

PREGAME PREPARATION

Pre-game with Partners

1. Time of line-up card exchange
2. Equipment Check
3. Unusual ground rules or related field problems
4. Recent experience with either team
5. Unusual conference, league, tournament rules
6. Rotation – when will plate umpire rotate to 3rd or 1st
7. Review umpire communication signals
8. Fair and foul ball responsibilities
9. Outfield catch – no catch responsibility
10. Base umpire goes out, stay out.
11. Overthrow coverage, foul fly responsibility near dugouts
12. Runners touching and tagging up at
 - * First Base
 - * Second Base
 - * Third Base
13. Run Down (1st-2nd, 2nd-3rd, 3rd-home)
14. Infield fly duties
15. Putting the ball back in play
16. Check swings
17. Handling arguments and ejections
18. Field exit

Pre-game with Coaches

1. Introductions of umpires/managers
2. Review Line-up cards
3. Pitcher affidavits
4. Everyone properly equipped
5. Grounds Rules / new rules
6. 5/10 run rule / mercy / daylight
7. All items remain in dugouts / cage
8. Pace of Game - 1 min between innings
9. Problems should only discussed with managers
10. No Jewelry
11. Backup player for pitcher warming up
12. Any questions