Scorekeeper Training

Scorekeeper roles and GameChanger training

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Before you learn to score a game …

- Head scorekeepers should print out and review your league's rules/interlock rules with all scorekeepers before getting into GameChanger (GC) and paper training
  - For some leagues, games may be played under the "Interlock Rules" and negotiated with the other leagues you partner with for the season.
- We've simplified the basics in this GameChanger training to get you started. Yet we highly encourage you review the GC tutorials (slide 12) and practice, practice, practice!
  - A practice game is included on slide 13; there are a ton of LLWS games on YouTube for you to use for practice

Scorekeeper's Role

As the official scorekeeper, you have several important responsibilities:

- You are responsible for keeping the official score of the game (either GameChanger or paper).
- For baseball, you are responsible for tracking pitch count and first pitch, last batter (or LBFP, as noted in GameChanger).
- You are responsible for keeping an accurate record of the game.
- Any one of your fellow scorekeepers, the manager, or a board member should be able to review your scoresheet or GameChanger playbook and get an accurate, clear picture of everything that happened in the game.
- You are the one who has the final say on whether or not an error is made.

Some Do's and Don'ts

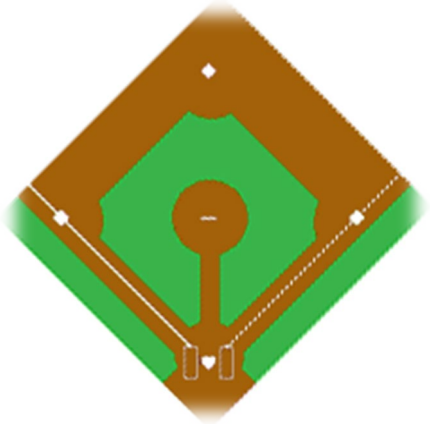
DO

- Show up 30 minutes early to the game, or let the Manager know you can't make it early to the game the night before
- Remind yourself, you are a volunteer providing the League a service, doing the best you can and learning something new each time …HAVE FUN!
- Keep extra people out of the score area
- Ask the umpire if you need clarification on a play (whether they are out or safe), but try to do this between innings, or if necessary, ask the umpire between batters.
- Work with your base umpire as a team; they may likewise ask you what the count is or how many runs happened in that inning (for example)

DON'T

- Identify "batting out of order" to the umpires or anyone. This is the responsibility of the managers
- Show or express favoritism. You represent Team Blue.
- Publicly disagree with the umpires or offer your own opinion
- Interrupt live play

Home Team



- Keeps the “official” score sheet/GameChanger record*
- Obtains a line-up sheet from each manager
- Fills out GC or score sheet with line-up required information
  - Team names
  - Players names/numbers/LL age
  - Line up of pitchers: pitch count/LBFP (for baseball)
  - Player positions
  - Ineligible players
  - Actual start time of game (*note: you can track this in GameChanger*)
  - Names of umpires (plate and bases)
  - Asks the plate umpire what the time limit is, and if there is a hard stop

