

WBSC Coach & Manager Cheat Sheet

Tournament Administration and Game Management

Before the Game

Lineup Cards

Provide lineup cards in triplicate:

- Umpire
- Opposing manager
- Technical Commissioner

Lineups become official at the plate meeting.

Plate Meeting

Occurs approximately 10 minutes before game time.

Authority and Conduct

Manager Only

Only the manager may:

- Argue
- Challenge
- Protest umpire decisions

Coaches may not do so, unless serving as the designated substitute manager.

Assistant Coaches

Assistant coaches:

- Cannot leave the dugout to argue calls.
 - Cannot challenge umpire rulings.
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Equipment Compliance

Bat Responsibility

Managers are responsible for ensuring all bats are approved (Solid wood only).

Penalty:

- First violation = warning.
- Second violation = manager ejection.

Uniform Compliance

Ensure:

- Matching uniforms.
 - Proper numbering.
 - Coaches are dressed correctly when coaching bases.
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Base Coaches

Coach's Box Enforcement

Base coaches must remain in the coach's box.

Penalty sequence:

1. Warning.
 2. Removal from the game.
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Substitutions

Pitchers

A replacement pitcher generally must:

- Face at least one batter, or
- Retire the side,

unless injured.

Double Switches

Must be reported before signaling for the new pitcher.

Courtesy Runners

Not allowed.

Run Difference Rule

Know the tournament threshold before every game.

For most WBSC senior competitions:

- 10-run deficit after 5 innings ends the game.

This affects:

- Pitching decisions
 - Offensive strategy
 - Defensive alignments
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Dugout Management

Field Access

Only authorized personnel belong on the field.

Behaviour Standards

Profanity, abusive conduct, racial comments, and intimidation are not tolerated and may result in removal from the venue.