

EZBalance Baseball Lineup Spreadsheet

Using the Fielding Visual fielding diagram

Once the basic lineup has been created, use the Fielding Visual diagram to review a fielding diagram of each inning.

This view will allow you to see potential weaknesses in your proposed fielding assignments. Positions with fielding rating of 4 - 5 appear as blue, ratings of 3 appear yellow, and ratings below 3 appear red. Fielding visual also will also help find any unfilled positions, and situations where multiple players were assigned the same position.

View of Fielding Positions Worksheet in-process

Figure 1 - Fielding Visual in-process shows an example of the Fielding Visual during the process of assigning Fielding positions. During this phase of the process, it highlights issues that need to be corrected, some of which are summarized by inning under diagram.

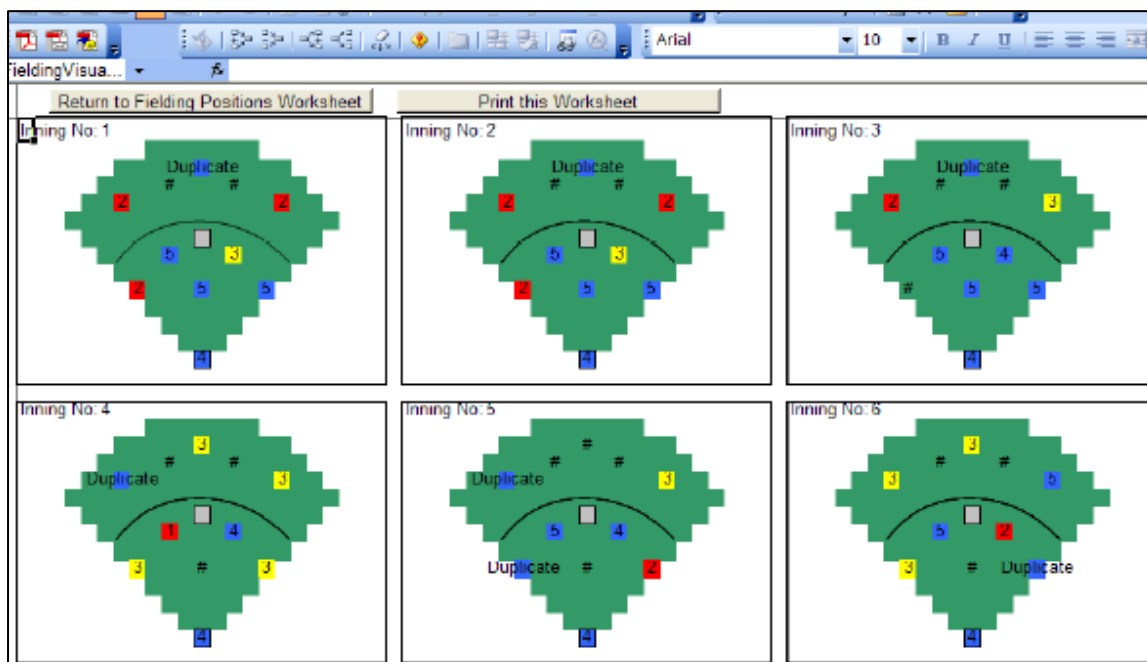


Figure 1 - Fielding Visual in-process

Examples of Fielding problems that need to be corrected:

Innings 1 & 2 – “duplicate” in centerfield position indicates the multiple players are scheduled in that position.

Inning 3 -- duplicate in centerfield, and missing third base. Very strong infield, as indicated by all of the blue shading, which may lead to an imbalance in playing time.

Inning 4 - duplicate left fielder, missing pitcher. Infield is looking pretty weak.

Inning 5 -- duplicate left fielder and third baseman, missing pitcher and centerfielder. Additionally, we have a "2" rated fielder at first base. This could be a problem, both from a defensive standpoint, and from a safety standpoint.

Inning 6 -- duplicate first baseman, missing pitcher

To this point, the use of the Fielding Visual sheet has been pretty basic-- primarily identifying duplicate positions, and positions that have not been filled. Once the basic problems identified above are corrected, you begin the process of tweaking the lineups, inning by inning, both for playing time, and to balance the defense by inning.