



OPENING CEREMONIES SCRIPT

This is a script and a timeline for the beginning of games to help you announce players in the starting lineups and reserves for each the home and visiting team. You should be able to take the information from the lineups and plug it into this script and be ready for the beginning of a game. All the information should be in the order that you will read it for the pre-game. You may also have to call for lineups and discuss the names with a coach or team representative ahead of time.

TIMELINE FOR PRE-GAME EVENTS:

15-20 MINUTES BEFORE GAME TIME -

Call for lineups for team participating in the game. During this time, go over all the names on the lineup card with the coach or team representative. Make sure players' first and last names are on the lineup. Make sure that you can correctly pronounce all the names on the lineup, including the non-starters. (HINT: Take the time to spell out difficult names the way they sound, that way you don't forget how to pronounce the name half-way through the game).

10-15 MINUTES BEFORE GAME TIME -

Begin to fill in the 'pre-game script' to help you through the pre-game lineups and starting the game. Keep the lineup cards with you.

5 MINUTES BEFORE GAME TIME -

Go over the lineup cards again to make sure you have proper pronunciations for all the players' names. (HINT: If you need to, rewrite the lineups on a blank lineup card so you can read and pronounce them correctly).

AFTER THE COACHES/UMPIRE MEETING AT HOME PLATE -

This is when you begin to announce the starting lineups using the 'pre-game script'. (HINT: Act excited about the game! We want to create a fun, exciting, world-class environment at the USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium. Do not be the boring, monotone announcer).



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Welcome to the [NAME OF EVENT] AT [LOCATION] !

Today's match-up features [TEAM NAME] AND [TEAM NAME].

Starting with the visiting team, the reserves for [VISITING TEAM NAME] are:

- Number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].

And now, the starting lineup for [VISITING TEAM NAME] :

- Batting first, playing [POSITION], number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Batting second, playing [POSITION], number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Batting third, playing [POSITION], number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Batting fourth, playing [POSITION], number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Batting fifth, playing [POSITION], number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Batting sixth, playing [POSITION], number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Batting seventh, playing [POSITION], number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Batting eighth, playing [POSITION], number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Batting ninth, playing [POSITION], number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].
- Batting tenth, playing [POSITION], number [NUMBER], [PLAYER'S NAME].



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And now, the reserves for the home team, the _____ :

HOME TEAM NAME

Number _____ , _____ .
NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Number _____ , _____ .
NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Number _____ , _____ .
NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Number _____ , _____ .
NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Number _____ , _____ .
NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Number _____ , _____ .
NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Number _____ , _____ .
NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Number _____ , _____ .
NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Number _____ , _____ .
NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Number _____ , _____ .
NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

And now, the starting lineup for _____ :

HOME TEAM NAME

Batting first, playing _____ , number _____ , _____ .
POSITION , NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Batting second, playing _____ , number _____ , _____ .
POSITION , NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Batting third, playing _____ , number _____ , _____ .
POSITION , NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Batting fourth, playing _____ , number _____ , _____ .
POSITION , NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Batting fifth, playing _____ , number _____ , _____ .
POSITION , NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Batting sixth, playing _____ , number _____ , _____ .
POSITION , NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Batting seventh, playing _____ , number _____ , _____ .
POSITION , NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Batting eighth, playing _____ , number _____ , _____ .
POSITION , NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Batting ninth, playing _____ , number _____ , _____ .
POSITION , NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Batting tenth, playing _____ , number _____ , _____ .
POSITION , NUMBER , PLAYER'S NAME

Now let's meet today's officials! Umpiring at 1st base: _____ . Umpiring at 2nd base: _____ .

1ST BASE UMPIRE

2ND BASE UMPIRE

And umpiring behind the plate: _____ .
HOME PLATE UMPIRE

Ladies and gentlemen, at this time we ask that you all please rise, remove your hats and direct your attention to the American flag for the playing of our National Anthem.

Cue National Anthem

Now it's time to Play Ball!