

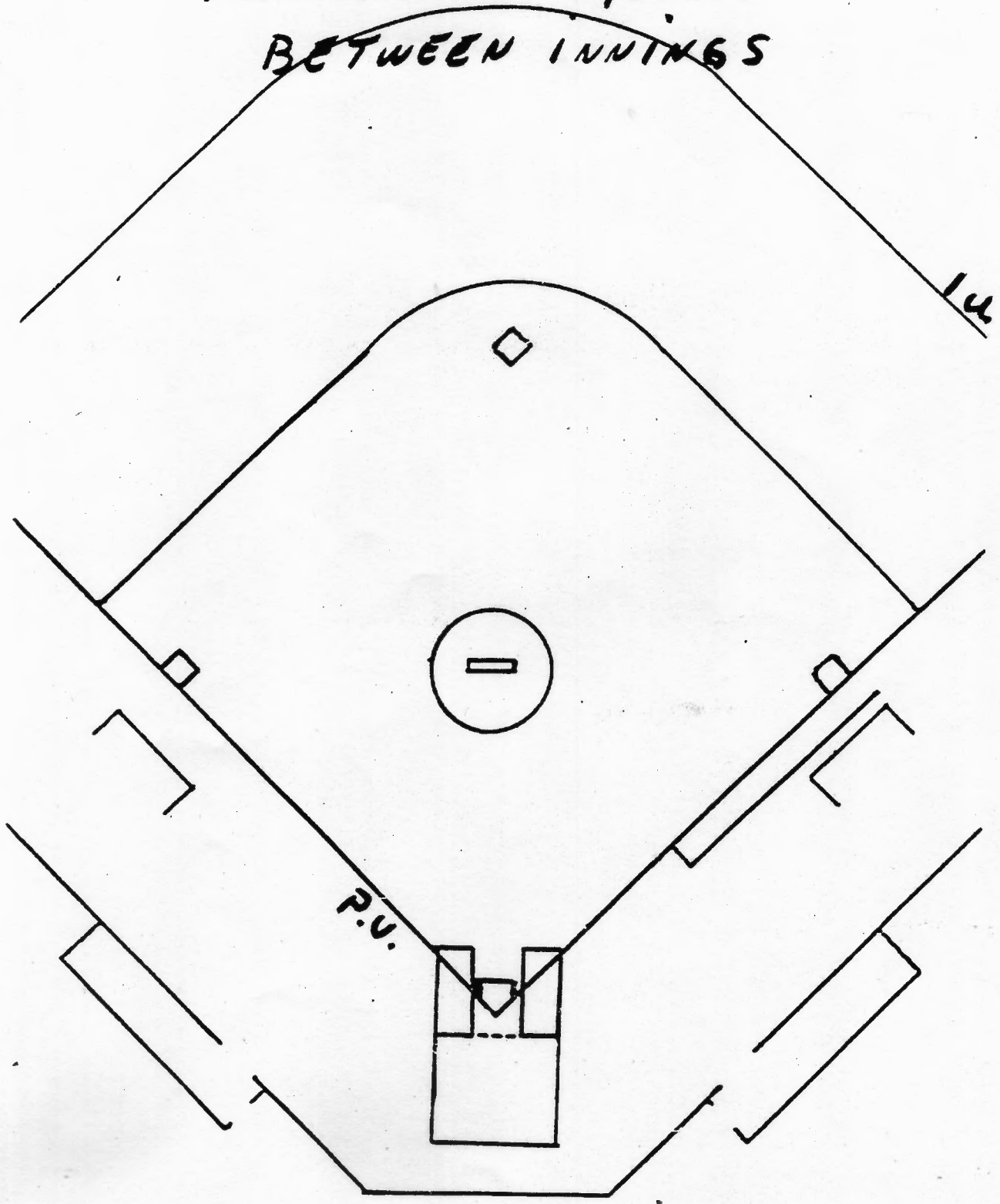
### PRE-GAME GROUND RULES

1. Should be held 5 minutes prior to game time at home plate.
2. The plate umpire should be in charge and stand behind home plate with the managers in the both batters boxes. The base umpire should stand in front the home plate. If a 3 umpire system is used the 1st base umpire stands in front of the left hand batters box and the 3rd base umpire in from the right hand batters box.
3. The plate umpire will introduce himself and base umpire/or umpires and also have both managers introduce themselves.
4. The plate umpires will inspect the lineup cards to see that the first and last names, uniform number and position of the starting players are listed properly. Note whether or not a D.P. is being used.
5. Explain the ground rules starting at home plate and continuing up the 1st base side to the outfield, and then back around to the 3rd base side, back to home plate. Explain the dead ball area.

