

Scorekeeping

Guidelines & Rules

- A. **Scorekeeper for the Home Team** is to pick up the scorekeeping binder and box from the office. They are responsible for keeping the official scorebook.
- B. **Give a Line up Card to each manager. Managers** are to fill **line up card** out and return it to you as quickly as possible to allow you time to write the information on the official scoresheet.
- Make sure the managers write the players' Last Name, First Name and jersey # and starting position on this form.
 - The white copy stays in the scorebook, the yellow copy goes to the opposing team and the pink copy is to be kept by the manager.
- C. **Scorekeepers ONLY in the scorekeepers' booth!** A Scorekeeper **from both teams** are to remain in the booth for the entire game. Home Team scorekeeper does the scoring and the Visiting Team scorekeeper is to assist.
- D. **Scorekeeping Details**
1. **Basic Information / Pencils**
 - Regular **black lead** pencil is **used** to record all activity
 - Red pencil is to record outs and how they **occurred**
 - Blue pencil is to mark the batters that each pitcher pitched to and to record the innings pitched for each pitcher (**should not be used in Pee-Wee/Deb Divisions**)
 - Fill in the top section of the scoresheet on both sides!
 - 1) It is critical to include the Division, **Team Names**, Game Date, Game Time, **Scorekeeper Name** and Umpire information.
 2. **Umpires**
 - Fill in the information for the Plate Umpire
 3. **Accuracy / Official Score**
 - You are keeping the official score of the game. Once submitted, the record is final
 - If you get behind or are unclear in recording a play, immediately notify the plate umpire to call time and get the play recorded accurately before **umpire** proceeds with the next play. **Umpires** will assist you in the details of the play to make sure it is correct!
 - Record the runs scored by team for each inning and total the score at the end of the game and circle it in Red.
 4. **Rule Infractions**
 - It is the responsibility of the manager to pick up rule infractions (Example: batting out of order)
 - Scorekeepers **cannot** advise their teams of such rule infractions.

5. Cheering / Coaching

- Cheering from the box, while tempting, should not **occur while in** the box.
- Coaching is not to be done from the box

6. Players (*left side of the scoresheet*)

- List player information in the appropriate columns, in batting order.
- Be sure to include
 - 1) Jersey Number
 - 2) Last Name, First Name
 - 3) Starting Position

7. Recording Plays

- Track balls and strikes by simply marking a small line through each dot as they are called.
- Circle the number of bases a player gets on their hit. Also circle "RBI" if they batted in any runs. "BB" should be circled if the player walked
- Use the position number to record the play. (Example: Batter bats ball to the shortstop and the shortstop makes the throw to first for the 2nd out of the inning..., you would write: "6-3" **in red** in the square for that batter that inning. Then in the circle, write "2" **in red** and circle it.) Use the diagram on the left side of the scoresheet for the position numbers
- Mark "outs" in Red pencil by writing the out number in the circle located in the left corner of each **batter's** square.

8. Protests

- Protests are to be recorded on the official scoresheet **in the section marked "Protest Information"**.
- Protests are to be recorded prior to the next play or in the event of ineligibility: before end of game

9. Pitchers (*right side of scoresheet*)

- Record the name and jersey number of pitchers in the columns provided on the right side of the scoresheet.
- The **Home Team pitchers** are listed on the Visiting Teams side of the scoresheet & the **Visiting Team pitchers** are listed on the Home Teams side of the scoresheet.
- Scorekeepers are to record the innings each pitcher pitched. Write the inning number(s) next to their name.
- Even if a pitcher pitches only one pitch in an inning, it counts as an entire inning.
- Mark blue lines between batters to show the pitching changes. (Example: if the Giants 1st pitcher pitches 2 ½ innings and is then replaced, you would draw a blue line after the batters he pitched to (on the hitting team's side). Everything after that line would represent batters **hitting against** the next pitcher.

- Managers are responsible for tracking “rest periods”/maximum # of innings a player can pitch per game and/or week.

10. Bench (*right side of scoresheet*)

- **Players sitting on the bench MUST be recorded EACH inning.** Players are guaranteed 3 innings of play each complete game. This is our only way of making sure this is happening.
- Bench information is written on the same side as the line-up information for that team.
- Each inning, record players sitting on the bench. List their name and jersey #. Then write the inning number(s) they were on the bench in the column next to their name.

11. Scorekeeping Comments (*right side of scoresheet*)

- Record manager/coach trips to the mound in this section, If unsure of what constitutes a “Trip” ask the plate umpire.

E. Abbreviations

HP– Hit by pitch

PB– Passed ball

WP– Wild pitch

SB– Stolen base

KS–Strike out (swinging)

KC– Strike out (called)

K–E2– Drop 3rd Strike that is safe at 1st base.

F?– Fly out to position (F9– would be a fly out to right field)

E?– Error by position (E5– would be an error made by the 3rd baseman)

THE– Throwing error (record position

after to show who made the error)

BB– Base on balls (walk)

1B– Single base hit

2B– Double base hit

3B– Triple base hit

HR– Home Run

RBI– Run Batted In

F. Circle the FINAL SCORE IN RED on BOTH sides of the scoresheet.

G. Home Team Scorekeeper is to get the scoresheet signed by the manager of each team, and then return the scorekeeping binder & box to the office ASAP so it can be turned around for the next game. Accuracy is important. This is the only official record of the game.