Determining ball and strike split

Note: you need to have completed Module 1 and Balks in Module 2 before continuing with this module.

Some competitions or clubs require the pitch count to be split into the number of balls and strikes a pitcher has thrown, as well as the overall total pitch count.

For each batter, determine the number of balls and strikes they have faced and add these to the ball and strike counts from the previous batter.

Number of balls:
  ➢ count all .'s and B's in the tram line
  ➢ add 1 for a BB or HPB in the 1st base box
  ➢ if the batter was intentionally walked (IBB), check if you need to include non-thrown balls. If so, add the number required to have 4 balls in total.

Number of strikes:
  ➢ count all C, S and F's in the tram line
 ➢ add 1 for all other 1st base box symbols (ie. all symbols other than BB, HPB or IBB)

Remember, if a runner was the 3rd out and the batter is still batting, there is no symbol in the 1st base box to count – just count the balls and strikes in the tram line.

Writing ball and strike count

- Write the ball count / strike count in the far right side of the tram line.

BB
C . . S F .   4/3

1
6-3
S .   5/5

−7
. C S F F F 6/11
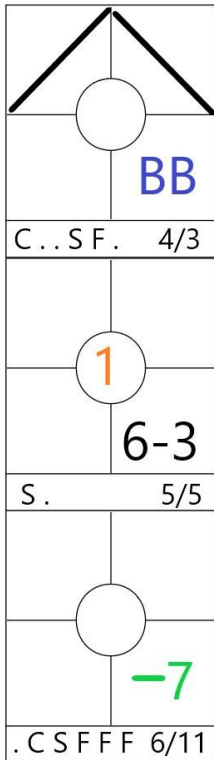
o First batter:
  Balls: 3 + 1 = 4
  Strikes: 3
  Ball/strike count: 4 and 3

o Second batter:
  Balls: 1
  Strikes: 1 + 1 = 2
  Ball/strike count: 5 and 5

o Third batter:
  Balls: 1
  Strikes: 5 + 1 = 6
  Ball/strike count: 6 and 11

1
F8
C . F . .   3/3

2
4-3
S   3/5

HPB
F   4/6
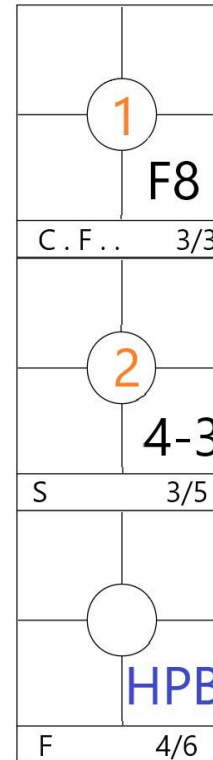
o First batter:
  Balls: 3
  Strikes: 2 + 1 = 3
  Ball/strike count: 3 and 3

o Second batter:
  Balls: 0
  Strikes: 1 + 1 = 2
  Ball/strike count: 3 and 5

o Third batter:
  Balls: 0 + 1 = 1
  Strikes: 1
  Ball/strike count: 4 and 6
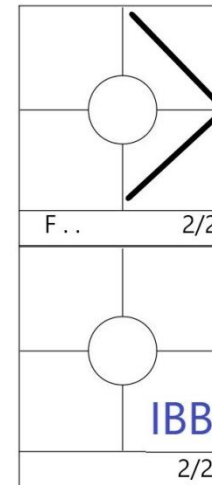
Writing ball and strike count - IBB
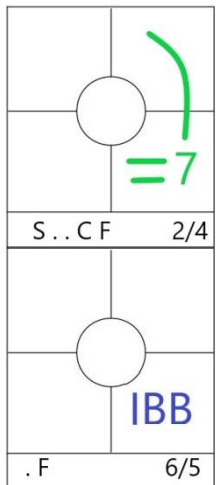
Non-thrown balls *are* counted for an IBB
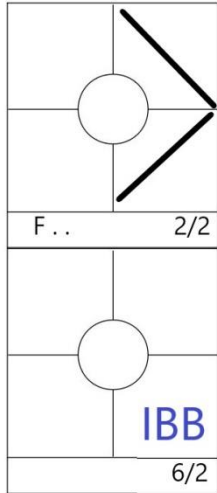
- First batter:
  - Balls: 2
  - Strikes: 1 + 1 = 2
  - Ball/strike count: 2 and 2

- Second batter:
  - Balls: 4
  - Strikes: 0
  - Ball/strike count: 6 and 2

Non-thrown balls *are not* counted for an IBB

- First batter:
  - Balls: 2
  - Strikes: 1 + 1 = 2
  - Ball/strike count: 2 and 2

