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 Florida 17
## Scorekeeping Clinic

## MEETING DECORUM

## PLEASE

- Ask questions as they come to you
- Will parking lot topics as needed
- This is based on Little League Rule Book, Local Leagues may have adopted rules not covered here.
- Little League offers a free Rules Application. LL Rulebooks


## Scorekeepers Clinic

## From Rule Book

Note: All officials, including all managers, coaches, scorekeepers, umpires, tournament directors, district administrators, etc., should make every effort to prevent a situation that may result in the forfeiture of a game or suspension of tournament privileges. However, failure by any party to prevent such situations shall not affect the validity of a protest.

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When I enter the score booth as an official of the game, I
recognize:
I am a neutral party
Giving information to a team, gives that team an advantage, is no different than an official who adjusts the conditions of a game to benefit a team

## LOCAL LEAGUE ADOPTION

## Scorekeeping Important Notes for Tracking <br> Continuous Batting Order

- Late Players:
- Up to the discretion of Manager if will have them play
- Must be added to bottom of line-up for continuous batting order
- Must still meet mandatory play requirement of one at bat
- Sick / Injured players
- Skip player in continuous batting order with no penalties. May reenter the game to the discretion of the Manager/Player.
- Ejected players
- Skip player in continuous batting order with no penalties.


## Curtesy Runners

- Pitcher / Catcher must complete an At Bat mandatory play requirement before curtesy runners may be used.


## SCOREKEEPERS

## PROTESTABLE

Mandatory Play Violations Improper Substitution Illegal Pitcher Illegal Catcher Illegal Player

## NOT PROTESTABLE

Judgement Calls<br>Unannounced Substitution Batting Out of Turn Runner not Tagging Up Runner Leaving Early Missed Bases

The misapplication of a playing rule is also a protestable offense. However, this is typically outside the purview of the scorekeeper.

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Pitching
Basics

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## Baseball Pitch Tracking

## Pitching Log Baseball, Fill out in pencil



1. Fill out all players ineligible to pitch. For second game of day, add players as needed from first game.
2. As a pitcher becomes ineligible to catch, may fill out this information. For second game in a day, this should be filled out
3. Team Name for tracking those pitchers
4. Date of game

## Pitching Log Baseball, Fill out in pencil



1. Write in Catcher(s) Uniform \# each inning.
2. Write in starting pitcher uniform number, name, league age, maximum pitches, inning entered to pitch.
I. Pitching change:
$\checkmark$ Pitcher removed, log inning removed, score at that moment, total pitches, threshold pitches (First pitch to the last batter they pitched to)
$\checkmark$ New Pitcher: pitcher uniform number, name, league age, maximum pitches, inning entered.

## PITCHING LOG

## Pitching Log Baseball, Fill out in Pencil



- \# 12 started the game.
- In the third inning, \#9 starts pitching
- Score was 5-4, pitching team has 5 runs.
- \#12 started their last batter with:
- $1^{\text {st }}$ pitch is $39^{\text {th }}$ pitch, last pitch thrown to batter was 42 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ pitch.

This allows for you to stay on one form throughout the game yet still capture everything you need to fill out the pitching affidavit after the game is over.

## COUNTING PITCHES

All methods are acceptable for tracking pitches. The key is knowing the first pitch to each batter. All methods is reflecting 3 pitches to first batter, 4 pitches to second batter.




## Reminder:

Every pitch is counted, including all fouls, illegal pitches, balks with a delivered pitch, balls in an intentional walk. If umpire calls, "No Pitch", then do not count a pitch.
Batter steps out of box - Strike on batter, no pitch counted on pitcher (Rule 3.a)

## SCOREKEEPERS BOOK

## Utilizing Pitch Count Area

Count pitches, one column per pitcher, checkbox the pitches as pitched. Circle last pitch for a batter.


## SCOREKEEPERS BOOK

For baseball, log the pitch changes within the inning.


## Logging Pitching Changes

Designate within the book
what batter the pitching change happened on.

