

SUM Comments/Policy on 2018 USSSA Official Umpire’s Manual

The intent of these charts is to identify statements in the 2018 USSSA Official Umpire’s Manual and the USSSA diagrams 2-man which differ from previous SUM Policy. These statements are in black. If SUM Policy will be different from the Manual or Diagrams, the difference is in red.

4	Base Position	the “inside-outside” theory is no longer feasible SUM – Combination of RIM and inside-outside depending on situation.
5	Base Position 1	We will try to stay out of the diamond SUM – Combination of RIM and inside-outside depending on situation.
5	The importance of the chase	Many times in 2 man we do not chase fly balls. In “B” and “C” it is often difficult to want to leave the plate umpire as we may have multiple runners. These chases, if needed, must be taken. However, we need to be more judicious in these positions. SUM – In general going out from B and especially C, is not recommended.
5	Umpire Demeanor 2	The preferred undershirt is black SUM – Short Sleeve undershirt – white or match primary shirt color. Long Sleeve undershirt – match primary shirt color.
7	First Day of tournament	Be at field 45 minutes prior to first game SUM – Report & Ready NLT 30 minutes before game; 45 minutes if second slot.
7	Plate Meeting with coaches	Plate meeting will NOT start until all player’s are in dugouts
10	Reports - Submitting reports	A report must be submitted... ejection SUM – Not Applicable
10	Reports	The form is located on the national website SUM – Not Applicable
11	Mechanics – Positioning	Start distance ... is 25 feet away from first base. SUM – 20-25 feet
14	Priorities – Pitcher	25 second count ERROR 20 seconds
14	Priorities – Pitcher	Pitch within 25 seconds ERROR 20 seconds
16	Base Mechanics – Walking the line	End no closer than 90 feet from Home. ERROR
16	Base Mechanics – Set Position (B,C)	No longer will be standing up. The Base umpire will be down with both hands either on your thighs or above the knees, with your body squared up to home plate. SUM - Ready position either Up or Down; Engaged; Ready to move
16	Base Mechanics – Set Position (B,C)	A step behind and a step to either side SUM - 3 paces behind and to * First base side of 2 nd baseman (Runner on First only); * Second base side of shortstop (Runner on Second & No Runner on Third); * Third base side of shortstop (Runner on Third)

Manual Diagrams - Suggestion Title and Page Numbers

Page	Pos	Runners	
2	A		20-25 feet from first base
4	A		Ball left of 2 nd baseman – allow her to push you into foul territory
8	A		RF coming in / towards foul line - chase

10	A		Single to outfield – stay outside SUM – LF/CF Rim; RF Inside
12	A		BR to 3 rd – Move inside as BR approaches 2 nd .
13,15, 17,19, 21,23	B	1st	Mid point between 1B & 2B; one step behind 2 nd baseman, 1.5 steps either side SUM - 3 paces behind and to first base side of 2 nd baseman
14,16	B	1st	Set Position SUM - Ready position either Up or Down
16	B	1st	Steal - Take any play at second base and third base. SUM - P covers 3 rd with U1 moving toward home if needed.
22	B	1st	hit to outfield – stay outside the diamond SUM – LF; CF/RF Inside
24	B	1st	Extra base hit to outfield – move inside diamond or stay outside depending on location of ball.
26,28	C	2nd	Set Position SUM - Ready position either Up or Down
25,27, 29,31, 33	C	2nd	Mid point between 2B & 3B; one step behind SS, 1.5 steps either side SUM - 3 paces behind and to second base side of shortstop
28	C	2nd	Initial throw to 1B – Stay outside
30	C	2nd	Ball caught in outfield – P make any call on R2 at 3b and home. SUM – U1 takes R2 (last runner) into 3rd
30,32	C	2nd	Ball caught in outfield – U1 move inside
35, 37,39, 41,43	C	3 rd	Mid point between 2B & 3B; one step behind SS, 1.5 steps either side SUM - 3 paces behind and to third base side of shortstop.
36	C	3 rd	Set Position SUM - Ready position either Up or Down
38	C	3 rd	Initial throw to 1B – Stay outside
38	C	3 rd	BR safe – commit toward BR (come inside?)
40	C	3 rd	Outfield catch – come inside
42,44	C	3 rd	Hit to outfield – come inside
45, 47,49	C	1,2	Mid point between 2B & 3B; one step behind SS, 1.5 steps either side SUM - 3 paces behind and to second base side of shortstop
46	C	1,2	Set Position SUM - Ready position either Up or Down
48	C	1,2	P Make call at 3 rd after initial play; U1 Initial call at 3 rd
50	C	1,2	U1 has both tag ups. SUM Note – P has tag responsibility only at third base.
53,55, 57,59	C	1,3	Mid point between 2B & 3B; one step behind SS, 1.5 steps either side SUM - 3 paces behind and to third base side of shortstop.
58,60	C	1,3	Fly Ball – Move inside
61,63, 65,67, 69	C	2,3	Mid point between 2B & 3B; one step behind SS, 1.5 steps either side SUM - 3 paces behind and to third base side of shortstop.
64	C	2,3	Infield hit – Stay outside
68,70	C	2,3	Ball hit to Outfield– Move inside
78, 80	C	1,2,3	Ball hit to Outfield – Move inside