

SAN CLEMENTE LITTLE LEAGUE – SCOREKEEPING

Before The Game:

- Home team keeps the official scorebook
- If the home team's manager keeps a separate book, that will require a separate scorekeeper
- Arrive 10-15 minutes early – get the book for your division – sit close to the home plate umpire
- Introduce yourself to the home plate umpire and identify yourself as the “official book”
- Use pencil
- Receive the line ups from the plate umpire and start your scorebook:
 - Team names
 - Date and time
 - Player names, jersey numbers and league age
 - Mark absent players at the bottom
- All players bat (CBO = continuous batting order) - no subs during the regular season

During The Game:

- The most important thing is to record the balls, strikes, outs and runs
- It is okay to ask the plate umpire if you are unsure – the plate umpire may also ask you to confirm
- Balls and strikes are recorded by drawing a line through the appropriate box
- Foul balls (after two previously recorded strikes) are marked with a small dot
- Outs are recorded with the number of the out in a circle for that batter
- Draw lines connecting each base as the runner safely advances
- Color in the diamond to show that a run was scored
- Note the pitcher's number (and any relief pitcher's number) in the top “inning” box
- Record visits to the mound with a tally mark by the pitcher's number
- Record the number of runs scored for that half inning at the top
- All communication must go through the plate umpire only. You may not talk to your manager or alert him to anything you see (i.e. illegal pitcher, batting out of order, pitcher reaching his threshold...)

Optional/Advanced Recordings:

- Record how the batter reached a base safely by circling the appropriate choice (i.e. BB, 1B, 2B...)
- Use the position numbers to record how a batter was put out (i.e. F7, U6, 5-3...)
- A strike out swinging is recorded as a “K” – a strike out looking is recorded as a backwards “K”
- It's okay to write in other advanced recordings (i.e. HBP, SAC, balk, SB, PB...)
- Error or not? It's Little League folks! If a kid swings at a ball and gets on, give him a hit! 😊
- Check out online resources and the front of any scorebook for more ideas

End Of The Game:

- Record the final score at the top of the page
- Have the plate umpire and both managers sign the scorebook
- Put the scorebook back in its designated spot