

Scorekeeper's Guide



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How To Keep Score

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*For when the one great scorer
comes,
To write against your name,
He'll write not that you won or lost,
But how you played the game.*

- Grantland Rice, 1908



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Thank You!

Before we get started, first we'd like to say "Thank You" on behalf of the kids. The scorekeeper is an essential part of the league, and we couldn't hold the games without you. Whether you have volunteered because you love baseball, enjoy statistics, or were asked to help - we appreciate your support.



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The Scorekeeper's Role

You have just joined the ranks of some illustrious people! In addition to baseball announcers throughout the years, there have been other famous scorekeepers. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, first lady Grace Coolidge, and retailer L.L. Bean all carried scorebooks when they attended baseball games. Many people find that scorekeeping adds to their enjoyment and knowledge of baseball. In addition, as the **official** scorekeeper, you have several important responsibilities:



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The Scorekeeper's Role

- You are responsible for keeping the official score of the game.
- You are the one who has the final say on whether or not an error is made.
- You are the one who ensures that every player has a chance to have his or her name in the newspaper.
- You are responsible for keeping an accurate record of the game. Perhaps USA Today's Baseball Weekly said it best:



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The Scorekeeper's Role

"Scorekeeping is the art of painting a picture of the entire game using only a No. 2 pencil and a blank program lineup sheet."

Any one of your fellow scorekeepers, the manager, or a board member should be able to review your scorebook and get an accurate, clear picture of everything that happened in the game.



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Steps For Scorekeeping

■ Before The Game

Locate your scorekeeper tools:

All of your tools will be in the scorekeeper's booth. Here's a list of what you will need:

- A black or blue pen
- A pencil (either mechanical or regular)
- A red pencil
- A pencil sharpener



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Steps For Scorekeeping

Additional Scorekeeping Tools

- An eraser
- A copy of the Official Regulations and Playing Rules (this is a softbound green book 4½" by 6 ¼")
- A copy of the Local League House Rules
- A line up for your team (on the official line up card)
- The scorebook.
- Pitch Count Affidavit



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Setting Up The Scorebook

Before The Game

You may find that you prefer bringing your own pen, pencils and sharpener to the game.

However, you ***must*** use the official scorebook provided by the league.

If you find that you are missing some of your tools, first check one of the other score booths for the supplies. If necessary, contact a board member or a manager for assistance.



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Setting Up The Scorebook

Before The Game

Find the appropriate page in the scorebook. The team names and date of the game should be filled out at the top in ink. The scorebook will also indicate which team is the Home team, and which is the Visitors. There may also be other notes in the scorebook regarding eligible pitchers, etc. Make sure that your team Manager is aware of any of these notes listed in the book.



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Setting Up The Scorebook

Before The Game

You will want to sit in the score booth on the same side that your team is listed. For example, if your team name is on the left page of the book, sit on the left side of the booth. This will make it easier for you and your fellow scorekeeper to access your lineup. As a courtesy to the other scorekeeper, make sure that they always have access to the book.



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Setting Up The Scorebook

Before The Game

There should be a scorekeeper for each team. A game is not official unless the scorekeeper for the home team is present. If you are the home team scorekeeper, you may volunteer to keep score for the visiting team as well. However, this is up to your discretion, and you may recommend to the Plate Umpire, that the visiting team provided a scorekeeper.



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Setting Up The Scorebook

Before The Game

Only scorekeepers are allowed in the score booth once the game begins. You should remain in the score booth for the entire game.



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Enter The Starting Line-up

Before The Game

Ten minutes before the start of the game, make sure to obtain the lineup from your team manager. The lineup will be listed on the lineup card. You will transfer the names positions, and player numbers into the player listing on the scorebook. The lineup should be entered in black or blue ink.



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Enter The Starting Line-up

Before The Game

You should list All of the players on the team, even those who are not participating in the game. If they are absent, make sure to list the *specific* (e.g. ill, vacation, broken thumb, etc.) reason why they are not attending the game and line through the player score boxes.

Using the lineup card, make sure that the manager has:

1. Accounted for each player on the team.
2. Accounted for each position (pitcher, catcher, etc) on the field, and that no players are in duplicate positions.



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Enter The Starting Line-up

Before The Game



Hot Tip

Because it is easy to make an error, we recommend entering the lineup first in pencil and then going over it in pen.



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Enter The Starting Line-up

Line-Up Card

TEAM: _____			MANAGER: _____						
GAME DATE: _____			TIME: _____						
PLAYED AT: _____									
LINEUP/BATTING ORDER FOR:			<u>HOME/VISITOR</u>						
pos.	PLAYER	no.	2	3	4	5	6	7	
6 ₁	Fisher	23							
9 ₂	Mrrtinelli	11							
5 ₃	Vincent	42							
1 ₄	Clark Walker	12							
7 ₅	Redding	33							
4 ₆	North	5							
8 ₇	Digirolamo	17							
2 ₈	Worthley	35							
3 ₉	Reed	16							
____ ₁₀	Funk	34	ON VACATION						
____ ₁₁	Schnicker	29	AT CAMP						
____ ₁₂	Slack	14	SPRAINED ANKLE						



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Enter The Starting Line-up

Score Card

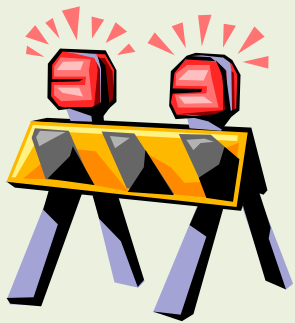
Number	Line Up	Pos	1	2
6			RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B
17			RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B
8			RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B
2			RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B
23			RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B
16			RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B
22			RBI S S B B B	



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Enter The Starting Line-up



Caution

Note that the order on the line-up card is: Jersey Number Name and Position Number,.

The order in the scorebook is **reversed**: Jersey Number, Name and then Position Number.

Number	Line Up	Pos	1	2
6	Smith	1	RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B
12			RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B
18			RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B
			RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B
2			RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B
5			RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B
16			RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B



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Keeping the Score

Scorekeeping is an art form, and as individual as the people who do it:

“I doubt if there are any two people, fans, writers, or broadcasters who keep score with identical symbols and systems.” – Red Barber Quoted in Joe DiMaggio’s Baseball for Everyone.

Despite the fact that there are a million ways to keep score, we are going to ask you to use one way, as described in this presentation. This will enable all of us to speak the same scorekeeper language, and help others to read your scorecard.



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Official Start Time

Make sure to mark the official start time at the top of the scorecard:

_____ (V) VS _____ (H) TIME: 1:35 DATE: _____ PLACE _____

The official time is when the umpire says, “Play” or otherwise indicates the start of the game. It is important to note the start time, as there usually time limits for most games. Game time limits vary by division, as well as day of the week. See your **Local League House Rules** for official game time limits.



