

Baseball during COVID

2021

COVID Baseball

- West Conn. State University
- Post University

COVID Baseball

- Face Coverings. Bring more than 1. Heat. Design.
- Temperature Taken + Health Screening
- Social Distance from Players, especially between Innings
- Baseballs

Home Team + Catcher

IF PU is uncomfortable handling Baseballs, Balls Distribution is to come from the Home Team

Visiting Team brings their own Balls. 2 Ball Bags?

3rd out, SS

COVID Baseball

- Equipment – Bats, Catchers Mask, Rosin Bags
- Touching Players especially PU
- Dugouts / Bench Areas

Extend Dugouts for Social Distancing

Folding Chairs

Essential Personnel

COVID Baseball

- Coaches, Face Coverings
- Post Game Handshakes
- Pre-Game Meeting

1 Coach, 1 Captain + UIC

No Shaking Hands

BU get lost

COVID BaseBall

- Conferences, everyone must have their Mask up.
- Play discussions must be at 6-Feet.
- Bring your own water.
- Toilet Facilities.
- Liability Waiver.
- Parking.

“The Quickie Pregame”

- PU – Force Play Slide Rule at 2B
- PU – Rotations at 3B
- Trouble Ball Coverage
- Check Swings + Foul Balls off BR
- Pull Foot / Swipe Tag

Force Play Slide Rule

- Runner is not required to Slide
- Runner must either peel off away from the Base to not interfere with the throw or slide legally.
- Ruling
- If interference is committed by the runner with the effect of preventing a Double Play, regardless of his intent, the BR will be called out in addition to the Runner who committed the Interference.
- All other Runners return to the Base they occupied at the time of the Pitch.

Examples of Illegal Slides

- Runner uses a rolling, cross-body or pop-up Slide into a Fielder.
- The Runner's raised leg is higher than the Fielder's knee.
- Except at Home Plate, the Runner goes beyond the Base and makes contact with or alters the Fielder.
- The Runner slashes or kicks at the Fielder with either leg.
- The Runner on a Force Play, does not slide on the ground and in a direct path between the two bases.

Force Play Slide Rule

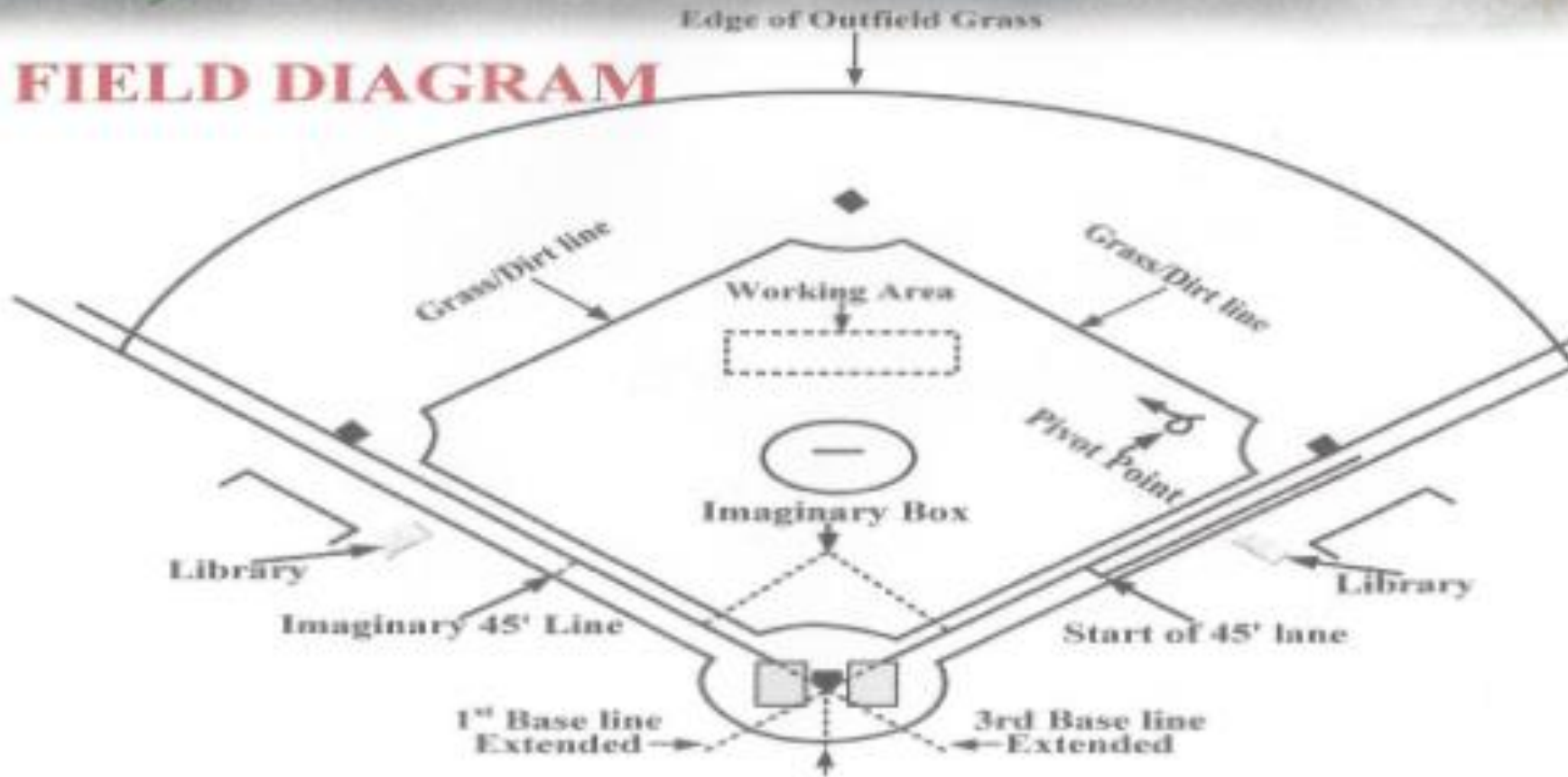
- Who makes the call?
- PU if ball is thrown
- BU if ball is not thrown.
- “Time”, not “Dead”.
- “That’s Interference”
- “He’s out and the Batter is also out”.

