

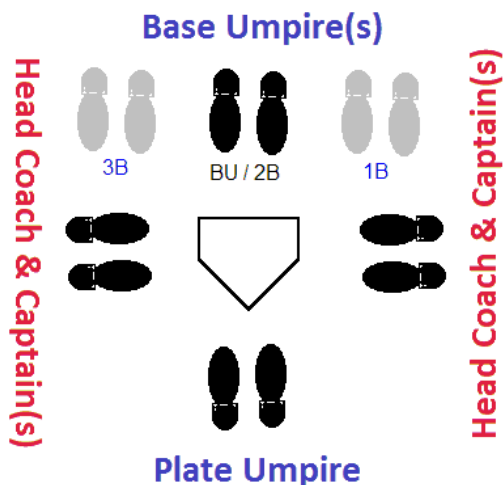
### Pre-Game Conference with Partner

- Fair/Foul Coverage
- Fly Ball Coverage
  - ✓ Bases Empty
  - ✓ Bases Occupied
- Base Touches/Tag-ups
  - ✓ Single Runner
  - ✓ Multiple Runners
- Third Base Coverage
- Dead Ball Calls
- Check Swing appeals
- Getting Help
- Misc. Signals
  - ✓ Infield Fly
  - ✓ Time Play
  - ✓ What's the Count?
  - ✓ How many outs?
- Umpire Communications
  - ✓ "I can help you"

### Pre-Game Meeting at Home Plate - 2017

**Must be attended by the Head Coach and the team Captain (any player).**

- Introductions
- READ Sportsmanship statement.
- ***Have pitching logs been exchanged?***
- ***Is there an Official Adult Pitch Counter?***
- Line-up Cards Exchanged
  - ✓ ***Are all sub's names listed?***
  - ✓ ***Are today's ineligible pitchers indicated on your lineup cards?***
  - ✓ Verify for use of DH and all positions covered.
  - ✓ ***Lineups are accepted as official.***
- Equipment legal
  - ✓ ***Are all your players legally equipped?***
- Ground Rules from Home Team
- Ask for questions



### ***Sportsmanship statement***

There will be no tolerance for negative statements or actions between opposing players and coaches.

This includes taunting, baiting, berating opponents, "trash-talking" or actions which ridicule or cause embarrassment to them.

Any verbal, written or physical conduct related to race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or religion shall not be tolerated.

It could subject the violator to ejection, and may result in penalties being assessed against your team.

If such comments are heard a penalty will be assessed immediately.

We have been instructed not to issue warnings it is your responsibility to remind your team of this policy.

## AN UMPIRE'S PRE-GAME ACTIVITIES

### 1. 1-2 days prior to game:

- a. Call or email the school A.D. or head coach to confirm location and time of game
- b. Call your partner: Determine who has the plate; Agree where to park; get partner's car info, etc.
- c. Procedure if inclement weather
- d. Always have your partner's cell number with you.

### 2. Day of game

- a. Arrive 30 – 40 minutes prior to start time
- b. Check in with home team coach at field
- c. Observe any special or possibly hazardous field conditions
- d. ***Park next to your partner if he gets there first!***

### 3. Pre-game meeting with partner (in parking lot)

- a. Rules - review latest changes, special concerns/questions
- b. Field coverage
  - i. Fair/foul responsibilities
  - ii. Fly ball coverage; responsibilities if BU goes out
  - iii. Trapped balls
  - iv. Ground ball responsibilities
  - v. Tag-ups
  - vi. Missed bases
  - vii. Infield fly
  - viii. PU covering third base; helping out at 1 base
  - ix. Pivot play at 2nd base in double play situation
  - x. Check swings
  - xi. Batted ball hitting batter while in box
  - xii. Rundowns
- c. Game situations
  - i. Hand signals and other non-verbal communications
  - ii. Verbal communications in coverage situations
  - iii. Dealing with benches
  - iv. Inclement weather/darkness
  - v. Unique ground rules or conditions specific to field
  - vi. Past problems with coaches/players; history between teams

### 4. Pre-game meeting with head coaches at home plate

- a. Enter field approximately 10 minutes prior to game time
- b. Insure team not warming up is in dugout or bullpen
- c. SOFTBALL ONLY: Check for illegal or unsafe equipment.
- d. Get sufficient number of balls
- e. Pre-game meeting with coaches/captains
  - i. Introductions
  - ii. Exchange of lineup cards; check for obvious errors, omissions, etc.
  - iii. **Ask if all substitutes' names are listed on the line cards**
  - iv. Announcement of ground rules by HC, or PU if he knows them
  - v. Verify that players are properly equipped
  - vi. Emphasize that all participants are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship throughout the game
  - vii. Ask coaches for "any questions or concerns?"
  - viii. ***Thanks guys. Let's have good game!***