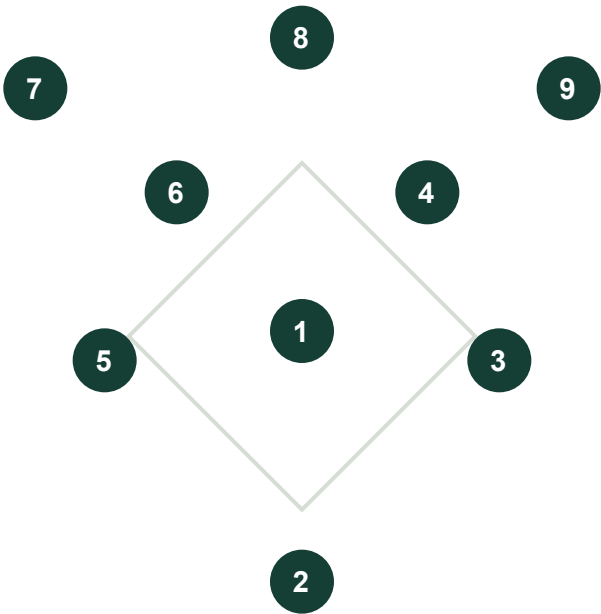


Your scorekeeping cheat sheet

A small set of marks. A clear record of what happened. Print at actual size on US Letter paper.

1 Learn the position numbers

These identify fielding positions, not jersey numbers.



- 1 Pitcher
- 2 Catcher
- 3 First base
- 4 Second base
- 5 Third base
- 6 Shortstop
- 7 Left field
- 8 Center field
- 9 Right field

2 Use consistent shorthand

1B / 2B / 3B	Single / double / triple
HR	Home run
BB / HBP	Walk / hit by pitch
K	Strikeout
6-3	Groundout: shortstop to first
F8	Flyout caught by center field
E6 / FC	Error by shortstop / fielder's choice
SB / CS	Stolen base / caught stealing

Notation varies between scorebooks. A backward K commonly means a called third strike. Keep your marks consistent and follow your league's scoring rules.

The habit that matters most
Record the batter's result. Then record where every runner actually finished.

One half-inning, six batters

Fictional teaching example: Cedar Grove batting against Meadow Park, top of the first.

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Follow every runner

Begin with empty bases, 0 runs and 0 outs. In a paper book, draw each runner's path in their own box and shade a completed diamond when they score.

#	Batter	Mark	What happened	R	H	Outs
1	Avery	1B	Avery to first.	0	1	0
2	Jordan	2B	Avery to third; Jordan to second.	0	2	0
3	Casey	6-3	Casey out. Both runners hold.	0	2	1
4	Morgan	1B	Avery and Jordan score; Morgan to first.	2	3	1
5	Riley	K	Riley out. Morgan stays at first.	2	3	2
6	Quinn	F8	Quinn out. Morgan left on base.	2	3	3

R = runs so far. H = hits so far. The last three columns are cumulative.

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RUNS

3

HITS

0

ERRORS

1

LEFT ON BASE

Check the story: three hitters reached safely. Avery and Jordan scored. Morgan stayed on base when the third out ended the half-inning. A double does not automatically send every runner home.

Ready for your own game?

Keep this reference with a paper scorebook, or explore Box Nine for iPhone. Choose Quick Score or Full Scorebook to match how much you want to record.

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Notation reference: Little League University, "The Basics of Scorekeeping".
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