

UMPIRE DO's and DON'Ts

- Put the ball in play every time.
- Get out from behind the catcher on balls in play.
- Don't throw the ball back to the pitcher.
- Don't point to first on a base on balls award.
- Don't watch foul balls that are out of the field of play.
- Don't make calls on obvious fly ball outs or foul balls.
- When in C position, get to B position for calls at first base.
- Stay off the fence, out of the dugouts and away from the backstop between innings.
- Get to the grass before the BR reaches 1st base on walk.
- Don't put your hands in your pockets.
- Don't call "safe" without a play being made.
- Don't take the ball out of play without a reason.
- Don't point at runs that score or routine outs.
- Every pitch is a strike until it proves otherwise.
- Always count warm up pitches.
- Echo your partners rotation signals.
- Don't constantly look at your indicator.
- Don't wear a wristwatch on the field.
- Don't wait around on the field while teams are warming up.
- Don't run out of baseballs.
- Don't have a long plate conference.
- Tape up your mask harness.
- Wear socks that cover your legs.
- Don't wear a long sleeve shirt under a short sleeve shirt.
- Stay away from the base coaches.
- Don't indicate a full count with two fists. Don't indicate 2 balls or strikes using "horns".
- Don't talk to your partner between innings unless it is necessary.
- Don't wear a blue shirt on a night game.
- If your pullover doesn't have a waist band, tuck it in.
- Wear two matching ball bags.
- Don't use an indicator on the bases.
- At the end of the game, get off the field.
- Wear a 4 or 6 stitch hat on the plate and a 6 or 8 stitch hat on the bases.
- Use a brush to clean the plate. Don't use your foot.
- Take off your sunglasses for the plate meeting