



## **Umpire Code of Conduct**

Umpires are required to agree and adhere to the following Code of Conduct throughout the spring and summer season. Violations of this code are subject to disciplinary action as deemed fit by the DYBA Director of Umpires. These requirements may be changed periodically without notice.

1. I will complete all pre-season requirements, including attendance at the information meeting, clinics, application, work permit, subscription to email list, and other instructions detailed by the program administration;
2. I understand I am solely responsible for managing my own schedule and communicating with my parents, teachers, coaches and the program administration as necessary;
3. I will honor all assignments given by the DYBA Master Scheduler and agree that these are obligations to DYBA;
4. I will follow all scheduling policies, including not requesting games beyond Mustang league until I am promoted by the program administration and only officiating games I am qualified and prepared for;
5. In an emergency, I pledge to contact the program administration as soon as possible via phone and email;
6. I will check my email, cell phone, DYBA website and Master Schedule for additional instructions prior to going to an assigned game;
7. I will use all equipment properly to ensure my own safety and that of other participants, including reporting missing equipment to the Director immediately;
8. I will dress appropriately for the weather, always wearing my umpire shirt and jeans unless instructed otherwise;
9. I will review the DYBA rulebook for league-specific and ground rules prior to arriving at the field;
10. I will know and follow the DYBA lightning policy;
11. I will complete and submit all pay-slips timely and accurately using the instructions given by the Director;
12. During the game, I will keep play moving, hustle to the proper position, be loud and decisive and know the rules;
13. I will never use my iPod, cell phone or other electronic device beginning 15 minutes before the game starts until after it concludes, even to check the time;
14. I will act professional, represent my community, DYBA and myself appropriately at all times on and off the field;
15. I will not hesitate to ask questions or receive constructive criticism;
16. I will meet and exceed the requirements for my level delineated in the Pay Scale, and strive to reach the next level of officiating.
17. I will have fun, and remember that umpiring is a learning experience!