

Umpire Pregame Checklist

- Arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of the game.
- Check the condition of the field.
 - Look for holes in the fences, open gates and other damage.
- Conduct the pre-game meeting with other umpires at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the game.

Pre-Game Umpire Conference

- Introductions
 - Local ground rules
 - Fair/Foul coverage
 - Catch/No catch responsibility
 - Tag-ups/Touches
 - Fly balls to outfield
 - Fly balls to infield
 - Base umpire goes to outfield
 - Coverage at 1st and 3rd bases
 - Live ball (put back in play after all dead ball situations)
 - Fences and trouble spots
 - Umpire positioning
 - Runners lane violation
 - Overthrows and awarding bases
 - Infield fly
 - Timing plays
 - Umpire hand signals
 - Inspect equipment in dugouts (safety check)
 - Dropped 3rd strike (Major and Junior Leagues)
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- Complete the equipment check at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the game. This should include catchers equipment, bats, balls and bases.
 - Conduct the Manager Pre-Game Conference with umpires and Managers at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the game.
 - Ensure that the defensive team takes the field during the Manager Pre-Game Conference. This will allow adequate time for the pitcher to warm-up.