

Tips on using Batting Stats.xls

First, fill in the players' names in the first column. You can put them in any order, as the program will automatically sort them by average later.

After each game, update each player's stats for:

Games (G), At-Bats (AB), Runs (R), Hits (H), RBIs, Doubles (2B), Triples (3B), Home Runs (HR), Walks (BB), Sac Flies (SF), and Grounded-into-Double-Plays (DP). You'll do this manually. For example, let's say a player has the following stats after 8 games:

PLAYER	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	AVG
Stinky	8	29	4	12	6	1	0	0	.414

Suppose that, in Game 9, Stinky goes 3-for-5 with a run scored. All you do is type over the old stats so that his line now reads:

PLAYER	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	AVG
Stinky	9	34	5	15	6	1	0	0	.441

Batting averages will calculate themselves automatically (the reason they're displaying ##### or DIV/0 is because no one has any at-bats yet), as will each player's On-Base Average (ONB), Total Average (T-AVG), Slugging Average (SLUG) and Outs.

How you handle the Home Run Rule statistically is up to you. Some teams log all balls whacked over the fence as homers, even if (in the actual game) it's counted as a double or single or an out!

Our method at Time Capsule is to record the "homer" *as it counted in the game*. If it's our second one of the game, it goes as a ground-rule double and we put it in the batter's "2B" total. And if it's counted as an out, we tally it in the column called HRO (Home Run Out, or "hero").

The other column that may seem odd to you is our "OOB" stat, which stands for "Out On Bases". This logs every baserunning boo-boo (or oob-oob), such as being doubled off on a line out, leaving too soon on a sac fly, being tagged out trying to advance, etc. It does not include runners forced on DPs; the batter gets credit for those.

Once you've updated all the stats from your most recent game, you can list the players in order of their batting average. Here's how. Just select the entire rows of the players you'll be sorting. Don't include the headings row ("Player", "G", etc.), the Team Totals or the "Others" line (which combines the stats of players who may have been with you briefly and then quit). Once those rows have been selected, click on the "Data" menu and select "Sort..." The file is all set to reorganize these rows with the highest batting average first.

These are just guidelines, of course. Feel free to remove the stats you don't want and add in those you do. And remember that it's all for fun.