 **EMBUA** 

**Umpire Positioning and Responsibilities**

***Plate Umpire***

**Position** -

* in the slot (same side as the batter)

**Responsibilities –**

* Balls and strikes
* Foul line up to front of the bag (1st base) to foul pole when base umpire is in
* Foul line to foul pole on 3rd base line
* Runners lane
* Overthrows beyond 1B and 3B
* Assist with swipe tag and pulled foot as needed
* Plays at the plate
* Plays at 3rd base (as pre-gamed)
* Line-up cards / substitutions
* Crew Chief
* Tag-up at 3B
* Balks
* Balls near the dugouts
* Pace of the game

***Base Umpire***

**A Position –**

* 10 – 12 feet behind 1st baseman on the line (shoulders square to the plate)
* Do not be too deep

**Responsibilities –**

* Plays at 1st base on infield plays
* Foul balls from front of the bag out to foul pole
* Trouble balls in outfield from center fielder to right field fence
* Check swings (if asked)
* Get inside on outfield hit. Be prepared for plays back at 1st base or plays at any other base in the infield.

**B Position –**

* Half way between pitcher’s mound and 2nd base cutout on the 2B side
* Line up with the edge of mound and plate
* Shoulders square to the plate
* May be closer to the mound / plate as situations warrant
* Do not be too deep

**Responsibilities –**

* All plays in the infield
* Check swings when asked
* Outfield fly balls between the left fielder and right fielder (V)
* Plays at 3B may be pre-gamed
* Tag-up at 1B
* Balks
* No foul responsibilities
* Batter / Runner to 3B

**C Position –**

* Half way between pitcher’s mound and 2nd base cutout on the 3B side
* Line up with edge of mound and plate
* Shoulders square to the plate
* Move up when infield plays in, not back
* Do not start too deep

**Responsibilities –**

* All plays in the infield (Including 1st to 3rd)
* Check swings when asked
* Outfield fly balls between left fielder and right fielder (V)
* Plays at 3B may be pre-gamed
* Tag-up at 1B & 2B
* Balks
* No foul responsibilities