



Baseball Scorekeeping 101



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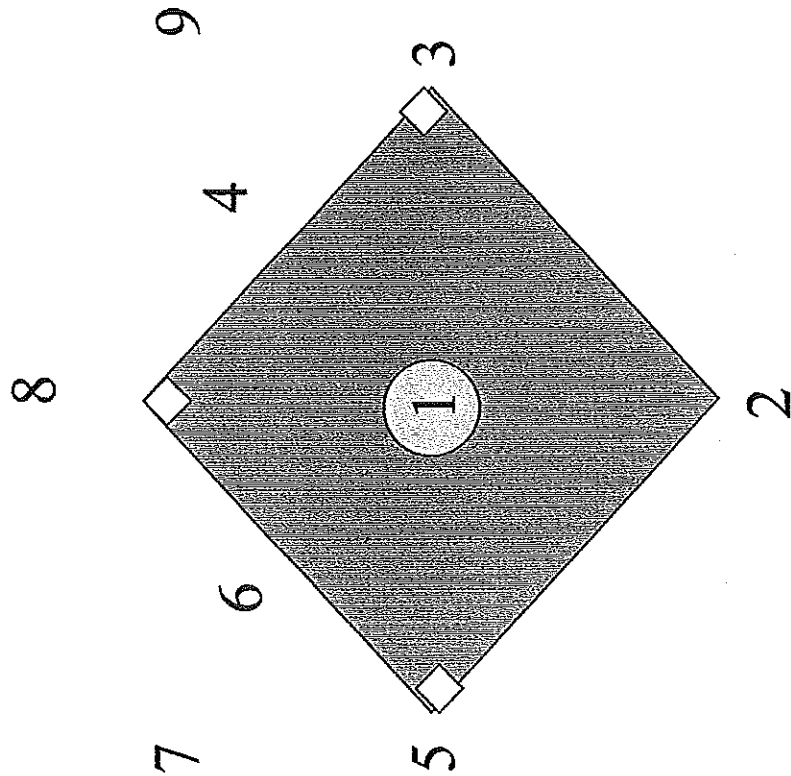
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- Who is the scorekeeper?
 - The person responsible for recording the events of the game.
 - Calculating Statistics (102)
 - Home Team is the Official Scorekeeper
 - Visiting Team Scorebook is UNOFFICIAL
- What will I need to keep score
 - The Score Book
 - A Sharp Pencil (.05 mechanical pencil works best) with an eraser



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Defensive Fielding Positions





- 1 = Pitcher
- 2 = Catcher
- 3 = 1st Baseman
- 4 = 2nd Baseman
- 5 = 3rd Baseman
- 6 = Short Stop
- 7 = Left Fielder
- 8 = Center Fielder
- 9 = Right Fielder



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Abbreviations

- 1B = Single
- 2B = Double
- 3B = Triple
- HR = Home Run
- BB = Base on Balls (Walk)(No at Bat)
- IW = Intentional Walk (No at Bat)
- HBP = Hit by Pitch (No at Bat)
- SB = Stolen Base
- CS = Caught Stealing
- INF = Infield Hit
- E = Error
- FC = Fielders Choice
- K = Strike Out Swinging (KS)
-  = Strike Out Looking
- Blk = Balk (Jr. / Sr. Ball Only)
- L = Line Drive
- F = Fly Ball
- U = Unassisted
- PB = Passed Ball
- WP = Wild Pitch
- PO = Picked Off (Jr. / Sr. Ball Only)
- Sac = Sacrifice Bunt (No at Bat)
- Sac-F = Sacrifice Fly (No at Bat)
- Bnt = Bunt
- AB = At Bat
- H = Hit(s)
- R = Runs
- RBI = Run Batted In
- SO = Strike Out
- Colored in Diamond = Run Scored 



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- Arrive 15 minutes early
- Record the team line ups (Batting Order) in the scorebook
 - Player Name and Jersey Number
 - Last Names preferred (First Name – OK)
 - Position Numbers– Optional
- Introduce your self to the umpire (if they don't do it first)
- Record Official Start Time of Game
 - From the Umpire!
 - Confirm with the visiting team



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“The Basics”

