



Position Requirements

Players should understand what their position requires and must do so to play the position correctly. Players who make the team and are interested in playing in another position can also use this information to work on the appropriate areas for the position that they are interested in.

Players must meet the requirements of at least one of these positions to qualify for the team.

Pitcher

- throw strikes: fast balls and change-ups
- pick off or hold runners on base
- control pace of game
- take signs from the catcher
- cover home on wild pitches and passed balls
- act as ninth fielder

Catcher

- stop balls in the dirt consistently
- stop wild pitches consistently
- throwdown to first, second, and third
- tag runners at the plate
- have very good lateral movement
- relay signs to the pitcher
- direct the fielders

First base

- catch extremely well
- have very good reach
- catch pop ups
- stop hard hit grounders
- hold runners on base
- cover bunts

Second base

- stop hard hit grounders
- catch pop ups
- back up throwdown on steals
- backup the pitcher
- have good lateral movement
- hold runners on base
- throw accurately to all bases
- cover first on a bunt

Shortstop

- stop **very** hard hit grounders
- catch hard line drives
- handle throwdowns from catcher
- cover second base
- backup third base on throwdowns to third
- back up the pitcher
- hold the runner (mostly when left-handed batters are up)
- have very good lateral movement
- catch pop ups
- throw on a rope to first
- cover third on a bunt

Third base

- stop **very** hard hit grounders
- handle throwdowns from catcher
- catch extremely well
- throw extremely well
- have good arm strength
- have good reach
- hold runners on base
- have very good lateral movement
- cover on a bunt
- catch pop ups

Right Field

- catch pop flies on the run
- stop grounders
- fast lateral, forward, and backward movement
- backup center field
- back up first and second base

Center Field

- catch pop flies on the run
- stop grounders
- backup other outfielders
- fast lateral, forward, and backward movement
- backup second on throwdowns
- strong arm

Left Field

- catch pop flies on the run
- stop grounders
- fast lateral, forward, and backward movement
- backup center field
- backup third base and shortstop

Offense

- All players must be able to hit pitchers throwing 55+ m.p.h.
- Take lead-offs and steal bases when signaled by the coach or when the opportunity arises.
- Be aggressive on the basepath but aware of the ball at all times.