



# MANAGERS & SCORERS

## BAT's Expectations of Managers

Managers and Coaches will abide by BAT Coaches Code of Conduct

Line ups from Managers/Coaches – **Must** be filled out in its entirety and provided to the Scorers minimal **15mins** to Game Start time to allow entry into GameChanger and the GameCard:

Line Ups **must** include:

- First and last names
- Fielding positions
- Bench players
- where applicable jersey numbers
- Manager/Coach details

Manager/Coaches are the only people allowed to approach Umpire/Scorers for changes

## BAT's Expectations of Scorers

Please note BAT previously has not been strict when it has come to ensuring we are inline with the Scorers' Code of Conduct as issued out by The Council of Australian Baseball Scorers' (CABS) noted at the end of this document. This is due to official CABS accreditation only achieved via the use and implementation of Official Score Books and BAT utilise GameChanger and BAT Game Cards to conduct our scoring. However the following expectations are required and are in line with the "Basic Guidelines for Scorers" issued out by [Queensland Baseball Scorers \(QBS\)](#)

Home Scorer will be responsible for scoring the Head to Head game in GameChanger, the Away scorer will be responsible for streaming the game as well as the recording of the Game Card, including noting any incidents and recording the MVP Points for the game (agreed with Home Scorer).

**BAT** will provide Cameras for streaming along with instructions and power banks.

**Clubs** are responsible to ensure their Scorers have access to devices that have the GameChanger app including Administration access to the team they will be scoring for.

In addition to this ample power supply for the device for the duration of the game must be provided.

Please note where possible the use of iPads are preferred over Mobile Phones due to ease of seeing all functions.

## BASIC GUIDELINES FOR SCORERS

- All teams **must** provide a Scorer.
- Both team Scorers **must** sit together behind home plate or in the score box provided.
- Before scheduled starting time (approximately 15 minutes) ask Manager / Coach for the batting line-up with fielding positions and uniform numbers if available. All bench players are to be written on the line-up sheet as well.
- Home Team to enter line-ups into GameChanger and then exchange line-ups with the Away Teams Scorer who will enter BAT's GameCard.
- Strong emphasis is recommended for all levels on the importance of attentive observation of all plays ensuring an accurate record of the game.
- Learn the Umpire's signals for strikes, balls and outs.
- Whether a safe hit or an error is scored is left to the Scorer's judgement" They should confer with each other and agree on the outcome.
- Scorers are officials and are covered by the Rules of Baseball (no smoking, no alcohol, no coaching, no umpiring and no barracking).



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- The Umpire is in charge of the game and the only time a Scorer can tell the Umpire the count is if requested to do so by the Umpire, not the Manager/Coach. If your count differs from the Umpire, adjust GameChanger to agree with his count.
- Home Scorer is allowed to advise the umpire when a team is getting close to the run limitation for that grade.
- In junior games, the Scorer may advise the Umpire when the pitcher has 10 pitches to go. There is also a batting time limit of 90 Seconds.
- Have a copy of the League Rules (including rules governing completion of Official Game Cards) and Official Baseball Rules (BA).
- If the Umpire is not an Official Umpire (i.e. accredited Umpire), then the Scorers are the time keepers and must record the starting time and advise the Umpire of official finishing time **if** asked to do so. Start time is the actual time the Umpire calls "Play Ball".
- If a team is batting out of order the Scorer cannot advise other officials. It is up to the Coaches to pick this problem up.
- The only persons who can write on the Official Game Result Card are the Scorers, Coaches and Umpires. Under no circumstances are spectators to do so.

### SCORERS' CODE OF CONDUCT DIRECT FROM CAB

The Council of Australian Baseball Scorers' (CABS) Code of Conduct has been developed for all scorers to abide by whilst participating in an official capacity at any baseball game.

It is recognised that scorers play an integral role in our sport and their performance and professionalism is observed by all in the baseball community in their capacity as a scorer.

CABS scorers acknowledge responsibility and agree to:

- accept responsibility for all their actions/decisions;
- sit with the opposition scorer in a neutral scoring location;
- where possible remain in the designated scoring location until all post-game duties have been completed;
- be impartial on scoring deliberations;
- ensure scoring deliberations are made solely by the appointed scoring panel;
- declare a conflict of interest as necessary;
- keep abreast of rules and changing techniques of scoring;
- seek improvement and clarification on rulings as necessary;
- be respectful and open to discussion;
- share scoring expertise and knowledge with other scorers;
- be a good role model for other officials; and
- abide by relevant child protection legislation and practices.

In their role as a scorer will not:

- be guilty of barracking whilst scoring;
- be guilty of making criticism of other scorers, umpires, coaches or team players by word or gesture;
- draw players or coaches' attention to rule infringements, during the progress of the game;
- prompt the umpire about a ruling or status of pitch count unless invited; NOTE – specific Tournament Rules regarding notification of pitch count to the umpire must be adhered to;
- change a recorded scoring decision without regard for the recognised official procedure for this instance;
- use mobile telephone whilst scoring;
- smoke or drink alcohol whilst scoring;
- make comment to the media unless authorised by the appropriate personnel; and
- Discretion should be used prior to releasing information during a game to non-team or tournament officials.
- Unofficial visitors are not encouraged to remain in the score box / game scoring area.



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## Confirmation

I have read the expectations of my role from BAT

Print name.....

Club / Team.....

Scorer / Manager

Signed .....

Dated.....

## Links to Important Documents/How-to's

### Rules:

- The Official Baseball Rules are recognised as the only official source of rules. [2025-official-baseball-rules.pdf](#)
- Little League Rules, Regulations and Policies <https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/rules-regulations-policies/>

### How-to's:

- How to Score from QLD Baseball Scorers [https://qldbasescorers.com.au/assets/files/How\\_to\\_Score.pdf](https://qldbasescorers.com.au/assets/files/How_to_Score.pdf)
- GameChanger Video Tutorials: <https://gc.com/gamechanger-university/scorekeeping-baseball-softball#>