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Duties

- ✓ Arrive at the scorer's booth 15 minutes before the game time
- ✓ Write your name on each score sheet (no signatures)
- ✓ Home team provides Official Scorekeeper: records the game in the scorebook and maintains the official pitch count.
- ✓ Visiting team provides Assistant Scorekeeper: operates the scoreboard and assists in keeping the pitch count record



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Duties

- ✓ Obtain lineup cards from the Home and Visiting team managers
- ✓ Locate the “Pitcher Eligibility Tracking Binder” from the Umpire-In-Chief (UIC) if not already in the scorers’ booth
- ✓ Input starting lineups and pitchers into the scorebook & the Pitcher Eligibility Tracking Form as early as possible before the first pitch.
 - No first pitch before you’re ready



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Duties--Continued

- During the game:
 - Watch each play and record the results in the scorebook
 - Keep an accurate count of all pitches thrown and record in the scorebook each half inning
 - You may wish to cross-check the pitch count each half inning with the Assistant Scorekeeper
- Assistant Scorekeeper:
 - Fill in the “Pitching Log” and/or operate the “Pitch Counter”
 - Update the scoreboard after each pitch/out/run
- After the game:
 - Record the pitch count totals for every pitcher on each team and enter into the “Pitcher Eligibility Tracking Form”. Sign the form and give to the UIC.
 - Leave the Scorebook in the booth



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Scorekeeping Tips

- Always use a pencil. Avoid Erasing (notes are better)
- Secure your coffee & drinks: spills are bummers
- Concentration and focus are important
 - No kids in the booth.
- Provide info to the UIC, but do not publicly disagree.
 - Leave issues and arguments to the UIC to decide. You can ask managers/coaches to leave while you discuss.
- If there are two or more players running the bases, fill out the score sheet “backwards” after every play.
 - Start with the batter and record what happened to that player. Then, go up the lineup to the previous player on the bases, and record what happened to that player. And so on. . .

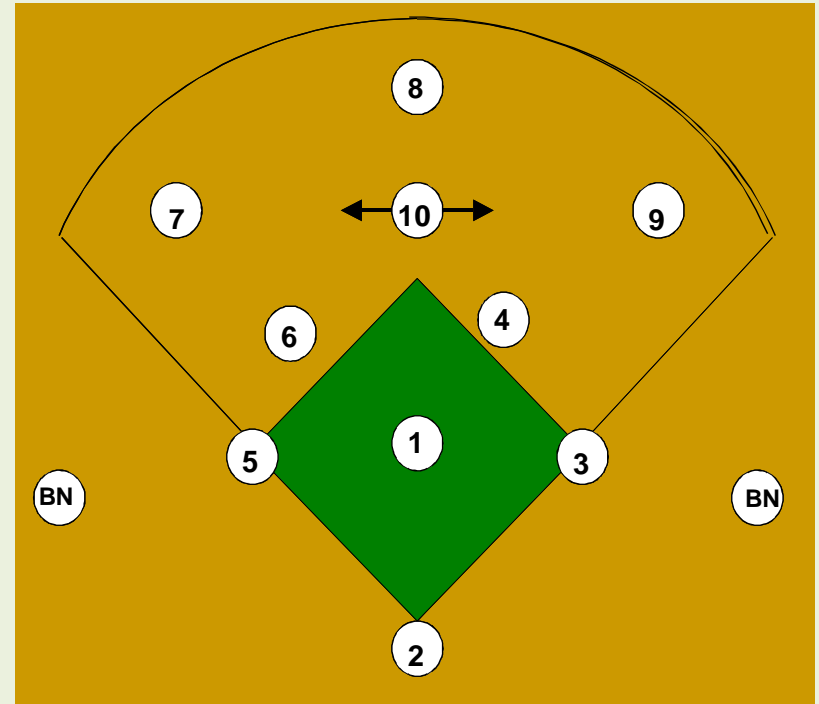


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Player Position Numbers

- Each player on the field is assigned a position number. When you are scorekeeping you will always use the position number rather than the position name. Numbers are assigned as follows (this diagram also appears at the bottom of the scorebook page):

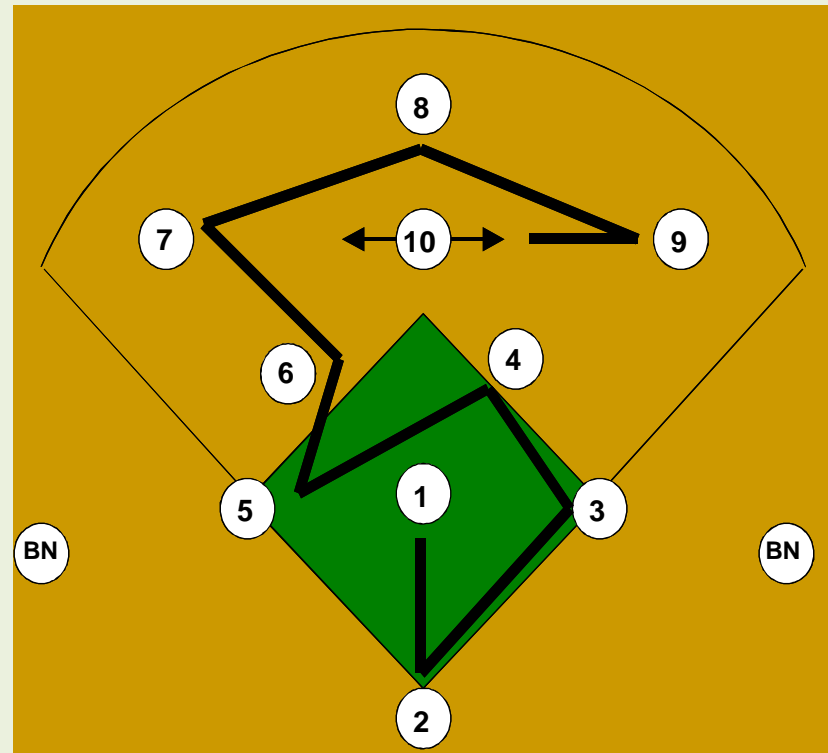


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Player Position Numbers

- Some people find the position numbers easier to visualize using a pattern that connects the position in numerical order:



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Player Position Numbers

- Some people find the position numbers easier to visualize using a chart as in this example:

	Position Number	Position
	1	Pitcher
	2	Catcher
	3	First Base
	4	Second Base
	5	Third Base
	6	Shortstop
	7	Left Field
	8	Center Field
	9	Right Field
	10	Roving Fielder
	BN	Bench

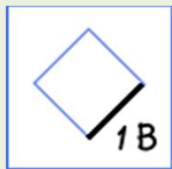


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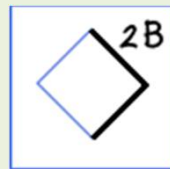


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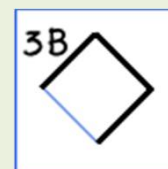
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Double



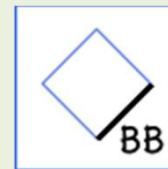
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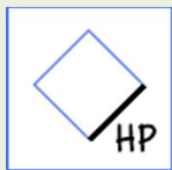
Home-run



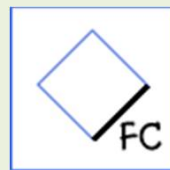
Home-run



Walk
(base on balls)



