

THREE PART PRE-GAME CONFERENCE

PART 1

- A. Insure all equipment and uniforms are ready for the next day /weekend.
- B. Make sure you have good instruction to the park you are to be at.
- C. Arrive no later than 30 minutes prior to game time

PART 2

When you arrive at park contact UIC or Tournament Director.

Find out who your partner is and discuss how you are going to work the game”

- ❖ Fair/Foul Coverage
- ❖ Infield Fly
- ❖ Tag-Up/Touches
- ❖ Fly Ball to the outfield
- ❖ Coverage of Third Base
- ❖ Dropped Third Strike
- ❖ Batted Balls that hit batter while in box.
- ❖ Check swings

Find Game balls and be on Field at home plate at least 5 Minutes before game time. Leave jewelry and cell phones in Car.

PART 3

The home plate Umpire Conducts the pre-game conference and both umpire should be at the conference.

Base umpire stand at front of plate /home plate at Back

Have team captains introduce them self

Home plate Umpire introduce base umpire then himself

Accept the lineup cards from the coaches. Check to see that the proper number of players is listed, that both first and last names are listed, and there are no duplicate numbers, and that substitutes are listed below the starters. Check to see if an additional player/DH is being used and they are listed in the correct spot. The Designated Hitter (DH) and Defensive Player (DP) are listed on same line. If there are any problems get them resolved then. Once the line up card is good, hand it back to the coach and let him review it one more time, when you get it back then it becomes an official lineup Card.

Go over Ground Rule for that Field

- ❖ Any Unique Rules for that Field
- ❖ Identify all openings in the field area that the ball may leave the field of play.
- ❖ Cover the rule for a trapped ball– fielder will raise hands.
- ❖ **Note: No warnings may be issue at the Pre-game.**

Cover the Thunder/Lighting rule

Cover the Run Rule/Time limit

Cover Jewelry and Courtesy Rule

Do Coin Flip (make sure you have a coin for flip)

Ask if all players are legally equipped and are all there players legal in accordance with the USSSA rules.

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