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TOURNAMENT Scorekeeping Clinic

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MEETING DECORUM

PLEASE

- Remain muted unless asked to speak
- Raise your hand and wait to be recognized before asking questions
- If you are going to speak, please mute any background noise sources

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AGENDA

This presentation will focus on scorekeeping tips for tournament, where rules might be different than your local league by-laws.

- Responsibilities
- Basics
- Substitutes and Mandatory Play
- Suspended Games
- Pitching and Catching
- Special Pinch Runner
- Other Information
- Questions

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Scorekeepers and Pitch Counters Responsibilities

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SCOREKEEPER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Pregame

- Arrive 45 minutes before game
- Check Scoreboard Operation
- Note all ineligible pitchers
- 30 minutes before game, get lineups from managers
- Enter information in book
  - Uniform Number
  - Full First Name and Last Name
  - Defense Position

Game

- Record all pitcher changes
- Record all catcher changes (baseball)
- Record all substitutions
- Record all game plays
- Trips to the mound per pitcher/per inning

Post Game

- Complete book and clearly show final score

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SCOREKEEPERS

Scorekeepers and other tournament officials are required to take action to avoid a protest.

On the other hand, scorekeepers and other tournament officials are prohibited from providing information to anyone that would give one team an unfair advantage over the other.

As a scorekeeper, it is important that you are familiar with what is protestable and should be mentioned and what is not protestable and should be quietly kept to yourself.

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SCOREKEEPERS

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PROTESTABLE

Mandatory Play Violations
Improper Substitution
Illegal Pitcher
Illegal Player

NOT PROTESTABLE

Judgement Calls
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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PITCH COUNTER RESPONSIBILITIES

Pregame

- Arrive 30 minutes before game
- Check Scoreboard Operation
- Note all ineligible pitchers
- 30 minutes before game, get lineups from managers
- Enter information in pitching affidavit
  - Uniform Number
  - Full First Name and Last Name
  - League Age (Baseball)

Game

- Record all pitching changes
- Baseball
  - Record all pitches
    - Fouls, illegal pitch count as a pitch
    - Balk on ***delivered*** pitch, counts as a pitch
    - International Walk, record all “Balls” (i.e. 4 pitches)
    - Only if Umpire calls No Pitch, does a pitch not count
- Softball
  - Log innings pitched

Post Game

- Complete Pitch count affidavit
- Announce to managers to come up and sign pitcher affidavits

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PITCHING AFFIDAVIT

Immediately following each game, the official scorekeeper or pitch counter shall enter the following information on the reverse side of each team's eligibility affidavit ***in ink.***

- Date of game
- Name of each player who pitched
- Softball – Number of innings pitched
- Baseball – Number of pitches
- Name of opponent
- Score of game when pitchers were changed

Have the Team Manager sign indicating agreement with information entered
Have the Tournament Director sign indicating the record is now official

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PITCHING AFFIDAVIT / LOG

Pitching Affidavit
Fill out in Ink

Baseball Pitch Count Data Sheet

League: _____

Division: _____

Additional blank data sheets are available at LittleLeague.org

8-10 – Junior Divisions

League Age	Max Pitches Per Day
8	50
9-10	75
11-12	85
13-14	95

# of Pitches Thrown	Days of Rest
1 - 20	0
21 - 35	1
36 - 50	2
51 - 65	3
> 65	4

Senior League

League Age	Max Pitches Per Day
13-16	95

# of Pitches Thrown	Days of Rest
1 - 30	0
31 - 45	1
46 - 60	2
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Pitching Log
Fill out in pencil

_____ Little League -- Baseball Game Pitch Log

Team _____ Opponent _____ Date _____

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LOGGING PITCHES - BASEBALL

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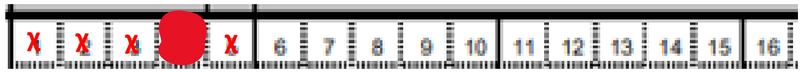
Additional Tips Method One

Color in box for last pitch to a batter



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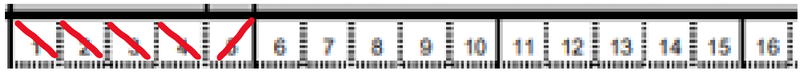
Alternate Slash between batters.



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Reminder:

Every pitch is counted, including all fouls, illegal pitches, balks with a delivered pitch, balls in an intentional walk.

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LOGGING PITCHING CHANGES

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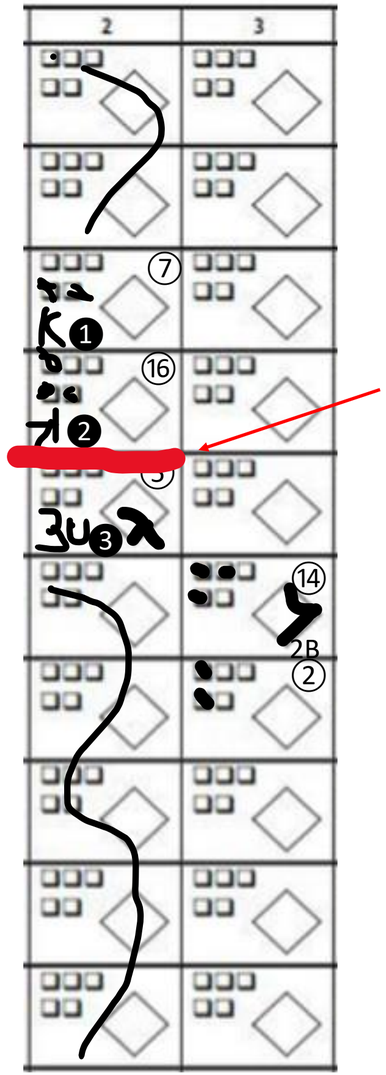

