

AA/Farm Score Keeper Training

Review of Farm and AA rules

- Please refer to individual rules handouts provided at training
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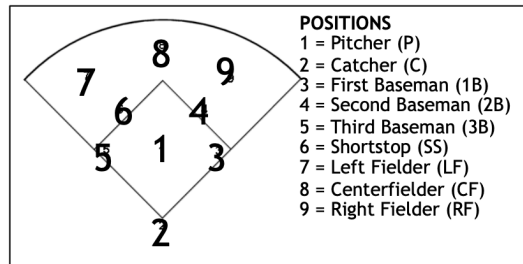
Definitions and Abbreviations

- Hit (H) - A hit occurs when a batter strikes the baseball into fair territory and reaches base without doing so via an error or a fielder's choice.
 - There are 4 types of hits in baseball; Singles, Doubles, Triples, and Home Runs
 - All 4 are counted equally when deciphering batting average.
 - If a player is thrown out attempting to take an extra base, that still counts as a hit.
 - Hits are a pivotal part of many statistics, including batting average (which will come into play in AAA and Majors).
- At Bat (AB) - An official at-bat comes when a batter reaches base via a hit, or is put out (either in the field with a hit, or at the plate with a strike out).
 - A Plate Appearance (PA) refers to each completed turn batting, regardless of the result.
 - Walks DO NOT count as an AB for either the pitcher or batter.
 - At-bats are used as the denominator when determining batting average and slugging percentage (for AAA/Majors only).
- Hit by Pitch (HP) - a batter becomes a baserunner and is awarded first base when he, or his equipment (except his bat):
 - Is touched by a pitched ball outside the strike zone
 - *And* the batter attempts to avoid it (or had no opportunity to do so)
 - *And* the batter did not swing at a pitch
 - If all these conditions are met, the ball is dead, and other baserunners advance if they are forced to vacate their base by the batter taking first.
 - A batter hit by a pitch is not credited with a hit or at bat, but is credited with a time on base and a plate appearance

- Therefore, being hit by a pitch does not affect a player's batting average but does increase his on-base percentage.
- A batter hit by a pitch with the bases loaded is also credited with an RBI.
- Putout (PO) - A fielder is credited with a putout when he/she is the fielder who physically records the act of completing an out - whether its by stepping on the base for a forecourt, tagging a runner, catching a batted ball, or catching a 3rd strike.
 - If a fielder receives a ground ball and steps on a base for a forecourt or tags a runner, he is credited with an unassisted putout only (not an assist AND a putout)
 - If a fielder makes an unassisted putout, and then throws the ball to another teammate for an out (i.e. double play), he is credited with both a putout and an assist.
- Assist (A) - An assist is awarded to a fielder who touches the ball before a putout is recorded by another fielder.
 - Typically, assists are awarded to fielders when they throw the ball to another player for the putout.
 - Assists are awarded on most ground-ball outs
 - Assists can also be on fly balls, when a runner tries to advance, but the outfielder throws him out.
 - Pitchers are not awarded assists for strikeouts.
- Runs Batted In (RBI) - A batter is credited with an RBI where the result of his plate appearance is a run being scored.
 - One exception is if the run scores as a result of an error or ground into double play.
 - Most common example are run-scoring hits.
 - A player can also earn an RBI if he is put out at first base, if the hit allowed the run to score.
 - A player earns an RBI as a result of a walk when bases are loaded.
 - This last rule is good to know, but NA in Farm and AA as there are no walks.

Player Positions

- 1 - Pitcher (P)
- 2 - Catcher (C)
- 3 - First Base (1B)
- 4 - 2nd Base (2B)
- 5 - 3rd Base (3B)
- 6 - Short Stop (SS)
- 7 - Left Field (LF)
- 8 - Center Field (CF)
- 9 - Right Field (RF)



Scorecard basic definitions

- 1B - base hit
- 2B - double
- 3B - triple
- HR - Home Run
- BB - Base on Balls, or a Walk
- HP - hit by pitch
- RBI - runs batted in
- S and B - strikes and balls
- K - Strike out swinging
- Backwards K - strike out looking
- R - Runs
- IP - Innings Pitched
- LOB - left on base
- 3U - unassisted out by first baseman at first

- 6-3 - hit ball fielded by shortstop and thrown to first for a putout
- 5-3 - hit ball, fielded by the 3rd baseman, thrown to first base for a putout
- 4-3 - hit ball, fielded by the 2nd baseman, thrown to first base for a putout
- 1-3 - hit ball, fielded by the pitcher and thrown to first base for a putout
- L4 - line drive hit caught for an out by the 2nd baseman
- F8 - fly ball caught for an out by the center field player
- Fo3 - foul pop up caught by the first base player for an out.