



Scorekeeper

Each team should have a designated scorekeeper. The volunteer scorekeeper should be available for most, if not all games, in order to earn dibs credit. A back up volunteer for occasional scorekeeper absences may be required. Dibs are not granted for an occasional backup volunteer. Some teams will choose two volunteers to split these duties. In those instances, dibs credit will be split among the two volunteers. All members of a team staff should contribute to a positive atmosphere on the field. Here is a summary of the responsibilities for a team scorekeeper.

Note: The home team, as designated on the game schedule, is the official scorekeeper. However, it is recommended the visiting team also keep score.

- **Things to do before game time**

- If you are the first game of the day, pick up scorebook binder and timer from the designated area.
 - Otherwise, locate scorebook and timer from the previous game's scorekeeper.
- Be sure to have a sharpened pencil or two. Avoid using pens, if possible.
- Obtain each team's lineup sheet, verified and filled out correctly with:
 - Last name, First name and uniform number.
 - Player positions should be noted in the lineup.
 - All players will bat so there should be no substitute players listed.
 - Players who are not playing in a defensive position should be listed as EP.

- **Things to do during the game**

- Verify starting time with umpire (first pitch) and notate in the scorebook.
 - Timer should be set to 90 minutes.
- Keep track of score, number of outs and who is up to bat.
 - SLZGSL has a 4 run limit for the first 3 innings. Thereafter, the umpire should declare an opening inning. Does not apply in 8U or 6U divisions.
- After each inning, confirm the score with the umpire and visiting scorekeeper. This will help ensure an accurate score and avoid potential discrepancies later in the game.
- Keep track of who is pitching and when pitching changes occur.
- Avoid conversations in the score booth during play. This can be a distraction to the umpire, players and you as you maintain official record of the game.

Note: You are an impartial record keeper. Do not offer information unless asked by the umpire. Be positive, and no negative remarks, criticism towards umpire calls, players, coaches etc.

- **Things to do after the game**

- Record final score and confirm with the visitor scorekeeper, if one is available.
- Have Managers and umpire(s) sign the scorebook.
- If you are the last game of the day, return the scorebook binder and timer to the designated area.
 - Otherwise, leave scorebook binder and timer for the next game's scorekeeper.
- Make sure the scorebook, binder, pencil sharpener, rules are all intact.