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**The ART of Scorekeeping**



There are subjective components of scoring, try to limit across the league

No replays makes it more difficult

Can change judgment calls

- Discuss with other scorekeepers or TD
- Pointstreak scoring = home team
- Paper scoring = visiting team

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 Goals for BRC Scorekeeping

1. Accuracy/Consistency
2. Simplicity for Scorekeepers
3. Back Up for iPads

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 Accuracy

Players take stats seriously

Coaches use stats to help with on-field decisions

College coaches depend on stats

- Posted on college recruiting websites and on bios

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 Challenges

Being completely objective

- Try to take the emotion out of judgment calls

Paying close attention at the ballpark

- Don't want to take the fun out of being a fan
- Choose your seat wisely

Have a scrap piece of paper

Scorebooks stay at the field

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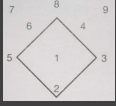

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Abbreviations

Numbers for positions – bottom of sheet

1B, 2B, 3B, HR, HP, BB

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Abbreviations

Abbreviations written out in TOTALS section

AB / R / H...etc.

At Bat	Runs	Hits	Runs batted in	1 base hit	2 base hit	3 base hit	Home run	Base on balls	Hit by pitcher	Sacrifice	Stolen base	Strike out	Put out	Assist	Error
AB	R	H	RBI	1B	2B	3B	HR	BB	HP	SAC	SB	SO	PO	A	E

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Abbreviations

K – Strike out looking

Ks - Strike out swinging

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**Abbreviations**

DP – Double play  
 WP / BK / PB  
 U (e.g. 3-U)  
 R / H / E / LOB

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**Filling Out the Score Sheet**

Fill out ALL information at the top of the score sheet

- Both teams
- Time of first pitch
- Date
- Location
- Your name
- Game #
- Tier

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**Line-Up**

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**Overview of an Inning**

**1st Inning**

**Hitters**  
who bat in the  
1st inning appear  
in this column

22 DEVON WHITE  
 12 ROBERT ALONSO  
 9 JOHN OLIVIO  
 21 JOE CARTER  
 11 PAUL MULLER  
 24 RILEY HENDERSON  
 32 ED SPENCER  
 10 PAT BERGUS  
 1 TOM FORDMOS  
 11 PAT HENDERSON

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**Basic Scoring**

**AB Result**   **On Base**   **Runs Batted In (RBI)**

**Running Pitch Count**  
6-3

**1 RBI**

**Balls/Strikes**  
Track Movement on Bases

**New Pitcher**  
Player Substituted

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**Basic Scoring**

**Running Pitch Count**  
(6 pitches, 1 was in play)

**Reached on a Single**

**Put Out SS to 2B**

**1st Out of Inn.**

**Numbers**  
1<sup>st</sup> pitch ball  
Swinging strikes

**4F for Foul Balls**  
Dots for Additional Foul Balls

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**Basic Scoring**

**Running Pitch Count**  
(2 pitches, 2nd was in play)

**1 RBI**

**Reached on a Double**

**Numbers**  
(1st pitch ball)

**Scored Stole 3rd Base**

**# of player who drove him in**

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**Basic Scoring**

**Running Pitch Count**

**1 Foul Ball with 2-Strikes**

**Called Strike 2**

**Foul Ball on Strike 1**

**Reached on Error by SS**

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**Basic Scoring**

**Double Play**

**Fielders Choice**

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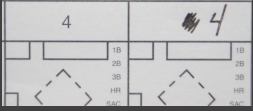
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## Helpful Hints

- PointStreak will total everything automatically
- Use the break between innings to recreate the inning
- Use exhibition games as practice
- Be aware when teams send more than 9 hitters to the plate
- Sit close to umpire or in booth for changes
- Fill out line-up as early as possible



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## Re-Entry

Any of the nine starting players may withdraw and re-enter once provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the lineup.

A substitute that is withdrawn may NOT re-enter.

If a pitcher is removed from the game because of a second trip to the mound, he may re-enter the game in any position with the exception of pitcher.

You can re-enter already used players in the event of injury or ejection ONLY.

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## Re-Entry Example

No.	Name	Umpire	
		Pos	Inn
25	DEVON WHITE	8	
56	SHAWN GREEN	8	4
25	DEVON WHITE	8	7

Devon White is replaced by Shawn Green in the 4<sup>th</sup> and Devon White re-enters the game in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning

Devon White HAS to re-enter in the same spot in the batting order

Shawn Green, after being replaced is NOT eligible to return

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## Extra Player (EP)

An extra player can now be used at all levels in Babe Ruth

Can NOT add an EP part way through a game

- Manager must declare at the start of the game

Re-entry applies for the EP as well

You can pinch hit for the EP

Think of the EP as a 10<sup>th</sup> position on the field

- There will be 10 hitters in the batting line up
- Extra Player will be written in as "EP"

If a team starts with 10 players in the batting line up, the team must finish with 10 players

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## Pitcher Warm Up Rule

A position player that is scheduled to pitch may exit the game to warm-up and re-enter with the intent of throwing the first pitch of the next defensive inning

The substitute player will not lose eligibility unless the pitcher does not begin the inning following the warm-up period and will then be considered active.