Plate Umpire Calls at 3B

- R1, Base Hit to OF (that's not on the RF Line).
- R1 & R2, Sac Fly. PU has R2 Tag and play at 3B.
- R1 & R3. Clean hit to OF.
- "Staying Home"



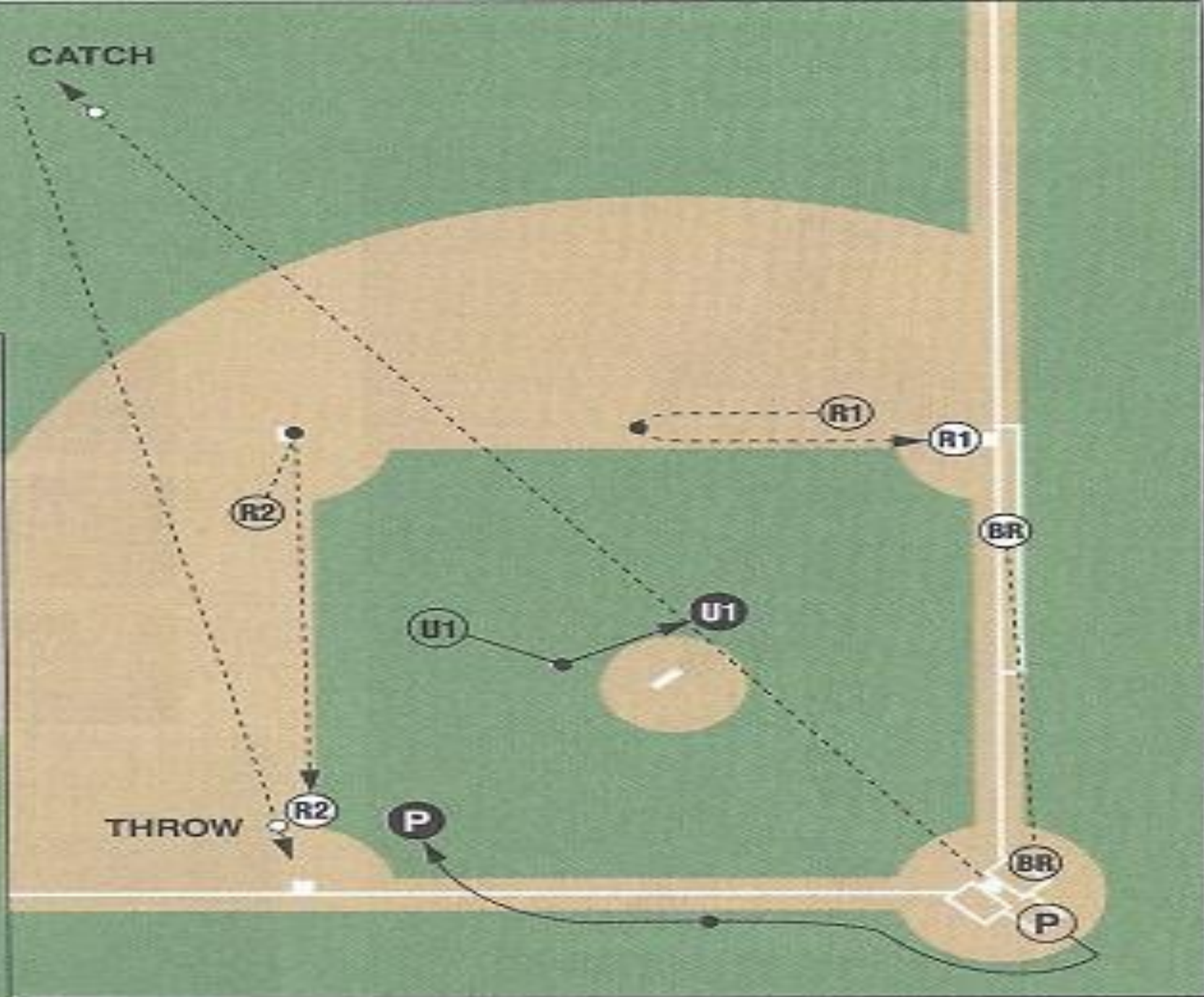
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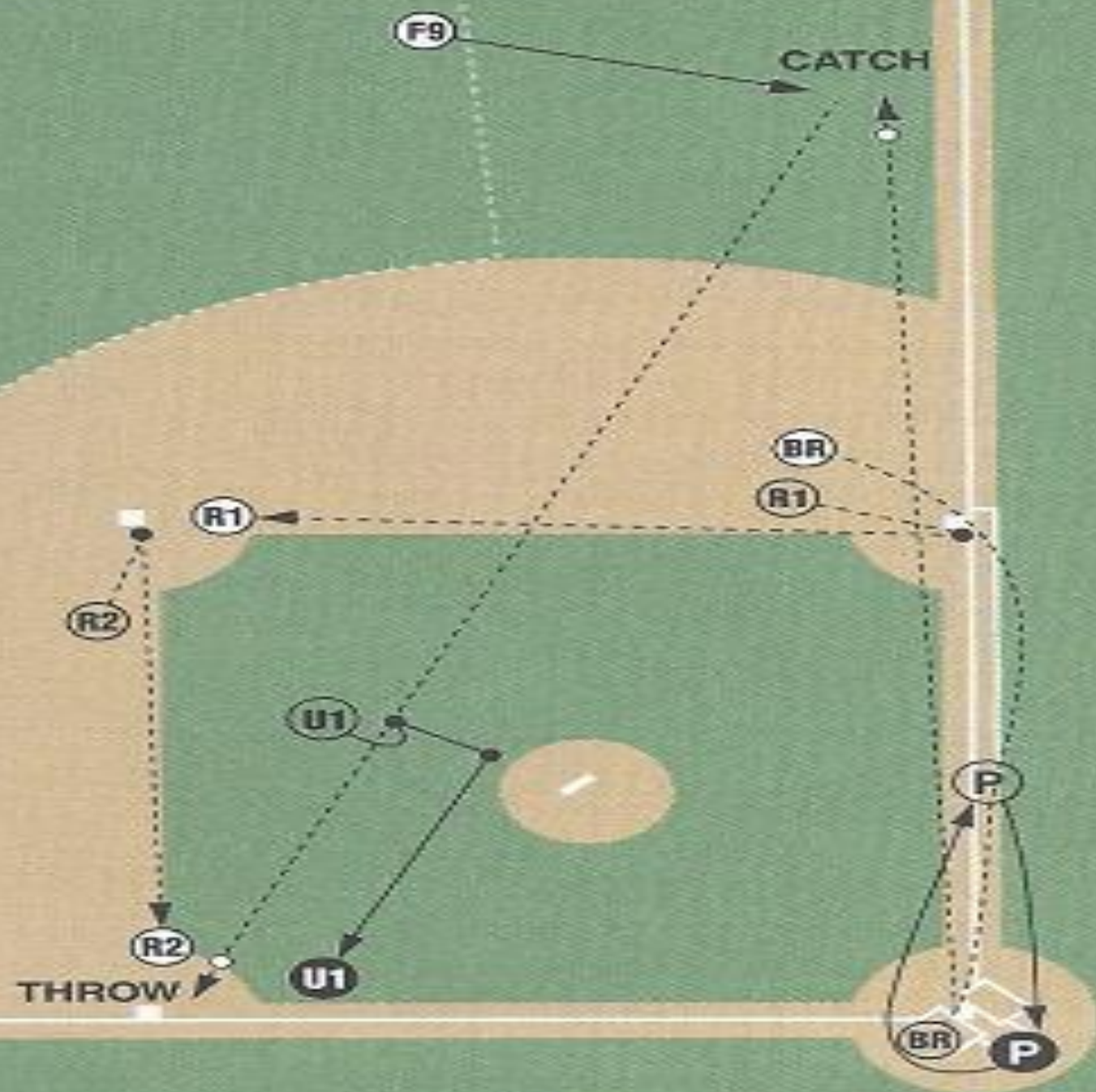
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CATCH

F8



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Trouble Balls

- The Outfielder turns and begins to run toward the OF Fence (possible HR).
- Multiple Players converging on a Fly Ball.
- A Catch being made below the waist.
- OF moving toward the Foul Line and possible Fair / Foul, Catch / No-Catch Decision.

