



SPRING 2012

Fellow Umpire,

Thank you for choosing to provide your umpire skills to MYBA. Your rule knowledge, game day demeanor and interpersonal skills are key to making each game officiated a success.

I expect both rookie and veteran umpires to sharpen their umpiring skills each year. Studying and appropriately applying In-City, USSSA, and Official Baseball rules will help earn the respect of coaches and parents alike. Players and coaches must see consistency in your officiating of the game; especially as a collective umpire group, in order for them to stay focused on playing this great American past time. Support your fellow umpire at all times and learn from each other.

Always be at the field fifteen minutes (15) prior to the start of the game, already dressed, to review the field and to co-ordinate signals with your partner.

. The “coaches meeting” at the plate should NOT be treated as a routine unimportant task. Make sure you are meeting with the Head Coach at the plate. The head coach is the only coach that may approach you about any calls. During the home plate meeting stress safety and sportsmanship and clarify any perceived confusing rules.

During the off-season, I may hold meetings and mini-training camps. All umpires should participate to improve and share their skills with others. Any coach or agreement of coaches during the season may not change the current published In-City rules. You should have a copy of all rules (In-City, USSSA and Official Baseball) with you at each game for your reference only. The head coach must have his or her own copy of rules for any appeal request during the game.

Please download and complete the umpire registration form and W9 and submit during the registration period. You are required to strictly adhere to the enclosed instruction sheet in order to receive compensation. * MYBA provides each umpire with one powder blue official umpire shirt with number, and a hat at no cost to you. All other required uniform and gear must be worn and supplied by you. I will assign you games to work each week. A copy of the rules for all leagues are posted on the website: myba.com. Your schedule will be sent to your email address by Saturday noon and you are required to confirm receipt of your schedule by noon Sunday, by email or phone.

I encourage you to study the rules and practice your head positioning, in order to call consistent pitches. Also, know where to be in the field during any fast paced action. Discuss your skills with your fellow umpires to help you get better each year. Use the Internet to find new umpiring techniques, mannerisms and rule tests.

In summary, you are charged with governing each game in a manner that generates respect for you and the game of baseball. Using a calm approach to any difficult situation helps all those involved to remember that this is only a game. MYBA needs your professional talent to have successful seasons year after year. Thanks again for your efforts and dedication. Have Fun and “Let’s Play Ball”!

Best Regards,

Ric Batten

Ric Batten, Director of Umpires

Umpire Instructions

In order to follow the instructions below each umpire should be at the fields to meet game day partner, coordinate signals and finalize equipment dress, fifteen (15) minutes before scheduled start of game.

1. **Sign In/PAY:** Pick up game day report, have home team scorekeeper fill out. At the end of the game, get game day report from scorekeeper, making sure the score is posted on the report, have both coaches sign, you and your partner sign and turn into umpire quarters. You must complete in order to get paid.

Failure to complete accurately may jeopardize receiving a paycheck. Checks for games worked Saturday through Sunday are sent to the umpire room by the following Wednesday of each week.

2. **Concession Stand:** Umpires are not allowed inside the concession stand. Please request food and drinks from those persons working the concession stand. Be patient, allow the concession people to wait on the paying customers first.

3. **On Time:** Each umpire is required to be at their assigned fields a minimum of ten (10) minutes before the scheduled start time of the game. The plate and field umpires should be dressed for their respective umpire position, ready to conduct the Coaches meeting at home plate.

4. Game Day – Sequence of Events

1. In the event a previous game's ending time is past the start time of next game you are to allow both teams no longer than two (2) minutes for infield warm-up.

2. Call the coaches to home plate for umpire meeting. Review in-city rules and answer any questions. Get one new unwrapped game ball from the head coach of each team.

3. Have each team line up along the first and third base lines facing in the direction of the nearest flag. Lead the teams, parents and coaches in the Pledge of Allegiance.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

4. **LOUDLY** announce "THE GAME TIME IS " (state time)" The umpire's clock or designated clock is the official time clock. Make sure the HOME team (official score keeper) designee records the official start time on the score sheet.

5. **Notification of Schedule Conflicts:** It is imperative that you officiate the games you have been scheduled. In the event you will be late or unable to umpire your scheduled game, IMMEDIATELY contact Ric Batten, Director of Umpires. Should you get someone else to umpire your assigned game you must notify Ric Batten for approval. Before 4:30 p.m. call (800) 569-9200 Ext. 5503 or (214) 819-5503 after 4:30 p.m. call (817) 233 2309

6. Pay Scale: (USSSA)

League	Pay per game	Length of game
6U	\$25.00 (Tournament only)	1 hour
7u and 8U	\$25.00	1 hour 15 min
9U and 10U	\$30.00	1 hour 30 min
11U and 12U	\$35.00	1 hour 45 min
13U and 14U	\$40.00	1 hour 50 min
15U and 16U	\$45.00	2 hours

7. **Dress Code:** All umpires are required to wear official umpire shirt and hat.

The umpire must purchase all other attire and equipment.

Jewelry, other than wristwatch or wedding band, is not allowed to be worn While officiating a game. Remove all piercing before entering the gate to the complex.

hair should be clean and groomed. No hair should be sticking out from under the front of the hat, or out the sides.

All uniforms clothing should be clean and free of wrinkles.

8. Uniform/Equipment

1. If you are at the I initial meeting and make the required number of meetings and training sessions, MYBA supplies, one shirt with numbers and one combo umpire hat. You must wear a hat when you umpire for MYBA

You are encouraged to purchase extra hats, so as to have a clean hat at all times.

2 Official Umpire shirt, (powder blue with number) heather gray slacks, black belt, black sox, black shoes

3 Face, Mask, Chest protector, Leg guards (shin guards), and Supporter (cup)

4. Ball bag, count indicator, plate brush, Paper and pencil to record any issues.

