

SCOREKEEPING HINTS

- For Cool Days: Warm clothes, blanket, umbrella and plastic bag. For Warm Days: Sunglasses, sunscreen and a hat if you wear one.
- 2 sharp pencils, eraser and pen
- The only time you will use a **pen** is if there is a **protest** or an **accident**. On the right hand side of the scorebook, if a protest, put the inning and the player protest was called on. If an accident, write in the date, time and how the accident occurred – whether they were transported to the doctor or if an ice pack was used. If your league uses accident report forms, keep a couple in your scorebook and fill it out as the accident happens and then give to your manager to sign and turn in to your League.
- Become familiar with your **scorebook**. Review it and ask questions before using it.
- Be **punctual**. Try to arrive 30 minutes prior to scheduled game time (20 minutes minimum) to fill out your scorebook.
- Do not have **small children** with you while trying to keep score.
- Have **both scorekeepers** sit together behind homeplate.
- **Line-Up (Roster)**: Visitor is listed on the top page – Home is listed on the bottom page. Record the player number and first and last name and position they are playing on the left hand side of the page. Write in subs somewhere towards the bottom of the page. ALWAYS record the umpire(s) name(s) in their section.
- Always mark whether the umpire called a pitch a **ball** or a **strike**. If you can, mark them as the first pitch was ball 1, the next was a ball – write 2, the next was a strike – write a 3 in the strike area.
- Please watch the **whole play** when contact is made with the ball before you begin to write in your scorebook. If in doubt of what has happened, AND TIME PERMITS, ask the other scorekeeper or the umpire what happened.
- Scorekeeping requires some **concentration**! But if you feel nervous to begin with, just keep track of the count (balls & strikes), the number of outs and the runs scored coming in, and the pitch count.
- Please treat the **umpire** with **respect** at all times. He is also a volunteer just like you and may make some mistakes, just like you.
- Keep a **rule book** handy in case you need it. Become familiar with the following rules: 3.03 and 6.07.