



## Prepping For Games – Majors and Minors



### Day Before Game

- Prepare a line-up; you can use our line-up template [HERE \(excel\)](#) and [HERE \(pdf\)](#). Planning ahead will make sure [players are getting equal playing time](#) in the field.
- Send an email to parents reminding them of the time and location you want them to have players meet you before the game to warmup
  - If you are doing a snack/drink signup, remind that family of it as well!

### Pre-Game on Game Day

- HOME team gets the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout and AWAY team gets the 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout.
- Have a warmup plan for the players to get into a routine to get loose before the game
  - This can include running, stretching, throwing, and/or hitting
- Post your lineup in the dugout
- Have a parent or coach that will do the scorebook (not required but recommended)
- HOME team – have a parent that will do the scoreboard (Kaat and Huizenga Park only)
- Introduce yourself to the umpire and thank them for being there

### BASEBALL ONLY

- **Pitch Counts** – track pitch counts to abide by pitch count and rest rules. We highly recommend using [THESE SHEETS](#) to track pitch counts.

### During Game

- Be **respectful to umpires**, fans, and the opposing team
- Have FUN, let the kids play, and be encouraging when they mess up
- Be mindful of the areas where you feel your team is struggling so that can be your focus to work on at the next practice or pre-game warmup
- Keep players focused and engaged in the game as much as possible

### After Game

- **Thank the umpires**
- Line up down the foul lines and do a handshake line with the other team
- Do a **quick** post-game meeting with the players and touch on things that they did well and areas where you want to work on improving
- Make sure all equipment is picked up and put away, and trash is put in trash cans
- Put tarps back on mound and plate (Kaat Park only)
- Enter the game results on the ZLL website.