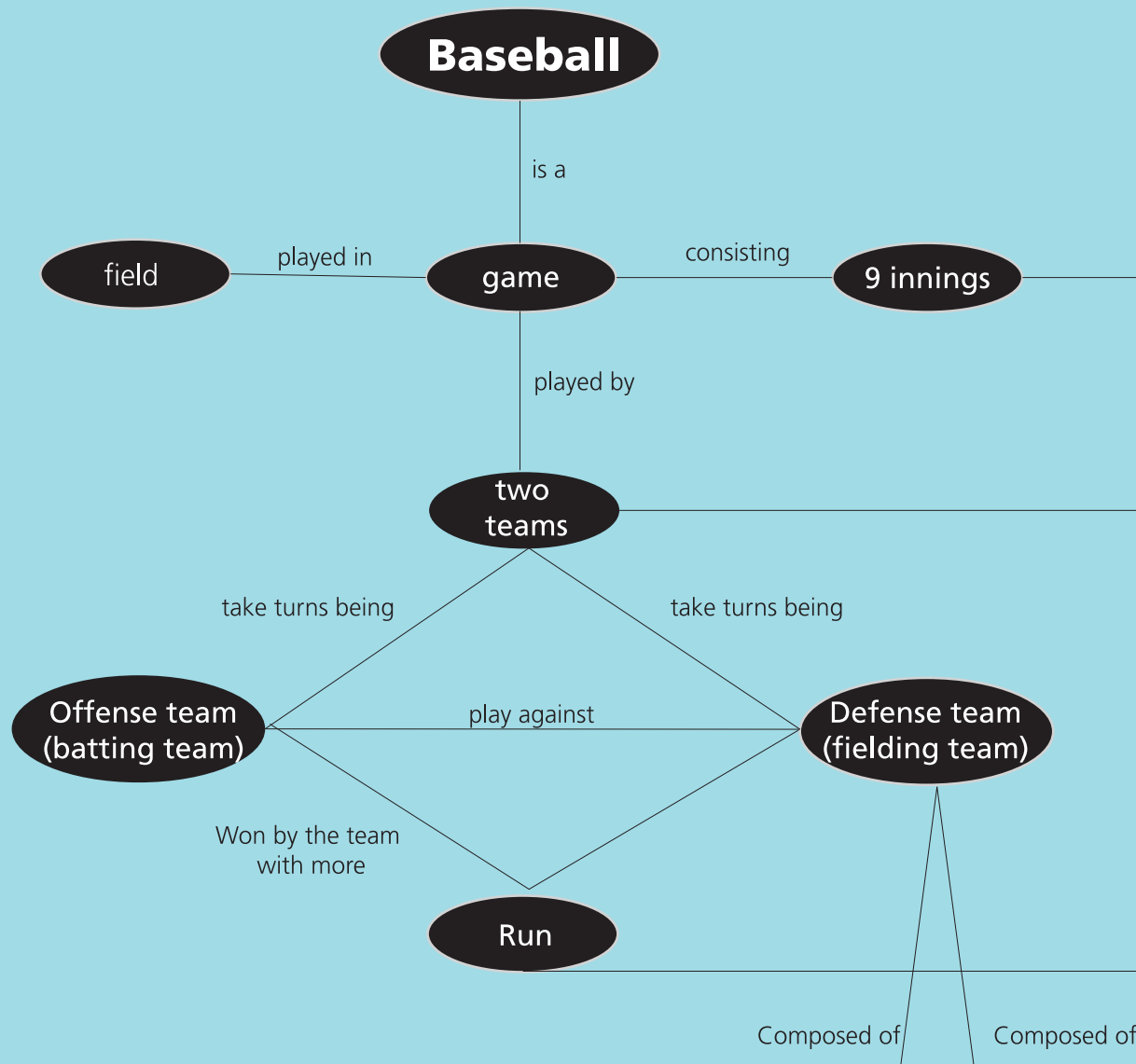


Introducing Baseball

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Scoring



Innings
A game is divided into nine innings. An inning is composed of a top, when the visitor is on offense, and a bottom, when the home team is on offense. There are three outs for each team per inning. In the example below, it is the fifth inning. The top of the inning is finished. Next, the home team will be on offense.