- Second batter:
  - Balls: 0
  - Strikes: 0
  - Ball/strike count: 2 and 2

- First batter:
  - Balls: 2
  - Strikes: 3 + 1 = 4
  - Ball/strike count: 2 and 4

- Second batter:
  - Balls: 1 + 3 = 4
  - Strikes: 1
  - Ball/strike count: 6 and 5

- First batter:
  - Balls: 2
  - Strikes: 3 + 1 = 4
  - Ball/strike count: 2 and 4

- Second batter:
  - Balls: 1
  - Strikes: 1
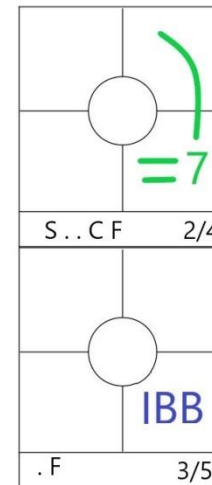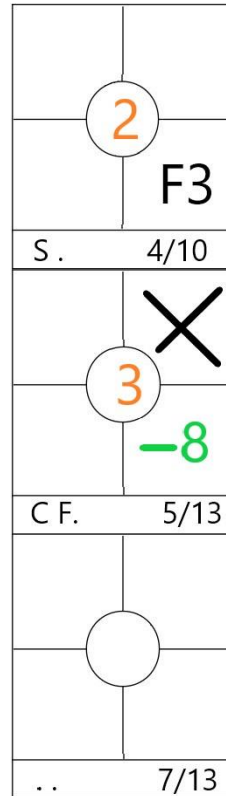 - Ball/strike count: 3 and 5

Runner 3rd out

When a runner is the 3rd out of the inning and the batter is still batting, just count the pitches in the tram line for the batter.

2 F3	o Next batter:
	     Balls: 1
	     Strikes: 1 + 1 = 2
	     Ball/strike count: 4 and 10

S . 4/10	

3 ✕ −8	o Next batter: *(reaches 1st base safely)*
	     Balls: 1
	     Strikes: 2 + 1 = 3
	     Ball/strike count: 5 and 13

C F. 5/13	

( )	o Next batter: *(still batting when runner is the 3rd out)*
	     Balls: 2
	     Strikes: 0
	     Ball/strike count: 7 and 13

. . 7/13	

If your ball/strike count differs from the other scorer, make sure you have the same total pitch count first, then correct the difference in the split.

Don't stress if you can't find why your counts are different - it is more important to have the same total pitch count than to have the same ball/strike split.

Ball and strike count carried to next inning

The ball/strike count can be carried from one inning to the next. Remember to reset the counts when there is a pitching change.
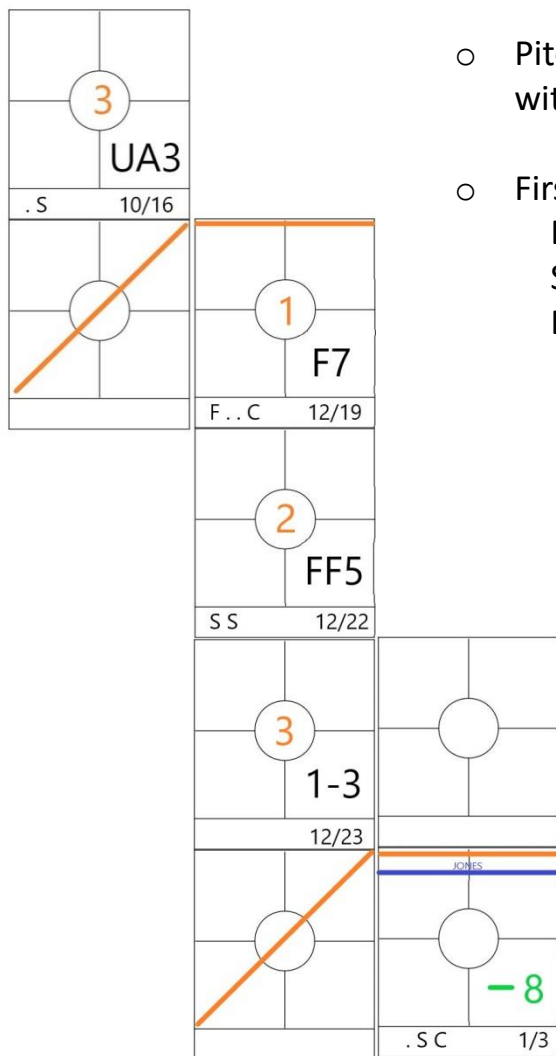
o   Pitcher (Brown) finished inning 1 with ball/strike count of 10 and 16

o   First batter of inning 2:
   Balls: 2
   Strikes: 2 + 1 = 3
   Ball/strike count: 12 and 19

o   Pitcher (Brown) finished inning 2 with ball/strike count of 12 and 23

o   New pitcher (Jones) at start of inning 3 – counts reset:
   Balls: 1
   Strikes: 2 + 1 = 3
   Ball/strike count: 1 and 3

