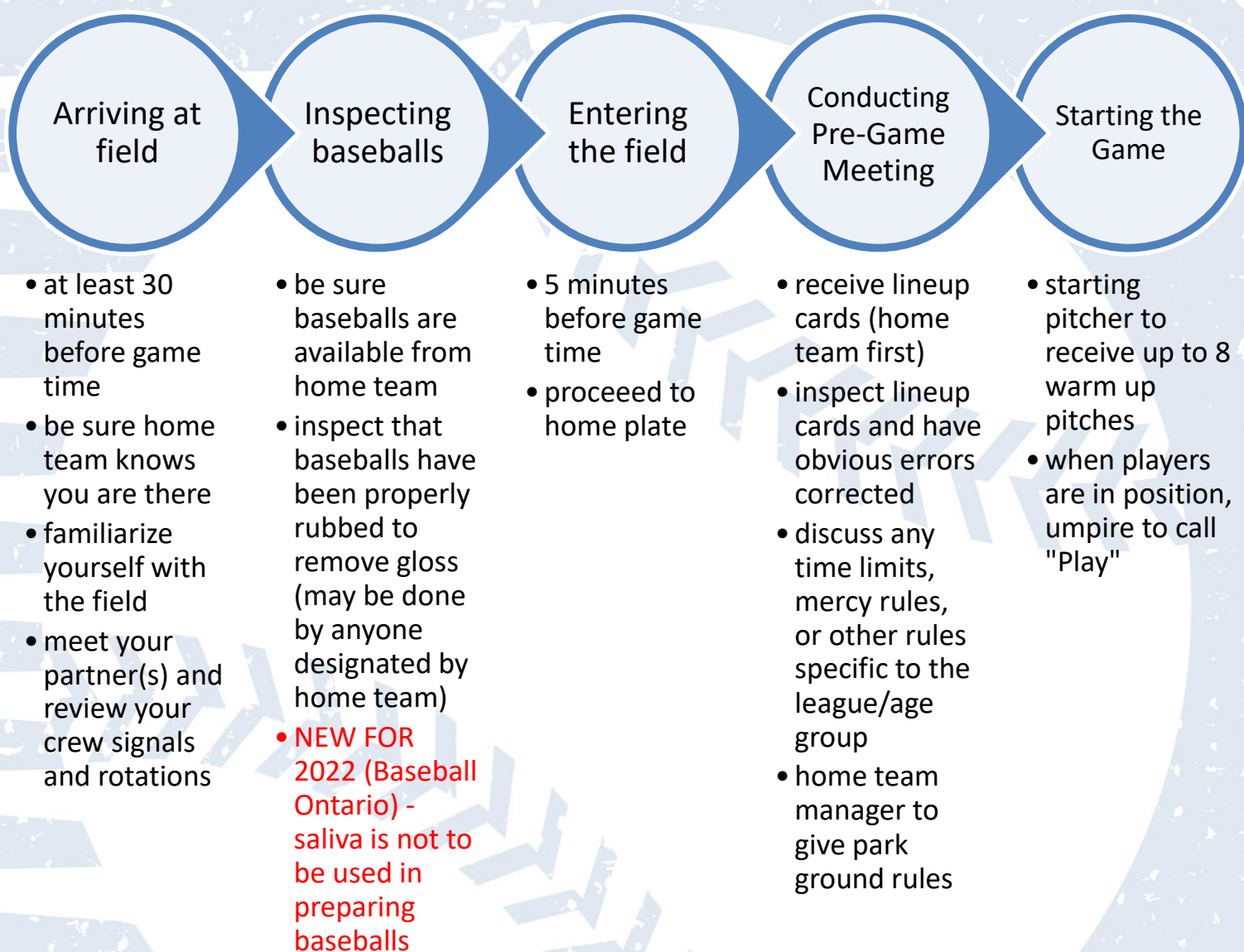


Game Preliminaries

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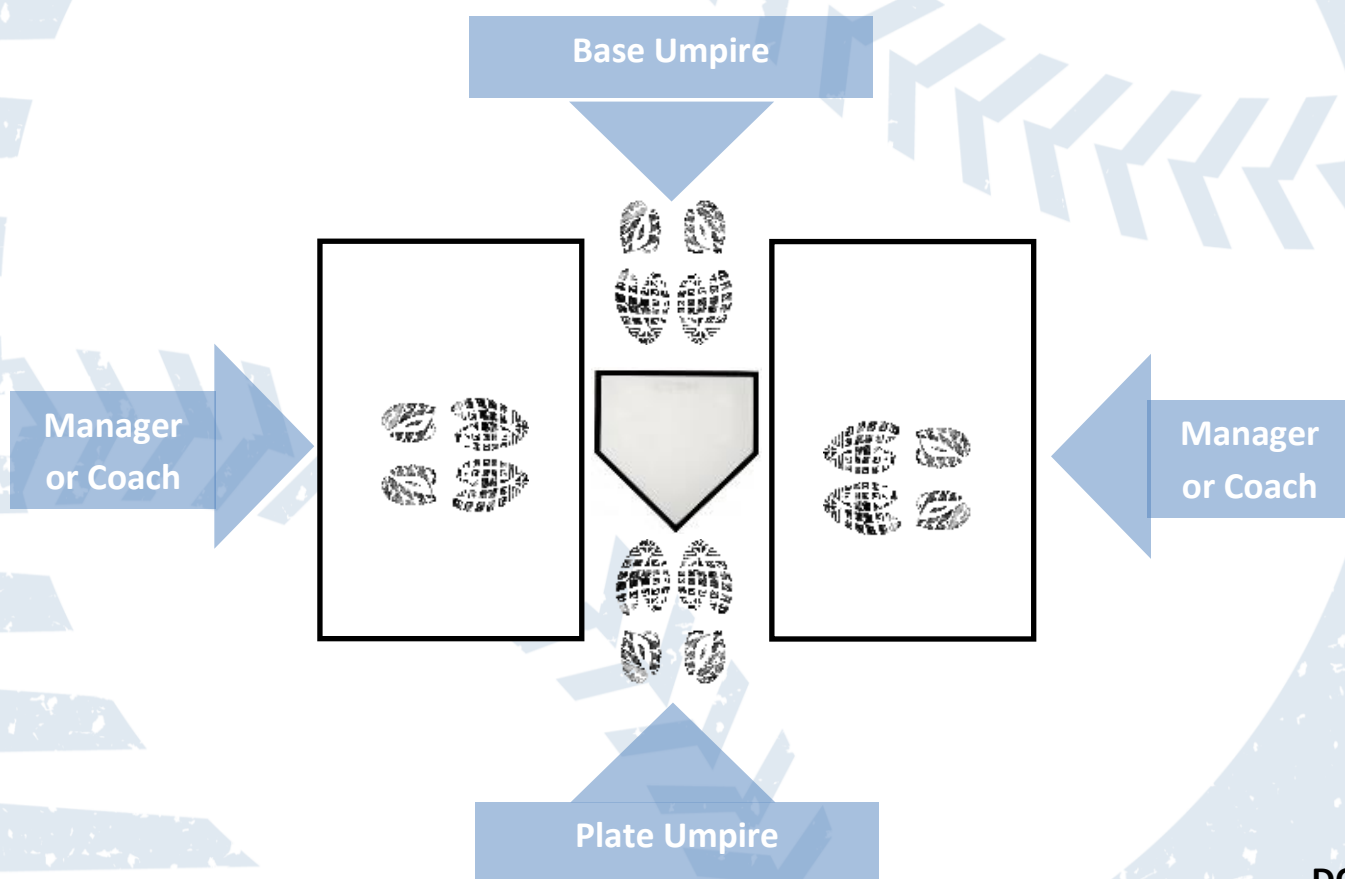


Prior to the game, umpires are responsible for:



The home team determines when or whether a game shall start, except in the case the second game of a doubleheader. After the plate umpire receives the home team's lineup card, he/she is in charge of the field and makes all decisions regarding called, suspended, or resumed games.

Pre-Game Meeting Positions and Discussion Points:



DO:

- Introduce yourself and learn manager's names
- Shake hands (when COVID protocols allow)
- Exchange lineup cards and discuss above items
- Maintain a pleasant, respectful tone

DON'T:

- Issue threats or warnings
- Use an aggressive or arrogant tone
- Discuss rules or strike zone
- Discuss previous games or other umpires

