

UMPIRE DO's and DON'Ts

- Put the ball in play every time.
- Get out from behind the catcher on balls in play.
- When in the C position, get to the B position for calls at first base.
- Stay away from base coaches, off the fence, out of the dugouts and away from the backstop between innings.
- Get to the grass before the BR reaches 1st base on walk or HBP.
- Always count warm up pitches
- Echo your partners rotation signals.
- Tape up your mask harness.
- Wear socks that cover your legs.
- Take off your sunglasses for the plate meeting.
- Wear plate pants on the plate and base pants on the bases.
- Have a short and crisp “strike” call.
- If your pullover doesn't have a waist band, tuck it in.
- Wear two matching ball bags.
- At the end of the game, get off the field.
- Wear a 4 or 6 stitch hat on the plate and a 6 or 8 stitch hat on the bases.
- Use a brush not your foot to clean the plate.
- Start the game with clean shoes.
- Manage the time between innings.
- Use a “hand on knees” stance in B and C.
- Leave the game site together.
- Keep your plate conference short and to the point
- Dress for the end of the game not the start of the game.
- Don't repeatedly look at your indicator.
- Don't wear a wristwatch on the field.
- Don't use an indicator on the bases.
- Don't wait around on the field while teams are warming up.
- Don't run out of baseballs.
- Don't wear a long sleeve shirt under a short sleeve uniform shirt.
- Don't indicate a full count with two fists. Don't indicate 2 balls or strikes using “horns”.
- Don't talk to your partner between innings unless it is necessary.
- Don't make a verbal call on swinging strikes
- Don't have your hands behind your back when working the plate.
- Don't wear a uniform shirt under a jacket.
- Don't throw the ball back to the pitcher.
- Don't point to first on a base on balls award.
- Don't watch foul balls that are out of the field of play.
- Don't make calls on obvious fly ball outs or foul balls.
- Don't put your hands in your pockets.
- Don't call “safe” without a play being made.
- Don't take the ball out of play without a reason.
- Don't point at runs that score or routine outs.
- Don't turn your head to the side when calling a strike.