Hit-By-
Pitch



Fielders
Choice



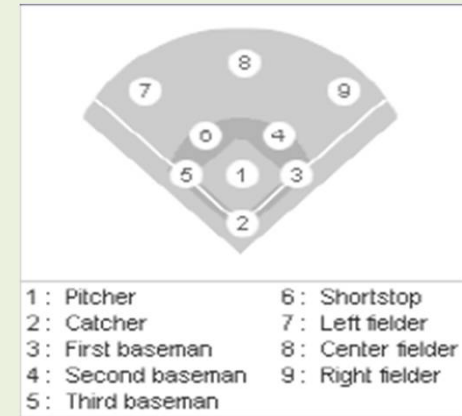
Error



Ground-
Rule Double



Catchers
Interference



Defensive Position Numbers

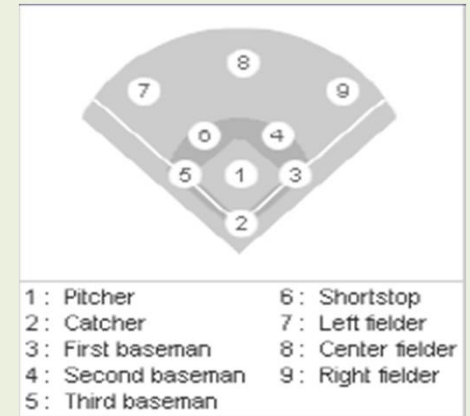


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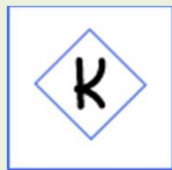


Scoring Basics

Ways A Batter Makes An Out:



Defensive Position Numbers



Strike-Out



Strike-Out
Swinging



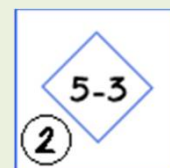
Strike-Out
Called



Ground-Out



Fly-Out



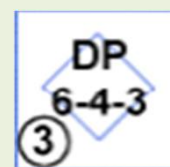
Out 3rd to 1st



Unassisted
Out at 1st



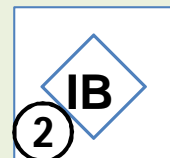
Infield Fly
Rule



Double-Play
SS-to-2B-to-1B



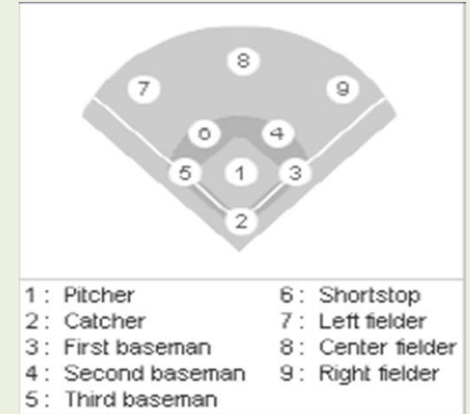
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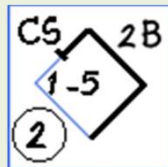
Batter out for
Use of illegal bat

Scoring Basics

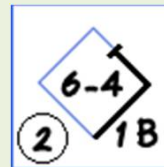
Ways A Runner Makes An Out:



Defensive Position Numbers



Caught Stealing:
Pitcher-to-3B



Force-Out:
Short-to-2B



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Important To Get These Right

- Pitch Count: The number of pitches delivered by each pitcher, each inning and cumulatively.
- Substitutions: Can only be made when at bat, on base or while on defense.
Important to know at exactly what point a player entered/exited (e.g., top 4th)
- The Score.



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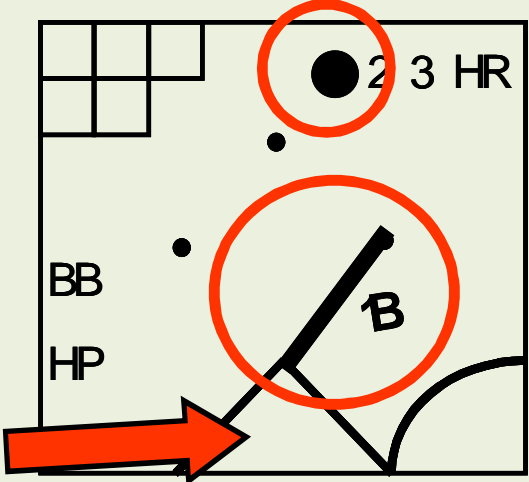
Scoring Hits

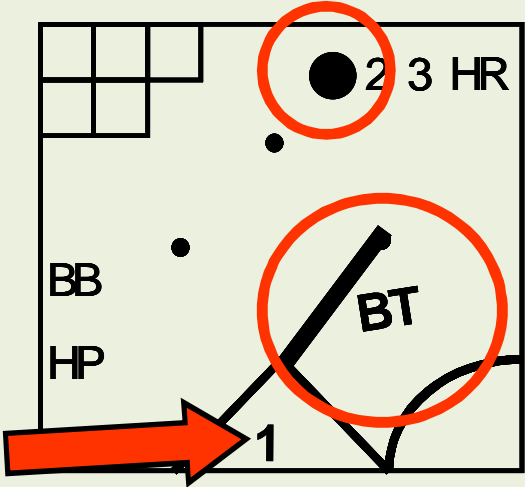
- A hit is when a ball is batted into fair territory that allows the batter to reach base safely without the aid of an error.
- There are essentially five kinds of hits. Here is an example of how each is indicated in the scorebook.

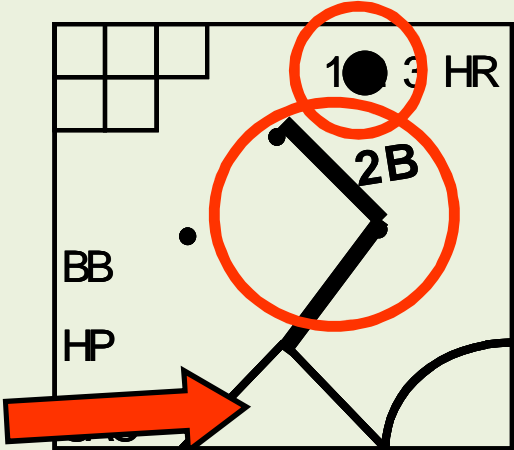


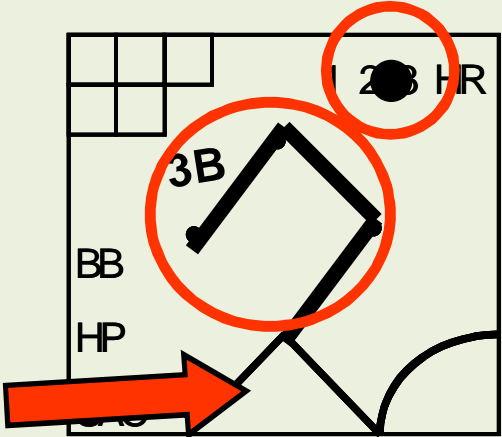
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Situation	Scoring	Counting for Player Totals
Single (1B)	 <p>1. Draw a line from home to first. Write 1B (One base) under the line</p> <p>2. Dot or circle the “1” at the top of the box.</p> <p>3. If necessary, record any RBIs in the triangle at the bottom of the box.</p>	<p>At Bats Totals Counts as one at bat.</p> <p>Hits Totals Counts as one hit.</p> <p>RBI Totals Batter receives an RBI if a runner scores.</p>

