

MECHANICS NOTES

Plate Umpire (U1):

- Do you conduct the pregame conference with your partner as a discussion or as a monologue?
- Do you watch the warm-up throws of each starting pitcher and any new pitcher to better acclimate yourself to the types and speeds of the pitches you will have to adjudicate?
- Do you record each offensive and defensive conference on your lineup card (10-2-3j)?
- Do you record and announce all substitutions and courtesy runners?
- When requesting help on a half swing, are you clear and emphatic with your request?
- Do you signal and verbally announce that the ball is in play following all dead balls?
- Do you verbally tell your partner you are at a cutout when helping out during a rundown?
- Do you communicate with your partner when there is a possible first-to-third, infield fly or time play situations?
- Do you verbally communicate to your partner whenever there is the possibility that you will have to cover third base, that you are actually covering third base or that you are returning to home plate?
- Do you verbally tell your partner that you are remaining on the first base foul line because of a fair/foul situation that will prevent you from covering third base under normal circumstances?
- When a time play situation develops during play, do you verbally tell your partner, "Time Play! Time Play" to give him a heads-up that you are retreating to the plate?

Base Umpire (U2):

- Do you contribute to the pregame conference?
- Do you assist the plate umpire in counting warm-up throws if he is recording substitutions?
- When in B or C position, do you assume a "hands-on-knees" set position when the pitcher intentionally contacts the pitcher's plate to assist the plate umpire?
- Do you use visual signals to confirm a possible first-to-third, infield fly or time play situation?
- Do you seek to get angle over distance when covering plays on the infield (with multiple runners)?
- During a time play situation, do you make certain that your out call is emphatic enough to assist your partner in determining whether or not the run should count?