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Immediately input the score and pitches into the affidavit

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Basics

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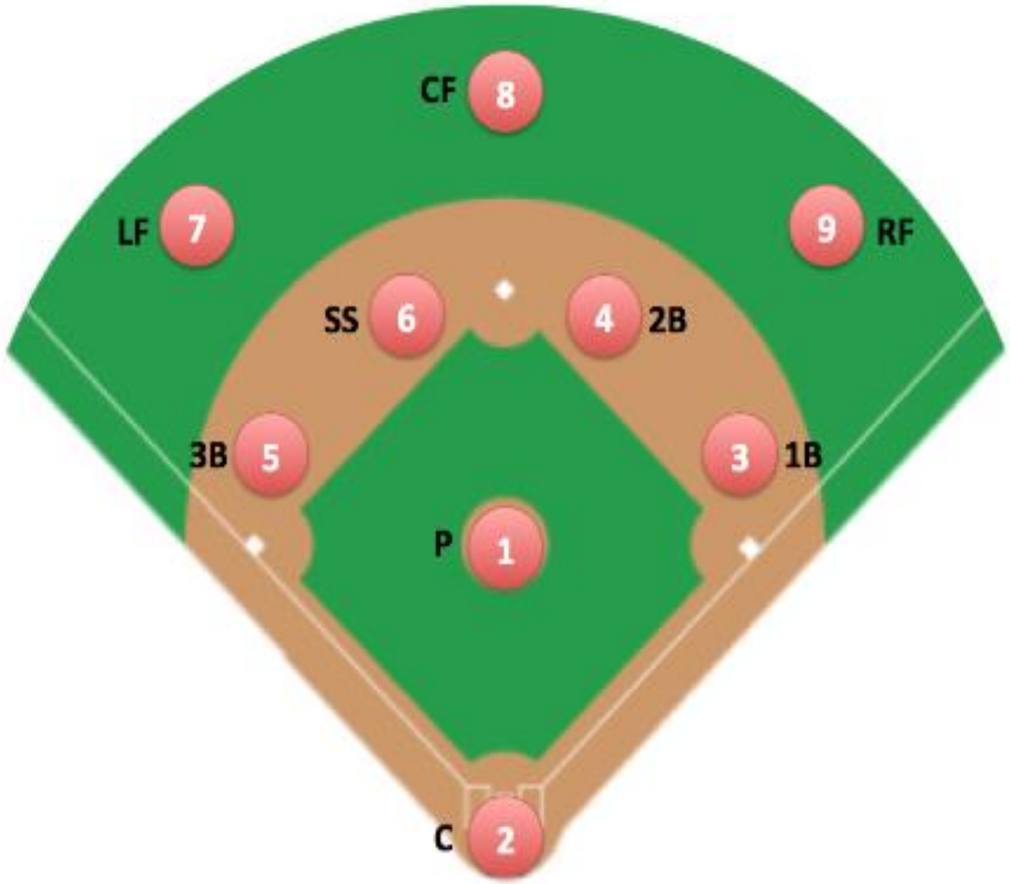
DEFENSE POSITIONS

SCOREKEEPER'S CHEAT SHEET

List of Positions and Numbers

Position	#
Pitcher	1
Catcher	2
First base	3
Second base	4
Third base	5
Shortstop	6
Left field	7
Center field	8
Right field	9

Designated Hitter should have a Position of DH.



