

**JURISDICTIONS**

COACHES: This refers to the chart in, "Basic Positioning", where the lines represent the approximate expected area of coverage by each position. These will fluctuate slightly according to individual abilities. Positions should be assigned to provide maximum defensive coverage of the playing area.

**GENERAL RULES OF JURISDICTION**

These rules apply to fly balls between players. They should be clarified and practised to avoid confusion and possible collision between two or more players.

**JURISDICTION RULES**

- 1. OUTFIELDERS HAVE JURISDICTION OVER INFELDERS**
- 2. CENTER FIELDER HAS JURISDICTION OVER LEFT AND RIGHT FIELDERS.**
- 3. 1ST AND 3RD BASE PLAYERS HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THE CATCHER ON POP FLIES IN THE INFIELD.**
- 4. SHORT STOP HAS JURISDICTION OVER THE 2ND AND 3RD BASE PLAYERS.**
- 5. 2ND BASE HAS JURISDICTION OVER 1ST BASE.**

**SPECIAL RULE**

There is one final rule worth mentioning. On a pop-fly to the mound, the pitcher should vacate the area and allow either the 1st or 3rd base player to catch the ball. This avoids a potential collision between these players who approach the mound looking up. By staying there, the pitcher only gets in the way.