Draw a line
between
Players
indicating
where pitcher
entered

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## Mandatory Play

## MANDATORY PLAY

Defensive Player Requirements

- Player must play 6 consecutive outs:
- Starter may be removed before mandatory play is met
- Substitute may not be removed from defense until At Bat and Defensive requirements are met.
- If a starter re-enters defense without first meeting mandatory play, starter must complete mandatory play before another substitution may happen.


## MANDATORY PLAY

## An AT-BAT, for the purposes of meeting the requirements of Mandatory Play

- Player assumes the position of a batter with no count and one of the following occurs:
- Player is retired as a batter, or
- Player is retired as a batter-runner, a runner or
- Player reaches base and scores, or
- After reaching base safely, the inning or game ends


## PITCHER / CATCHER MUST COMPLETE MANDATORY PLAY BEFORE A CURTESY RUNNER MAY BE USED.

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## SCORESHEET

## DISTRICT 17 WILL HAVE STANDARD SCOREBOOKS

Baseball: Use space to record Catcher

Uniform \# (s) per inning

Starting Players leaving
room for substitutes

Score how got to base (hit or walk).
Write "E" for Error
If intentional walk, circle BB and write "IW" next to player's name to make it easy to see they already received an IW

## SCORESHEET

1. Minimum - Record Runs each inning.
2. All other stats are optional
3. Notes / Comments - Anything noteworthy
4. Optional to record pitcher information
5. Ejections or other information about the game
6. Record final score of game


## SCORESHEET

## DISTRICT 17 WILL HAVE STANDARD SCOREBOOKS

Although there will be an official pitch counter, scorekeeper should help to compare notes. This section provides an easy solution to count all pitches.
Slash each pitch and circle last pitch to that batter. This example is 3 pitches to that batter.
Softball: Slash the inning that the pitcher pitched in


## DEFENSE POSITIONS

## SCOREKEEPER'S CHEAT SHEET

List of Positions and Numbers

| Position |
| :--- | | Pitcher |
| :--- | 1



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## ABBREVIATIONS BASICS

Ways to Get on Base and Advance Baserunners

| Abbrev | Meaning | Example |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1B | Single | Batter is safe on first with a hit |
| 2B | Double | Batter is safe on second with a hit |
| 3B | Triple | Batter is safe on third with a hit |
| HR | Home run | Can also be a grand slam with 4 RBIs |
| GRD | Ground Rule Double | Ball bounces over outfield wall, batter given second base |
| BB | Base on balls | Batter is walked |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { HP } \\ & \text { or HBP } \end{aligned}$ | Hit by pitch | Batter is given first base due to being hit by a pitch |
| FC | Fielder's choice | Batter gets on base, but another runner is out could have been the batter being out (but the fielder "chose" to make another out) |
| E \# | Error | Fielder makes an error so batter gets on base (E3 = error made by first base) |
| IBB | Intentional base on balls | Batter is walked intentionally |
| Cl | Catcher interference | Catcher's mitt interferes with bat swing, batter given first base |
| K E2 | Dropped $3^{\text {ra }}$ strike, runner safe at first | Third strike pitch, but the catcher drops it. In Majors, batter can run to base if 1 ) $1^{5 t}$ base is unoccupied, or 2 ) $1^{3 t}$ base is occupied and there are 2 outs |
| \# | Runner advanced by batter | Record jersey number of batter on base path for the base runner in the scorebook |
| SB | Stolen base | Legitimate stolen base (not WP or PB or error) |
| WP | Wild pitch | Pitcher's fault - catcher would have difficulties catching the ball, so a runner successfully gets to next base during another's at bat |
| PB | Passed ball | Catcher's fualt - pitch was thrown so catcher should have caught the ball, but missed, so a runner successfully gets to next base during another's at bat |
| BK | Balk | Pitcher makes illegal motion after coming to a set with a runner on base |