If the game is tied at the end of nine innings an extra inning is played. Innings are added until the score is no longer tied, and both teams have had a chance to bat in each extra inning.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Runs
Visitor	0	2	1	0	0					3
Home	0	0	1	1						2

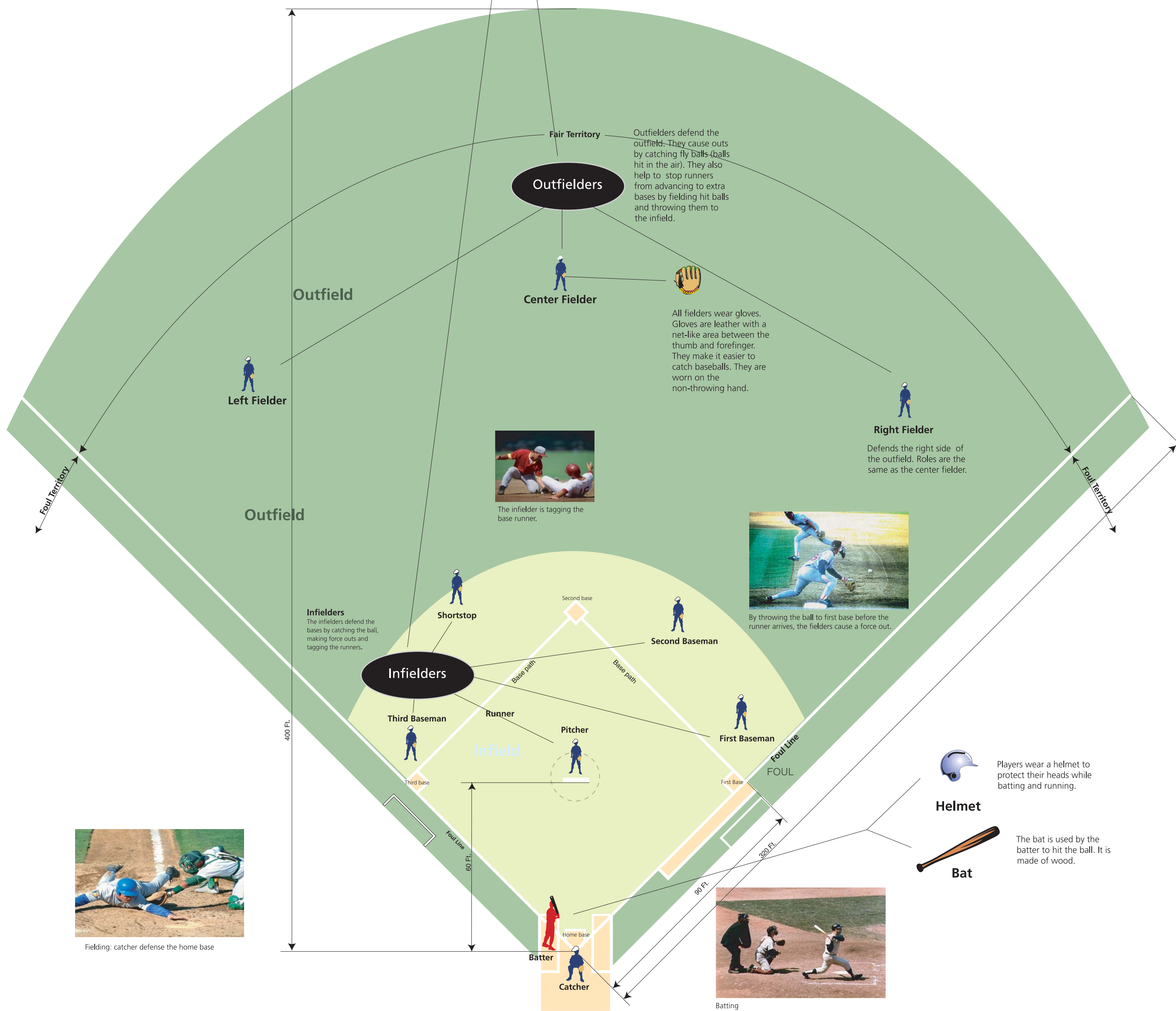
Runs
Runs are baseball's way to say points. A run is scored when an offensive player safely touches all of the bases, including home plate.

Balls ●●●●
When a pitch misses the strike zone, and the batter doesn't swing, a ball is called. When batters get four balls, they get a walk, which is a free pass to first base.