Situation	Scoring	Counting for Player Totals
<p>Bunt (BT) Single</p> <p>A bunt is defined by bat position, rather than how far the ball travels. If a player swings and hits an infield grounder, this is a regular hit, not a bunt hit. If the player holds the bat still, and the bat is horizontal to the ground, this is a bunt.</p>	 <p>1. Draw a line from home to first.</p> <p>2. Write BT (Bunt) under the line Dot or circle the “1” at the top of the box.</p> <p>3. Write the number of RBI (Runs Batted in) that the player receives in the triangle at the bottom of the box.</p>	<p>At Bats Totals Counts as one at bat.</p> <p>Hits Totals Counts as one hit.</p> <p>RBI Totals Batter receives an RBI if a runner scores.</p>

Situation	Scoring	Counting for Player Totals
Double (2B)	 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draw a line from home, to first, to second. 2. Write 2B (Two Bases) on top of the line. 3. Dot or circle the “2” at the top of the box. 4. Write the number of RBI (Runs Batted in) that the player receives in the triangle at the bottom of the box. 	<p>At Bats Totals Counts as one at bat.</p> <p>Hits Totals Counts as one hit.</p> <p>RBI Totals Batter receives an RBI if a runner scores.</p>

Situation	Scoring	Counting for Player Totals
Triple (3B)	 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draw a line from home, to first, to Second, to third. 2. Write 3B (Three Bases) on top of the line. 3. Dot or circle the “2” at the top of the box. 4. Write the number of RBI (Runs Batted in) that the player receives in the triangle at the bottom of the box. 	<p>At Bats Totals Counts as one at bat.</p> <p>Hits Totals Counts as one hit.</p> <p>RBI Totals Batter receives an RBI if a runner scores.</p>

Situation	Scoring	Counting for Player Totals
<p>Home Run (HR)</p>	<div data-bbox="676 310 1182 732" data-label="Image"> </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draw a line from home, to first, to Second, to third, to home. 2. Fill in the resulting diamond (this will make it easier to counts runs in the (game.) 3. Write HR (Home Run) to the left of the box. 4. Dot or circle the “2” at the top of the box. 5. Write the number of RBI (Runs Batted in) that the player receives in the triangle at the bottom of the box. 	<p>At Bats Totals Counts as one at bat.</p> <p>Hits Totals Counts as one hit.</p> <p>RBI Totals Counts as at least one RBI. If the batter also brings any other players home that was on base, those runs count as RBIs as well.</p>

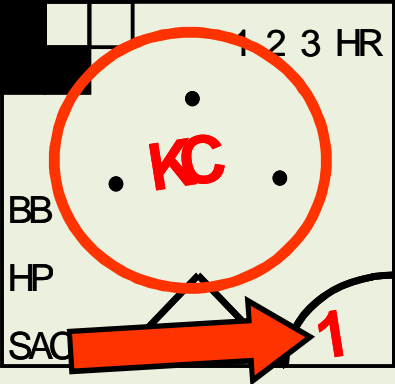
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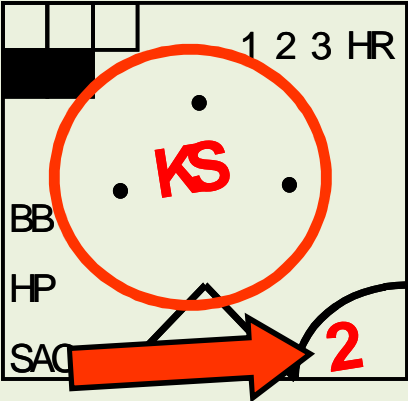
- There are several instances when the batter will cause an out. Here are definitions for each, and an example of how each is indicated in the scorebook. NOTE: All of these items are indicated using red pencil.

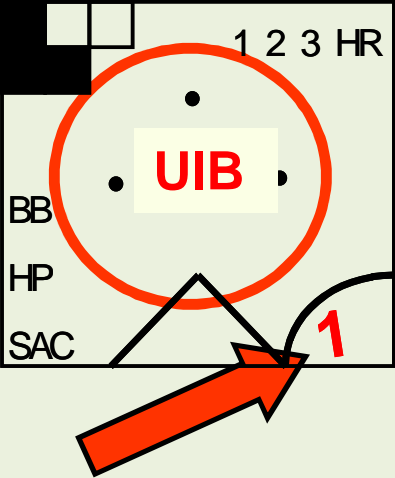


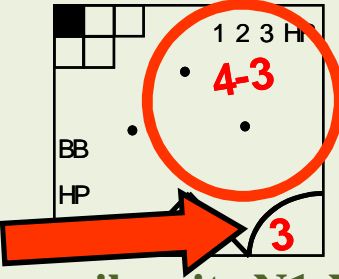
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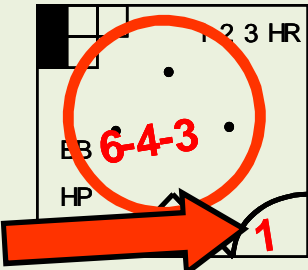


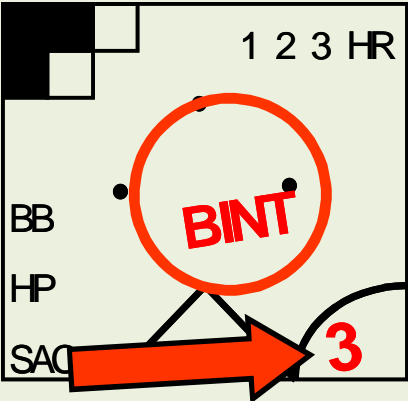
Situation	Scoring	Counting for Player Totals
<p>Strike out Looking / Called Strike (KC)</p> <p><i>Indicated in Red Pencil</i></p>	 <p>1. In red pencil write KC</p> <p>2. Indicate the out number in the arc at the bottom right of the box.</p>	<p>At Bats Totals Counts as an at bat.</p> <p>Hits Totals Does not count as a hit.</p> <p>RBI Totals None</p>

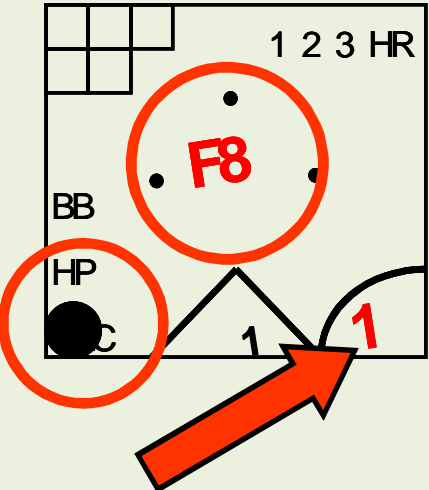
Situation	Scoring	Counting for Player Totals
<p>Strike out swinging (KS)</p> <p><i>Indicated in Red Pencil</i></p>	 <p>1. In red pencil write KS</p> <p>2. Indicate the out number in the arc at the bottom right of the box.</p>	<p>At Bats Totals Counts as an at bat.</p> <p>Hits Totals Does not count as a hit.</p> <p>RBI Totals None</p>

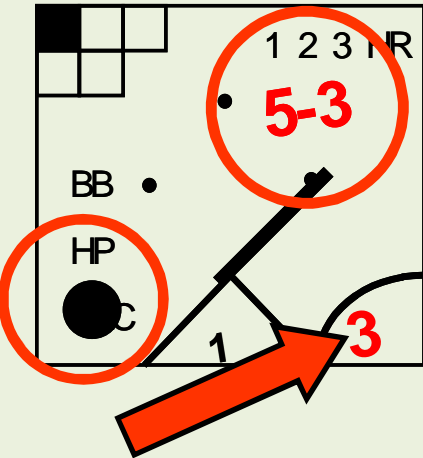
Situation	Scoring	Counting for Player Totals
<p>Use of Illegal Bat (UIB)</p> <p><i>Indicated in Red Pencil</i></p>	 <p>1. In red pencil write UIB</p> <p>2. Indicate the out number in the arc at the bottom right of the box.</p>	<p>At Bats Totals Counts as an at bat.</p> <p>Hits Totals Does not count as a hit.</p> <p>RBI Totals None</p>