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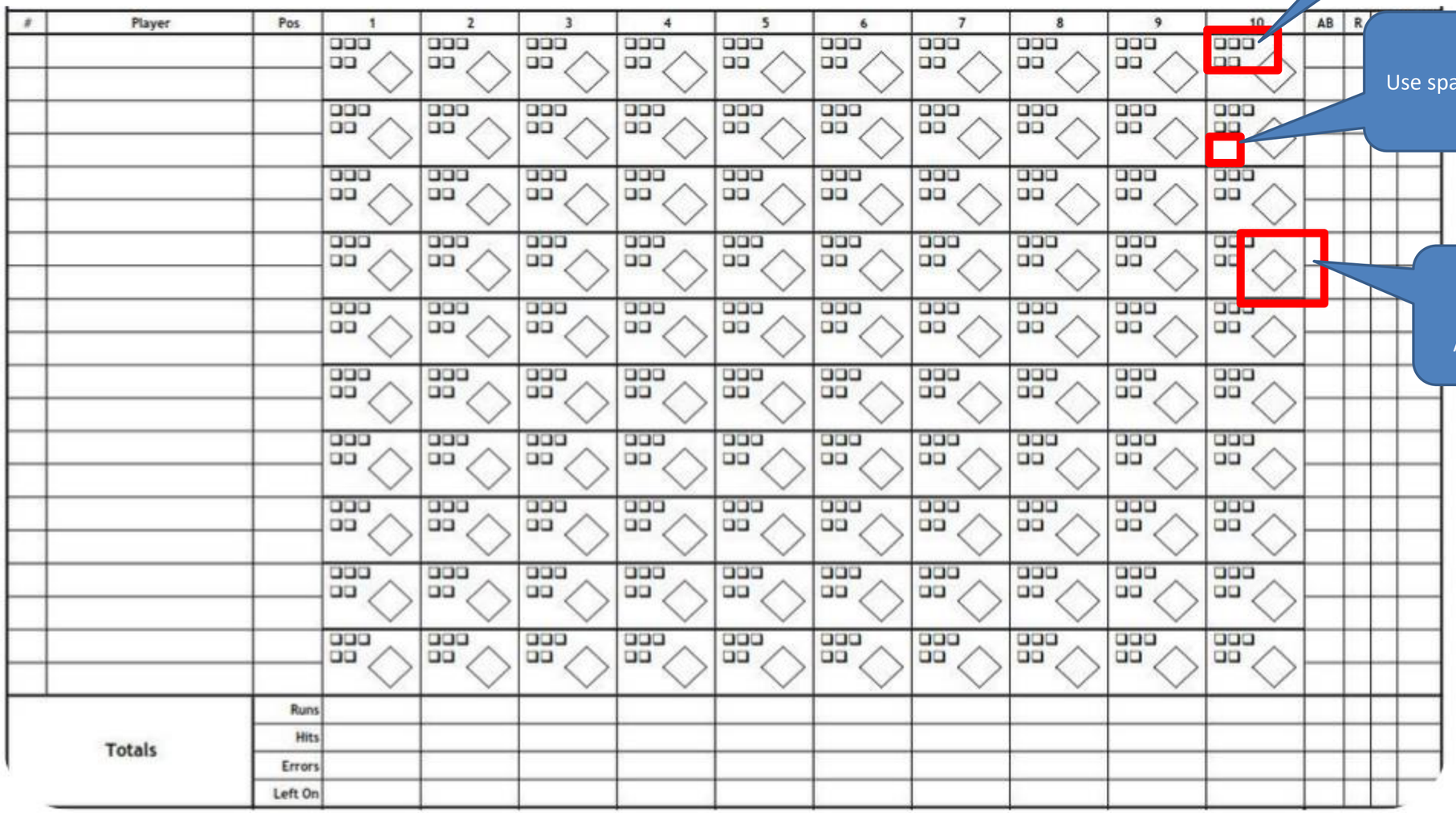
SCORESHEET EACH BOOK HAS VARIANCES

Starting Players leaving room for substitutes

Baseball: Use space to record Catcher Uniform # (s) per inning



Balls / Strikes
Baseball: Can add additional tick marks for foul balls, illegal pitches

Use space to record Outs

Use space to record offensive progress And At Bat Uniform #

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SOME BASIC KNOWLEDGE

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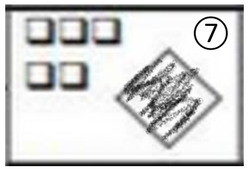

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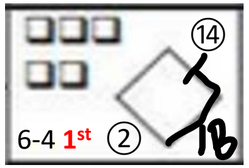

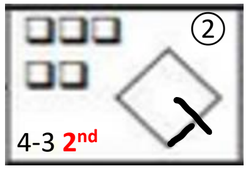

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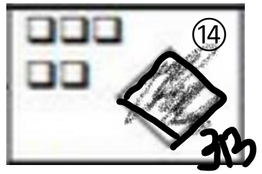

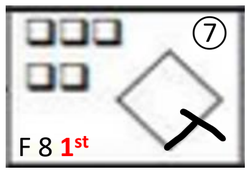

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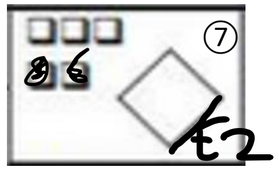

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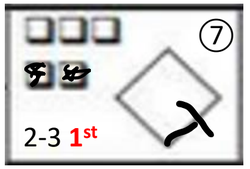

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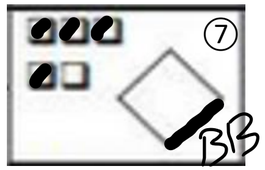
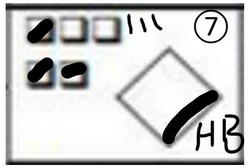
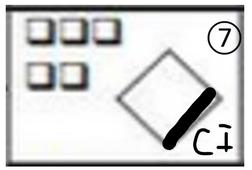


Intentional Walk

Hit by Pitch



Catcher's Interference



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COUNTING PITCHES IN SCOREBOOK

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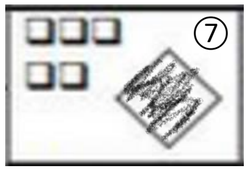

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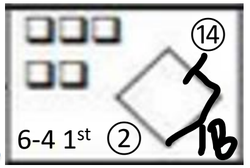

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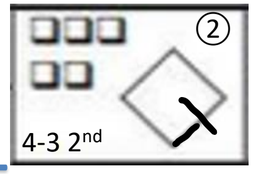

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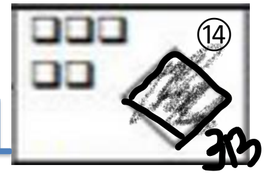

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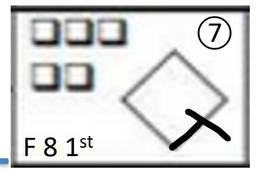

