

THREE PART PRE-GAME

PART 1—Pre planning

- Insure all equipment and uniforms are ready for the next day / weekend.
- Make sure you have good directions to the park you are assigned to.
- Arrive no later than 30 minutes prior to game time

PART 2—Arrival at Park

When you arrive at park, Find the Umpire Camp Parking and Contact the UIC

- Schedule Changes
- Need a winner?
- Time limits?
- Age groups.....10C Rules

Find your partners are and discuss how you are going to “work the game”

- Fair/Foul Coverage
- Tag-Up/Touches
- Fly Ball to the outfield
- Coverage of Third Base
- Uncaught Third Strike
- Batted Balls that hit batter while in box.
- Umpire to Umpire Communication

Find game balls and be on field at home plate at least 5 minutes before game time.

Leave jewelry and cell phones in your vehicle.

PART 3—Pre game conference

The home plate Umpire conducts the pre-game conference and both umpires should be at the conference.

Base umpire stands at the front of plate / Plate umpire stands at the back of plate

Have coaches and team captains (if they have them) introduce themselves.

Home plate Umpire introduce base umpire then himself

Accept the lineup cards from the coaches. Check to see the following:

- Are the proper number of players are listed?
- Are both the first and last names are listed?
- Are there are no duplicate numbers?
- Are substitutes are listed below the starters?
- Are there additional player/players (AP) and/or DP/FLEX are being used and they are listed in the correct spot? The Designated Player (DP) is listed in the lineup where they are batting. The FLEX is listed last on the lineup.
- Are they using roster batting? If so, ALL players present must be in the batting order. Any late arriving players must be added to the end of the batting order.

If there are any problems, get them resolved now

Once the lineup card is checked, hand it back to the coach and let him review it one more time, when you get it back then the lineup becomes official.

Ask if all players and equipment are legal and in compliance with USSSA rules. You must get a verbal reply of “yes”.

Briefly cover the following:

Ground Rules for that field

- Any unique rules for that field
- Identify all openings in the field area where the ball may leave the field of play.
- Cover the rule for a trapped ball/ past a temporary fence, etc.

Cover the Run Rule/Time limit

Cover Jewelry

Determine Home and Away team USSSA points / Coin Flip (make sure you have a coin for flip)

Higher seed on Sunday

All of this should take no more than 2 minutes

No Warnings may be issued at the pre-game

START YOUR TIMER