

# Yreka High School Baseball

“Home of the Miners”



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## Defending against the Bunt

### **B1 – 1B: Normal Bunt Defense, Fast Runner at First Base**

- P – Holds runner close at 1B, throws a mid-low fastball for a strike, and has front and left-side responsibilities.
- 1B – Holds runner on until pitcher delivers the pitch, and then charges the plate.
- 2B – Cheats up and over and covers 1B
- SS – Covers 2B
- 3B – Starts 15 feet in on grass and charges the plate, has priority over everyone on bunted ball. Gets back to 3B if doesn't field ball.
- C – Covers in front of plate, calls where to throw the ball, has priority over pitcher and first basemen. Covers 3B if third baseman fields ball

### **B2 – 1B: Bunt Defense, Slower Runner at First Base – First Baseman Breaks Early**

- P – Throws a mid-low fastball for a strike, and has front responsibilities. Covers 3B if third baseman fields ball.
- 1B - Breaks to home plate when pitcher reaches top of stretch.
- 2B – Cheats up and over, and covers 1B
- SS – Covers 2B
- 3B – Starts 10 feet in front of grass, charges when pitcher reaches top of stretch. Gets back to 3B if doesn't field ball.
- C – Covers in front of plate, makes call to infielders, has priority over pitcher and first baseman, covers 3B if pitcher isn't there.

### **B3 – 1B: Bunt Defense, Runner at First Base – Second Baseman Charges**

- P – Throws mid-low strike and breaks straight in, has coverage in front of mound, delivers to plate when sees second baseman out of corner of his eye.
- 1B – Holds runner at 1B

- 2B – Starts on infield grass and breaks hard to plate when pitcher comes set, covers first base side of mound.
- SS – Covers second base
- 3B – Starts 15 feet in front of grass and breaks hard when pitcher comes set, has third base line.
- C – Covers in front, makes call on where to throw the ball. Covers 3B if third baseman field's ball and pitcher can't get there.

### **B1 – 2B: Normal Bunt Defense, Runners on First and Second or just Second**

- P – Throws mid-low fastball for a strike. Covers third base side for bunt responsibility. If he can't field the ball and the third baseman fields it, then cover 3B
- 1B – Starts 15 feet from first base grass and charges hard when batter squares. Listens to catcher for the call.
- 2B – Cheats towards first base from shallow second and covers first base.
- SS – Holds runner close at second base. As pitcher comes to stretch he jabs hard with left foot towards second base and claps glove hard, indicating to the pitcher to pitch. If runner is too far off, opens glove and runs daylight pickoff.
- 3B – Plays slightly in front of third base. Takes a couple of steps in on pitch and reads bunted ball. If pitcher calls for ball, he covers third base. If he reads that pitcher can't get the ball, he calls for the ball and makes the play at first base.
- C – Covers in front of plate and calls where the ball should be thrown.

### **B2 – 2B: Bunt Defense, Runners on First and Second or just Second, 2B Charges**

- P – Throws a mid-low strike when he sees second baseman out of corner of his eye. Covers third base line and calls ball. If he can't field ball, covers third base.
- 1B – Holds runner and stays on the bag
- 2B – When pitcher comes set, breaks hard to home plate.
- SS – Covers second base
- 3B – Plays slightly in front of base and reads bunted ball. If pitcher calls for ball, he covers third base. If pitcher doesn't call for ball, he comes in, fields ball, and makes the play to first base.
- C – Calls play and has responsibility in front of plate.

### **B3 – 2B: Runners on First and Second, or just Second – Rotation Bunt Defense**

- P – Throws a mid-low strike and delivers ball when shortstop reverses direction and has the base runner beat by at least four steps. He then charges ahead and has responsibility in front of mound.
- 1B – Charges towards home plate
- 2B – Covers first base
- SS – Starts in normal position. When pitcher gets down in stretch position, jabs two steps hard towards second base, slaps his glove in the same direction, and sprints to cover third base.
- 3B – Plays slightly in front of third base. Reads shortstop – if shortstop has runner beat, charges towards home plate. If the runner comes with the shortstop to third base, he retreats to third base and prepares for a throw from the catcher. If hitter squares to bunt, he has left-side responsibility.
- C – Calls play and has short front responsibility.