Ways to Get Out
Standard scoring when multiple players make an out working together:
lace the position numbers of those who helped make the out in the sequence that the out was made (i.e., $9-6-3=$ right fielder throws to shortstop who throws to $1^{\text {st }}$ base player who gets the out)

| Abbrev | Meaning | Example |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| K | Strikeout swinging | Strike three was a swing and a miss |
| X | Strikeout looking | Strike three was a called strike by the umpire |
| L \# | Line drive | L6 $=$ line drive out catch made by shortstop |
| F \# | Fly | F8 = fly out catch made by center field |
| \# U | Unassisted | $3 U=$ first base was the only player who touched <br> the ball and made the out at first |
| \#'s DP | Double play | $6-4-3$ DP $=$ short to $2^{\text {nd }}$ to $1^{\text {st }}$ |
| \#'s TP | Triple play | $5-4-3$ TP $=3^{\text {rd }}$ to $2^{\text {nd }}$ to $1^{\text {st }}$ |
| CS | Caught stealing | Base runner tagged out while stealing |
| SAC | Sacrifice | Additional notation if out led to advancing a base <br> runner |

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## SOME BASIC KNOWLEDGE

By filling in the box, this shows the batter/runner scored


Double Play
Where \#2 batted into the double play


Fly out to right center, tag out \#2


Uncaught $3^{\text {rd }} \quad$ Uncaught $3^{\text {rd }}$ Strike, safe at Strike, out at
first


Uncaught $3^{\text {rd }}$ strike does not apply to 8/9/10 year-old division.

## Base on Balls



Intentional Walk


Hit by Pitch


Catcher's Interference


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## SOME BASIC KNOWLEDGE



## \# designates how many pitches on that batter



Intentional Walk


Catcher's Interference


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## FILLING OUT SCOREBOOK FROM LINE-UPS

## CONTINUOUS BATTING ORDER



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## FILLING OUT SCOREBOOK FROM LINE-UPS

## SOME HIGHLIGHTS



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## SCORING FOR INJURY/SICK/EJECTED



## EJECTED PLAYERS OR COACH



Logging this information could help the umpire if there are any questions.

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## Scorekeepers and Pitch Counters PITCHING \& CATCHING

## PITCHING RULES - SOFTBALL

## Major and Below

- One day rest is required before first TOC game
- Less than 7 innings - No rest is required
- 7 or more innings -1 day rest is required
- Can not pitch in more than 12 innings in a day
- Can return to pitch at anytime, but only once in the same inning as removed, provided the pitcher was not removed from the game.


## Junior/Senior

- There are no restrictions, limits, or days rest
- Can be removed from the game and reenter as pitcher for that inning, and can only reenter once

Suspended games resumed the following calendar day: The pitchers of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extent of the remaining eligibility that pitcher would have had during the previous day. However, in no event shall any pitcher pitch more than twelve (12) innings in any game.

- Pitcher remaining in the game, may return at any time, but only once in the same inning as removed


## PITCHING LIMITS AND REST - BASEBALL

## Pitch Limits \& Rest Requirements

| Senior League |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 12 -year-old | 85 Maximum |
| $13-16$-year-old | 95 Maximum |


| League Age |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 8 -year-old | 50 Maximum |
| $9-10$-year-old | 75 Maximum |
| $11-12$-year-old | 85 Maximum |
| $13-16$-year-old | 95 Maximum |

Days Rest

| $\square 1-20$ pitches | 0 days |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square 21-35$ | 1 day |
| $\square 36-50$ | 2 days |
| $\square 51-65$ | 3 days |
| $\square 66+$ | 4 days |

## PITCHING RULES - BASEBALL

## Threshold

If a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until:

- The batter reaches base
- The batter is retired
- Third out is made to complete the half inning or the game
- The pitcher is removed from the mound prior to the batter completing his/her at bat.

The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) rest of the threshold he/she reached during that at-bat, provided that pitcher is removed, or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter.

