

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 directions to the park you are assigned to.
- C. Arrive no later than 30 minutes prior to game time

PART 2

When you arrive at park, contact the UIC

Find out who 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

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 that the proper number of players is listed
- Check that both first and last names are listed
- Check there are no duplicate numbers
- Check that substitutes are listed below the starters.
- Check to see if an additional player or DP/FLEX is 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.

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”

Go over Ground Rule 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– fielder will raise hands.
- **Note: No warnings may be issue at the Pre-game.**

Cover the Run Rule/Time limit

Cover Jewelry

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