Situation	Scoring	Counting for Player Totals
<p>Put Out Assisted (N1-N2 N1= assisting position # 2= put out position #)</p> <p><i>Indicated in Red Pencil</i></p>	 <p>1. In red pencil write N1-N2 where N1 is the position number of the defensive player making the assist, and N2 is the position number of the player making the out.</p> <p>2. Indicate the out number in the arc at the bottom right of the box.</p> <p>3. I necessary record any RBI's in the triangle at the bottom of the box.</p> <p>In the example, the ball was hit to the second baseman who threw the ball to the first baseman for the put out.</p>	<p>At Bats Totals Counts as an at bat.</p> <p>Hits Totals Does not count as a hit.</p> <p>RBI Totals Batter receives an RBI for any runner that scores.</p>

Situation	Scoring	Counting for Player Totals
<p>Double Play</p> <p><i>Indicated in Red Pencil</i></p>	 <p>1. In red pencil write N1-N2-N3 where N1 is the position number of the defensive player making the assist, and N2 is the position number of the defensive player making the first out, and N3 is the defensive player making the second put out.</p> <p>2. Indicate the out number in the arc at the bottom right of the box.</p> <p>In the example, the ball was hit to the short-stop who threw the ball to the second baseman for the first put out, and then to the first baseman for the second put out.</p>	<p>At Bats Totals Counts as an at bat.</p> <p>Hits Totals Does not count as a hit.</p> <p>RBI Totals None</p>

Situation	Scoring	Counting for Player Totals
<p><i>Batter's Interference</i></p> <p><i>Indicated in Red Pencil</i></p>	 <p>1. In red pencil write BINT</p> <p>2. Indicate the out number in the arc at the bottom right of the box.</p>	<p>At Bats Totals Counts as an at bat.</p> <p>Hits Totals Does not count as a hit.</p> <p>RBI Totals None</p>

Situation	Scoring	Counting for Player Totals
<p><i>Sacrifice Fly</i> <i>A fly ball that is caught to retire the batter-runner but allows another player to score.</i></p> <p><i>Indicated in Red Pencil</i></p>	 <p>1. In red pencil write F_n where “n” is the position number of the defensive player who caught the fly ball.</p> <p>2. Indicate the out number in the arc at the bottom right of the box.</p> <p>3. Record any RBI's at the triangle at the bottom of the box.</p> <p>In the example, the batter hit a sacrifice fly to center field.</p>	<p>At Bats Totals Does not count as an at bat.</p> <p>Hits Totals Does not count as a hit.</p> <p>RBI Totals Batter receives an RBI for any runner that scores.</p>

Situation	Scoring	Counting for Player Totals
<p><i>Sacrifice Bunt</i></p> <p><i>A hit in which a bunted ball results in one or more runners advancing and the batter being put out at first base.</i></p> <p><i>Indicated in Red Pencil</i></p>	 <p>1. In red pencil indicate the out that was made (it may be an unassisted or a ground out).</p> <p>2. Indicate the out number in the arc at the bottom right of the box.</p> <p>3. Record the RBI's in the triangle at the bottom of the box.</p> <p>In the example, the batter hit a bunt to the third baseman who threw to the first baseman for the put out.</p>	<p>At Bats Totals</p> <p>Does not count as an at bat.</p> <p>Hits Totals</p> <p>Does not count as a hit.</p> <p>RBI Totals</p> <p>Batter receives an RBI for any runner that scores.</p>

Scoring Runner Advances

- There are occasions when a player advances to another base because of a special circumstance. You will want to track these in the scorebook:
- **Passed Balls (PB)** – a ball that the catcher failed to catch, but which they should have been able to catch with ordinary effort. Since the ball is still “live” runners may advance. The catcher is not charged with an error.



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Scoring Runner Advances

- **Wild Pitch (WP)** – a ball thrown by the pitcher that the catcher cannot catch with ordinary effort. The ball is still “live.” The pitcher is not charged with an error.
- **Stolen Base (SB)** – when the runner goes to their next base without the benefit of being advanced by a batter. Note: the defense must make an effort to retire the runner in order for it to be a stolen base; otherwise it is considered a fielder’s choice.



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Scoring Runner Advances

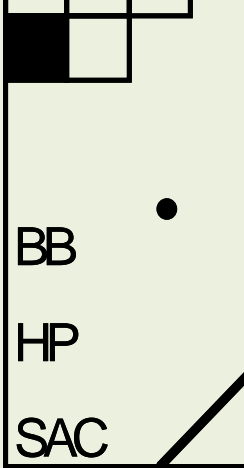
- **Fielder's Choice (FC)** – When a runner advances due to the defense choosing to put out the batter. Also, an unchallenged stolen base is considered a fielder's choice.
- **Error (En)** – When a runner advances due to failure of a defensive player to complete a routine play. It is up to the scorekeeper to determine whether or not an error has been made. Remember that little leaguers are not professionals; when in doubt, do not call an error. Only one base advance may be counted per error.

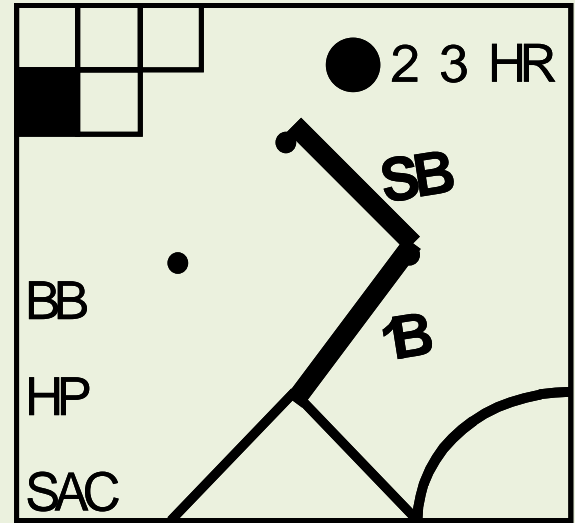


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Scoring Runner Advances

- To track base advances, write the abbreviation next to the line that indicates the base advance. In the example, the runner advanced to second because of a stolen base.
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- Note:* In professional scorekeeping, each base progression due to a batter advancing, the runner is also tracked. This is done by placing the number of the batter next to the base advance.



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Scoring Runner Advances

- Each time a player safely crosses home plate after rounding the bases, you count a run. There is a 5 run limit that can be scored in the Minor divisions. Once the fifth run scores the inning is over:
- After four complete innings of play (three and a half innings if the home team is ahead), if one team is 10 or more runs ahead of the other team, the game is automatically ended, unless the league options out of the 10 run rule.

