

SECTION 5

BASES LOADED; LESS THAN TWO OUT

- 5.1** The first base umpire will position himself/herself behind the first baseman with both feet in foul territory.
- 5.2** The third base umpire will position himself/herself halfway between the pitcher's mound and second base on the third base side of the mound in a position ready for plays at second or third.
- 5.3** On balls hit to the infield, the infield umpire will render all decisions at second and third base. The first base umpire will render all decisions at first base. The plate umpire will remain at the plate.
- 5.4** On fly balls and line drives to the outfield where neither umpires goes out, the infield umpire will be responsible for the catch/no catch on all balls hit directly at the left fielder and between the left fielder and the right fielder moving toward center field. The first base umpire will be responsible for fly balls directly at the right fielder. (*See Section 2, Item 7 for alternate catch/no catch responsibilities.*)
- 5.5** If the infield umpire goes out for any reason, the first base umpire will come into the center of the infield, and you will revert back to the two-umpire system. If the first base umpire goes out for any reason, you will again revert back to the two-umpire system for all coverage's.
- 5.6** The tagging up by the runner on third base belongs to the home plate umpire. The tagging up by the runner on second base going to third belongs to the infield umpire. The tagging up by the runner on first base going to second belongs to the first base umpire. Remember to let the ball take you to your play.
- 5.7** With bases loaded and less than two out, on any base hit the plate umpire will remain at home, and the first and third base umpires will assume responsibility for all plays on the bases. On a base hit, the first base umpire will pivot and take the batter-runner into second; he/she is responsible for any play made on the batter-runner at second base or back into first base.