



Hills Juniors

Internal Memo

To: 2010 Holiday Little League S C O R E R S

Hello and welcome!

Thank you for offering to score Little League games this January. Most of the work involved is routine, and won't be much different to the work you do for your weekend club teams.

However, there is one issue you may not have seen before, especially if you've not been involved with representative baseball in the U/12 age-group or older.

On the Result Sheet for each player, there is a column headed "DOs". This means "Defensive Outs", and it concerns the participation of each player during their team's defensive half of each inning (ie:- when they are fielding, rather than batting)

One Defensive Out is achieved by each of the nine fielding players, each time a member of the offensive (batting) team gets out. It could be a strike-out: a ball that's hit and caught: a runner forced out: a runner tagged out: etc etc etc. Doesn't matter how.

As there are only three outs per inning in baseball, and only nine fielding players, we know that there will be 27 DOs per inning (9 x 3). If a game goes for six innings, there will be 162 DOs available for that game (27 x 6). If a game only goes five innings, there will 135 (27 x 5). And so on, depending on the number of innings played.

Part of your job is to allocate the total number of DOs available per game to the players involved in that game. That means you need to keep track of which players were substituted into the game for others, and more importantly, when that happened.

For example, a player who was in the field while two outs were recorded by the defense, but who was replaced before the third and final out was recorded, will get credit for only two DOs for that inning. His/her replacement will get credit for the third and final DO.

That applies to pitchers, the same as it does to any other defensive (fielding) player.

You can double-check whether you've reported the DOs correctly by adding up the numbers for each player on the Result Sheet, and testing whether that is the same total of the DOs available for that game.

If you're uncertain about how to record this on the Result Sheet, please ask the scorer from the other team first (he or she may be familiar with the concept), or talk to your Team Manager or EO. Of course, you're welcome to contact myself or any other Hills Official if you like.

Regards,
Greg Robinson,
LL Commissioner,
Hills Junior Baseball Association