

## Top 10 mistakes made by Managers at Tournament time

1. Managers don't keep track of the pitch count. The reason for the 3 adult in the dugout is to keep the book, which includes the pitch count. The official pitch count is with the official scorekeeper. If the manager wants to check the official pitch count, they should ask the umpire to get it from the official scorebook.
2. Managers make incorrect substitutions. Tournament substitutions are handled differently than regular season. Once a substitution is made for a starter, the only place the starter can return to in the lineup is in his/her original position. The starter and the sub are "married to each other in that batting position.
3. Managers remove the sub before mandatory play has been met. All substitutes must play 3 defensive outs in the field and one time at bat before the starter can come back in the lineup.
4. Managers are talking to spectators or someone outside the dugout for lineup question. The manager and coaches are not allowed to talk to anyone outside the dugout during the game. The scorebook is to be kept in the dugout. Umpires are not to give line up changes to anyone outside the dugout unless it is the official scorekeeper. The manager or coaches are not allowed to talk to the scorekeeper. The scorekeeper works for the umpires and should only talk to the umpires.
5. While on defense the manager and coaches want to sit outside or stand outside the dugout while the game is going on. All managers and coaches are to remain in the dugout until their team is on offense.
6. Base coaches are out of the dugout before the inning begins. Base coaches are to remain in their dugouts until the catcher throws the ball down. The only offensive player allowed on the field between innings is the on deck batter(s).
7. Managers allow illegal or unsafe equipment to come to the ball game. All managers/coaches should check all of their equipment before they go to the game site. Helmets and bats need to be checked for cracks. Bats and helmets should be out of equipment bags and organized for pre-game inspections by the umpires. A dangling throat guard is required on catchers masks at all levels of softball and baseball. Major-Minor-10/11 baseball catchers must wear an extended chest protector.
8. An adult hitting infield practice or outfield practice before the game start and the player who is catching the returning balls isn't wearing a catcher's helmet with a dangling throat guard. Anyone catching for someone who has a bat in their hand has to have a catcher's helmet with a dangling throat guard
9. Coaches attending the pre-game plate meeting, making lineup changes or coming out of the dugout to talk an umpire. Only the manager is allowed to come to the plate meeting, make lineup changes and talk to an umpire.
10. Managers come on to the field asking for time out before time has been granted. Managers are required to stay in the dugout until time has been granted by an umpire. The ball is alive and in play until time has been called and the manager who comes on the field before time has been called can have an impact on the outcome of a play.

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