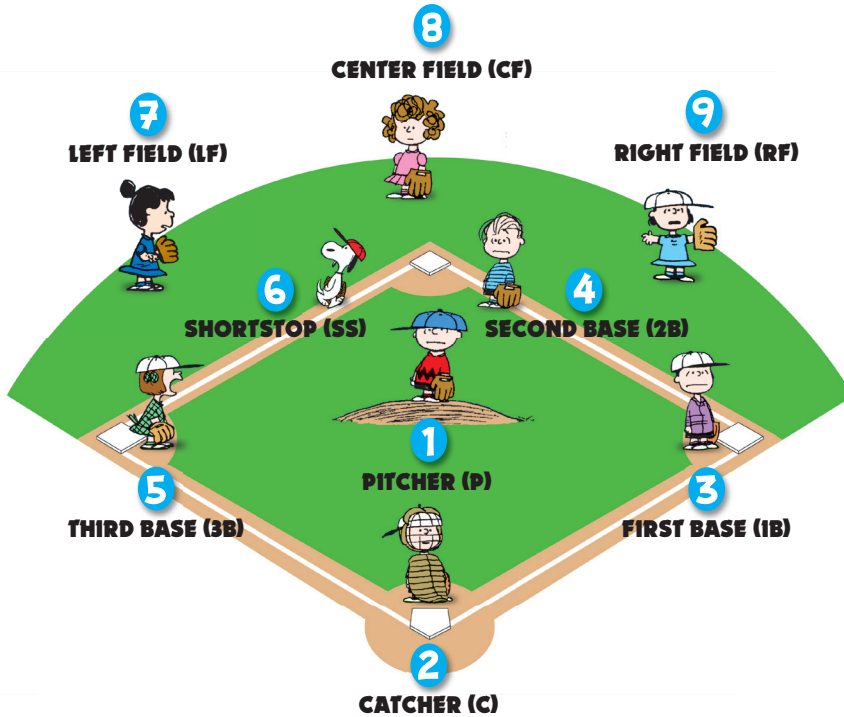


# Learn the Different Positions in Baseball



## The All-Stars' Roster

**P:** Charlie Brown

**2B:** Linus

**LF:** Violet

**C:** Schroeder

**3B:** Patty

**CF:** Frieda

**1B:** Shermey

**SS:** Snoopy

**RF:** Lucy

## Baseball Positions

There are nine positions in baseball. The number assigned to each position is used to record fielding plays on the scorecard.

- 1 PITCHER:** The pitcher throws the ball to the catcher over the plate, trying to make the ball hard for the batter to hit. While it's good for a pitcher to be able to throw fast pitches, it's more important for a pitcher to have control. Control means he should be able to throw strikes, using different pitches.
- 2 CATCHER:** The catcher stands/squats behind home plate and catches the ball when the batter misses or doesn't swing. The catcher is like the quarterback of the team, since he can see the whole field from his position. The catcher calls the pitches for the pitcher, keeps track of balls and strikes, and reminds the other players about them.
- 3 FIRST BASE:** The first baseman protects and plays near first base. Since this position is involved in many plays, it's important that he catches the ball well. It's also helpful if he is tall and left-handed.
- 4 SECOND BASE:** This position protects second base and the gaps on either side of the base, working closely with the shortstop.
- 5 THIRD BASE:** The third baseman protects and plays near third base. She usually gets the least action of any of the infielders, but her defense is critical on preventing scoring.
- 6 SHORTSTOP:** The shortstop is the most important defensive player on the team, usually positioned in the gap between second and third base. He needs to be able to field and throw well.
- 7 LEFT FIELDER:** The left fielder needs to have good fielding and catching skills and is responsible for backing up third base.
- 8 CENTER FIELDER:** The center fielder covers the most ground of the outfielders and needs to be able to move fast and throw far. She backs up second base.
- 9 RIGHT FIELDER:** The right fielder's most important role is to back up first base as there is so much action at that position.