



Western Region Umpire School

Little League - Junior League - Senior League - Big League - Challenger Division



KEY COMMUNICATION TERMINOLOGY'S

1. Batter:

"Ball. No he didn't go"

Plate Umpire; Check swings...not a strike...give count.

"Yes he went"

Plate Umpire; Check swing...strike, with hand signal...give count

"Did he go?"

Plate Umpire; Left hand pointing to partner

"Yes he did" or "No he didn't"

Base Umpire; Both with hand signal

2. Ball down the right field line: 90 Foot Field

"I'm going out"

Base Umpire; (1) Trouble ball (2) Fair/Foul (3) Catch/No catch

"I've got the plate" "I'm at home"

Base Umpire has gone out and comes back to cover home

3. Infield Fly:

"Infield fly, the batter is out"

Preventive Umpiring, prevents trick play

"Infield fly if fair"

Make sure runners hear you point straight up and give out signal

4. Rundowns:

"I've got it all"

Plate Umpire; Rundown between third and home with multiple runners.

"I've got this half"

Plate Umpire in cut out at 1st and also 3rd base with rundowns between 1st and 2nd, and 2nd and 3rd.

5. Runner 1st to 3rd

"I've got third if he comes"

Plate Umpire; Watch R1 as he turns second...stay in foul territory

"I've got third"

Plate Umpire; As play develops at third...be in the cut out (library)

"I'm going home"

No play develops at third

"I've got the ball"

Plate Umpire going down third base line on fly ball

"I'm on the line"

Plate Umpire going down first base line on fly ball and he will not be at third base should runner try to advance

6. **Runners 1st and 2nd fly ball to outfield: 90 Foot Field**
 - "I've got 3rd if he tags"**
 - Ball not caught...not your play at 3rd
 - "Going home"**
 - As soon as ball drops in play
7. **Time Plays**
 - "Run Scores, Run Scores, Score That Run!" or "Score Two Runs"**
 - Plate Umpire; while pointing at home plate let scorekeeper know
 - "No Run, No Run"**
 - Wave off...not a safe signal...let scorekeeper know
8. **Close Plays On Fly Balls:**
 - "No catch, No catch"**
 - On close play...give safe signal
 - "That's a Catch"**
 - On a close play...really sell it...give out signal
9. **Miscellaneous:**
 - "That's A Balk"**
 - Base Umpire; Stand...Point at pitcher...Back to hands on knees set
 - Plate Umpire; Hold position...Do not stand up
 - "On The Tag, He's Out"**
 - Swipe tag at first. Not necessary in rundown unless it is a swipe tag
 - "Safe, he's Off the bag, SAFE!"**
 - Call...explain...reinforce by selling the call
 - "Safe, no tag, SAFE!"**
 - Call...explain...reinforce by selling the call
 - "Foul"**
 - Hands forward slightly above shoulder and palms forward
 - "Play"**
 - Plate Umpire; Right hand pointing to pitcher
10. **Obstruction / Interference:**
 - "That's Obstruction"**
 - "Time, that's Obstruction"**
 - "That's Interference"**
 - Batter/Catcher/Umpire
 - "Time, That's Interference"**
 - Base Runner
11. **Special Terminology:**
 - "Back swing hit the catcher"**
 - "No Trip"**
 - "That's a ball! You went to your mouth"**
 - Pitcher went to his mouth

"It's What You Learn After You Know It All That Counts."