Strikes ●●●●
When a pitch is thrown in the strike zone, and the player doesn't swing, or with a foul ball (ball hit into foul territory), or when a batter misses the ball, a strike is called. Three strikes equals one out.

Outs ●●●●
There are three outs per inning per team. After three outs, the other team bats on offense.

Field of Play



The Battle between Pitcher and Batter

Play begins with a showdown between the pitcher and a batter from the opposing team. The pitcher tries to get the batter out by making the batter miss, or hit the ball to a fielder. The batter tries to hit the ball. After a hit, he runs to first base and the fielders get him out.

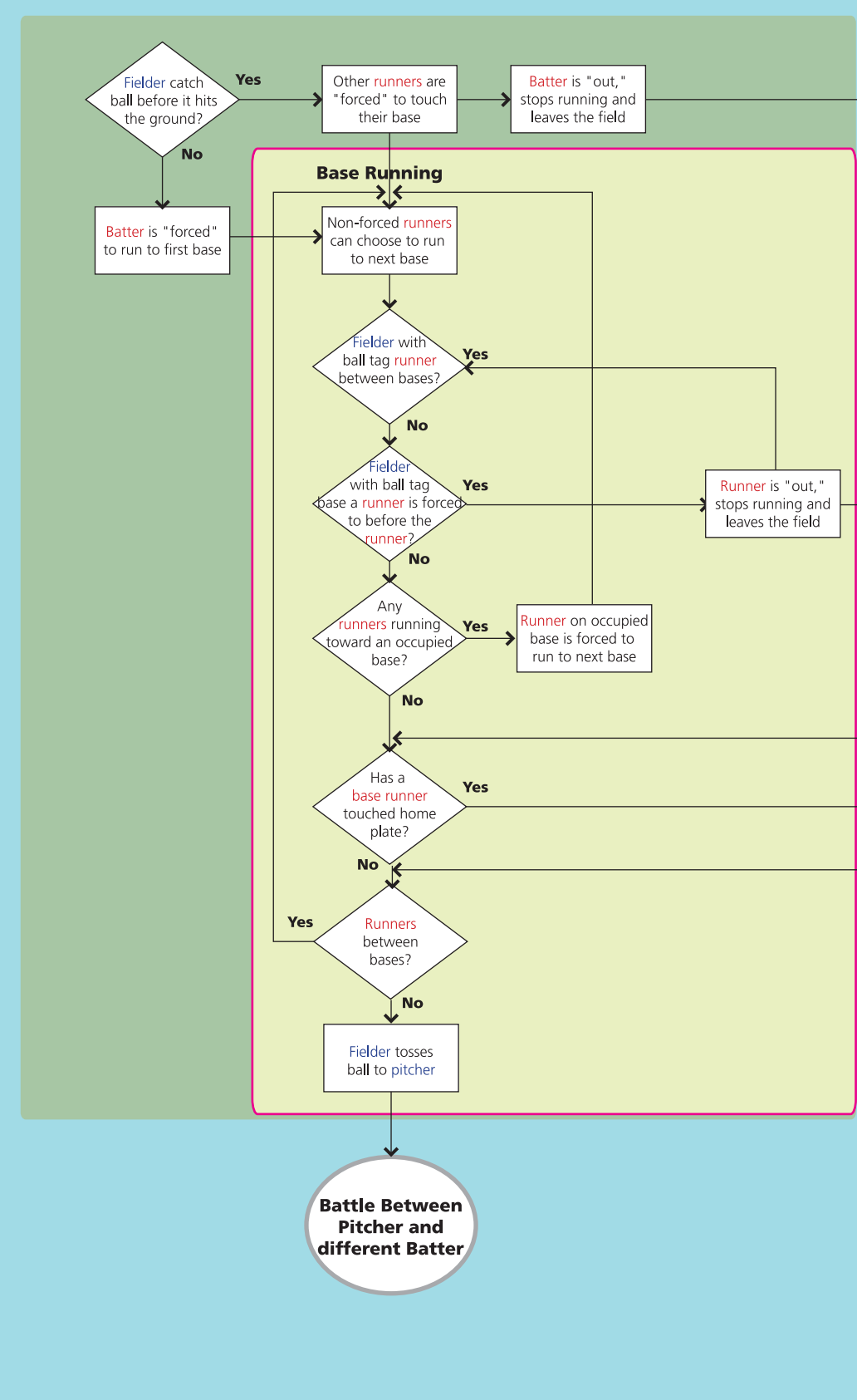
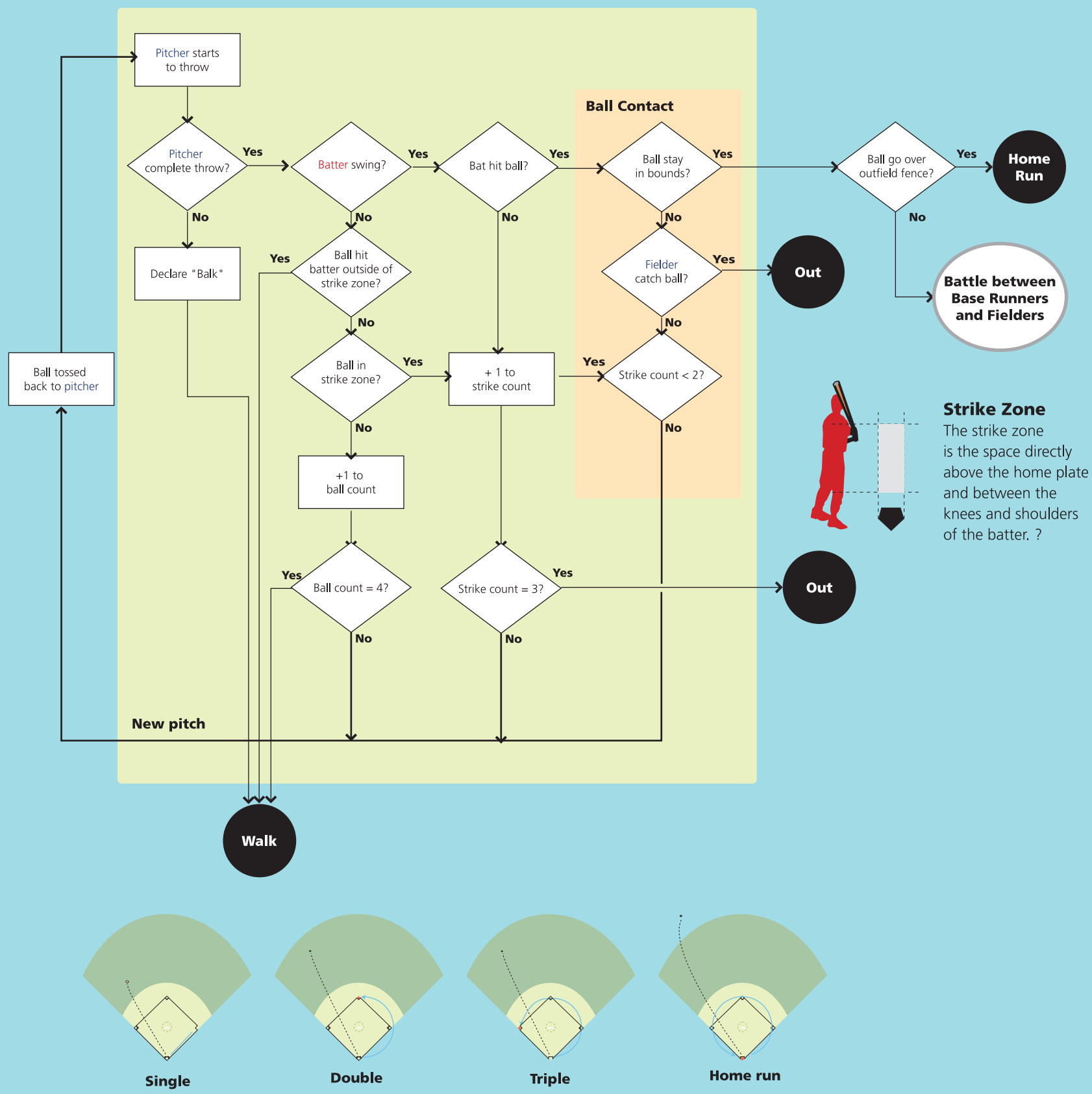
Battle between fielders and base runners

When the baseball is hit by the batter into fair territory he becomes a runner. The runner tries to make it safely to all of the bases. When a runner is standing on the base, he is safe from being out. The defensive players, known as fielders try to get the runner out. There are three main ways to get a runner out. They can tag first base while holding the ball before the runner gets there, catch the ball before it touches the ground, or touch the runner with the ball if he is not on a base.

