

PRE-GAME CHECKLIST

Discuss all items by name with responses of coverage.

1. Fair or Foul responsibility.
2. Fly ball/line drive responsibility in infield:
 - No one on base.
 - Runners on base.
3. Fly ball coverage in the outfield:
 - No one on base.
 - Runners on base.
4. Coverage of 3rd base:
 - Triple,
 - runner on first,
 - 1st and 2nd both tagging,
 - 2nd only tagging,
 - 2nd only with ground ball to infield,
 - 1st and 3rd and
 - bunt with runner on 1st.
5. Runners touching and tagging
6. Initiating the infield fly rule.
7. Swipe tags and pulled foot at 1st base.
8. Illegal slides on force plays at 2nd base.
9. When will base umpire cover home.
10. Check swings.
11. Run-downs.
12. Overthrows (who has ball...who has runner)
13. Runners passing (esp w/ runner on 1st and fly ball).
14. Time play.
15. How to talk or get help.
16. Between innings positions.
17. Arguments, ejections, dugouts...
18. Umpire to umpire signals.

All subjects on this page can be covered in 5 minutes or less. This is easily done with the base umpire reading the checklist while the plate umpire is dressing.