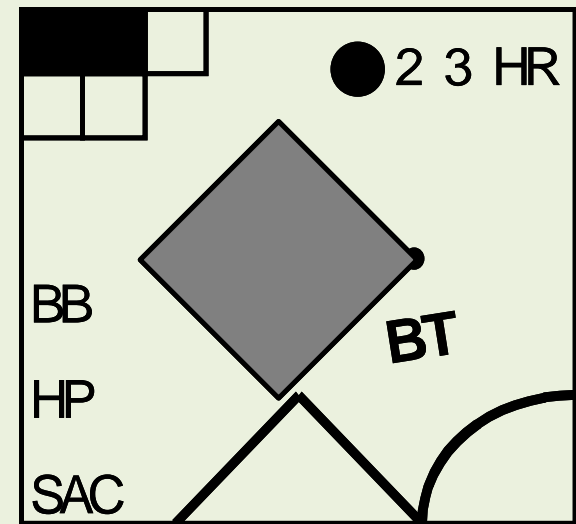


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Scoring Runner Advances

- When a player scores a run, completely fill in the diamond on the scorecard. This will make it easier to total runs at the end of each inning.
- In this example, the player hit a Bunt Single, and then advanced around the bases, and scored a run.



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Baseball Pitch Count Rule

- The two main parts to the rule:
 - 1) Pitch count limit per game
 - 2) Pitcher rest requirements as determined by number of pitches.
- Pitch Count Limit Per Game:
 - The manager must remove a pitcher when the pitcher reaches the pitch count for his/her age group
 - 13-16 years old: 95 pitches per day
 - 11-12 years old: 85 pitches per day
 - 9-10 years old: 75 pitches per day
 - 7-8 years old: 50 pitches per day



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Baseball Pitch Count Rule cont.

- **Regulation VI (a)**

Any player on a regular season team may pitch.

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



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Baseball Pitch Count Rule cont.

- **EXCEPTION:** If a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is retired; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold he/she reached during that at-bat, provided that pitcher is removed before delivering a pitch to another batter.

Note 1: A pitcher who delivers forty one (41) or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.



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Baseball Pitch Count Rule cont.

- Regulation VI (k)

Pitching in more than one game in a day: Junior/Senior League—*A player may be used as a pitcher in up to two games in a day. (Exception: If the player pitched 31 or more pitches in the first game, that player may not pitch in the second game on that day);*



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Baseball Pitch Count Rule cont.

- Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:
 - If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 51 – 65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 36 – 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 21 – 35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 1 – 20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.



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Baseball Pitch Count Rule cont.

	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1		Abe 86 Bob 40			Cal 45 Bob 70		Abe 70 Bill 70
2			Bob 60 Cal 59 Jim 35		Abe 39 Jim 85		Bob 80 Cal 85
3		Bill 70 Rained Out				Can Bill Pitch?	Bill 59 Has 4 days rest Cal 85
4		Need Bill 2 days rest	Resumed Game Bob 51 Tie Game Called Darkness		Is Bob eligible?	Jim 51 Cal 40	
5		Cal 60 Won in four innings	No, he was replaced by Bob Can Bill Pitch?	Resumed Game Bob 55 Tie Game Light Failure	Resumed Game Bob 51 Cal 45 Jim 85 Cal 85	Needs 3 days rest Can Bob Pitch?	Bob Cal 88

This chart applies to League Age 12

11/12 85 pitches per game 1-20=0 days 21-35=1 day
 36-50=2 days 51-65=3 days 66 more=4 days **Cannot pitch in consecutive games unless required days of rest is observed.**

Baseball Pitch Count Rule cont.

- Pitchers league age 15 – 16 must adhere to the following rest requirements:
 - If a player pitches 76 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 61 – 75 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 46 – 60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 31 – 45 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 1 – 30 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.



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Baseball Pitch Count Rule cont.

- Provide pitch count totals to managers/coaches whenever they ask.
- When the pitcher reaches ~10 pitches before their limit, proactively inform ONLY the plate umpire.
- Proactively inform ONLY the plate umpire when a pitcher reaches his/her limit.



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Baseball Pitch Count Administration

- Each pitch delivered (while the ball is live) to the batter shall be counted. **Little League/Minor League Exception:** For the purpose of maintaining a pitch count, illegal or not, every pitch shall count as one pitch; even if a pitch is not actually thrown.
- **50-70/Junior/Senior League Exception:** When a balk occurs and the pitch is delivered and not put in play, it is neither a ball or strike but is counted as a pitch delivered. If the pitch is not delivered no pitch count shall be recorded.



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Baseball Pitch Count Administration

- **Intentional Walk: Little League/Minor League Exception:** Prior to a pitch being thrown, the defense elects to “Intentionally Walk” the batter by announcing such decision to the plate umpire. The ball is dead and no other runners may advance unless forced by the batter’s award. Four (4) pitches will be added to the pitch count.

NOTE: There is no “Intentional Walk” in 50-70/Senior League, four pitches must be delivered to the batter.



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Baseball Pitch Count Administration

- The total pitches for each pitcher must be entered in the scorebook at the end of the game, and on the Eligibility Tracking Form.
- The Official Scorekeeper may or may not decide to use the cross-checks provided by the Assistant Scorekeeper.
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Baseball Pitch Count Administration

- The Office Scorekeeper's pitch count is the official count and is final.
- It doesn't matter if the manager's, coaches, or parents or anyone else's is different than the Official Scorekeeper!
- Do not get caught up in who's record is correct. Remember, the Official Scorekeeper is the final and official pitch count!



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Keeping Track of The Pitch Count

- On every pitch, record ball/strike with a slash
 - The assistant scorekeeper should record each valid pitch in the "Pitching Log" and "click the counter" as a cross checker.

6	Jones	4	RBI	
				<div>S</div> <div>B</div> <div>B</div>

- For "foul balls" with 2 strikes already recorded, write "foul" or just "F" in the upper left corner.

6	Jones	4	F1,2 RBI	
				<div>S</div> <div>B</div> <div>B</div>

F1,2 means there were 2 foul balls with 2 strikes recorded.

You can also use dots or hash marks instead of "F1.



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Keeping Track Of The Pitch Count

- After 3rd out, tally up balls + strikes + 2nd strike, fouls+ HBP+ hits+ errors = pitch count
 - Cross-check against pitch counter
- Write the pitch count for each inning at the bottom of the score sheet in the correct inning column...
 - First number is total for the inning
 - Second number is cumulative pitcher

Pitch count for the
2nd inning = 22

Cumulative pitch count
(13 + 22) equals 35

Number	Line Up	Pos	1	2
6	Bonds	9	K	
			RBI	RBI
			S S B B B	S S B B B
12	Giambe	3	K	
			RBI	RBI
			S S B B B	S S B B B
2	Sosa	8	K	
			RBI	RBI
			S S B B B	S S B B B
16	Palmiero	5		
			RBI	RBI
			S S B B B	S S B B B
22				
			RBI	RBI
			S S B B B	S S B B B
13				
			RBI	RBI
			S S B B B	S S B B B
			Enter Pitch Count Total Here	13 22 35
				B B B



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Keeping Track Of The Pitch Count

- What's the Pitch Count?
- Make sure you count the activity on the last pitch (e.g., hits, Ks, fielders choice, etc.)

