

## Scorekeeping Majors

### Official Scorekeepers

Official Scorekeepers, by definition, are representatives of the Williamsburg Youth Baseball League and not its individual teams. They work together with the league's principal representatives—the umpires—to conduct an efficient, sportsmanlike game for both teams.

### Preparation

1. Each Majors Team (8, 9/10, and 11/12) shall designate an Official Scorekeeper and one alternate after teams have been established. This person may be a parent or older teenage sibling and able to follow the game with reasonable knowledge. This person will be responsible for learning the App "GameChanger" as well as learning the Warhill Scoreboard controls for Fields 1, 3 and 4. For games scored on Field 2, the GC operator is also the scoreboard of reference during play and will apprise coaches and umpires of scoring between innings.
2. This individual will be designated the "Admin" for their team on the GameChanger website and their names and email addresses will be submitted to Corinne Picataggi by the Head Coach ([registration@williamsburgbaseball.com](mailto:registration@williamsburgbaseball.com)) for coordination and training. They will register their email address on the GameChanger home page (<http://www.gamechanger.io/home>) and enter and maintain their team rosters on the website. Each team may have two Admins designated. It is recommended that the Head Coach be the additional Team Admin Account. The Scorekeeper Admin account MUST be shared in order to provide the alternate scorer access.
3. Each Team Scorekeeper MUST have access to an iOS tablet or phone device (iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch) with the GameChanger app loaded. GameChanger is a free download on the iTunes App store. It is the Scorekeepers responsibility to ensure that the device is fully charged, and that the current game has been imported while on a cellular or wireless connection prior to start of the game. As a last resort, a paper book may be used to keep the score, however the game must be transferred into the App at earliest convenience by the Scorekeeper.

### Games

1. Lineups can be set on the webpage by the Team Admin the night prior to the game or on the device prior to the game. Lineups MUST be exchanged and entered into GameChanger NLT 15 minutes before game time.
2. The home team shall provide the Official GameChanger App Scorekeeper. The visiting team shall provide the Official Scoreboard Operator. Collectively they will be the "Official Scorekeepers".
3. If necessary, the manager shall designate someone at game time as Official Scorekeeper if the designated person or alternate is not available.
4. The Scorekeepers shall determine prior to making any mark in the app that the correct game is selected in GameChanger.

5. The umpire will note the time of the first pitch and share it with the Official Scorekeeper after the top of the first. The App will start time at first pitch, however, the umpire-in-chief shall keep the official game time for all rulings.
6. The Scorekeepers SHALL maintain a neutral attitude and shall not openly cheer for either team. The Scorekeepers will work with the Umpire team and be considered Officials of the game. A Scorekeeper will support the umpire staff on all calls on the field and will not comment on strike zones, etc. The umpire-in-chief may, after an initial warning, ask the manager to replace the Official Scorekeeper shall it be necessary.
7. The Scorekeepers shall not volunteer any information to either team (i.e.: this batter is batting out of order), however the Scorekeepers may answer manager's questions when instructed to do so by the umpire. Head coaches are encouraged to keep a separate book (electronic or paper) for their own tracking of stats and pitch counts so as not to interfere with the Official Scorekeepers. They may also follow along on the real time scoring on another device if the stream is available.
8. The Scorekeepers shall answer all umpire questions to the best of his/her ability.
9. The Scorekeepers will sit at the scorekeeper's platform and shall not allow him/her to be distracted from the game. It is not the Scorekeeper's responsibility to keep the spectators apprised of the game stats.
10. The Scorekeepers will work together to determine the best call for a play by play situation in regards to Hits, FC, and Errors, however, in the event of a disagreement, the GameChanger Operator decision is final.
11. If a game is ended by Slaughter Rule, the umpire-in-chief will announce "Ballgame" and confirm the final score with the Official Scorekeepers and with both coaches. Then, subject to time limit restrictions and the umpires' discretion, play may continue—but scoring on the GameChanger app will not be kept.
12. Once the umpire-in-chief has declared the game "official", the Scorekeepers shall "End" the GameChanger scoring. The App Scorekeeper will ensure that the scoring device gets a connection as soon as possible in order to upload the results to the GameChanger League Site and will send the final score to their respective **League Coordinator via Email** as a backup.

Statement of Responsibility:

I, the Team Scorekeeper, do hereby acknowledge that when I am acting as a part of the Game Officials, I will score the game to the best of my ability, fairness, and concentration. I will not be pressured by the coaches or parents and will make the best call based on the play on the field. I will cooperate with the Umpire staff in all rulings and other regards.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_