Baseball5

Competition Management & Scoring System

Introduction

This document highlights the major features of Baseball5™ competitions and games management. It is intended to be a complement to the WBSC Baseball5 Rulebook. The second part is a presentation of the WBSC Baseball5 Scoring System.

The WBSC is constantly working to progress its disciplines. Therefore, these documents are continuously updated and modified as more and more games are played, and WBSC gathers better knowledge of the game.

The Game Official (GO)

In line with the original vision of Baseball5, also competition management for the game has been streamlined to increase accessibility and to allow competitions to be sanctioned easily.

For this reason, in Baseball5, the roles of Umpire, Scorer and Technical Commissioner are all merged into the figure of the Game Official (GO).

The GO is an individual who has a complete knowledge of the game and can manage all aspects of the competition.

WBSC sanctioned competitions shall count 3 or more Game Officials per game:

1. Home plate Official
2. Field Official*
3. Table Official

*World Cups and Youth Olympic Games will have a minimum of 4 Game Officials per game.

Among other duties, the Table Official will also keep the scoring card during the game.
Principles and procedures of the scoring system are highlighted hereafter.
**Baseball5 Scoring System**

**Rationale**

The Baseball5 Scoring System has been developed to meet these characteristics:

- Easy to teach and understand
- Intuitive and quick in practice
- Allow room for basic statistics
- Minimise negatives
- Reduce interpretation
- Highlight positives

**Baseball5 Official Score Card**
**Scoring Mechanics**

One score card is prepared by the Table Official (Table hereafter) before each game. The scorecard should be on an A4 paper.

- If the batter is out, the Table marks an X.
- If the batter reaches a base safely the Table marks an S or and H.
  - H When the Batter reaches base without the defense recording a force out on another runner.
  - S When the Batter reaches base because the defense records a force out on another runner.
- If batter/runner(s) are awarded extra bases by an Official, due to a defensive error the Table marks an E on the dedicated field of the scorecard.
- If a runner scores, the Table will circle O the related S or H.
- If a runner is out, the Table will cross-out, X the related S or H.
- When runners are placed on base during the extra-innings, the Table marks an R.
- End of the offensive inning is marked with a horizontal line _ below the box corresponding to the last player at bat.
- A substitution is marked with a vertical line | and the substitute’s name and number shall be marked in the space below the name.
  - If the starting player re-enters, another vertical line shall be noted.
- End of the game is marked by closing all remaining empty boxes. The scorecard is signed on the back by all officials.
  - Total duration of the game must be noted.
  - Any additional note must be written on the back of the scorecard.

**In Game Process**

- Before giving the ball to the next batter, the Homeplate Official shall confirm with the Table that the previous play was noted on the score card.
- Substitutions must be announced to the Table and will take place when a team moves from offence to defense.
- At the end of the game the Table takes a photo/scan of the scorecard and immediately shares them following, ad-hoc tournament procedures.
Statistics

The current system allows for the following basic statistics:

- Most run scored.
  - Team and individual
- Runs allowed.
  - Team
- Highest Hitting Average (number of H by the number of at bat)
  - Team and individual
- Best defensive team
  - Team with the least defensive errors throughout the tournament

Officials’ assignments

Homeplate Official: Game Official in charge of officiating the game at the Homeplate, and granting time during play.

Field Official(s): Game Official officiating on the field – there can be up to one Field Official per base.

Table Official: Game Official in charge of keeping the scorecard and managing the substitutions during the game.

Scoring Symbols

X: Offensive player ruled out

H: Batter safe on a Hit (without force out recorded)

S: Batter safe by defensive error of or fielder’s choice

E: Defensive errors called by a Field or Home Plate Official

_: End of offensive inning

|: Substitution

R: Runner on Base in extra inning

O: Run scores

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