

## FIELD CLINIC

Mechanics- Where to be, what to watch (10 total minutes, each video is 1-2 mins, questions between)

- No Runner (A) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9TTFhWxOj8&t=0s>
- Runner on 1<sup>st</sup> Only (B) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HlxICzzNBY>
- Anything Else (C) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewX1vaJ6PDI>

Umpire Pre-Game (KEEP IT SIMPLE- checklist to bring to every game) - Please distribute below to all your junior umpires and ask them to pregame 15 minutes before game time.... 5 mins prior meet with coaches to start on time. This pregame is super simplified but should help jr. umps to be in the right spot

### 1. Base Umpire Positions

- A position, 10 feet behind first baseman, in foul territory. Use this to start each inning and when nobody is on base
- B position, between 2nd base and the 2nd baseman, toes on the outfield grass where it meets infield dirt. Use this for runner on 1st only.
- C position, between 2nd base and shortstop, toes on the outfield grass where it meets infield dirt. Use this for all other situations.

### 2. Base Umpire Movement

- If ball gets to outfield (on fly or through infield, doesn't matter) then come Inside. You have responsible for all bases and touches.
- If ball stays in the infield, stay OUT.
- keep your belly button to the ball

### 3. Plate Umpire

- responsible for all fly ball catches. If no runners on or runner at 1st get to pitcher mound on outfield fly. Else stay home.
- responsible for all foul ball calls.

### 4. Infield Fly is in effect with < 2 outs and runners on 1st and 2nd, or 1st 2nd and 3rd.

- Wait to call it until fly ball is on downward approach and fielder is demonstrating ordinary effort. On a windy day in minor's baseball you may not call it.
- Take your time. But be loud when you call it.
- Call "Infield Fly!" pointing to air, or "Infield Fly if Fair!" if foul line is threatened.
- Either umpire can call it. And both can call it.

HOMEWORK- Advanced Mechanics (each video is 1 hour, at <https://www.littleleagueumpire.org> there are several videos. Top two are listed below. Encourage this for take home study/ extra credit.

- Base Umpire <https://www.littleleagueumpire.org/Videos/Watch/17>
- Plate Umpire <https://www.littleleagueumpire.org/Videos/Watch/18>