

## Game Changer Basics

### Pre-season

- 1) Divisions, teams and schedules generated by the Scorekeeping Director
  - A. Each team is allowed 4 staff in GameChanger. The Scorekeeping Director and Head Coach/Manager will be the default. An assistant coach or team parent is the recommended third staff member. The final staff position should be alternated between whichever parent is keeping score if using their personal device.
  - B. No one should ever remove the Scorekeeping Director ([scorekeepernbll@gmail.com](mailto:scorekeepernbll@gmail.com)) as a staff position.
- 2) Team rosters are inputted by team managers. Names on roster must include at least first initial, full last name, and jersey number.

### Pre-game

- 1) GameChanger scorekeeper should arrive 15 minutes before game time to collect line up cards from managers/coaches and prepare for game start.
- 2) Away team will assign official GameChanger scorekeeper volunteer. This person can use either the league provided iPad to score the game or their own personal device. If using their own device, the coach will need to assign them as a staff for their team. No matter which device is used, the official scorekeeper must be positioned in a neutral position (score booth) and work together with the home team volunteer to facilitate cross-checking of scores and pitch counts.
  - A. League provided devices will be stored in the main scorekeepers booth at the Loop Fields. The scorekeepers for the first game of the day at each field will need to go to the main score booth to collect the league provided device from the OD.
  - B. An alternate storage plan for Frederick Fields is under development. Until a safe storage plan exists, the OD for Fred Fields will need to collect the devices from the Loop main score booth and distribute them to Fred Fields scorekeepers.

### During the game

- 1) GameChanger scorekeeper will be the official scorekeeper of the game.
- 2) The priority of the scorekeeper is to accurately capture the players present at the game and the pitch counts for each pitcher.
- 3) Pitch count is a priority to safely protect a developing player from overuse injury. The home team volunteer will maintain a manual pitch count log in addition to the GameChanger pitch count. If there is a discrepancy between the two, the Scorekeeping Director will attempt to determine the most accurate pitch count using available resources. If there is any uncertainty, we shall base minimum rest days on whichever pitch count is greater.
  - 1) For Coach Pitch games, on ball 4 you should not record a pitch. The coach will come into the game and throw the next 2 pitches. These should not be scored in GameChanger to avoid inflating the pitch count. When the final pitch is thrown, either because the player strikes out or the ball is put into play, then score that pitch and outcome of the play. If the player swings and misses on the second coach pitch and is thus out, but there were not already 2 recorded strikes, the play can be scored as a fly out to the pitcher.
- 4) A player must participate in a minimum number of games to be eligible for All Stars. The GameChanger records will be used to confirm post-season eligibility. Please be sure to accurately document player participation by verifying the GameChanger lineup with the official game lineup card.
- 5) We do not keep standings during the regular season, so if you make an error in scoring the game it will not adversely affect league operations. However, many fans enjoy following GameChanger from afar when unable to be present at the games in person. The more

accurately we are able to capture the game play through scorekeeping in GameChanger the better the experience for those fans!

#### After the Game

- 1) Complete the game in GameChanger by selecting End Current Game.
- 2) Compare GameChanger pitch counts with manual pitch count logs. If a discrepancy, try to address it with the affected manager immediately following the game. Make a note on the manual log for review by the Scorekeeping Director if the discrepancy is unresolved.
- 3) If using a league provided device, either hand off to the next game scorekeeper or return to the main score booth (Loop Fields) or OD (Fred Fields) if that scorekeeper is not yet present. Do not leave the devices unattended in the score booth.
- 4) If the last game of the day, return the league issued device to the main score booth at Loop Fields or to the OD at Fred Fields. Manual pitch count logs should be collected and returned in a similar manner.