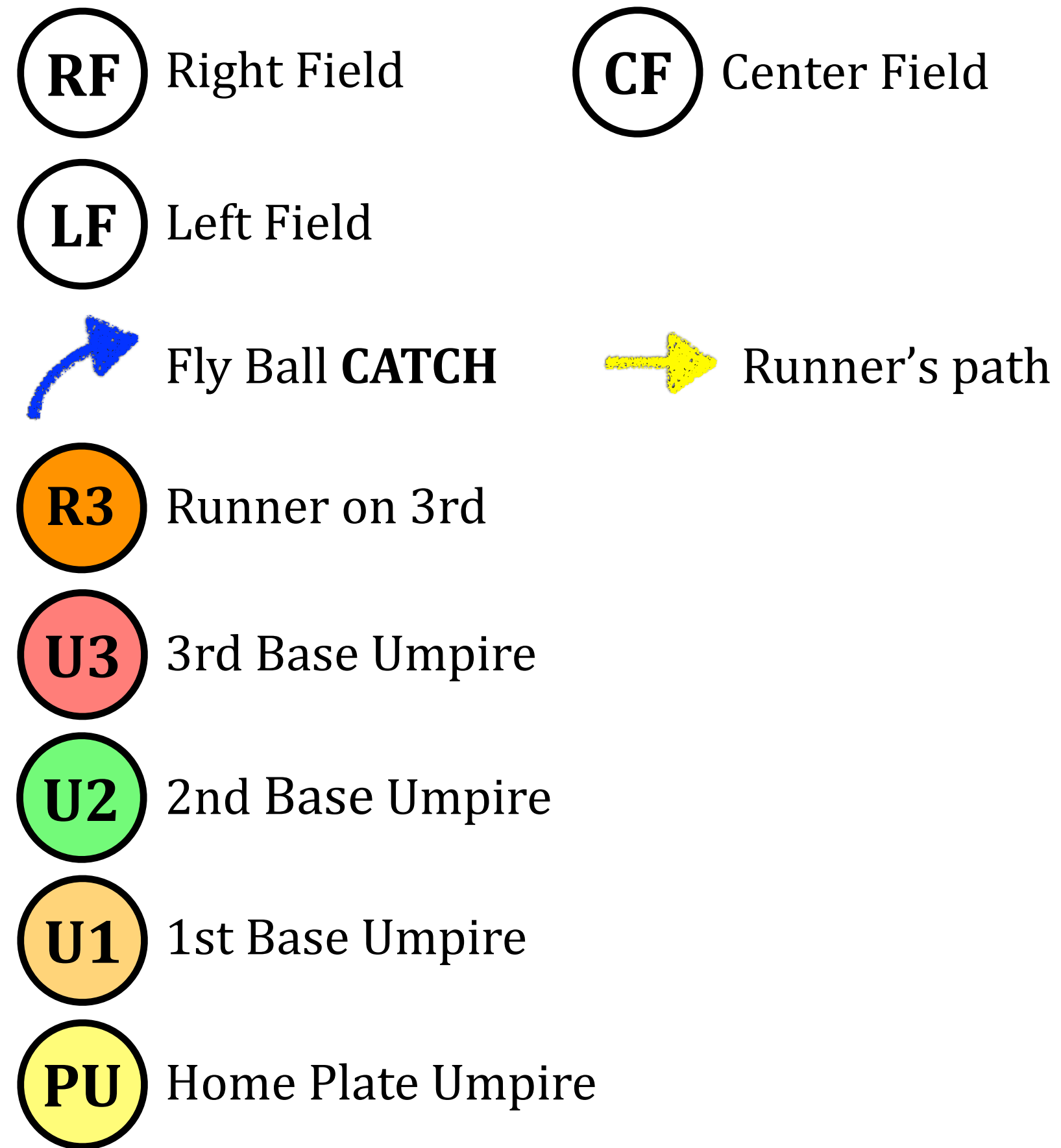
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FLY BALL TO CENTER FIELD -
NO CATCH.