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## BASEBALL DAILY LIMITS

Daily Game Limits for Pitchers (Threshold Applies)


More than 30,
one game only

Under no circumstances shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.
A game suspended, does count towards pitching a day.

## PITCHING RULES - BASEBALL

Pitchers, once removed from the mound:

- Major and Below - May not return
- Intermediate/Junior/Senior - A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game.


## PITCHER TO CATCHER

## Pitcher to Catcher- Regulation VI - Pitchers (Baseball)

| 41 or more pitches may not catch for remainder of the Day <br> (Threshold applies) | Pitcher starts batter, first pitch is the $40^{\text {th }}$ pitch. <br> Pitcher completes the batter at 45 pitches. <br> Yes, may become catcher |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Pitcher starts batter, first pitch is $41^{\text {st }}$ pitch or greater. <br> May not catch remainder of the Day |



## CATCHER TO PITCHER

## Regulation VI - Pitchers (Baseball)

Any player who had played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.

## CATCHER TO PITCHER TO CATCHER

Regulation VI - Pitchers (Baseball)
Any player who had played the position of catcher

- In three (3) or less innings in a game
- Moves to Pitcher and delivers
- Not Senior League: 21 or more pitches (threshold)
- Senior League: 31 or more pitches (threshold)

May not be catcher for the remainder of the calendar day


Catching one pitch in an inning; counts as catching an inning

## IMPORTANT TO TRACK CATCHER INNINGS - BASEBALL

| 12 | Lee Roth | 3 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15 | Michael Macdonald | 4 |  |
| 5 | Micheal Kai | 6 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Bella Smith | 2 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 8 | Julio Cardenas | 4 |  |
| 7 | Isaiah Morrís | 2(B3-5) | = Catcher bottom of third and caught in 5th inning |
| 11 | Joe Chung | 1 | =became catcher bottom of fifth |
|  |  |  |  |
| 9 | Kobert Newman | 5 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Thomas Turner | 9 \| 2(B5) |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Eric Gray | 7 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Kyle Lamb | 8 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | Substitutes |  |  |
| 7 | Isaiah Morrís |  |  |
| 15 | Michael Macdonald |  |  |



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## VERBAL INTENTIONAL WALKS



## Track Players



You can still intentionally walk anyone without limits by throwing pitches

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## Batting Out of Turn

## SCORING BATTING OUT OF TURN

Scorekeeper may not alert anyone of batting out of turn.

1. Batter "Sam" bats when "Palmer" should be up. If fixed while Sam is batting,

Palmer takes Sam's place with the count Sam incurred.
2. Batter "Sam" bats when "Palmer" should be up. Team protests after Sam completes at bat but before next pitch is thrown:

Palmer is out and Sam is removed from base.
Any players advanced on ball batted in play, are put back to spot of last pitch. Next batter after Palmer is proper batter, which might be Sam.
3. Batter "Sam" bats when "Palmer" should be up. Team protests after Sam completes at bat and after next pitch is thrown (or no protest):

Batter after Sam is proper batter.
This might skip people in the lineup.

## SCORING BATTING OUT OF TURN

## Scenario One:

Sam comes up to bat, realize mistake and put Palmer in batter's box. Palmer takes the count Sam left off with.


## SCORING BATTING OUT OF TURN

## Scenario Two:

Sam comes up to bat, Sam reaches first base, defense team protests.
Palmer is out.
All players return that advanced on a played ball.
If a player steals, they will retain their steal.
Sam is up to bat.


## SCORING BATTING OUT OF TURN

## Scenario Three:

Sam comes up to bat, Sam reaches first base, no protest and next pitch happens.
Sammie is next legal batter.
Note:
If Sammie had taken Palmer's at bat with no protest, Next legal batter would be Ash


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## QUESTIONS

## HELPFUL WEBLINKS

 Florida 17For those that would like some basic tutorials of overall scorekeeping, these links are helpful.

- Little League 101
- Alemda Little League Videos
- West Seattle Little League Videos
- Alhambra Little League Videos

