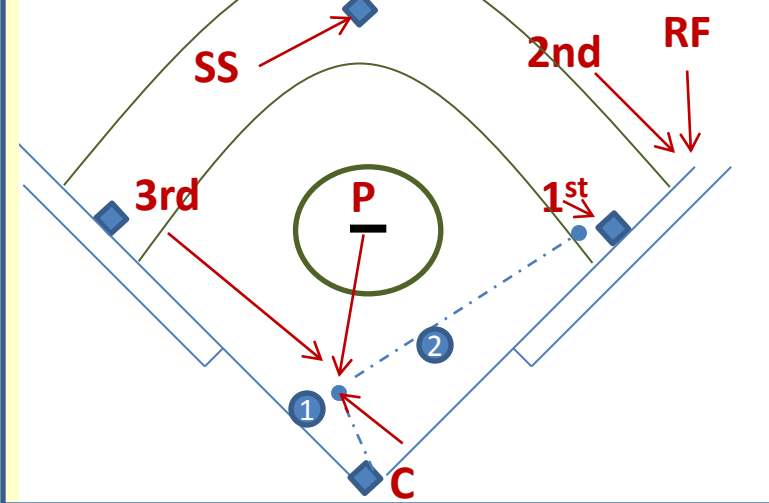


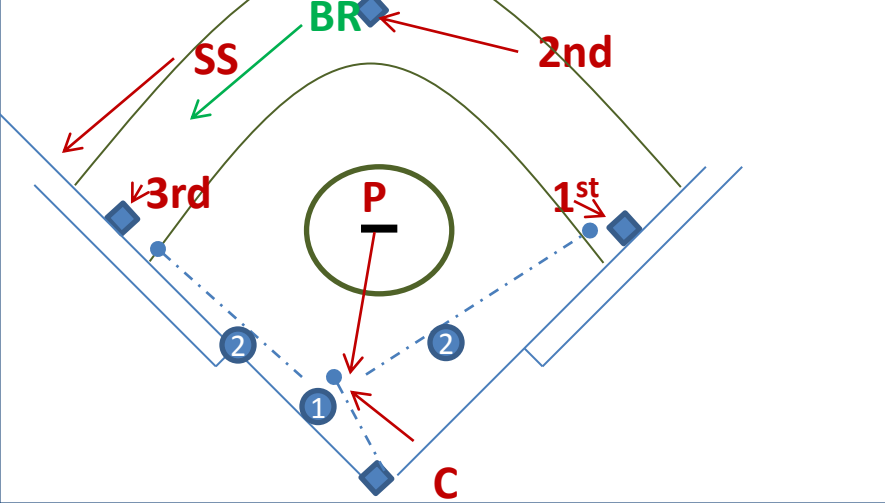
Position Play: Defending the bunt – a lot of moving parts.

Note: I hold the first basemen at first on bunts. Some like for the first basemen to charge the bunt, while the 2nd basemen swings and covers first. That's more things that have to go right, so I simplify. Most the times it's the pitcher or catcher that fields the ball, so give them a good target at first.

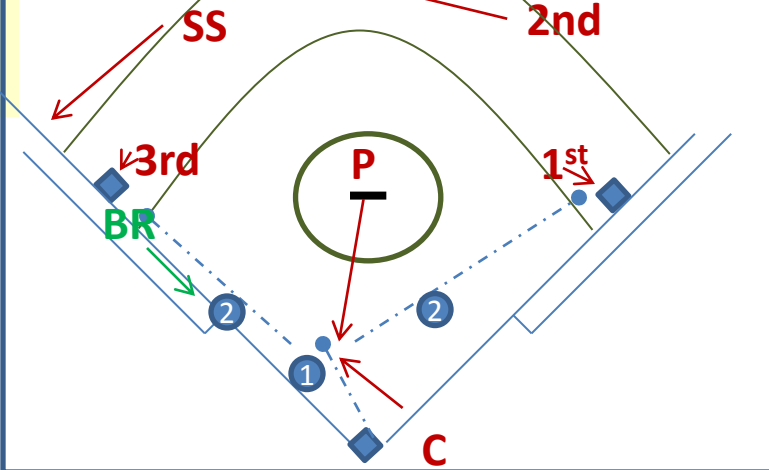
1. **No Runners on base.** 3rd basemen charges home as soon as batter squares to bunt. (1) Pitcher-catcher-3rd Basemen race to the ball. (2) Winner throws to first, the rest get out of the way. 2nd Basemen or Right Fielder backs up throw to first.



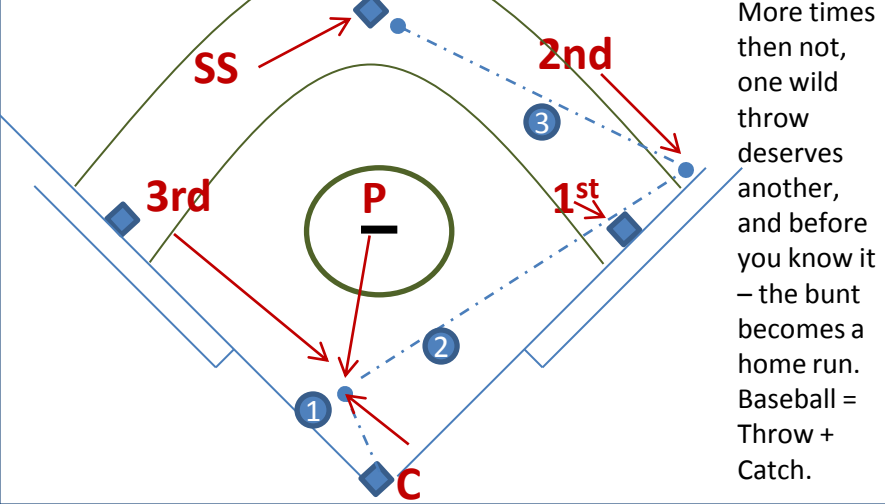
2. **Runner on Second:** (1) Pitcher-catcher race to the ball. (2) winner looks back runner at 2nd, throws out if can, otherwise throw to first. 2nd basemen swings over covers 2nd to hold runners. Shortstop goes with the lead runner, backs up throw at 3rd.



2. **Runner on Third:** (1) Pitcher-catcher race to the ball. (2) winner looks back runner at 3rd, tag or throw out if can, otherwise throw to first. 2nd basemen swings over covers 2nd to hold runners. Shortstop backs up throw at 3rd and gets ready for run-down.



4. **Bunt with Wild Throw to First:** This happens a lot, if the second basemen or right fielder is able to back up throw to first, he can field the wild throw, and then throw it to the SS covering second to get the aggressive base runner out.



More times then not, one wild throw deserves another, and before you know it – the bunt becomes a home run. Baseball = Throw + Catch.