

SBU Two-Person Crew: Pre-Game/Post-Game Checklist

24 hours ahead, contact your partner to confirm: (Typically this is done by the lead umpire.)

1. Determine who will do plate or base (but bring your gear for both)
2. Determine uniform color (black or blue)
3. Set pre-game meeting time (minimum 30 minutes before, 45 minutes recommended)
4. Set pre-game meeting location (ideally somewhat away from where fans park)

45-30 Minutes ahead:

1. Arrive at the site
2. Notify coaches that the crew has arrived, confirm game start time

Pre-Game Checklist with Partner:

1. Pre-Pitch/non-verbal signals

- a. Standard Rotations
 - i. No Runners/BU in A goes out on trouble ball/foul/PU takes the runner
 - ii. Runner(s) on 1st, or 1st and 3rd, clean hit to outfield/PU has 3rd "if he comes."
 - iii. Bases empty, triple, BU has runner to 3rd
- b. Infield Fly/Double Tag
- c. Time Play (2 outs, runner at 2nd)
- d. Count, Outs & Positioning

2. Fair/Foul Responsibilities

- a. Up to the bag
- b. Past the bag
- c. No double calls-eye contact if unsure

3. Outfield Coverage

- a. BU in "A"/going out on trouble balls/fair-foul/PU has the runner, signal "I'm going out."
- b. BU in "B" or "C"/BU has the "V"/PU has the lines

4. Situations

- a. Force Play Slide Rule/PU looks for interference at 2nd
- b. Runner's Lane Interference/typically PU's call
- c. Swipe Tag/Pulled Foot/PU helps if appealed
- d. Check Swings/BU respond only to PU request
- e. Ball thrown out of play (see it, call it)
- f. Foul Ball off batter (see it, call it)
- g. Trap/Catch by catcher on 3rd strike (Fist closed-caught, open palm-uncaught)
- h. Catcher's Obstruction (Review rule)
- i. Better's Interference (Review rule)
- j. Rundowns (1st & 2nd both BU & PU involved; 2nd & 3rd, PU up the line in fair territory in case of an overthrow)

5. Base Awards

- a. Obstruction/1 base minimum-NFHS (Delayed dead ball)
- b. Ball thrown out of play/pitcher/on-off the rubber
- c. Ball thrown out of play by infielder on primary play
- d. Ball thrown out of play by infielder on secondary play
- e. Ball thrown out of play by an outfielder
- f. Lodged ball

Plate Meeting:

1. **ICLEGS:** Introductions, Concussion protocol, lineups, legally equipped, ground rules, sportsmanship/site administrator
2. PU does the talking/ BU is quiet unless asked to add anything
3. National Anthem? (Primarily at American Legion Games)

Post-Game Debriefing:

1. Talk over any challenging calls/rule interpretations
2. Ask for and provide critique, but be supportive of each other