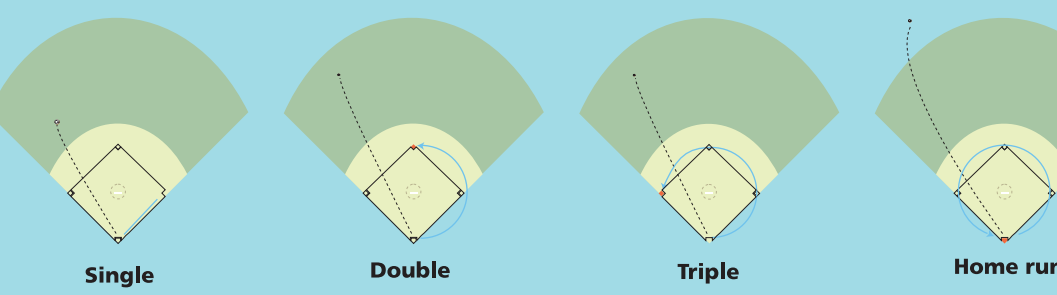
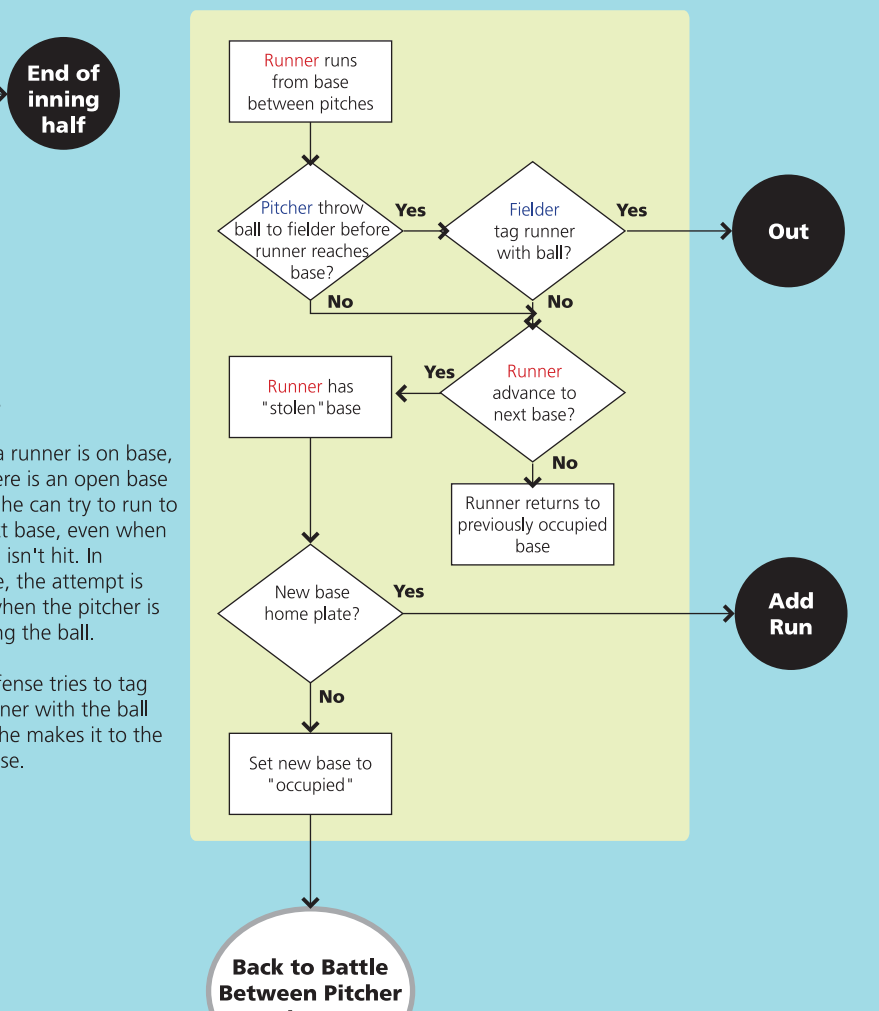
When are players forced to run?