It would be considered as a substitution

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No.	Name	Pos.
88	DEVON WILLIAMS	8
12	ROBERTO ALONSO	9
9	JOHN OLIVIO	5
89	JOE CARTER	7
19	PAUL MULLER	EP
84	RICKY HENDERSON	2
73	ED SPRAGUE	3
10	PAT BORDERS	3
1	TOMY FERNANDEZ	3
101	PAT HENTGEN	3

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## Hits vs. Errors

An **error** is charged if, in the judgment of the official scorer, a fielder misplaying a ball in a manner that allows a batter or baserunner to reach one or more additional bases, when such an advance should have been prevented given ordinary effort by the fielder.

Can you give an error and a hit on the same play?



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## Can you give both a hit & an E?

YES!

An error does not also count as a hit unless:

- Batter would have reached 1<sup>st</sup> base, but additional bases were given due to an error
- E.g: Shortstops fields ball and throws to 1st. Batter would have been safe at 1<sup>st</sup> (scored a hit), but a wild throw allows player to move to 2<sup>nd</sup> (1 base error)

No RBI are awarded if runs score due to an error



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## Hits vs. Errors

Errors are part of the game!

Can give an error on foul balls

Can NOT give errors on bad reads in the OF

- Matter of "ordinary effort"

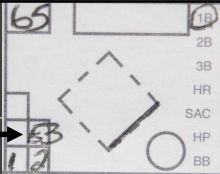
Do NOT have to touch the ball to get an error

Slow is NOT an error

Diving/sliding/throwing on the run

Can NOT assume a DP will be turned

- Bobble a ball and still get the lead out = no error



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## Foul Ball Errors (Rule 10.12)



The official scorer shall charge an error against any fielder:

(1) whose misplay (fumble, muff or wild throw) prolongs the time at bat of a batter, prolongs the presence on the bases of a runner or permits a runner to advance one or more bases, unless, in the judgment of the official scorer, such fielder deliberately permits a foul fly to fall safe with a runner on third base before two are out in order that the runner on third shall not score after the catch;

(2) when such fielder muffs a foul fly to prolong the time at bat of a batter, whether the batter subsequently reaches first base or is put out;

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## Base Hit - Double



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## No Error



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Hits

Throwing error or receiver error?

- Catcher example: throwing out runners

Would the runner have beat the throw anyways?

- Don't use as justification not to give errors

Remember: if player hits a 2B and tries to stretch to a 3B and gets thrown out...still credited with a 2B

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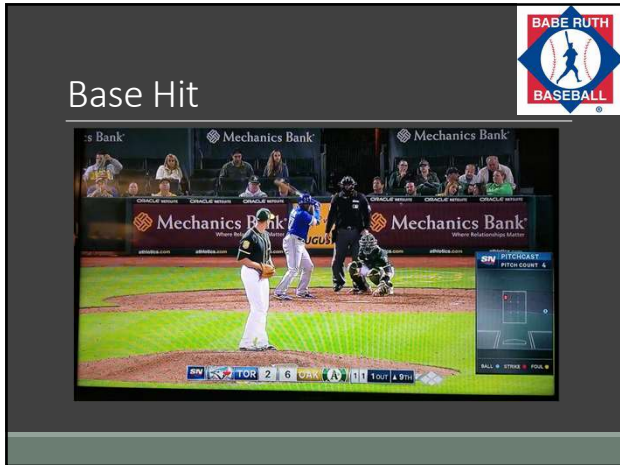
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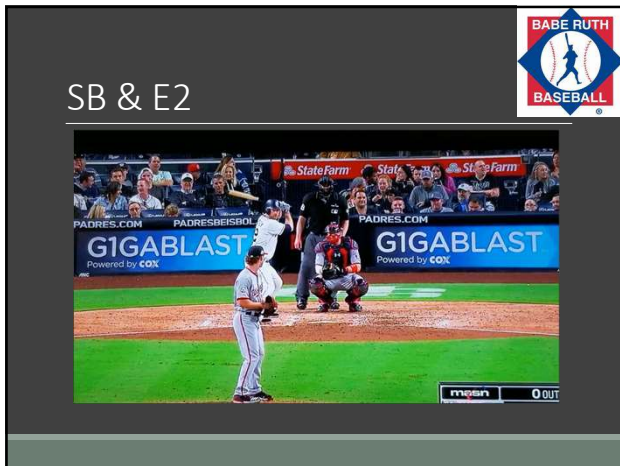
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# Passed Ball vs. Wild Pitch

