

BASIC REASONS FOR HAVING LITTLE LEAGUE SCOREKEEPER

1. INSURE THAT EVERY PLAYER HAS PLAYED HIS/HER REQUIRED AMOUNT OF TIME [Regulation IV(i)]
2. INSURE THAT THE PITCHING ELIGIBILITY IS OBSERVED PROPERLY
3. RECORD EXACT GAME SITUATION IN THE EVENT OF A PROTESTED GAME OR SUSPENDED GAME
4. RECORD THE FINAL SCORE AND PITCH COUNT OF THE GAME
5. ASSIST THE UMPIRE IN PROVIDING A RECORD OF GAME PROCEEDINGS.

PRE-GAME ACTIVITIES

1. VERIFY PITCHING ELIGIBILITY
 - Check League Pitching Records
 - Both Teams May Have Ineligible Pitchers
 - Know who Eligible is and How Many Innings
 - Days Rest and Previous Games Pitch Count
2. VERIFY MINIMUM PLAY REQUIREMENTS – REGULATION IV(i) (Later)
 - Some Players Might Be Required To Start & Play Missed Time
 - Alert Manager of Both Teams
3. SECURE GAME LINEUPS
 - Get From Both Managers ½ Hour before Game Time
 - Umpire Will Tell You When Lineups Are Official – At Plate Mtg.
 - Enter Lineup in Scorebook – Count Players on Both Teams

IMPORTANT PLAYING RULES FOR SCOREKEEPERS TO KNOW

- Regulation IV(i) – Mandatory Play Regulation
- Regulation VI – Pitching Regulations & Limits
- Rule 3.03 and 4.04– Re-entry by a Starting Player (Substitution)
- Rule 3.08 – Unannounced Substitution
- Rule 4.09 – How A Team Scores
- Rule 4.10 – Regulation Game
- Rule 4.11 – Suspended Game
- Rule 4.12 – Tie Game
- 9. Rule 4.19 – Protesting Games
- 10. Batting Out Of Turn
- 11. Rule 7.13 – Base runner Leaving Early
- 12. Rule 10.01 – Scorekeepers Responsibility

MANDATORY PLAY REGULATION [Regulation IV(i)]

All players MUST bat once and play SIX DEFENSIVE OUTS in each & every game.

Official Scorekeeper is responsible for informing the manager AND league president of violations of this regulation

Defensive Outs Do Not Have To Be Played Consecutively, Except For Substitutes (Unless batting the entire roster per Rule 4.04, then substitutes do not have to play consecutive outs either)

Violation Of This Regulation Means That The Player Affected MUST:

Start the Next Game; AND

Play the Required Amount of Time for That Game; AND

Play Any Time Missed In the Previous Game

Affected Player MUST NOT Be Removed Until Provisions Are Complete

RE-ENTRY BY A STARTING PLAYER

Rule .3.03 – When batting only 9 players –

A player IN THE STARTING LINEUP, who has been removed for a sub, may reenter once in any position in the batting order provided:

His/Her sub has completed one time at bat, AND has played defensively for 6 consecutive outs.

Unannounced Substitutions (Rule 3.08)

Players not reporting to the umpire will be considered an unannounced substitution in the game when:

As A Batter, He/She Takes the Place of the Batter

As A Base runner, He/She Takes the Place of the Base runner

As A Pitcher, He Steps On the Pitcher's Plate and Makes One Warm-up Pitch to the Catcher (Or Other Fielder)

As A Fielder, He Takes the Place OF the Fielder Being

All Actions of the Unannounced Substitution Shall Be Considered Legal

Scorekeeper Must Enter The Unannounced Substitution Into The Lineup As If The Announcement Was Made (Provided The Player Is Eligible).

If player is ineligible to play at that point, scorekeeper MUST tell Umpire to stop the game and get it straightened out

INELIGIBLE PLAYER (Rule 4.19)

Scorekeepers, and Anyone Else, Are Obligated To Inform the Umpire of A Player Who Is About To Enter the Game and Is Ineligible

This Can Occur In the Following Situations

When a Pitcher Attempts To Pitch Too Many Innings

When a Pitcher Attempts To Pitch Without the Proper Rest Period

When a Starter Attempts To Re-enter Before Legally Allowed

When A Starter Who Must Start As A Result Of the Minimum Play

If Not Discovered Before Play Resumes, the Scorekeeper May NOT Say Anything. This Is Now a Protest Situation

BATTING OUT OF TURN (Rule 6.07)

Scorekeeper Cannot Say Anything to Anyone to the Fact That This Is Happening

Minimum Play and Re-entry Can Be Affected