

# **CMLL Game Day Procedures**

## **1 Hour Prior to the Game**

### Team Warm Ups

- Stretching
- Hitting
  - All hitting into nets needs to be done outside of the outfield fence and not on the outfield or infield grass. Dirt in foul ground can be used.
  - All hitting needs to be completed 20 minutes before the start of the game.
- Throwing

### Home Team

- Remove pitching mound and home plate covers. Place them near a storage container. (first game of the day)
- Drag the infield dirt (*if not done by the prior game visiting team*)
- Water the infield dirt and batters box. Pitching mound gets a light spritz.
- Stripe the foul lines, batters box, and halfway marks between bases (*Minor C only*).
- Setup the bases (first game of the day)
- Brings out 3 new baseballs
- Brings out the scorebook (*Minor C & Above*)
  - Home Team is responsible for keeping score.
  - Minor C - Scorekeeper keeps the pitch count and runs scored.
- Setup the American Flag (*If in storage container*)

## **20 Minutes Prior to the Game**

Place bats, batting helmets, and catcher's helmet along the outside dugout fence. (*Minor C & Above*)

Umpire(s) arrive to field. (*Minor C & Above*)

## **15 Minutes Prior to the Game**

Umpire(s) inspects playing equipment: bats, batting helmets, catcher's gear and helmet. (*Minor C & Above*)

Starting pitcher starts warming up with catcher. (*Minor C & Above*)

## **10 Minutes Prior to the Game**

End warmups and head to the dugout.

Give lineup to the scorekeeper.

## **5 Minutes Prior to the Game**

All players in the dugout and ready to play.

Provide pitching affidavit to the scorekeeper. ([Affidavit Template](#))

Pre-Game Plate Conference with Managers & Umpire(s) {Rule 4.01} (*Minor C & Above*)

- The umpires shall proceed directly to home plate where they shall be met by the managers of the opposing teams, just preceding the established time to begin the game.
- Exchange names with each other.
- Managers will:
  - Exchange batting orders with the opposing team.
  - Share which pitchers are ineligible to pitch due to pitch count regulation.
  - Discuss playing field ground rules.
- Resource:  
[littleleague.org/university/articles/tips-for-conducting-an-effective-pregame-plate-conference/](http://littleleague.org/university/articles/tips-for-conducting-an-effective-pregame-plate-conference/)

### **3 Minutes Prior to the Game**

Line up on the 1st base & 3rd base foul lines for the Pledge of Allegiance & Little League Pledge ([littleleague.org/who-we-are/pledge/](http://littleleague.org/who-we-are/pledge/)).

### **After the Game**

Post Game Team Meeting (in outfield)

- Player of the Game
- Can use one of the game balls

Clean up the dugout

Managers (*Minor C & Above*)

- Retrieve pitching affidavit from the scorekeeper and bring it to the opposing manager to verify and sign.
- Keep affidavit with you and bring to all games.

Home Team

- Put away the score book
- Enter scores into Sports Connect (*Minor B & Above*)

Visitor Team

- Drag the infield
- Last Day of the Game
  - Water the infield dirt and batters box. Pitching mound gets a light spritz.
  - Put away bases
  - Put the pitching mound cover on. Do not let it touch the grass or it will die.
  - Put the home plate cover on. Do not let it touch the grass or it will die.
  - Put away American flag
  - Lock up storage container
  - Lock up the field