Trouble Ball Mechanics

- Pause, Read & React.
- Then go hard & get a good angle.
- Be stopped when the play occurs.
- Leave no doubt in your partners mind whether or not you are going out.
- “I’m on the Ball”
- Once you go out, do not return until the play is complete.

Check Swings & Foul Balls off the BR

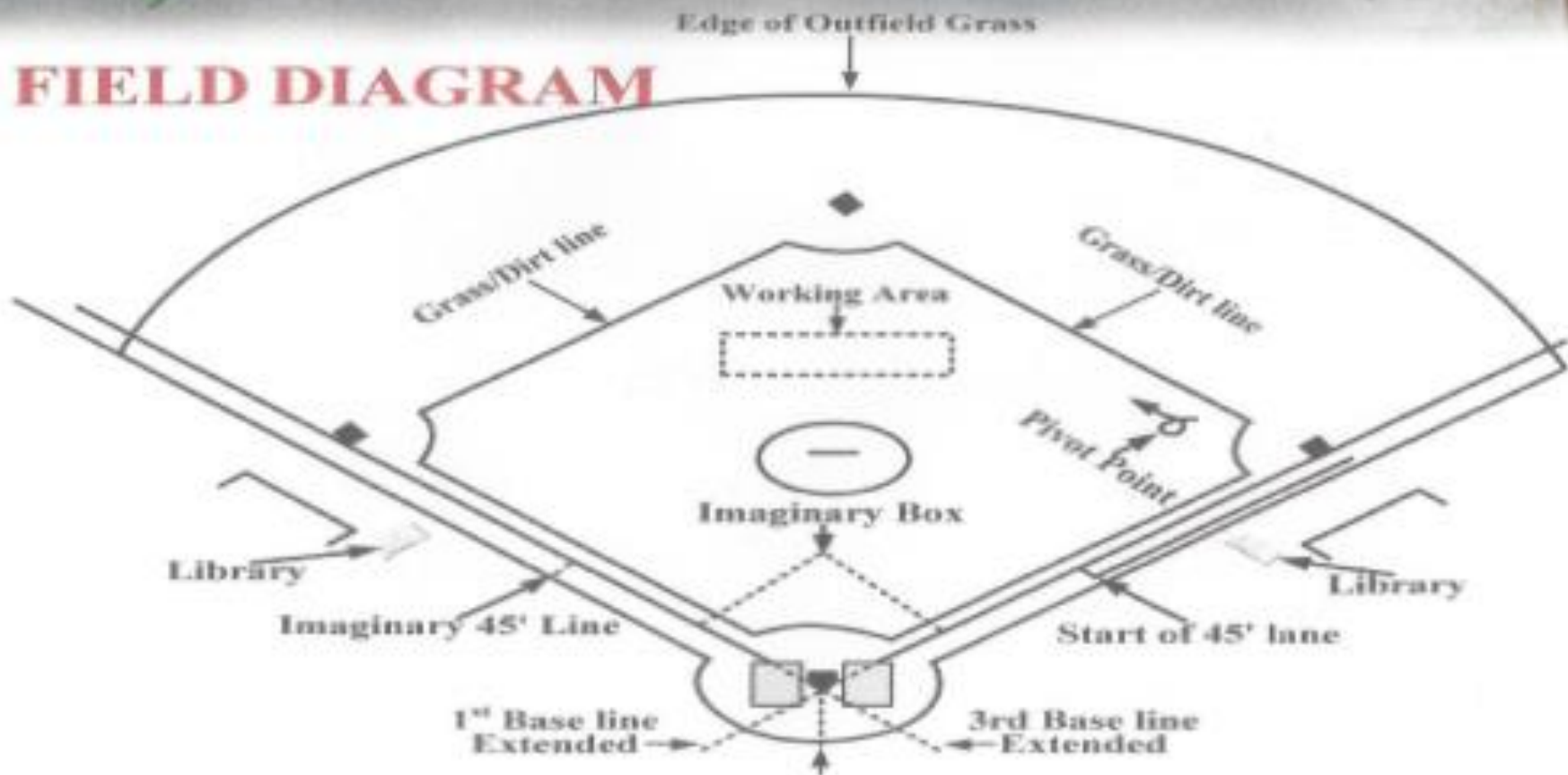
- Foul Balls, patience.
- Give PU first shot at the call.

Pull Foot / Swipe Tag @ 1B

- Working Area

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Recap – “The Quickie Pregame”

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