

Checklist for Umpires' Pregame Conference

Here's a checklist of topics to be discussed:

- Any new or updated rules
- Field ground rules
- Foul-line coverage and dead-ball area coverage
- Base coverage, including responsibility for call and how to handle appeals
- Illegal pitch rule and responsibility for calling it
- Check swing mechanics, including responsibility for the call and how to handle appeals
- Mechanics and assignment for keeping track of balls, strikes and outs
- Management of warm-up between innings
- Communication expectations between umpires
- Procedure for pregame conference with coaches and team captains
- Any special pregame announcements or ceremonies
- Plate umpire's equipment
- Verbal or visual signals to be used between the umpires to assist calls

