

# Continuous Batting Order

Continuous Batting Order (CBO) is a variation of the batting order used in Little League which places all players in the batting order regardless of whether they're currently playing a fielding position. Players can be swapped in and out of fielding positions without affecting the batting order. Almaden Little League has adopted full year CBO for the Majors this year. AAA always utilizes CBO.

Here are some things you should know about CBO:

- All uninjured players present at the start of the game must be in the batting order on the lineup card presented to the umpire at the plate meeting. Players absent but expected to arrive late should be listed on the lineup card but NOT in the batting order.
- Players who arrive late to the game are added to the end of the batting order.
- Players that are injured or leave the game are merely skipped in the batting order. There is no penalty or out assessed for skipping an injured or missing player.
- If a player returns from injury or absence, he/she is simply re-inserted in the same spot in the batting order.
- You must have 9 players when fielding on defense. No Little League game can start or continue with fewer than 9 defensive players.
- Except for pitchers and catchers, most umpires do not track player movement in the field or from the bench. If your umpire insists on notification of all changes, please provide the changes in a timely manner. Please report all pitcher and catcher changes promptly to the umpire.
- Though the umpires may not track non pitcher or catcher defensive movements, the score keepers will. Please provide your hard working scorekeepers with updates.
- With free defensive substitutions, be sure all players meet their minimum play requirements. Billy's parent is keeping track, and there are penalties for noncompliance.
- There are no Special Pinch Runners (SPRs) in CBO since everyone is in the batting order.
- If a batter becomes injured during his/her at bat and cannot finish the at bat, or in a continuation game the batter of record is not present at the start of the continuation game, the batter who made the most recent out takes the place of the injured/missing batter and assumes the count. If any subsequent batter in the lineup is already on base when his/her turn to bat comes, that batter is skipped.
- Managers are going to need a minimum of 5 copies of the lineup card. One for the official book, one for the visitor's book, two for the plate meeting (one to the umpire, one to the opposing manager), and one for yourself.