

Keep the book. Know the marks.

A quick baseball notation reference for your next game. Record the batter result first, then each runner advance and each out.

Position numbers	Common marks
1 Pitcher / 2 Catcher / 3 First base	1B Single / 2B Double / 3B Triple / HR Home run
4 Second base / 5 Third base / 6 Shortstop	BB Walk / HBP Hit by pitch / K Strikeout
7 Left field / 8 Center field / 9 Right field	Backward K: called strike three / F8: fly out to center
6-3: shortstop throws to first for the out	E6 Error on shortstop / FC Fielder's choice
6-4-3: shortstop to second to first, double play	SB Stolen base / CS Caught stealing / WP Wild pitch / PB Passed ball

Three plays worth getting right

FC: batter safe, another runner out. Runner on first; shortstop throws to second for the force. Batter: FC, no hit. Runner: out 6-4. If the relay retires the batter too, record both outs and the double play.

SF8: sacrifice fly to center. With fewer than two outs, the catch is made and a runner tags from third and scores. Record the out, the run and the RBI. The sacrifice fly is not an at-bat. A runner merely moving from second to third does not make a fly out an SF.

Uncaught third strike: K plus what happened next. Under rules allowing the advance, with first empty or two outs, the batter can try for first. Record K and WP/PB if safe; K plus 2-3 if the catcher throws the batter out. No hit or walk. Check your youth/softball division rules.

Follow the runner

A single followed by a steal stays a single: write 1B, draw home-to-first, then extend to second with SB. Complete and shade the diamond when the runner scores. Mark outs clearly so the inning ends after three.

Practice inning: 1B, steals of second and third (SB), BB, SF8 (runner on third scores), then 6-4-3. That is one run and three outs. Check the line score before starting the next inning.

More examples: chadwicksrevenge.com/how-to-keep-score-in-baseball

Full reference: chadwicksrevenge.com/baseball-scorecard-symbols