



DELAWARE DISTRICT III

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR TOURNAMENT PRE GAME MEETING - 2019

1. Have everyone introduce themselves
2. Announce ineligible players/pitchers for the game.
3. Announce any ground rules
4. Remind all about the following rules:
 - a) One manager plus (a) 2 coaches if 12 or more players or (b) 1 coach if 11 or fewer players only shall be in the dugout. Managers, coaches and players are not allowed to leave the dugout unless permission is given by the umpire.
 - b) Manager visits to the pitcher during one inning: Manager may come to the mound to speak to the pitcher twice in one inning **but the second time out**, the player must be removed as a pitcher.
 - c) Manager visits to the pitcher during the game: Manager may come to the mound to speak to the pitcher **two** times in a game. On the **third** visit, the player must be removed as a pitcher.
 - d) Players, Managers, Coaches are to remove all jewelry with the exception of medical alert and wedding rings.
 - e) Catcher is to wear helmet with dangling throat guard during pre-inning warm up. Full gear during pitching bull pen warm ups. Male catchers are required to wear a protective cup with athletic support.
 - f) Relief pitcher warm ups are to be done in foul territory with catcher, pitcher, and spotter with batting helmet and glove. Spotter must face the batter and is to be alert at all times for foul balls.
 - g) All managers must request time out during the game for the purpose of rule interpretations. Rule book must be ready with page and rule number before discussion will take place.
 - h) All protests must be settled on the field before the next pitch is delivered. TD may assist in the discussion only if the plate umpire requests their presence.
 - i) Run Rule: **15 runs after 3 innings for Major and below or 4 innings for Junior/Senior.** 10 runs after 4 innings for Major and below or 5 innings for Junior/Senior.
- 5) Wish both teams GOOD LUCK!
- 6) Turn the game over to plate umpire.
- 7) Once the meeting is concluded, tell the announcer to begin introductions.