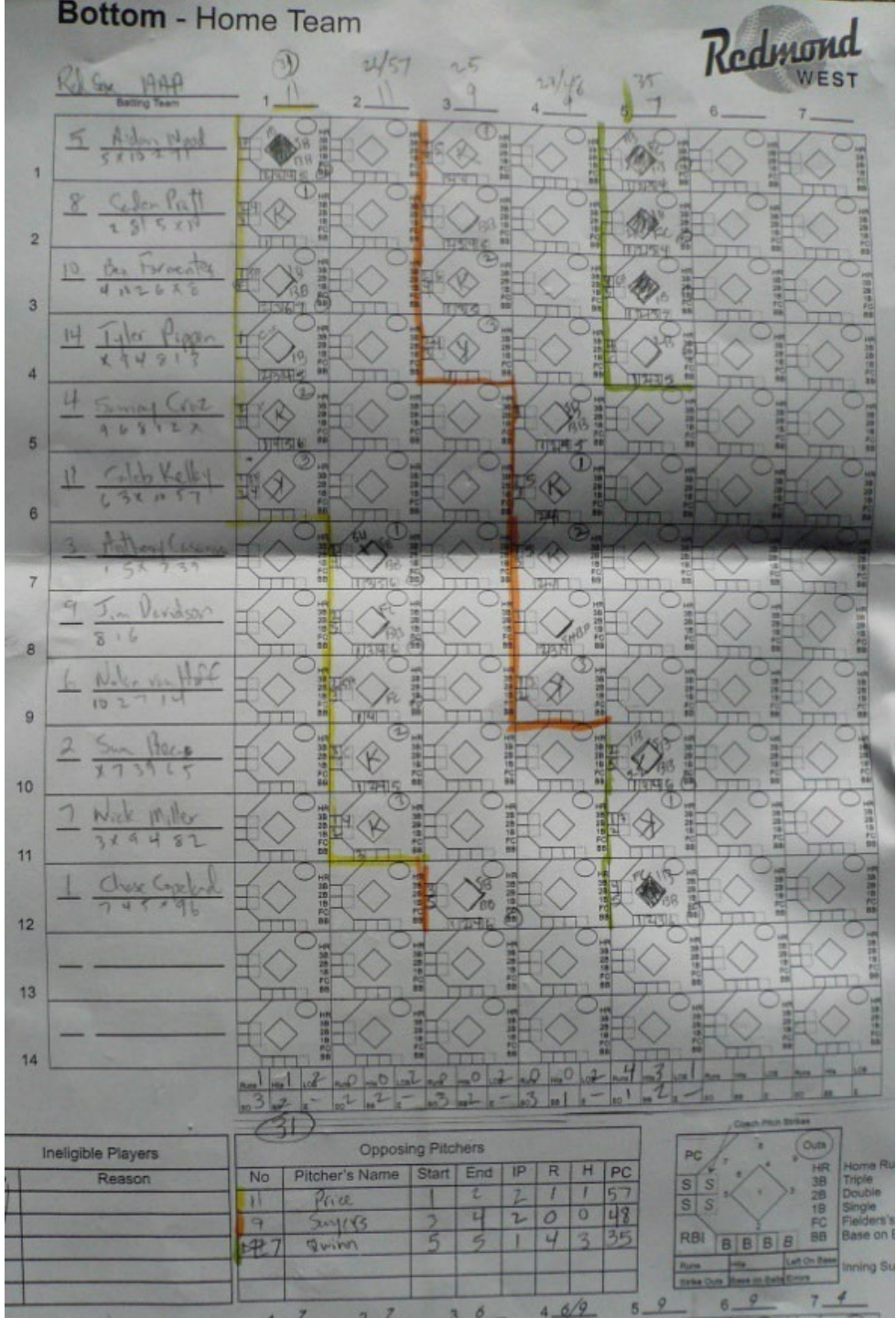
** Note: your local league may require you to score in GameChanger for ALL games regardless of home or away status or may have different scoring rules for interlock games. Please check with your league head scorekeeper for more info.*

