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Pre-Pitch Preparation

Good questions to ask yourself or review with yourself before every pitch of the game

- Do I have an umpire-to-umpire signal to respond to?
- Are my partners in the correct starting position?
- Where are the runners?
- How many outs?
- What is my fly ball coverage area?
- Where do I go on a ball hit to the outfield that no umpire chases? If my partner chases?
- What are my tag-up responsibilities — no chase, partner chase?
- Where do I go on an infield hit?
- Do I have check swing responsibilities?
- What's the likelihood for a steal or pick-off?
- What type of batted ball presents high potential for interference?
- Where would obstruction likely occur?

These are the types of questions to ask before each pitch. After time these questions become second-nature.