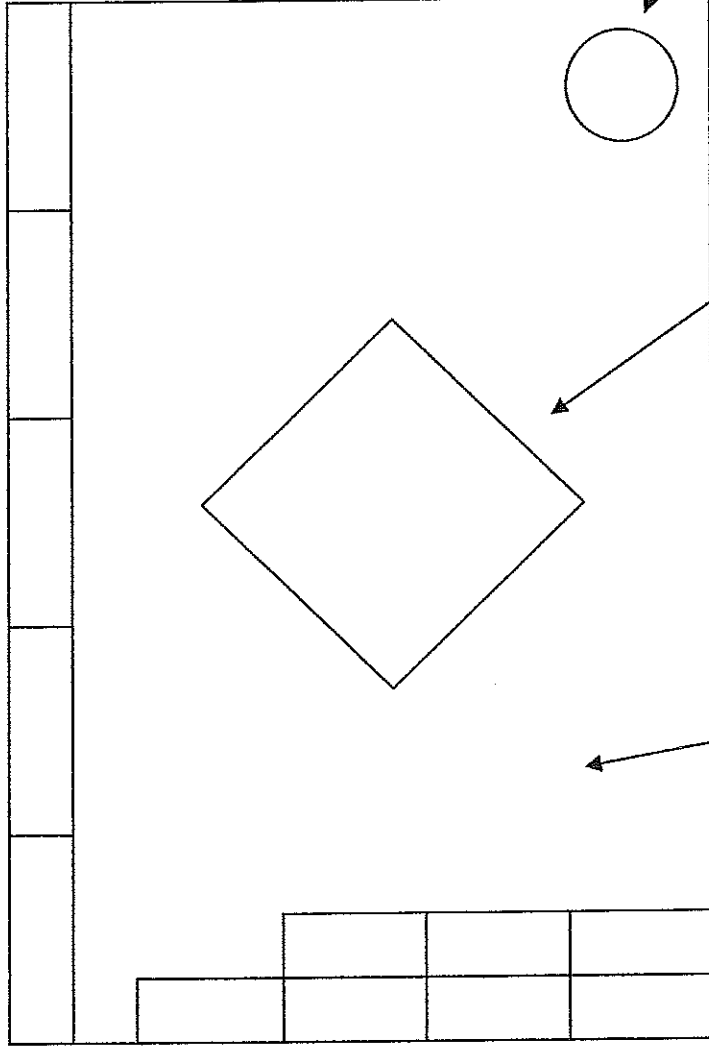
- What is the scorekeeper responsible for?
 - The Count – Balls & Strikes
 - You may be asked by the Umpire
 - The Position of the Runners
 - The Outs Recorded
 - The Runs Scored
 - Colored in Diamond
 - The Pitch Count (With Assistance) by Pitcher (102)
 - Includes foul balls
 - Includes pitches thrown for Intentional Walks (RC – 2008)
 - Does not include warm up pitches between innings or before the game
 - The Game Totals
 - Final Score (101) Individual Player Stats – AB, H, R, RBI, HR, BB, SO (102)
 - Pitch count totals by Pitcher
 - Managers Signatures on the Pitching Eligibility Form



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“The Scoring Box”

1B 2B 3B HR BB



Balls →

of Out
Recorded

The Diamond

(Keep track of runners and runs scored)

RBI's

Strikes



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“Scoring Decisions”

- Hit or Error?
 - Not every ball put in play is a hit!
 - Not every ball that hits a defenders glove is an error!
- Hit
 - A batted ball that allows the batter/runner to reach base safely (without the defense committing an error)
- Error
 - A batted ball that should have resulted in a put out by way of “Ordinary Effort” on the part of the fielding Player (Defense)
- Fielders Choice
 - When a defender could have “put out” the batter/runner but chose to “put out” another runner instead
 - Time at Bat / Not a hit



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“Miscellaneous”

- What happens if I’m not sure about the count on the batter?
 - Ask the Umpire
 - Compare with the Visitors scorebook
- What happens when more than 12 players come to the plate in an inning
 - Continue in the next column of scoring boxes and re-title the balance of the inning #’s
 - Check Local Rules for exceptions
- Substitutions
 - Won’t happen during the regular season, we bat the bench at ALL levels which allows for free substitutions
- Pitching
 - Verify the Pitch Count each ½ inning with the visiting scorekeeper
- Score
 - Verify the each ½ inning with the visiting scorekeeper



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“Examples”

23	SMITH			① 6-3			① 7
4	Jones			② K			② 6-4-3
7	wade						③ K
30	MILLS			③ E6			
14	Thompson			FC 4-6			
8	ROSE						
17	Fredrick						

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Now let's practice some scoring!

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Questions?

Little League -- Baseball Game Pitch Log

Team _____ Opponent _____ Date _____

Pitcher's Name	Uniform Number	League Age	X Cross out the number as that pitch is thrown		O Circle the number for the last pitch thrown in each half-inning																																
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Pitching eligibility varies by the league age of the pitcher, which is the pitcher's age as of May 1 of the current year. The pitching eligibility regulation is Regulation VI (see current rule book for details). A blank electronic version of this form is available for free download at www.littleleague.org.

