

2 Man Pregame Conference Outline

Notify coaches that the crew has arrived & confirm start time.

General Discussion Topics:

Uniforms -- both Navy Blue MLB pull over for HS, Powder Blue alternate if rec

Pre-game check of bats and helmets -- both umpers together at each dugout

Home plate meeting

- Positioning -- PU at tip of plate facing outfield, BU opposite side facing PU, coaches between and facing each other
- Line up exchange & Ground Rules by Home coach
- UIC (PU) does all talking unless otherwise discussed or questions
- National Anthem position
- Hustle/Run to position

Check Swing responsibilities and mechanics

Balk responsibilities

Run Down responsibilities

Outfield Coverage -- If in doubt, go out / if BU errors on coverage, keep going

Non-verbal signals

- Infield Fly
- Standard Rotation
- Umpire going out
- Appeal
- Time Play
- Trap / Catch by catcher on 3rd strike
- Outs & Count
- Eye contact
- Let's talk between innings
- Beginning of each half inning (count players on field)

Basics

- Never cross the baselines from inside on outfield coverage
- Handling dugout situations
 - Arguing balls and strikes
 - Bench jockeying, taunting, chirping by coach or players
- Arguments (felonies & misdemeanors)
 - 1 on 1
 - When to step in/assist and when to leave them alone
- Fights
 - Try to stop players before the fight starts
 - If you can't stop them, step back and take numbers of participants

Other Points

- Rule or mechanics questions
- Hustle at all times, move smart, no happy feet
- Communicate, Communicate, Communicate
- Good eye contact and Good timing
- Get plays right

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Situations: Responsibilities on bunts, grounder to infield, fly or line drive to outfield in each situation. Specifically cover the following responsibilities for each situation:

- Fair / Foul
- Catch / No Catch coverage and signal
- Infield coverage (catch/no catch & Third base responsibilities)
- Outfield coverage (Going out, rotation/stay home)
- Trouble balls
- Plays at First -- pulled foot & swipe tags
- Overthrows -- coverage of ball and runner(s)
- Pick off plays -- Feints and throws, foot position, step off
- Steals
- Base Awards
- Balks
- Tag up coverage

No Runners on base (A)

- Pressure plays at First

Runner on First (B) or First and Third (B or C)

- Double Plays -- help on Force Play Slide Rule / Interference
- Coverage at Third

Runner on Second (C)

- Coverage at Third

Runner at Third (B or C)

- Time plays

Runners at Second and Third (C)

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- Infield Fly
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Runners at First, Second and Third (C)

- Infield Fly
- Double Plays -- help on Force Play Slide Rule / Interference

Have fun and enjoy what you are doing.

Remember you are there for them, they are not there for you.