



Western Region Umpire School

Little League - Junior League - Senior League - Big League - Challenger Division



BASE UMPIRE POSITIONING Starting Position

Basic Starting Position

- BU shall stand in foul territory with right foot adjacent to but not touching the 1st base foul line.
- BU shall position himself approximately 10 – 12 feet behind the 1st baseman.
- BU shall use discretion in the event that the 1st baseman is playing exceptionally deep and reduce his starting position distance to 5 – 6 feet behind the 1st baseman
- BU shall assume the hands-on-knees set position on each pitch.
- BU shall “settle” into his set position rather than “jump” into position.
- BU shall distribute weight forward in his stance to enhance mobility and agility.

IMPORTANT TIPS FROM JIM EVANS:

- *Stay alert. You must be ready to help your partner on half-swings, trapped 3rd strikes, foul balls in the dirt, and batted balls hitting the batter.*
- *Do not move your eyes or head in an attempt to follow the pitch “in flight” to the batter. When the pitcher is totally committed to pitch, focus immediately on the plate area.*

“It’s What You Learn After You Know It All That Counts.”