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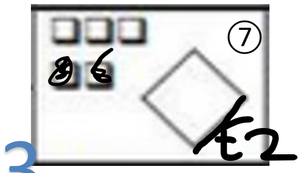

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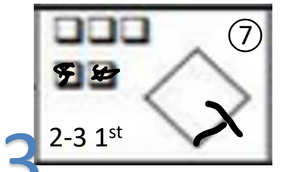

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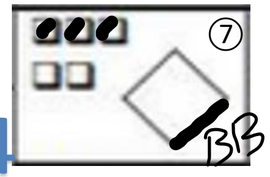

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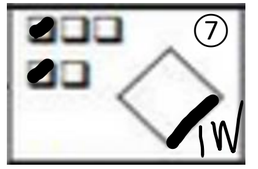

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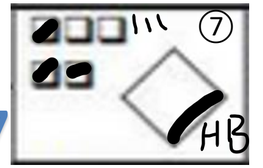

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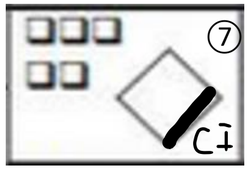

designates how many pitches on that batter

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ABBREVIATIONS BASICS

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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
HP or HBP	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
CI	Catcher interference	Catcher's mitt interferes with bat swing, batter given first base
K E2	Dropped 3rd strike, runner safe at first	Third strike pitch, but the catcher drops it. In Majors, batter can run to base if 1) 1st base is unoccupied, or 2) 1st 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:
Place 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 1st base player who gets the out).

Abbrev	Meaning	Example
K	Strikeout swinging	Strike three was a swing and a miss
ꓘ	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	3U = first base was the only player who touched the ball and made the out at first
#'s DP	Double play	6-4-3 DP = short to 2nd to 1st
#'s TP	Triple play	5-4-3 TP = 3rd to 2nd to 1st
CS	Caught stealing	Base runner tagged out while stealing
SAC	Sacrifice	Additional notation if out led to advancing a base runner

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FILLING OUT SCOREBOOK FROM LINE-UPS

1	12	Lee Roth	3	= first base
2	5	Micheal Kai	6	= shortstop
3	6	Bella Smith	2	=catcher
4	8	Julio Cardenas	4	=second base
5	11	Joe Chung	1	=pitcher
6	9	Robert Newman	5	=third base
7	5	Thomas Turner	9	=right field
8	2	Eric Gray	7	=left field
9	6	Kyle Lamb	8	=center field
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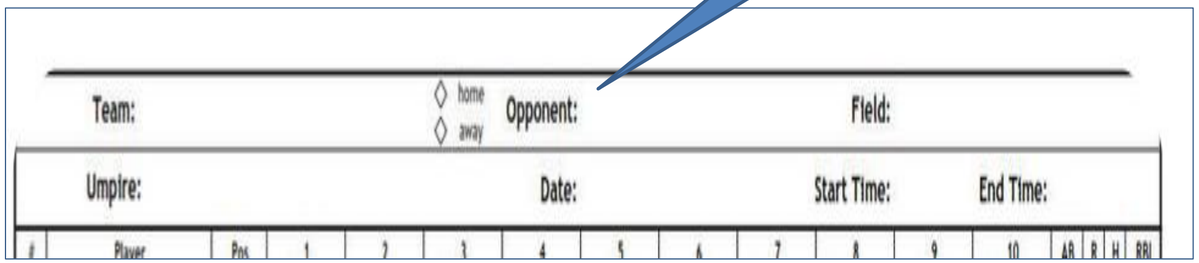
6	Bella Smith	2	=catcher
8	Julio Cardenas EJECTED T6 1 out	4	=second base
11	Joe Chung	1	=pitcher
9	Robert Newman	5	=third base
5	Thomas Turner	9	=right field
2	Eric Gray	7	=left field
6	Kyle Lamb	8	=center field
	Substitutes		
7	Isaiah Morris		
15	Michael Macdonald		

If player, in ink, write information

If coach, write somewhere in header in ink



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

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Substitutions

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MANDATORY PLAY

Senior Division

- There is ***no*** mandatory play requirement for ***rostered players***
- 1 at-bat and 6 consecutive defensive outs (pool players TOC only)

Minor, Major, Intermediate & Junior Divisions

- 1 at-bat and 3 consecutive defensive outs (rostered team players)
- 1 at-bat and 6 consecutive defensive outs (pool players TOC only)

Penalty

Removal of the team's manager for the remainder of the tournament.

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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

A runner must have completed offensive mandatory play before a special pinch runner or substitute runner may be put in the game for that player.

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MANDATORY PLAY

Starters

- Once enter in offense (batter) position, must complete mandatory play offensively.
  - I.e. Must complete at bat but does not have to complete consecutive outs to be subbed.
  - Once reentered, must complete mandatory play before being removed again.

Substitutes

- Must complete offense and defense mandatory play before being removed.

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MANDATORY PLAY

Minor & Major Divisions

Prior to the first pitch or-play of the 4th inning, the Umpire-in-Chief or Tournament Director will in consultation with the official scorekeeper advise both team managers of their obligation to insert all players who have not yet met their mandatory play requirement into the lineup as outlined below.

	Must be inserted by	Into
Visitors	Bottom of 4th	Next 6 batting positions
Home	Top of 5th	Next 3 batting positions

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MANDATORY PLAY

Intermediate & Junior Divisions

Prior to the first pitch or-play of the 5th inning, the Umpire-in-Chief or Tournament Director will in consultation with the official scorekeeper advise both team managers of their obligation to insert all players who have not yet met their mandatory play requirement into the lineup as outlined below.

