

Pre-Game Prep Checklist

- ***Arrive 30 mins prior to game***
 - Discuss responsibilities and positioning with 0 to bases loaded
 - Review umpire communication signals (example below)
 - Tap head if lost count
- ***At 25 mins prior to game***
 - Walk/inspect the field; Identify if there are any hazards or immovable items on field (such as IF tarp) - discuss how to handle these if they come into play
- ***At 20 mins prior to game***
 - Inspect equipment (Bats - only wood or Visible USA Baseball logo bats are legal, Helmet = NOCSAE stamp, Catcher's mask with dangling throat guard)
- ***At 10 mins prior to game***
 - Conduct Mgr plate meeting (Players properly equipped, home team has official book, who is the adult coordinator, discuss any items from your field walk-thru, state that you will adhere to 1 min in-between innings so have players ready, for AA state that your strike zone is inside batter's box line to line - we don't want a walk-fest, mark the game start time in the home score book, play ball)

Umpire Reminders

Priority of Calls

1. Fair or Foul
2. Catch/No-Catch
3. Play with the ball
4. Play away from ball

Positioning Golden Rules

1. Outside/In...Inside/Out
2. Angle over distance
3. Pause, Read, React

Base Positioning Reminders

A - nobody on base, B - ONLY runner on 1st, C - Any other runner combo

Plate Reminders

Slot position changes w/RH and LH batters

"Up for Strikes, down for Balls"

Voice "strike" for strikes made by pitcher, Silence for swinging strikes