

The Plate Meeting with Head Coaches

Ten (10) minutes before the game's scheduled start time, call the head coaches to home plate for the pre-game conference.

The plate meeting must be attended by the head coaches. (3-2-4)

The plate meeting with coach's should be short and to the point.

You should cover the following:

➤ Umpires introduction.

➤ Review each team's lineup, confirm there are no final changes. Then, ensure that lineups from respective coaches are exchanged. At this point the lineups are official. (4-1-3)

- Verify DH
- Verify positions and uniform numbers

➤ Coaches shall confirm that all their players are properly equipped, and that all their equipment is legal. (4-1-3b)

➤ Go over ground rules for the field. Typically, you'll ask the home team head coach to go over the ground rules. (4-1-2)

➤ Cover any special rules or time limits. Clarify conference rules, mercy/run rules, game ending procedures, etc., if any apply. (4-2-4)

➤ Emphasize the expectation for good sporting behavior to both coaches. (4-3-3a)

Umpire Pregame Checklist

Pregame meeting with your partner

- Fair/foul/pop-up coverage-BU in "A"
- Trouble balls (U1 goes out)
- Fly ball coverage (BU in A & B/C)
- PU Rotations and Signals
 - R1, R1 & R3 Rotation
 - Double Tag (R1 & R2 <2 outs) Rotation
 - Infield Fly
 - Staying Home (no rotation)
 - Time Play
 - "I have information for you"
- Base touches and tags
 - PU has 3rd (with runners on)
- Balks
- Check swings
- Foul ball off the batter in the box
- Dropped third strike
- Overthrows
- Lodged ball
- Force-play slide violation/interference
- Swipe tag/pulled foot
- Runner's lane interference
- Rundowns
- Appeals (missed bases\leaving early)
- Time between innings protocol
- 45' protocol/procedure
- National Anthem stand-off procedure
- Bench Conduct
- Unusual field conditions/ground rules
- Weather scenarios (rain, lightening/thunder)
- Health Information Form Location