

## Pre-Game Clinic- Baseball

- I. Time Frame
  - A. PU calls partner night before and drives, unless partner is coming from further distance away. PU does not want to load up their plate gear in another vehicle unless absolutely necessary.
  - B. At game 30 – 45 minutes before game time, in the dugouts 10 minutes( to get game balls),Home Plate 5 minutes before scheduled game time.
  - C. If PU is not there 15 minutes before then BU straps it up, or the game will be starting late.
- II. Pre-Game Conference/ Partner
  - A. Signals
    1. Putting ball in play; point/voice
    2. Give count each pitch, outs each batter.
    3. First to third rotation signal.
    4. Closed hand on hand, covering 3B, PU covering 3b in first to third situation, & PU taking lead runner into 3b in tag up situation with runners on 1b and 2b.
    5. Talk signal between innings, cross forearms. (When you need to talk to partner over a possible game situation)
    6. Infield fly, no outs and one out, hands to chest (no outs) and finger to hat (one out).
    7. Staying home/time play; touch wrist.
    8. Second plays; point to the direction you will go.
  - B. Basic Communication
    - Fair/foul responsibility.
    - All help situations: pulled foot, tag ups, inteference.
    - Basic 2 man responsibilities: PU has catches with no one on & BU has them with runners on, unless other umpire calls you off. (Balls to line etc)
    - New rules: Cover all new rules, lineup cards, bats (BBCOR), pitcher equipment (neoprene sleeves, wrist bands etc)
    - Choppers up 1B line; PU takes tags up to 45-foot line.
    - Weird ground rules, field conditions (What might come up).
    - Batter Hit by Pitch or foul ball situations;BU kills balls off the batter if the PU does not see it.
- III. Pre-Game / Coaches
  - Both umpires go to Home Plate 5 minutes before the scheduled game time.
  - PU handles the pre-game talk/duties.
  - Home team lineups first then visitors to HP umpire, make sure the subs are listed.
  - HP umpire ask about: Sportsmanship, equipment, and will there be a health care professional on site.
    - Dan Deshaies 2014
    - State Interpreter-  
Maine
    - NFHS baseball rules  
Committee