

UMPIRE TRAINING

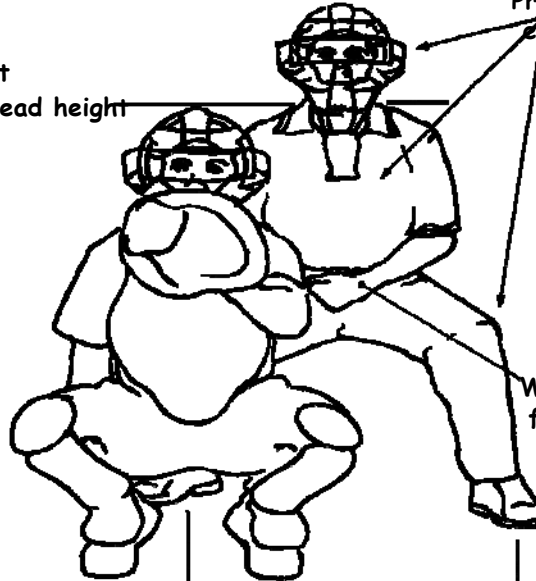
THE SLOT (FRONT VIEW)

Proper head position is controlled by:

1. Width of stance
2. Amount of squat
3. Forward body tilt

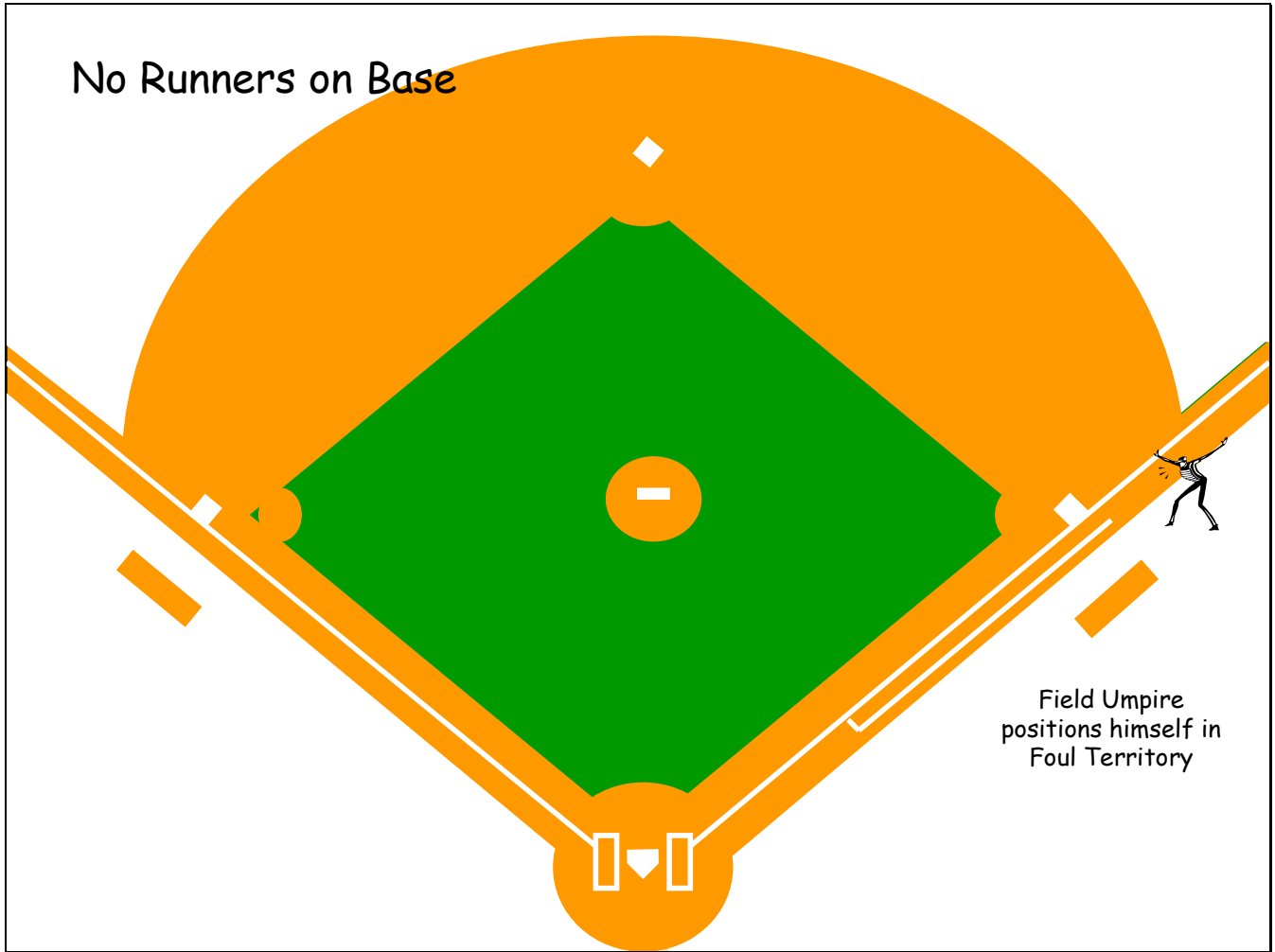
Proper head height

Proper use of protective equipment facing front



Wrist relaxed and forearm wrapped

Nice wide stance
shoulder width or greater



THE CATCH

- A "Catch" is the act of a fielder in getting secure possession in the hand or glove of a ball in flight and firmly holding it before it touches the ground. If the fielder has made the catch and drops the ball while in the act of making a throw following the catch, the ball shall be adjudged to have been caught. In establishing the validity of the catch, the fielder shall hold the ball long enough to prove complete control of the ball and that release of the ball is voluntary and intentional. Not a "Catch" if ball is dropped after a collision with wall or another fielder, if ball is dropped in a fall to ground or if touches another fielder or umpire first.

INFIELD FLY RULE

- An **Infield Fly** is a fair fly ball (not including a line drive nor an attempted bunt) which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort, when first and second, or first, second and third bases are occupied, before two are out. The pitcher, catcher and any outfielder in the infield on the play shall be considered infielders for the purpose of this rule. The batter is out and the ball is alive and runners may advance at the risk of that ball being caught, or retouch and advance after the ball is touched or caught, the same as on any fly ball. If the hit becomes a foul ball, it is treated the same as any foul.
- When it seem apparent that a batted ball will be an Infield Fly, the umpire shall immediately declare "Infield Fly" for the benefit of the runners. If the ball is near the baseline, the umpire shall declare "Infield Fly if Fair". If a declared **Infield Fly** is allowed to fall untouched to the ground, and bounces foul and remains foul before passing first or third base, it is a foul ball. If a declared **Infield Fly** falls untouched to the ground, outside the baseline, and bounces fair before passing first or third base, it is an **Infield Fly**.