	Runner runs toward base	Runner leaves base before fielder catches fly ball
First base		
Not occupied	⚪ Batter always forced to run to 1st	N/A
Occupied	⚪ Base runner forced to 2nd, batter forced to run to 1st	⚪ Base runner forced to touch 1st before running
Second base		
Not occupied	No force	N/A
Occupied	⚪ Base runner forced to run to 3rd	⚪ Base runner forced to touch 2nd before running
Third base		
Not occupied	No force	N/A
Occupied	⚪ Base runner forced to run to home plate	⚪ Base runner forced to touch 3rd before running
Home plate		
Not occupied	No force	N/A
Occupied	Not possible	

Action

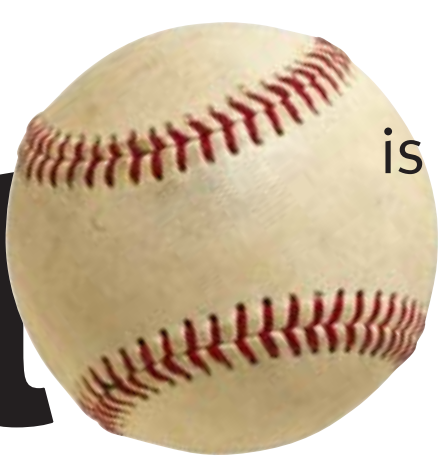


Steal Attempt



How to play...

Baseball



is a **game** played

on a field called a **diamond**



by **two teams** that alternate between...

offense and defense

the game

is composed of 9

innings

which are made of 2 sides

consisting of

plays

sends a batter to the plate

takes the field

who tries to

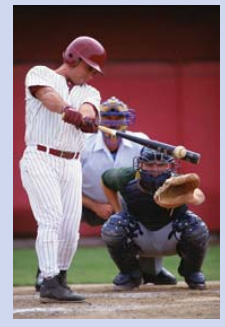
and starts the play

batting

pitching

baserunning

fielding



hit the ball with a **bat**



with a **pitch** and when the ball is hit



and **run**

around the

bases



to score

runs



attempts to

catch the ball



and **tag**

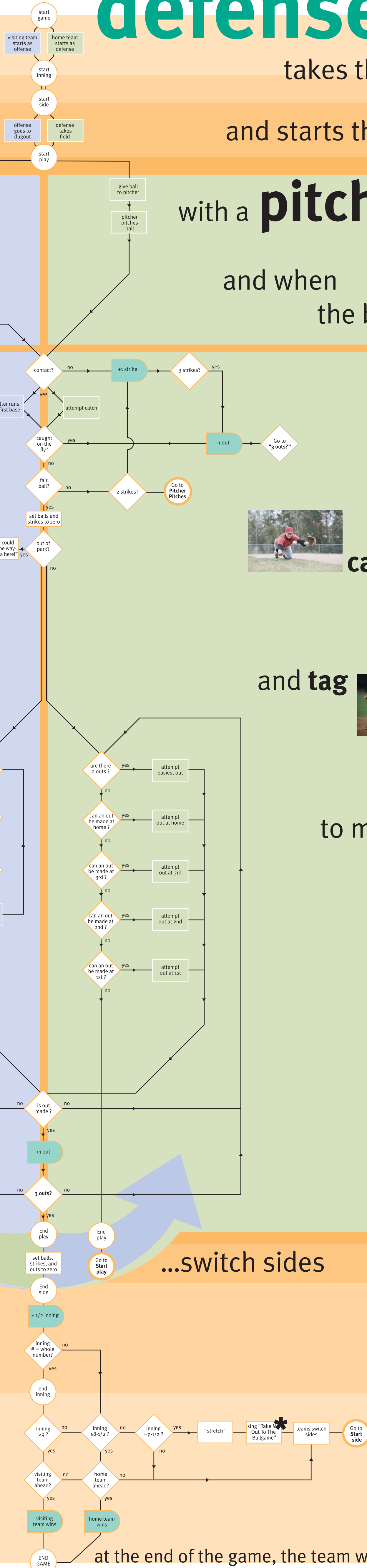
runners

to make

outs

after 3 outs...

...switch sides



at the end of the game, the team with the most runs **wins.**

* Take me out to the ballgame, Take me out to the crowd. Buy me some peanuts and cracker jacks, I don't care if I ever get back. Cause it's root, root, root for the home team, If they don't win it's a shame. For it's one, two, three strikes you're out, at the old ballgame.