

Scoring

When we play we have to keep score as we bat. Fortunately the basics of scoring are pretty simple. At the start of the game the captain writes out the names of the players in the order in which they will bat during the game. Each time a player bats the results of their at bat are recorded on the score sheet.

If the batter is out a big cross is recorded against their name. If they get on base their progress round the diamond is recorded by inking in the grey lines on the score sheet. The innings continues until 3 outs are recorded. At the end of the innings add up how many people have gone all the way round the diamond and that tells you how many runs you have scored, record that total at the bottom of the page. At the end of the innings draw a thick line under the last batter. At the start of the next innings start in the next column, this makes it easier to keep track of the separate innings. It's also important to record how many runs the opposition score as that reduces the number of arguments at the end of the game !

As far as the basics go that's it: Scoring in 30 seconds ! The basics are enough to allow you to play. After that you can get as clever as you like with all kinds of other stuff. One common addition is to record who is responsible for the runs scored. On the sheet above Hilary gets on base with a single, Dave and Charlie both make outs, then Ramon hits a Home Run, scoring both Hilary and himself. Ramon is the 4th batter in the order so write 4 in the middle of the completed diamonds for Hilary and Ramon. This shows that Ramon is credited with 2 RBIs (RBI = Run batted in).

When you are confident about this then you can also start to record what sort of hit each batter got, with 1B being a single, HR a Home Run etc. (a walk is shown as BB, a base on balls). If a player gets on base because a fielder chooses to get another base runner out rather than the batter the batter should not get credit for a hit, instead they get on base because of a 'fielder's choice', mark their box with the letters FC. It's also possible to record how outs are made. If a player strikes out a big K is entered into the box instead of the X. If a fielder gets the batter out then the play is recorded by using a number to represent each player:

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| 1 Pitcher | 6 Short Stop |
| 2 Catcher | 7 Left field |
| 3 First base | 8 Left centre |
| 4 Second Base | 9 Right Centre |
| 5 Third Base | 10 Right field |

So if a batter hits the ball to the short stop who throws to first base for the out this would be recorded as 6-3 on the score sheet. You can add other information if you like, e.g. P for pop up, F for fly ball, DP for Double play. Thus F7 is a fly ball to the Left Fielder, 6-4-3DP is a ground ball to the short stop which is thrown to the second baseman and then thrown to first for a double play.

Moving on again you can also record errors. If the batter hits an easy catch to right field and the fielder drops it record this as E10. This means the batter doesn't count as getting a hit & thus recording errors can be a really good way of falling out with your team mates !!

NB: the 3rd Out – If the 3rd out is recorded on a force out (inc. a catch) then no runs score on the play. If the out is a tag then runs count IF the runner touched home BEFORE the out is made, but not otherwise.

Date:		Opponents:			
Batter	Pos.	1	2		
Hilary		B S B S B S 4	B S B S B S ◇		
Sub.		BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR		
Dave		B S B S B S X	B S B S B S ◇		
Sub.		BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR		
Charlie		B S B S B S X	B S B S B S ◇		
Sub.		BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR		
Ramon		B S B S B S 4	B S B S B S ◇		
Sub.		BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR		
Clare		B S B S B S ◇	B S B S B S ◇		
Sub.		BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR		
Felix		B S B S B S X	B S B S B S ◇		
Sub.		BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR		
Kim		B S B S B S ◇	B S B S B S X		
Sub.		BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR		
Fred		B S B S B S ◇	B S B S B S X		
Sub.		BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR		
Score:					
Inning / Total	US THEM	2 / 2	1 / 1		
		0 / 0	1 / 1		