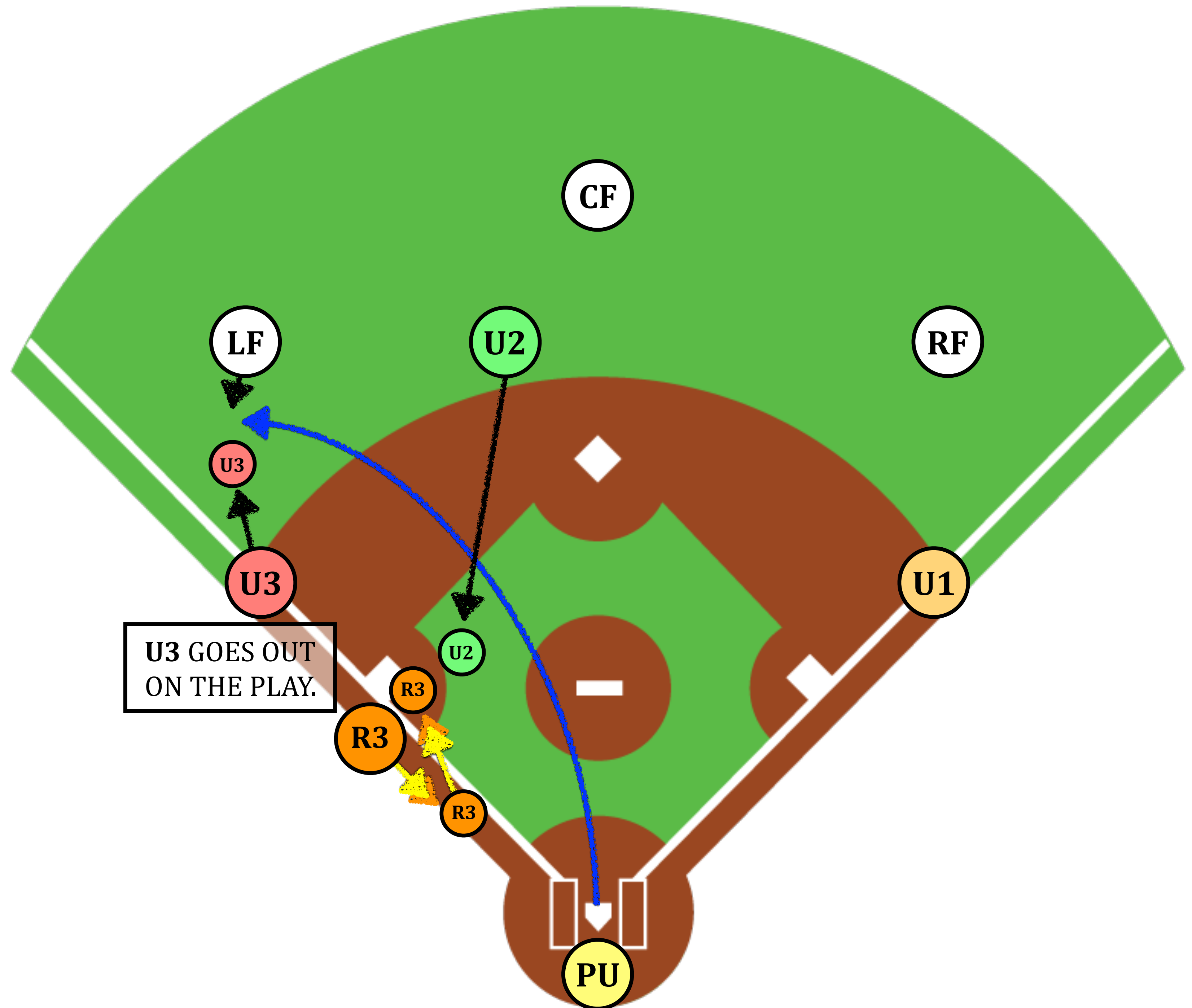
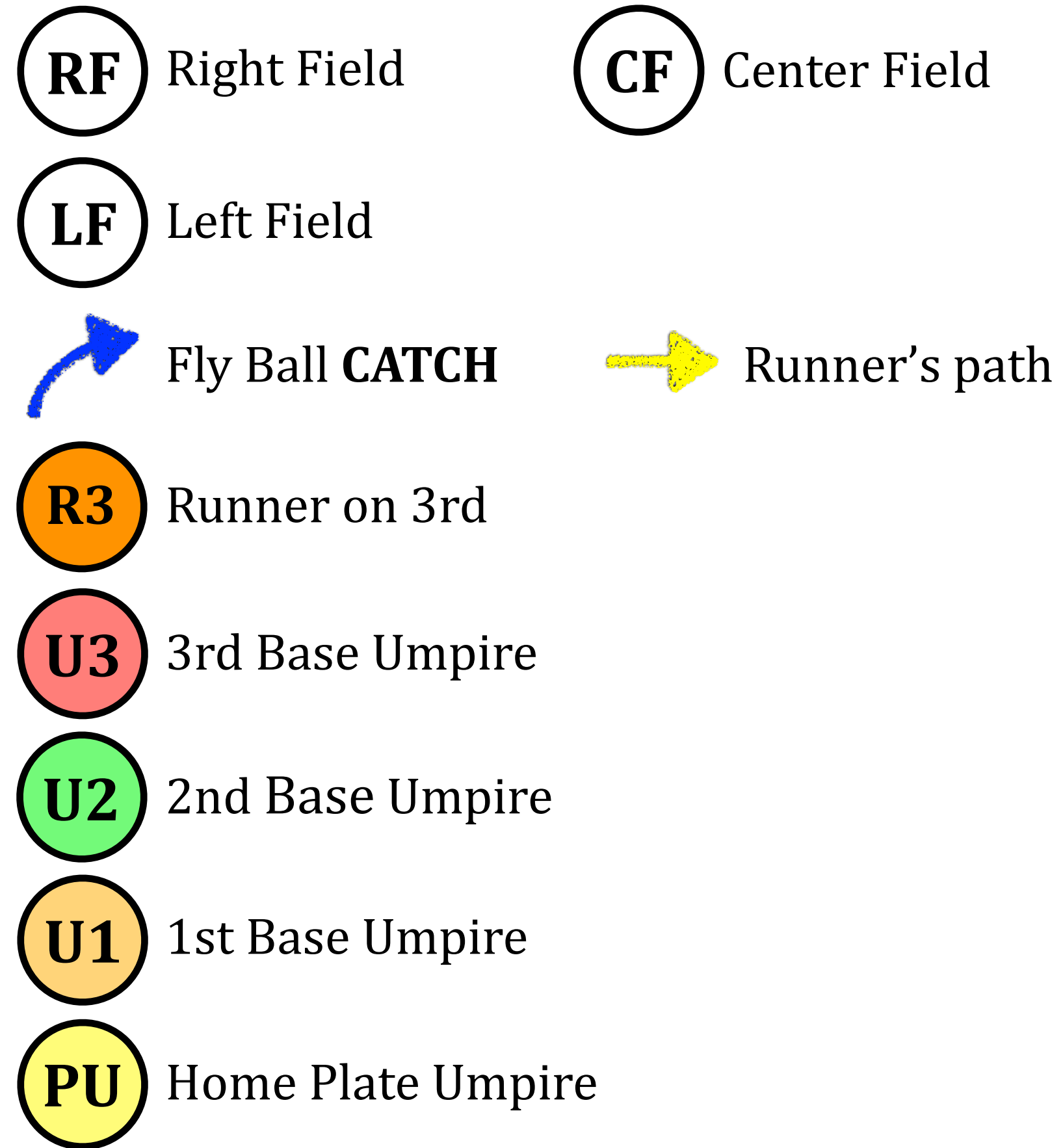
4 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO CENTER FIELD -
CATCH.



4 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD -
CATCH.



4 UMPIRE MECHANICS

FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD -
NO CATCH.

