

**Use of Hand Signals for Cancellation Scoring – Update Information and some Diagrams**

In earlier Newsline articles I have discussed the use of hand signals, which may be used in addition to ‘called’ scores, and which help to ensure that verbal calls are more fully understood by the scorekeepers. Several basic signals have been used by many of us through the years, but to my knowledge, there has never been a published series of hand signals and diagrams that were readily available for pitchers to learn and use. We have recently created a series of hand signals, for each of the ten possible calls, and which were presented to delegates in attendance at the NHPA Convention held earlier this year in St. George, UT. I am including this same set of hand signals here (see below), for your information and consideration.

Since the Convention, I have received some additional hand signal suggestions from our members, but which have not yet been incorporated into the diagrams presented here. One noteworthy suggestion was for the ‘2 dead’ and ‘4 dead’ hand signals. For ‘2 dead’, two fingers are held in a downward position (down is dead). This could be followed by the ‘no score’, ‘1 point’, or ‘3 points’ hand signals; whichever might apply. For ‘4 dead’, four fingers are held in a downward position (down is dead). This *could* be followed by the ‘no score’ hand signal. The use of either two or four fingers held downward eliminates the need for using an additional signal for ‘dead’, and therefore may be a better option for hand signals involving ‘dead’ scores.

<-----Note 2 and 4 dead signals



## USE OF HAND SIGNALS FOR CANCELLATION PLAY

### Recommended Hand Signals (as seen by the scorekeeper)





One Point



Two Points



One Ringer,  
Three Points



One Ringer,  
Four Points



Two Ringers,  
Six Points



No Score



Signal for ‘Dead’



Two Dead, No Score



Two Dead, One Point



Two Dead, Three Points



Four Dead