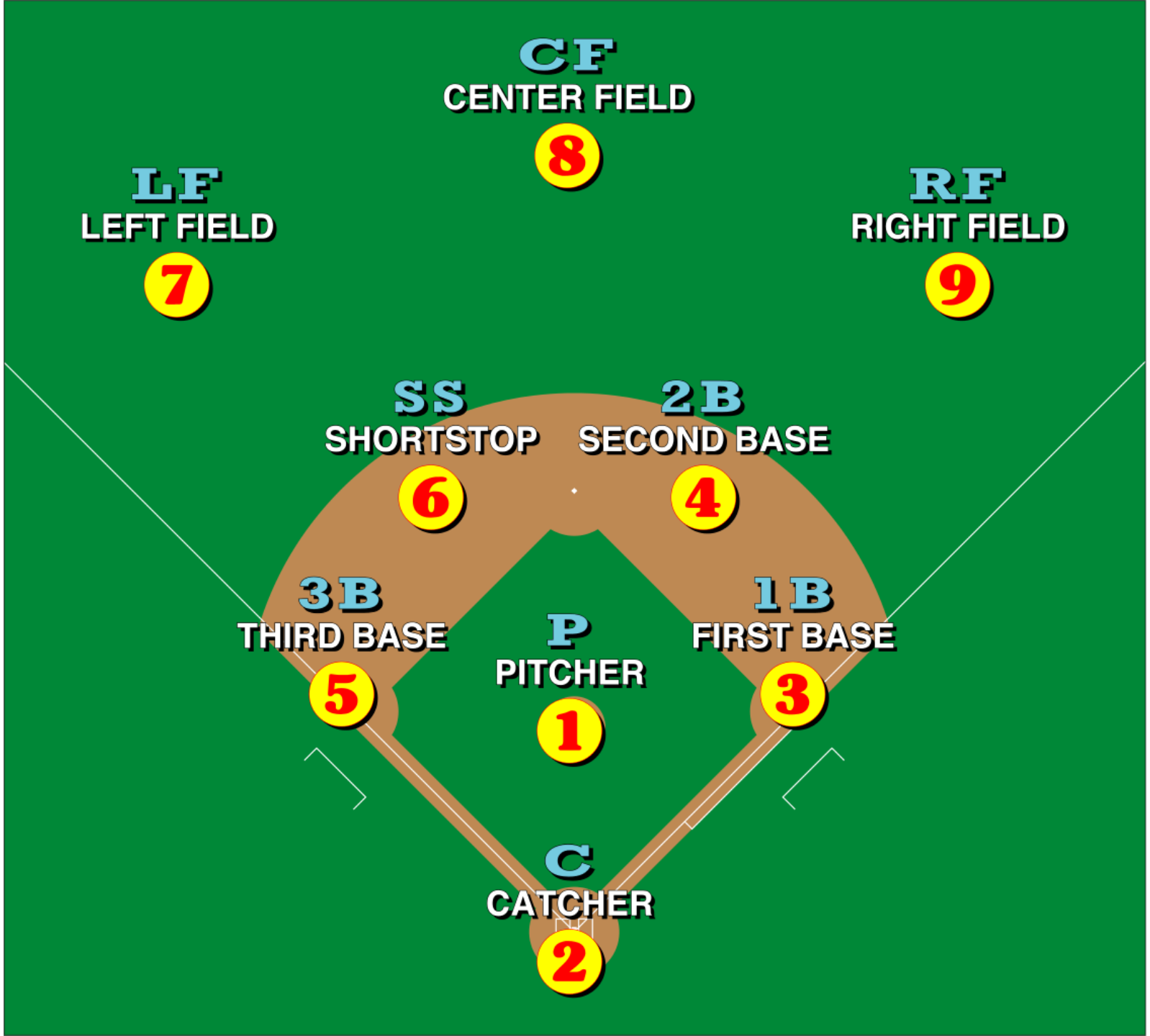
Visitor Team

- Runs the scoreboard (if available)
- Find scoreboard controls in your field score booth (if you have one). Make sure they are charged and are running properly.
- Ideally a visitor scorekeeper helps back-up the home scorekeeper.
- Some local leagues (like RWLL) may require you to score in GameChanger for ALL games regardless of home or away status. Please check with your league head scorekeeper for more info.

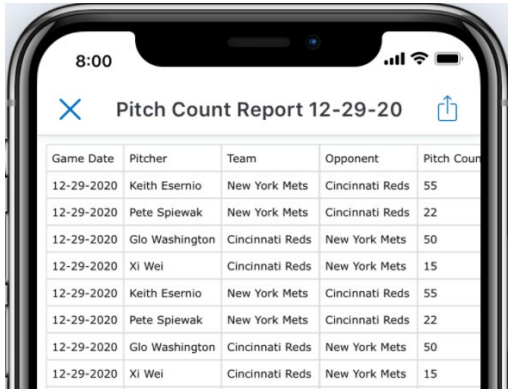
Play Ball!

- Confirm the batter
- Record pitches (balls, strikes and the count): see video on slide 14 for help
- Record pitch count
- Record how the batter gets on base: see video on slide 14 for help




CF
CENTER FIELD
8
LF
LEFT FIELD
7
RF
RIGHT FIELD
9
SS
SHORTSTOP
6
2B
SECOND BASE
4
3B
THIRD BASE
5
P
PITCHER
1
1B
FIRST BASE
3
C
CATCHER
2

Tracking Pitch Counts/
Last Batter First Pitch in GameChanger



Game Date	Pitcher	Team	Opponent	Pitch Coun
12-29-2020	Keith Esernio	New York Mets	Cincinnati Reds	55
12-29-2020	Pete Spiewak	New York Mets	Cincinnati Reds	22
12-29-2020	Glo Washington	Cincinnati Reds	New York Mets	50
12-29-2020	Xi Wei	Cincinnati Reds	New York Mets	15
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- GameChanger's League Pitch Count Report gives you the pitch count for every player in your league with just one click!
- You can now track **Last Batter First Pitch** #s (for baseball)
- You must be listed as a staff member on all teams that you want to be included in your Pitch Count Report. If a team has been added to the app and you are not currently a staff member, ask the coach to add you as staff. If any of your teams reach the four-person staff limit, please email teammanager@gc.com, and they can help.

https://teammanager.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360056546231-League-Pitch-Count-Report

GameChanger University

GameChanger University will help you learn the basics and prepare you for game time.

https://gc.com/home/gcu/main

Baseball and Softball Courses and Videos Include:

- Set starting lineups
- Scoring basic plays
- Practice keeping mode
- Creating accurate batting and pitching spray charts
- Score a basic error
- Fielder's Choice

Practice scoring a game

LLWS: Hawaii (Away) vs. Virginia (Home):
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AinFzuBU23Y

(game starts around the 7:00 minute mark)

Line Ups

- Hawaii Line Up: 4:44 mark
- Virginia Line Up: 26:06 mark

Online Tutorials and Resources

Great Intro to Baseball videos

Balls, Strikes and the Count Explained:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGQLty_u6ok

Outs:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lXS6H9hz84c

Reaching Base: Hits and Walks:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4g3sEacHe8