

# Mechanics

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- 1) The umpire's position for calling balls and strikes is slightly off the inside corner of the plate and their head at the top of the strike zone.
- 2) On a fly ball hit down the foul line the umpire should first worry about whether the ball is caught, then worry about whether it is fair or foul.
- 3) The proper position for a tag play is 18-21 feet from the play on the 45 degree from the play.
- 4) On an illegal pitch the umpire should give the delayed ball signal and verbalize "Illegal" or "Illegal Pitch".
- 5) When the ball is hit, the plate umpire should exit the plate area to the side of the catcher where they were set for the pitch.
- 6) The Inside/Outside Theory used by the field umpire is designed to keep all 4 elements (ball, base, offense, and defense) in front of the umpire.