Both are separate statistical categories and ARE NOT COUNTED in the ERROR TOTALS

Passed ball

- Should have been played by the catcher with normal effort
- Runner(s) must advance
- Includes dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike
- No stolen base is given to the baserunner(s) unless they break before the pitch reaches the plate

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**BABE RUTH**  
BASEBALL

## Passed Ball vs. Wild Pitch

### Wild Pitch

Pitch is in the dirt, over the catcher's head, or wide of the plate

Runners must advance to charge a wild pitch

Runners do not get SB unless they break before the pitch reaches plate

Not included in TEAM errors

Does impact Earned Runs

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**BABE RUTH**  
BASEBALL

## Passed Ball

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**BABE RUTH**  
BASEBALL

## Wild Pitch

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# Passed Ball



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# Wild Pitch



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# Neither! Stolen Base...



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## The Sacrifice Bunt

Hitter *intentionally* bunts the ball *and* advances a runner to the next base

If the hitter beats the throw (no error) it is recorded as a hit

If a throwing error is made on a SAC bunt, a SAC is still awarded if the baserunners would have moved up

If the hitter is thrown out it is a SAC

Does not count as an at bat (AB), but does count as a plate appearance (PA)

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## The Sacrifice Fly

Less than 2 out

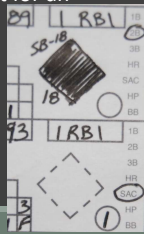
Ball hit to the OF

Batter is out (or would have been if not for an error)

Runner *scores* on the play

Hitter is credited with an RBI

Does not count as an AB



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## The Ribbie (RBI's)

Anytime the outcome of a hitter's AB is a run being scored without the help of an error

Includes BB's, HBP's, and catcher interference

Hitter is NOT credited with an RBI when he grounds into a DP

What if the fielder holds the ball or throws to the wrong base?

- Runner keeps running=RBI
- Runner stops and starts again=Fielders Choice

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## Defensive Indifference

Defensive team is indifferent to the offensive team advancing one base

Scored as DI

Take into consideration the entire game situation

- Inning and score
  - Winning run at 3<sup>rd</sup> or big margin
- Pickoffs?
- Holding runner?
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will almost always be credited as a SB

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## Batting Out of Order

Batting out of turn is ignored unless a member of the defensive team notifies the umpire.

The “proper batting order” is simply the hitter who’s name follows the previous actual batter. Need to appeal before next pitch.

One pitch constitutes a plate appearance, if this occurs, the batter out of order now becomes “proper”.

The written order does not change; next time through the proper, written order is used.

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## Batting Out of Order

If the batter who just finished batting does not follow the previous batter in the written order, any advances or scores due to his actions are nullified, he is removed from the bases if he reached, and the proper batter is called out.

Outs made against runners other than the improper batter stand.

If the infraction is noticed during the AB, proper batter comes to the plate with same count.

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## Pitch Counts

BRC has pitch count rules to protect our players

Scorekeepers ARE PERMITTED to stop the game to notify coaches when a pitch count MAXIMUM is exceeded

Pointstreak pitch counts will be used for disciplinary reasons

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## Pitch Counts – During May

13-14 Year Olds		15-18 Year Olds	
# of Pitches	# of Days of Rest	# of Pitches	# of Days of Rest
1-20	0 Days of Rest	1-30	0 Days of Rest
21-35	1 Day of Rest	31-45	1 Day of Rest
36-50	2 Days of Rest	46-60	2 Days of Rest
51-65	3 Days of Rest	61-74	3 Days of Rest
66-75	4 Day of Rest	75+	4 Days of Rest
75	MAX 1-Day & 4-Day cumulative	85	MAX 1-Day & 4-Day cumulative

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## Pitch Count – June-playoffs

13-14 Year Olds		15-18 Year Olds	
# of Pitches	# of Days of Rest	# of Pitches	# of Days of Rest
1-20	0 Days of Rest	1-30	0 Days of Rest
21-35	1 Day of Rest	31-45	1 Day of Rest
36-50	2 Days of Rest	46-60	2 Days of Rest
51-65	3 Days of Rest	61-75	3 Days of Rest
66+	Mandatory 4 Day of Rest	76+	Mandatory 4 Days of Rest
95	MAX 1-Day & 4-Day cumulative	105	MAX 1-Day & 4-Day cumulative

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**Stat Entry to BRC**

Game sheets can stay in the scorebooks  
• If managers want one copy, please provide a duplicate  
PointStreak will take care of the rest!!



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**THANK YOU!**  
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