Field Positions



**Infielders**

**Pitcher**: Pitches the ball from the pitcher’s mound to the catcher.

**Catcher**: Crouches behind home plate and receives pitches thrown by the pitcher. Also receives throws from fielders attempting to make outs at home plate.

**First baseman**: “Fields,” or defends, balls hit near the 1st base line. Receives throws from fielders attempting to make outs at 1st base.

**Second baseman**: Fields balls hit near 2nd base. Receives throws from fielders attempting to make outs at 2nd base. Often involved in a [**double-play**](http://www.sportspectator.com/fancentral/softball/guide04.html#doubleplay).

**Third baseman**: Fields balls hit near the 3rd base line. Receives throws from other fielders attempting to make outs at 3rd base.

**Shortstop**: Fields balls hit between the second baseman and third baseman. Covers 2nd base when the ball is hit to the second baseman.

**Outfielders**

Three outfielders — left fielder****, center fielder****and right fielder****— attempt to catch balls hit into their portion of the outfield. Balls hit to the outfield are generally ground balls or fly balls hit past the infield.