End of the half inning

Answer: 17



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Number	Line Up	Pos	1	2
6	Bonds	9	F1 X 4-6 BB RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B
12	Giambe	3	K RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B
2	Sosa	8	SB FC RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B
16	Palmiero	5	K RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B
22				RBI S S B B B
13				RBI S S B B B
7				RBI S S B B B

Substitutions: Offensive

- Draw a line between the last score box of the previous batter in that spot in the order and the first score box of the new hitter.
- Note next to the entering players name whether it is the top or bottom of the inning
- Record the defensive position of the new player when he/she takes the field.

Num	Line Up	Pos	4	5
6	Jones	4		<div>K</div>
				<div>1</div>
3	Kitt B5	5	RBI S S B B B	RBI S S B B B

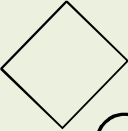
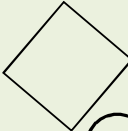




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Substitutions: Defensive

- Draw a line between the last score box in which the player being removed played and the next score box where the new player is starting.
- Note next to the entering players name whether it is the top or bottom of the inning
- Record the defensive position of the new player when he/she takes the field.

Num	Line Up	Pos	3	4
6	Jones			
3	Smith T 4	7		
			RBI	RBI
			S S	S S
			B B B	B B B



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Substitutions: Pitchers

- Each time a new pitcher enters the game, either for your own team, or the opposing team, you ***must*** track it in the scorebook.

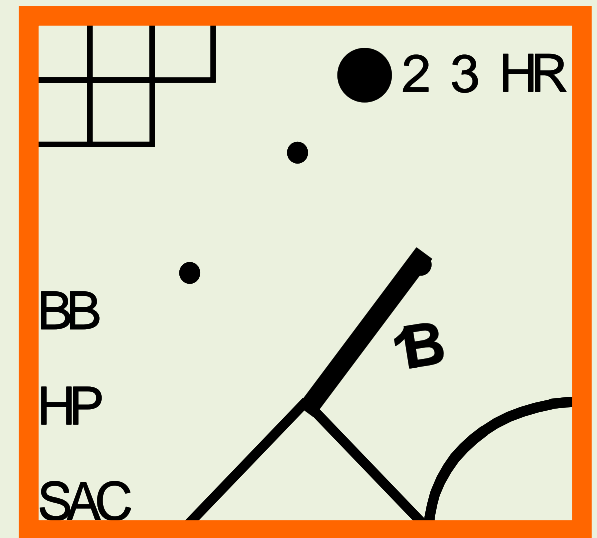


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Tracking The Other Team's Pitching Changes

- You indicate a new pitcher for the other team by circling the player's box in red pencil. This should be done at the beginning of each game (i.e. the first box for the first player is always circled in red) as well as for each subsequent new pitcher:

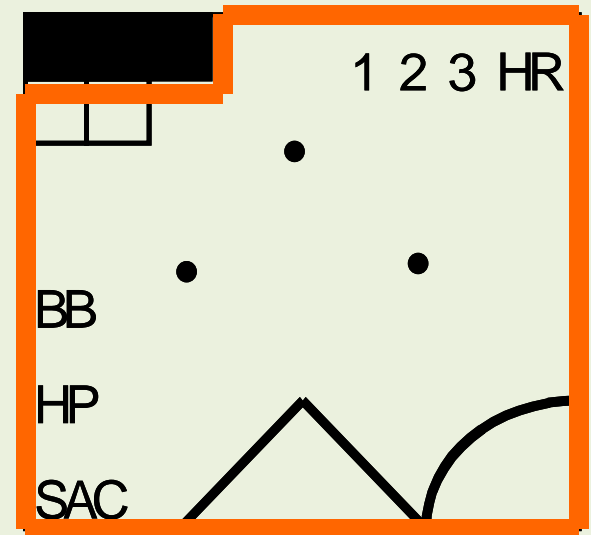


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Tracking The Other Team's Pitching Changes

- If a pitcher is changed in the middle of an at bat, place a red box around everything except the pitches that have already been thrown. In this example, the first pitcher threw three balls to the batter, and now a new pitcher has entered the game.



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Substitutions: Pitchers

- Draw a line under the box of the last batter the previous pitcher faced.
- Note the new pitchers name
- Record the final pitch count of the previous pitcher at the bottom of the inning column.

Num	Name	Pos	4
6	Jones	4	<div>SB</div> <div>1B</div> <div>RBI</div> <div>S</div> <div>S</div> <div>B</div> <div>B</div> <div>B</div>
12	Smith	3	<div>RBI</div> <div>S</div> <div>S</div> <div>B</div> <div>B</div> <div>B</div>
16	Anderson	9	<div>RBI</div> <div>S</div> <div>S</div> <div>B</div> <div>B</div> <div>B</div>
Clemens			22/35
			<div>KBI</div> <div>S</div> <div>S</div> <div>B</div> <div>B</div> <div>B</div>



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Substitutions: Pitchers Cont.

- Start a new pitch count for the new pitcher.
- Reset the pitch counter to zero
- Start a new line in the pitching log.
- Between innings record the pitching totals in the pitcher record box at the bottom of the log.
- Record pitch counts at the bottom of the scorebook.

Num	Name	Pos	4
6	Jones	4	<div> <div>SB</div> <div>1B</div> <div>RBI</div> <div>S</div> <div>S</div> <div>B</div> <div>B</div> <div>B</div> </div>
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	Maddux P		
	Clemens		22/35
	Maddux		8



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Tracking The Other Team's Pitching Changes

NO.	PITCHERS	TOTALS	W	L	IP	AB	R	H	SO	BB	ER
12	Clark -				35				5	2	
23	Fisher				89				5	4	

You should also track each pitcher for your team in the box provided at the bottom of the scorebook. Remember, with Pitch Count, you are concerned with the number of actual pitches, and **NOT** innings. Thus, we recommend you put Pitch Count in the “ IP “ column.



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- If you wish, you can also track the number of strikeouts and base on balls for each pitcher.



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Inning Totals

INNING AND RUNNING TOTALS	RUNS	1	1	1	2	5	7	5	12	1	13		
	HITS	1	1	1	2	4	6	2	8	1	9		
	ERRORS	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	L.O.B.	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	4	2	6		
	E.R.	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		

If you wish, you can also track the number of strikeouts and base on balls for each pitcher. At the end of each inning, total the number of runs, hits, errors, and left on base (LOB) at the bottom of the list of players for each inning.

There are two columns at the bottom for inning totals. The first is the total for the current inning, and the second is the cumulative total for all innings.



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	L.O.B.	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	4	2	6		
	E.R.	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		

Runs – The total number of times a runner safely crossed home plate during the inning. Count up the number of shaded diamonds for each player in the inning.

Hits – The total number of hits in the inning. See **Scoring Hits** for information on scoring hits.



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	L.O.B.	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	4	2	6		
	E.R.	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		

Errors- the total number of errors in the inning. See **scoring** for more information on scoring errors.

Left on Base (LOB)– This is the number of runners who were on base after the last out is made. For example, if there were two runners on base, and one of them is caught stealing for out three, then one runner was left on base.



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Ending The Game:

- The game is over when the umpire declares it over. Complete games for Major division and below will end after six innings, 5 ½ innings if home team is ahead. 50-70/Junior/Senior League division games will end after seven innings, 6/12 innings if home team is ahead. If using the **10 run rule**, Majors after 3 ½ innings if home is ahead, Juniors/Seniors/Big League after 6 ½ innings if home is ahead; or may be called due to darkness, rain, curfew etc. A regulation game in Majors must have at least four full innings (or three and a half innings if the home team is ahead.) A regulation game in Juniors/Seniors/Big League must have at least five full innings (or four and a half innings if the home team is ahead.)



