

Situational Baseball: Cuts & Relays

Situational Awareness & Defensive Positioning Quiz

This 19-question multiple-choice quiz is designed for baseball players to assess understanding of defensive responsibilities, cut/relay positioning, backups, and communication. Each question refers to key tips, reminders, or specific situations from our Cuts & Relays books and flash cards. Choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D) for each.

Question 1: General Tips

Before each pitch, what should every player do according to the tips?

- A) Check the scoreboard for the count.
- B) Visualize what they will do if the ball is hit to them.
- C) Adjust their glove based on the batter's stance.
- D) Communicate their position to the catcher.

Question 2: General Tips

When backing up in front of a dugout with smaller openings, what should players do?

- A) Stand directly in line with the throw.
- B) Shade towards the openings to stop a deflected or off line throw.
- C) Stay as far back as possible.
- D) Focus only on the runner's path.

Question 3: General Tips

What is emphasized as the key to all defensive plays?

- A) Speed and arm strength.
- B) Communication—be vocal and loud, especially catchers.
- C) Individual positioning only.
- D) Waiting for the coach's signals.

Question 4: Situation #1 (Single to LF, No Runners On)

What is the shortstop's role?

- A) Cover 2B and receive the throw.
- B) Move to cut/relay position between the ball and 2B, listening for communication.
- C) Back up the pitcher on the mound.
- D) Stay close to 3B for a possible play.

Question 5: Situation #2 (Single to CF, No Runners On)

If the ball is hit to the SS side of 2B, who covers 2B?

- A) The shortstop.
- B) The second baseman.
- C) The first baseman.
- D) The third baseman.

Question 6: Situation #3 (Single to RF, No Runners On)

What does the left fielder do?

- A) Sprint to back up the right fielder.
- B) Sprint to a possible back up position behind the 3B.
- C) Sprint to a possible back up position behind the SS.
- D) Stay in position near the foul line.

Question 7: Situation #4 (Single to LF, Runner on 1st)

Who is vocal about what the lead runner is doing?

- A) The first baseman.
- B) The second baseman.
- C) The catcher.
- D) The pitcher.

Question 8: Situation #5 (Single to CF, Runner on 1st)

What is the third baseman's responsibility if the SS cannot recover in time?

- A) Cover 2B for a possible play.
- B) Back up the pitcher.
- C) Be ready for a throw all the way from CF.
- D) Move to cut/relay position.

Question 9: Situation #6 (Single to RF, Runner on 1st)

Where does the left fielder move?

- A) To back up the center fielder.
- B) Into a possible back up position behind 3B.
- C) Toward the infield near 2B.
- D) To cover 3B if needed.

Question 10: Situation #7 (Single to LF, Runner on 2nd)

Who becomes the primary cut/relay?

- A) The shortstop.
- B) The second baseman.
- C) The third baseman.
- D) The first baseman.

Question 11: Situation #8 (Single to CF, Runner on 2nd)

Who is vocal about what the lead runner is doing?

- A) The second baseman.
- B) The third baseman.
- C) The catcher.
- D) The shortstop.

Question 12: Situation #9 (Single to RF, Runner on 2nd)

What direction does the pitcher go to back up home plate?

- A) Between home and first.
- B) Between home and third.
- C) Directly behind the catcher.
- D) Near the mound.

Question 13: Situation #13 (Hit Down the LF Line, No Runners On)

If the ball gets by the LF to the wall, what does the second baseman do?

- A) Cover 2B and stay there.
- B) Move into a trailer cut/relay position.
- C) Back up the first baseman.
- D) Trail the runner to 3B.

Question 14: Situation #17 (Hit Down LF Line, Runner on 1st)

Who are vocal about what the lead runner is doing?

- A) The pitcher and first baseman.
- B) The catcher, second baseman, and third baseman.
- C) The outfielders only.
- D) The shortstop and catcher.

Question 15: Situation #21 (Pop-Up Down LF Line, <2 Outs, Runners on 1st and 3rd)

What is the pitcher's role?

- A) Cover home plate.
- B) Move to cut/relay position near 3B to prevent advances.
- C) Back up the catcher.
- D) Cover 1B.

Question 16: Situation #23 (Foul Pop-Up Behind Home on 3B Side, <2 Outs, Runners on 1st and 3rd)

After catching the pop-up, what should the catcher do?

- A) Immediately run to cover 3B.
- B) Be prepared to make a good hard throw to a middle infielder.
- C) Hold the ball and watch the runners.
- D) Signal to the pitcher.

Question 17: Situation #26 (Fly Out to CF, <2 Outs, Runners on 1st and 3rd)

Who moves into cut/relay position between the mound and 2B?

- A) The second baseman.
- B) The shortstop.
- C) The first baseman.
- D) The third baseman.

Question 18: Situation #28 (Shallow Fly Ball Down LF Line, Runner on 1st)

Who has priority to catch the ball?

- A) The shortstop.
- B) The third baseman.
- C) The left fielder.
- D) The center fielder.

Question 19: Situation #29 (Shallow Fly Ball to CF, Runner on 1st)

Who is vocal about what the lead runner is doing?

- A) The first baseman.
- B) The pitcher.
- C) The catcher.
- D) The third baseman.

Answer Key (For Coaches/Review Purposes Only)

1: B

2: B

3: B

4: B

5: B

6: C

7: B

8: C

9: B

10: C

11: B

12: B

13: B

14: B

15: B

16: B

17: C

18: C

19: A



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