	Must be inserted by	Into
Visitors	Bottom of 5th	Next 6 batting positions
Home	Top of 6th	Next 3 batting positions

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MANDATORY PLAY

Penalty

- A manager's failure/refusal to insert players into the line-up as outlined above shall result in immediate ejection of the manager and removal for the remainder of the Tournament.
- There is no exception to this rule unless the game is shortened for any reason.
- NOTE: A game is not considered shortened if the home team does not complete the offensive half of the sixth or seventh inning (or any extra inning) due to winning the game.

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SUBSTITUTIONS/RE-ENTRY

- A substitute entering the game for the 1st time may not be removed prior to meeting their mandatory play requirement.

- All changes will be reported directly to the plate umpire. Do not receive changes directly from manager. The plate umpire will record the changes and then announce those changes to the scorekeeper and opposing manager.

- Defensive substitutions must be made while the team is on defense.
- Offensive substitutions must be made at the time the offensive player who is entering/re-entering comes up to bat or replaces a runner on base.

If bench player bats without announcement and is a legal substitution, assume substitution and update book accordingly.
If illegal substitution (different than batting out of order), then contact umpire.

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SUBSTITUTIONS/RE-ENTRY

- A starter and his/her substitute must not be in the lineup at the same time, except as provided in Rule 10-a (illness or injury).

- Senior Division Only: Starters removed for a substitute may re-enter the game ONCE, in the same batting position they had at the start of the game. A substitute (non-starter) may not re-enter the game in any position once that player is removed from the line-up.

- Senior Division Only: The Designated Hitter rule will apply. (See rule 3.03)

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ENTERING SUBSTITUTES

Visitor Coach informs substitutions as
15 for 12 playing second base (takes the #1 batter slot.

&

7 for 8 playing first base
In the bottom of the third (takes the #4 batter slot.)

Can designate what innings played in different ways:

1	12	Lee Roth	3	= first base
	15	Michael Macdonald	4	=second base
2	5	Micheal Kai	6	= shortstop
3	6	Bella Smith	2	=catcher
4	8	Julio Cardenas	4	=second base
	7	Isaiah Morris	3	= first base
5	11	Joe Chung	1	=pitcher
6	9	Robert Newman	5	=third base
7	5	Thomas Turner	9	=right field
8	2	Eric Gray	7	=left field
9	6	Kyle Lamb	8	=center field
		Substitutes		
	7	Isaiah Morris		
	15	Michael Macdonald		

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ENTERING SUBSTITUTES

Visitor Coach informs substitutions as
15 for 12 playing second base

&

7 for 8 playing first base
In the bottom of the third.

Can designate what innings played in different ways:

- Enter the information where you listed them as substitutes

12	Lee Roth	3
15	Michael Macdonald	4
5	Micheal Kai	6
6	Bella Smith	2
8	Julio Cardenas	4
7	Isaiah Morris	3
11	Joe Chung	1
9	Robert Newman	5
5	Thomas Turner	9
2	Eric Gray	7
6	Kyle Lamb	8
	Substitutes	
7	Isaiah Morris - Entered bottom 3, removed top five	
15	Michael Macdonald	

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ENTERING SUBSTITUTES

Visitor Coach informs substitutions as
15 for 12 playing second base

&

7 for 8 playing first base
In the bottom of the third.

Can designate what innings played in different ways:

- Enter the information where you listed them as substitutes
- Enter information with the substitute line

12	Lee Roth	3
15	Michael Macdonald	4
5	Micheal Kai	6
6	Bella Smith	2
8	Julio Cardenas	4
7	Isaiah Morris- Entered bottom 3, removed top five	3
11	Joe Chung	1
9	Robert Newman	5
5	Thomas Turner	9
2	Eric Gray	7
6	Kyle Lamb	8
	Substitutes	
7	Isaiah Morris	
15	Michael Macdonald	

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ENTERING SUBSTITUTES

Visitor Coach informs substitutions as
15 for 12 playing second base

&

7 for 8 playing first base
In the bottom of the third.

Can designate what innings played in different ways:

- Enter the information where you listed them as substitutes
- Enter information with the substitute line
- Enter information with the position being played for the sub and when the starter reenters.

12	Lee Roth	3
15	Michael Macdonald	4
5	Micheal Kai	6
6	Bella Smith	2
8	Julio Cardenas	4 T5
7	Isaiah Morris	3 B3
11	Joe Chung	1
9	Robert Newman	5
5	Thomas Turner	9
2	Eric Gray	7
6	Kyle Lamb	8
	Substitutes	
7	Isaiah Morris	
15	Michael Macdonald	