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Ending The Game:

- Once a game has begun and one complete inning has been played and is halted before regulation, simply make a note in the Offensive or Defensive notes indicating why the game was stopped. When the game is rescheduled, it will begin at exactly the same place at which it was stopped, and you will continue in the scorebook as though there had not been a delay.



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Protested Games:

- If a game has been protested by either team, once the umpire informs you of the protest, make the following notations in the scorebook:
 1. The inning in which the protest was lodged;
 2. The score at the time of the protest;
 3. What team was at bat/in the field at the time;
 4. What if any was the count on the batter;
 5. What if any runners were on at the time;
 6. Number of outs at the time of the protest;
 7. Once the game is over, collect the lineup cards from the umpire and keep them with the book.



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Mandatory Play Regulation IV (i):

- All programs from Minor to Senior Baseball & Softball...
- (i) Every player on a team roster will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time.

Every rostered player present at the start of a game will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time. *For the purposes of this rule, “six (6) defensive outs” is defined as: A player enters the field in one of the nine defensive positions when his/her team is on defense and occupies such position while six outs are made; “bat at least one (1) time” is defined as: A player enters the batter’s box with no count and completes that time at bat by being put out, **called out by an umpire** or by reaching base safely.*

Mandatory Play Regulation IV (i):

- All programs from Minor to Senior Baseball & Softball...

Penalty:

The player(s) involved shall start the next scheduled game, play any previous requirement not completed for Section (i) and the requirement for this game before being removed.

The manager shall for the:

- A. First Offense- receive a written warning.
- B. Second Offense- a suspension for the next scheduled game.
- C. Third offense- a suspension for the remainder of the season.

Comments: There is no exception to this rule unless the game is shortened for any reason at which time the Local league may elect not to impose a penalty on the manager/coach.



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Baseball and Softball Rule 2:

■ “An At Bat”

*An **AT-BAT**, for the purposes of meeting the requirements of Mandatory Play (if applicable), is when a batter assumes the position of a batter with no count and is put out, **called out by an umpire** or reaches base. An at-bat for scorekeeping / statistical purposes is defined in the publication, “What’s the Score?”*



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Baseball and Softball Rule 6.05 (b):

- A Batter is Out When...

(b) *Little League (Majors)*

Intermediate/Junior/Senior League –

(1) a third strike is legally caught by the catcher;

(2) a third strike is not caught by the catcher when first base is occupied before two are out. **Minor League and**

Tee Ball: A third strike is caught or not caught by the catcher. *Option: A local league may elect to apply the Minor League and Tee Ball rule for the Little League (Major Division) for the regular season.*



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Baseball and Softball Rule 6.06 (d):

■ A Batter is Out for Illegal Action When...

(d) The batter enters the batter's box with one or both feet entirely on the ground with an illegal bat (see bat specifications rule 1.10) or is discovered having used an illegal bat prior to the next player entering the batter's box.

Note: *If the infraction is discovered before the next player enters the batter's box following the turn at bat of the player who used an illegal bat:*

1) The manager of the defense may advise the plate umpire of a decision to decline the penalty and accept the play. Such election shall be made immediately at the end of the play.



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Players And Team Totals:

- ☐ Each player should have a total filled out at the end of the game. This total includes their number of:
 - ☐ At Bats
 - ☐ Runs
 - ☐ Hits
 - ☐ Runs Batted In
 - ☐ Strike Outs (SO)
 - ☐ Base on Balls and Hit by Pitch (BB/HP)
 - ☐ Errors

These numbers are entered to the very right of the player's name.



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Players And Team Totals:

- ❑ Any hit (single, bunt single, double, triple or home run.)
- ❑ An at bat where the player reaches first base due to an error.
- ❑ An at bat where the player reaches first base due to a fielder's choice.
- ❑ An at bat that results in the batter being out
 - Strike out looking (KC)
 - Strike out swinging (KS)
 - Use of Illegal Bat (UIB) Called out by the Umpire
 - Unassisted out
 - Assisted out
 - Double play
 - Batter's interference (BINT)

Players And Team Totals:

These are **not** considered hits:

- ❑ A Base on Balls (Walk.)
- ❑ A Sacrifice Fly or Sacrifice Bunt.
- ❑ A HP (Hit by Pitch.)
- ❑ Catcher's interference

Counting Hits

A hit is when a ball is batted into fair territory that allows the batter to reach base safely without the aid of an error.



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Counting RBI's

- A player receives a Run Batted In (RBI) for each player on base that they bring home as a result of their turn at the bat. RBIs result when other players score a run, as a result of:
- Any hit (single, bunt single, double, triple, or home run). If the batter hits a solo (no runners on base) home run, this counts as one RBI for his or her own run.



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Counting RBI's

- The batter reaches first base on a Base on Balls (BB) when the bases are loaded (runners on first, second and third), and the runner at third scores.
- The batter is awarded first base (Hit by Pitch, or Interference) when the bases are loaded (runners on first, second and third), and the runner at third scores.
- When the batter reaches base by a Fielder's Choice (FC) and the runner at third scores.



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Counting RBI's cont.

- When the batter hits a Sacrifice (SAC) fly or bunt, and the runner at third scores.
- When the batter reaches base through an error, and the runner at third scores. This only counts as an RBI if:
 - It is before the second out, and;
The scorekeeper determines that the runner would have scored even if the error had not been made, and the error was not made at first base as part of what would have been a force double play.



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Counting RBI's cont.

- When the batter reaches base through a fielder's choice, and the runner at third scores.
- When the batter causes an infield out, and the runner from third scores. This is *not* true if the batter hits into a double play.
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Shutting Down Checklist:

- Tally up and cross-check totals
 - Clearly indicate the final score and the winner/loser.
 - Clearly indicate the pitch count totals for each pitcher.
 - Clearly indicate the number of innings pitched for each pitcher.
- Clean up and put the books away
 - Do not take the book with you



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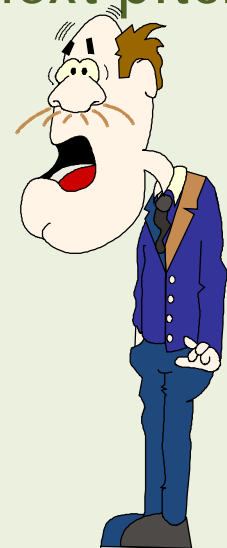


Some Do's and Don'ts:

- Show up early to the game, or let the Manager know you can't make it early to the game the night before.
- Remind yourself, you are a volunteer providing the League a service, doing the best you can...HAVE FUN!
- Always try and bring illegal substitutions (pitcher/player to the attention of the Plate Umpire before the next pitch to prevent protest from happening.
- Never identify "batting out of order" to the umpires or anyone. This is the responsibility of the managers.



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Some Do's and Don'ts: Cont.

- Please keep extra people out of the score booth...3 is too many.
- If you need clarification, ask the umpire between innings, or if necessary, ask the umpire between batters. Never interrupt live play.
- Don't show or express favoritism.
- Never publicly disagree with the umpires or offer your own opinion.
- Remember the microphone is usually live.



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Thank you!
Questions?



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