

FLYBALL PRIORITIES

The priority system helps to ensure that everyone has an understanding of who has priority on a pop-up when it is hit between players. It is vital to understand and know who has priority on flyballs to make sure we never have a collision on the field. A few points need to be stressed and understood so that the entire team is working together.

- The flyball priority system doesn't mean that the player who has priority should always call the other players off. If a player has a ball hit right at him and can clearly make a routine play, the player who has been assigned priority should not call him off.
- To verbally call for a ball, an infielder must make a circular motion with his arms and call out, "Mine, Mine, Mine." Use this technique when camped under the ball. Verbally and physically calling for the ball makes communicating more effectively.
- All players not involved with catching the ball must point to the ball to help with tracking and communication.
- **If the player feels that he should catch the ball, he should call it after the ball reaches its highest point and is just beginning to come down.** This will help to make sure that the player's decision to catch the ball is an accurate decision. If two players call for the ball, the player who has priority should catch it. The other player will move to a backup position.
- **Designated Divers** – we will have a designated diver to help minimize the chances of fielders colliding. Usually it is the center fielder, but the person who has priority can be the diver.
- The priority system is listed below:
 - ⇒ The pitcher has priority over the catcher.
 - ⇒ All infielders have priority over the pitcher and catcher.
 - ⇒ The second baseman has priority over the first baseman.
 - ⇒ The third baseman has priority over the first baseman.
 - ⇒ The shortstop has priority over all the infielders.
 - ⇒ All outfielders have priority over all the infielders.
 - ⇒ The center fielder has priority over the left and right fielders.