

**LOU GEHRIG**  
**PRE-GAME HOME PLATE MEETING**

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Present: Umpires, Managers, Team Captains

When: Call for the meeting 5 minutes BEFORE game time. Do NOT wait for warm ups to end  
– the league does not guarantee each team will get to warm up!

Home Plate Umpire does the talking:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, the base umpire's name is \_\_\_\_\_.

This game is played at level \_\_\_\_\_.

The curfew for this game is \_\_\_\_\_.

The official time will be kept by \_\_\_\_\_ (you or your partner)

1. The strike zone is one/two balls on either side of the plate, and from armpits to knees. I want players to swing the bat!
2. You get first base if hit by a pitch as long as you tried to move out of the way.
3. If the ball goes under or over the fence, players should raise their hand.
4. Runners must either slide or try to avoid a collision. Feet first slides into a base only!
5. No necklaces, earrings, or other jewelry of any kind are allowed. Please have all players remove it before the game.
6. Players not on the diamond must be inside a fence at all times (on deck cage or dugout)
7. Pitchers warming up inside the outfield fence must wear a helmet, have a catcher with head gear, AND a "spotter" to warn of foul balls. An adult can catch without headgear or spotter. No exceptions at ANY levels!
8. Home team must close all fences before the first pitch.
9. Out of play areas are inside the dugout fence (keep all equipment inside) or other areas you indicate.
10. Coaches stay in dugouts. Ask for time to discuss a ruling.
11. Zero Tolerance is in effect. There is to be no arguing or complaining about calls.
12. All players should run on and off the field to keep the game moving.
13. Review a couple rules specific to the level, such as base awards on overthrows, number of pitches in coach pitch, infield fly rule, dropped third strike rule, stealing, leaving a base, etc.

Any questions? Shake hands. Home team take the field and lets have a batter!