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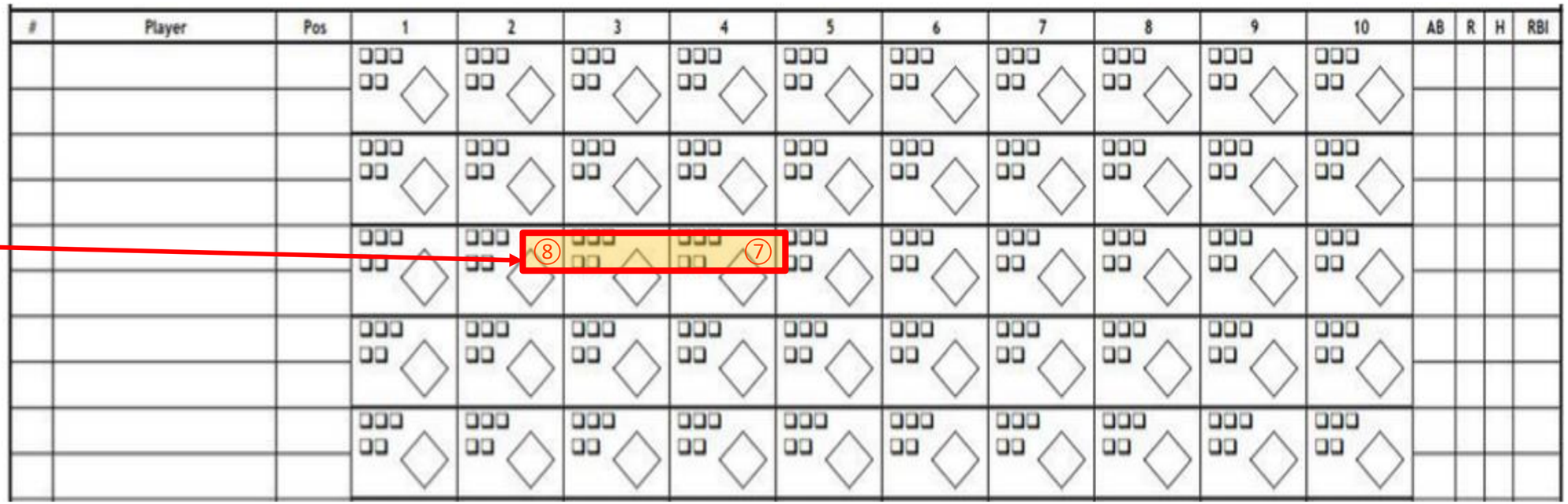
ENTERING SUBSTITUTES – SHOWING THE AT BAT

Use the empty space to write in the batter number shows when they took the at bat.



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DESIGNATED HITTER

- Must be identified at start of game
  - Designated Hitter (Position of DH)
  - Designee Defense Player (10th spot on line-up)
- Designated hitter may not be put in any other spot in the line-up when substituting
- Designated hitter and designated defense position may not be on defense at the same time.

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DESIGNATED HITTER

Pitcher remains in game, but DH takes over for Shortstop.

1	12	Lee Roth	3	= first base
2	5	Micheal Kai	6	= shortstop
	11	Joe Chung	1	
3	6	Bella Smith	2	=catcher
4	8	Julio Cardenas	4	=second base
5	19	Sam Jones	~~DH~~ 6	=Designated Hitter
6	9	Robert Newman	5	=third base
7	5	Thomas Turner	9	=right field
8	2	Eric Gray	7	=left field
9	6	Kyle Lamb	8	=center field
10	11	Joe Chung	1	=pitcher
		Substitutes		
	7	Isaiah Morris		
	15	Michael Macdonald		

Isaiah enters as pitcher and will bat, removing DH.

12	Lee Roth	3	= first base
5	Micheal Kai	6	= shortstop
6	Bella Smith	2	=catcher
8	Julio Cardenas	4	=second base
19	Sam Jones	~~DH~~ 7	=Designated Hitter
9	Robert Newman	5	=third base
5	Thomas Turner	9	=right field
2	Eric Gray	7	=left field
7	Isaiah Morris	1	
6	Kyle Lamb	8	=center field
~~11~~	~~Joe Chung~~	~~1~~	~~=pitcher~~
	Substitutes		
7	Isaiah Morris		
15	Michael Macdonald		

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SUBSTITUTES – IMPORTANT

Lack of mandatory play can/will cause a protest, so it is important that the substitutes be entered in a clear manner so that it is obvious they have played both their offensive (at bats) and defensive (outs) requirements.

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Scorekeepers and Pitch Counters

Suspended Games

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SUSPENDED GAMES

Upon Suspension of Game

- Clearly note where offensive players are
- Line Up accurately reflects batting order
- Make sure Balls/Strikes on batter are clearly noted
- Make sure Pitching affidavit is accurate

Resume Game

- Same Batter up to Bat with same balls/strikes
- Same batting orders
- Same defensive players (or legal substitute)
  - Check pitcher affidavit for eligibility

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SUSPENDED GAME - BASEBALL

Game resumes next calendar day

20 or less pitches	21 – 40 pitches
• Pitch count begins at zero for resumption	• Pitch count begins at number left off at

Game resumes more than one calendar day later

Pitcher has not pitched in other games	Pitcher has pitched in another game
• Rules above apply	• Normal pitch rest days based on those games apply