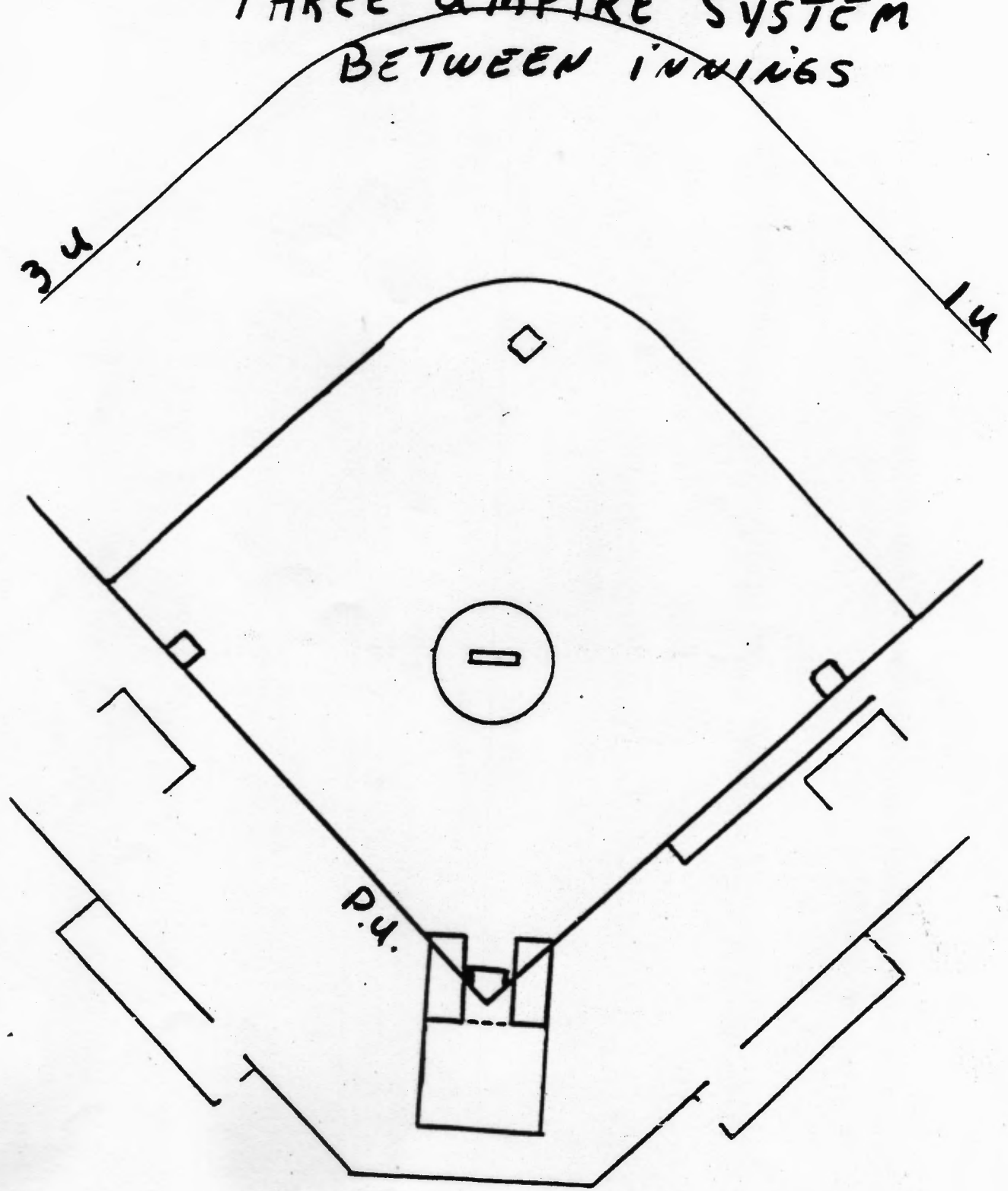
### BETWEEN INNING MECHANICS

1. All umpires will stand with their hands at their side or behind their backs, but never with their hands on their hips or arms folder.
2. After the 3rd out of the inning, the 3rd base umpire in a 3 umpire system or the base umpire in a 2 umpire system will brush off the pitchers rubber (with their head facing home plate).
3. The base umpire or umpires will stand approximately 15 or 20 feet in fair territory about 25 feet behind their base.
4. The plate umpire will brush off home plate (facing the backstop) after the pitcher has completed the warmups.
5. The plate umpire will stand approximately 15 feet from home plate in foul territory facing the infield. Each  $\frac{1}{2}$  inning he will alternate and stand on the foul line on the side of the field of the team coming off the field.

TWO UMPIRE SYSTEM  
BETWEEN INNINGS



# THREE UMPIRE SYSTEM BETWEEN INNINGS



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**TAG - UP RESPONSIBILITIES 2 UMP SYSTEM**

**PLATE UMP - ALL RUNNERS AT THIRD BASE**  
**RUNNER ON SECOND BASE WITH RUNNER ON 1ST & 2ND**

Base umpire - all other situations with runners on base

**IF YOU DEVIATE FROM THESE PROCEDURES YOU MUST COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR PARTNER.**

**3 UMPIRES SYSTEM TAG UPS**

In the 3 umpire system a base umpire will **go** out on almost all fly balls to the outfield. When this occurs, you revert back to a 2 umpire system (described above).

The only time a base umpire does not go out on a fly ball to the outfield is when the plate umpire has responsibility for it. This will occur only when a base umpire is not positioned on the foul line and a fly ball is hit and the right fielder or left fielder goes toward the **uncovered** foul line. In these situations the 3rd base umpire will take the tag up at 3rd base with bases loaded, 2nd and 3rd and 1st and 3rd. He will have the tag up at 2nd with runners on 1st and 2nd. The plate umpire will not have tag up responsibilities because he will have fair or foul, catch or no catch.

**3 UMPIRE SYSTEM**

**LEAVING THE BASE ON THE RELEASE OF THE PITCH**

1st base umpire will have responsibility for:

- 1st base - with runner on 1st only;
- with runners on 1st & 3rd
- 2nd base - all times

3rd base umpire will have responsibility for:

- 3rd base - all times
- 1st base - runners on 1st & 2nd, **or** bases loaded