

## Pre-Game Umpire Activities

- 1 Check the field to make sure that it is in good enough condition to play on
- 2 Check both dugouts for the following:
  - a Bats **must** have USA Baseball marking stamped on them
  - b Helmets must not be painted or cracked and need to have the "NOCSAE-approved" stamped on them  
Padding inside the helmet must not have parts missing or torn. If any of the above happen, the helmet must be removed from the dugout and not allowed in the game
  - c Check catcher equipment
    - 1 **Chest protector and leg protectors** – all catchers; must be worn while batter is in box; long model chest protector required for Little League (Majors) and younger
    - 2 **Mask** must also have a "dangling" throat protector
    - 3 **Metal, fiber, or plastic type cup** – all male catchers
  - d Tell the players that they must remove all of their watches, rings, pins, or any items not baseball related  
Medical related jewelry is ok.
- 3 Get 3-4 baseballs from the score keeper
- 4 Umpires meet to discuss signals and responsibilities
- 5 All Umpires meet with the two managers at the plate prior to the start of the game
  - a Get their line-up cards and validate how many players on the bench, and any ineligible pitchers
  - b Ask if they are good with the field conditions
  - c Inform them that they are responsible for the kids all having their correct uniforms and protection
  - d Inform them that they are responsible for the pitch count, and if they want to check with the scorekeeper to first ask you for permission to do such
  - e Remind them that only kids are allowed to warm-up a catcher
  - f Remind them to **Ask** for time out prior to stepping on to the field
  - g Remind them that only **one** on-deck batter allowed in the open fenced area
  - h Remind them that only the Manager and 2-coaches are allowed in the dugout or on the field
  - i Remind them that pitchers will get 8 pitches their first inning and 6 after that or 1-minute to warm up after the 3rd out of the previous half inning is recorded, whichever is less. Have them inform their pitchers and catchers

## Umpire Related URLs:

<b>Little League International:</b>	<a href="http://www.littleleague.org">http://www.littleleague.org</a>
<b>Little League University</b>	<a href="https://www.littleleague.org/university/umpire/">https://www.littleleague.org/university/umpire/</a>
<b>District 11:</b>	<a href="http://district11lb.com">http://district11lb.com</a>
<b>Auburn Little League:</b>	<a href="http://auburnlittleleague.org">http://auburnlittleleague.org</a>
<b>Arbiter:</b>	<a href="http://www.arbitersports.com">http://www.arbitersports.com</a>