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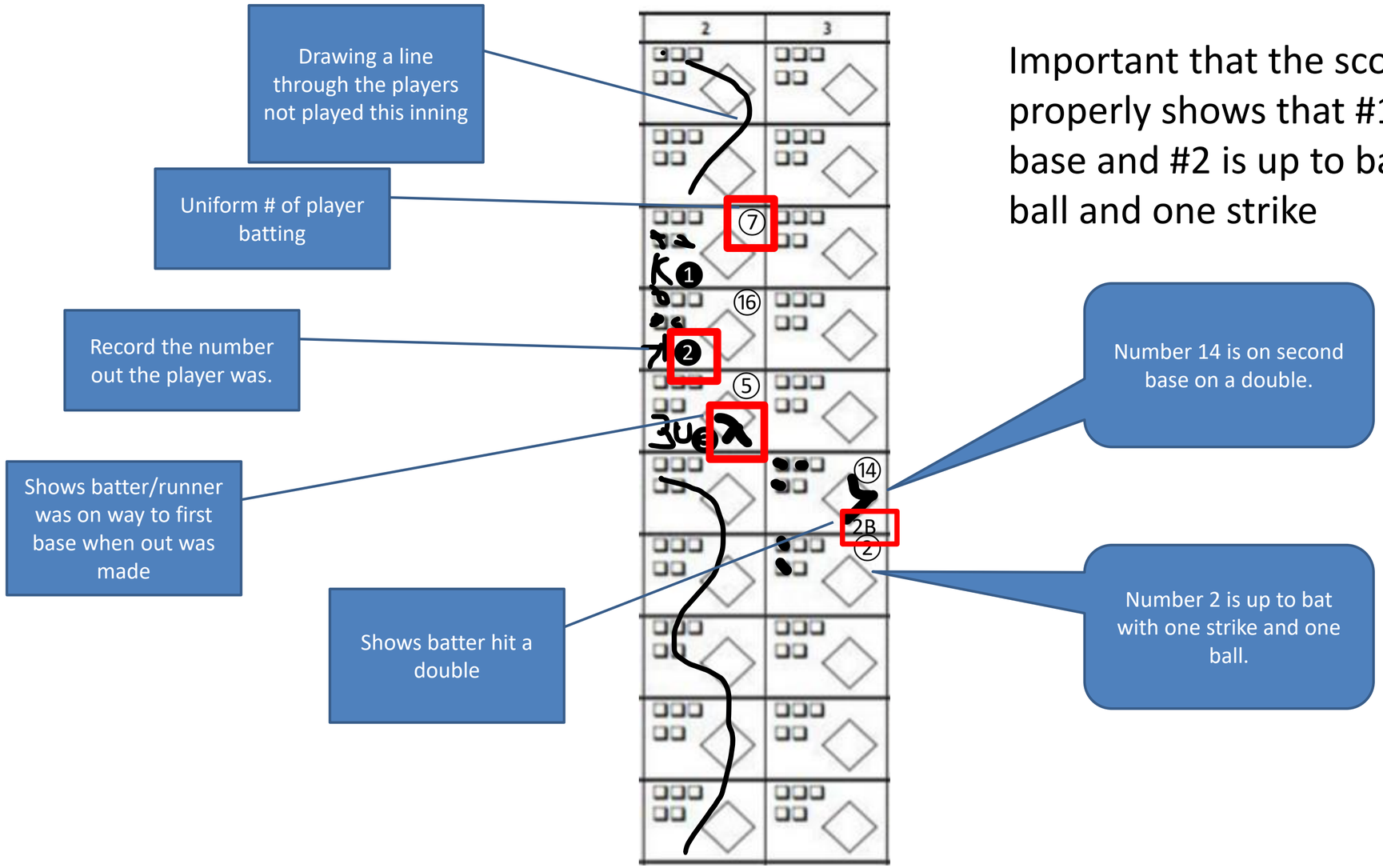
GAME SUSPENDED 3RD INNING



Important that the scorebook properly shows that #14 is on second base and #2 is up to bat with one ball and one strike

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Scorekeepers and Pitch Counters

PITCHING & CATCHING

Tournament of Champions Scorekeepers Clinic

VISITS – BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

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Offensive Visits
- 1 Per inning

Defensive Visits

Minor Division
- Allowed 2 per inning/pitcher
- Allowed 3 per game/pitcher

All Other Divisions
- Allowed 1 per inning/pitcher
- Allowed 2 per game/pitcher

After pitching change, count resets for inning/game but not for that pitcher.

When a manager requests timeout to make a defensive pitching change, it shall not be considered a visit to the pitcher, provided the manager makes the substitution prior to talking to any defensive player.

When one team has been granted a “timeout” the opposing manager may confer with his/her team, provided they do not delay the game in any way.

NOTE: Intermediate and above, since pitchers can be moved defensively and come back as a pitcher,
Important to track visits for the pitcher on the mound during the visit.

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DEFENSIVE VISITS

Any visit (except injury) on defense is a “trip to the mound”. If manager calls time, talks to right fielder, that counts as a trip for that inning and for that pitcher. Can log trips:

With the inning, by putting in Pitcher Number and circle it.

#	Player	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

At the bottom, by putting in Pitcher Number and circle it.

Runs												
Hits												
Errors												
Left On												

On the pitcher log, put inning number next to pitcher name

_____ Little League -- Baseball Game Pitch Log

Team _____ Opponent _____ Date _____

Pitcher's Name	Uniform Number	League Age		X / O	Cross out the number as that pitch is thrown. Circle the number for the last pitch thrown in each half-inning.
			1 2 3 4 5		6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35
			36 37 38 39 40		41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70
			71 72 73 74 75		76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105
			1 2 3 4 5		6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35
			36 37 38 39 40		41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70
			71 72 73 74 75		76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105

Can also be tracked on the line-up cards or notepaper, just as long as it is tracked during the game.

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PITCHING RULES – SOFTBALL

Minor/Major

- 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 or limits

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.