Ball and strike count carried to next inning cont.

o Pitcher (Jones) finished inning 3 with ball/strike count of 15 and 23

o First batter of inning 4:
  Balls: 2
  Strikes: 3 + 1 = 4
  Ball/strike count: 17 and 27

o New pitcher (Smith) during inning 4 – counts reset:
  Balls: 3
  Strikes: 1 + 1 = 2
  Ball/strike count: 3 and 2

Ball and strike count reset at inning start

The ball/strike count can also be recorded at the end of an inning and reset at the start of the next inning. The counts are written in the area below RUNS for each inning – Balls = ball count; Stks = strike count, Pit = total pitches thrown (balls + strikes).

○ Pitcher (Brown) finished inning 1 with ball/strike count of 10 and 16

Each inning column is split into 2:
Left = total for that inning
Right = running total for that pitcher

○ Inning 2 – counts reset

○ First batter of inning 2:
Balls: 2
Strikes: 2 + 1 = 3
Ball/strike count: 2 and 3

○ Pitcher (Brown) finished inning 2 with a ball/strike count of 2 and 7

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RUNS	0	0	0	0		
Balls		10	2	12		
Stks		16	7	23		
Pit		26	9	35		
BFP						
HITS						
LOB						

Pitches in inning 1

Pitches in inning 2
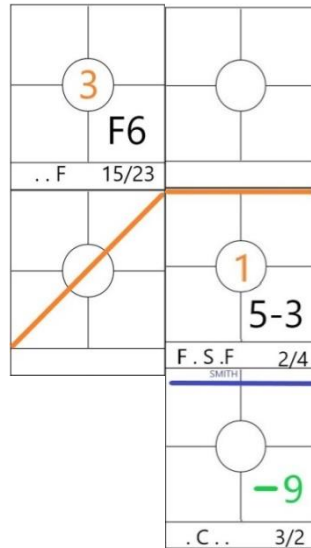
Total pitches after 2 innings

Balls and strike count reset at inning start cont.

Indicate a pitching change in the ball/strike/pit area with a blue line. When the pitcher of the previous inning is changed during the inning, divide the left column into 2 with a lead line – write the inning counts on the left and the totals on the right. Don't forget to reset the ball/strike counts for the new pitcher.

o Pitcher (Brown) finished inning 2 with a ball/strike count of 2 and 7

o New pitcher (Jones) at start of inning 3 – count resets
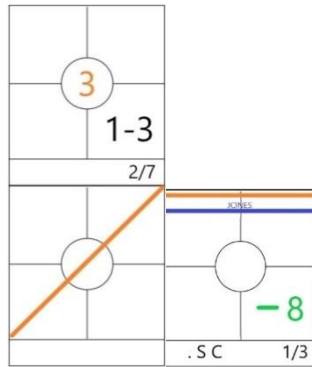
o Pitcher (Jones) finished inning 3 with ball/strike count of 15 and 23

o First batter of inning 4:
   Balls: 2
   Strikes: 3 + 1 = 4
   Ball/strike count: 2 and 4

o New pitcher (Smith) during inning 4 – counts reset:
   Balls: 3
   Strikes: 1 + 1 = 2
   Ball/strike count: 3 and 2

Total pitches after 2 innings for Brown

Smiths pitches to be written here

RUNS	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Balls		10	2	12		15	2	17
Stks		16	7	23		23	4	27
Pit		26	9	35		38	6	44
BFP								
HITS								
LOB								

Pitching change to Jones – start of inning 3.

Total pitches for inning 3 for Jones

Inning 4 and total pitches for Jones – separated by line in lead

Pitching change to Smith – during inning 4.

Pitchers Section

Whether you carry the ball/strike count to the next inning or reset them, when each player completes their time as pitcher, write the pitch count details in the pitchers section:

- o total ball count in the B column
- o total strike count in the S column
- o total pitch count (balls + strikes) in the PIT column

PITCHERS	PI	INN	H	K	BB	HPB	RS	ER	WP	BLK	PO	PCS	BFP	B	S	PIT	W/L/S
BROWN Brendan														12	23	35	
JONES Piper														17	27	44	
SMITH Daniel																	