

2025 3man Pregame Checklist

EMAIL Check-In

- Verify experience level in 3 umpire systems
- Assign positions based on crew chief preferences (suggested, but not required, to put least experience on plate and Cc at U3)
- Set arrival time a minimum of 1 hour prior to game start
- Confirm parking
- Confirm coach names

Basic Mechanics – Fundamentals

- Starting positions – Explain modified B for U1 & U3
- Rotation situations – no runners on, R1 only and R1&R2 double tag
- Explain “reverse rotation” – If PU stays home, R1 slashes or reverse rotates. Works inside
- Fair/foul responsibilities – Be aware with umpires on wing. UP TO BAG only for PU
- Check swing responsibilities – Always go to umpire on open side if available
- Outfield responsibilities (stress U1 is “QB” and dictates coverage) – When in doubt, go out
- Pre-pitch communication - new: reverse rotation/ bunt help signals
- Confirm any modifications to mechanics based on mobility and or experience
- Discourage going out from middle with inexperienced crew
- Understand revert to 2man if an umpire leaves the infield for trouble play

Pitching Regulations

- Take action when we see an abnormal delivery during warmups
- U1/U3 should come down line to observe warm-ups
- If potential issue, evaluate and consult with crew
- Pivot foot determines set vs. windup

Charged Conferences and Courtesy Runners

- Everyone tracks visits and courtesy runners
- Be sure one set of eyes are always up and on the field of play
- Simplify tracking approach to ensure you are focused on the field of play
- Notify team of charged visits and be very clear when final visit has occurred

Crew Consultations

- We SHOULDN'T replace one umpire's judgement with another (ball/ strike, safe/out)
- We SHOULD seek to add information to situations where appropriate (pulled foot, swipe tag, dropped ball, boundary decisions, etc.)
- Rules based situations vs. judgement-based situations
- Have the courage to bring information and the humility to accept it. Only change calls we are 100% certain on

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- Communicate about issues as a crew. Ensure all members are aware of potential problems
- Celebrations are allowed until they become dangerous or directed at opponents, spectators or officials
- Consult with crew prior to issuing unsportsmanlike warnings
- Celebratory props are not allowed on field. Warn if seen