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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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PITCHING LIMITS AND REST – BASEBALL

Pitch Limits & Rest Requirements

SENIORS

League Age	Max
12	85
13-16	95

Pitches	Days Rest
1-30	0
31-45	1
46-60	2
61-75	3
76+	4

Not Seniors

Pitches	Days Rest
1-20	0
21-35	1
36-50	2
51-65	3
66+	4

Max	League Age
50	8
75	9-10
85	11-12
95	13-14

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BASEBALL DAILY LIMITS

Daily Game Limits for Pitchers (Threshold Applies)

- **Minor/Major/ Intermediate**
  - Only One Game per Day
- **12 Year Old Jr/Sr**
  - Only One Game per Day
- **Junior/Senior**
  - 30 or less in Game 1, may pitch in another game that day
  - More than 30, one game only

Under no circumstances shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

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PITCHING RULES – BASEBALL

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Pitchers, once removed from the mound:

- Minor/Major – 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.

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PITCHER TO CATCHER

Pitcher to Catcher- Regulation VI – Pitchers (Baseball)	
41 or more pitches may not catch for remainder of the Day (Threshold applies)	Pitcher starts batter, first pitch is the 40th pitch. Pitcher completes the batter at 45 pitches. Yes, may become catcher
	Pitcher starts batter, first pitch is 41st pitch or greater. May not catch remainder of the Day

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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
    - League Age Under 15: 21 or more pitches (threshold)
    - League Age 15 – 16: 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

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IMPORTANT TO TRACK CATCHER INNINGS - BASEBALL

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

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

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INTENTIONAL WALKS

Minor/Major

*Anytime during at Bat

*Batter is placed on 1st base

*Appropriate number of balls are added to pitch count

Intermediate Junior/Senior

Must still pitch to batter

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Special Pinch Runner

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SPECIAL PINCH RUNNER

Twice a game but not more than one time per inning, a team may utilize a player who is ***not*** in the batting order as a special pinch-runner for any offensive player.

- A player may only be removed for a special pinch-runner one time during a game.
- The player for whom the pinch-runner runs is not subject to removal from the lineup.
- Courtesy runners are not allowed.

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SPECIAL PINCH RUNNER

The goal is to easily see an inning that already had a SPR (7.14) and a Player that already had a SPR.

12	Lee Roth	3
15	Michael Macdonald	4
5	Micheal Kai	
6	Bella Smith - SPR#15 T3	2
8	Julio Cardenas	4
7	Isaiah Morris	3
11	Joe Chung	1
9	Robert Newman	5
5	Thomas Turner	9
2	Eric Gray	7
6	Kyle Lamb	8
	Substitutes	
7	Isaiah Morris	
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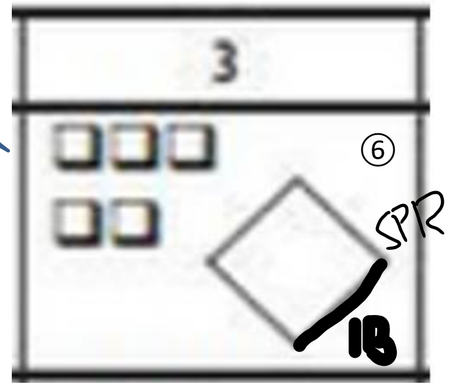
Easily shows this person already had a SPR

Shows 6 batted and an SPR took over at 1st base



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Batting Out of Order

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SCORING BATTING OUT OF TURN

Scorekeeper may not alert anyone of out of order unless it prevents mandatory play from happening.

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.

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Other Information

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PLAYING RULES

Foul Ball versus Foul Tip

A foul tip is a batted ball that goes sharp and direct from the bat to the catcher's hands and is legally caught.

- This is a strike and the ball is live

A foul ball is a batted ball that does not go straight to the catcher but is in foul territory.

- If a fly ball and caught, ball is live and runners may advance/batter is out
- If not caught, ball is dead
  - Counts as strike if less than 2 strikes on batter
  - ***Still adds to pitch count even if no strikes can be recorded***

Infield Fly

With runners on 1st/2nd base (or bases loaded) with less than 2 outs and fly ball easily caught by ***infielder*** (Shortstop counts as infielder).

- Batter is out
- Runners may advance at own risk but no "Force" is in effect

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PLAYING RULES

Minor Division – Baseball and Softball

- 7-year-olds are not permitted to pitch.
- The continuous batting order is eliminated.
- The 5-run per inning rule is eliminated.
- Special Pinch-Runners are allowed.
- Substitutions must follow Tournament Rule 10.
- Uncaught 3rd Strike does not apply to Minor Division.

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PLAYING RULES

One Foot in Batter's Box

Penalty

- The umpire shall warn the batter. After one warning on a batter, the umpire shall call a strike. No pitch has to be thrown
- Minor/Major: The ball is dead. No runners may advance
- Intermediate/Junior/Senior Divisions: The ball is live
- See Tournament Rule 3(a) for complete wording

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PLAYING RULES

Illegal Bats

The penalty for use of an illegal bat, if discovered before the next player enters the batter's box following the turn at bat of the player who used the illegal bat is:

- The batter is out (NOTE: The manager of the defense may advise the plate umpire of a decision to decline this portion of the penalty and accept the play. Such election shall be made immediately at the end of the play), and;

- The manager of the team will be ejected from the game, the batter who violated the rule will be ejected from the game, and the offensive team will lose one eligible adult base coach for the duration of the game.

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HELPFUL WEBLINKS

For 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

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QUESTIONS