



Chantilly Little League Coach Meeting Umpire Presentation



Introduction



- Objective: Have 2 trained umpires, one plate and one field, for each AA, AAA, and Majors game
- Reality: We do not have enough umpires to cover all games
- However, it is recommended that coaches **and** parents attend umpire training so they can fill in if an umpire isn't available
- Also allows for coaches and parents to understand the rules and the role of umpires





Umpire Assignments



- Umpires are assigned to games by the UIC, these assignments are based on an umpire's proficiency, experience, time/travel restrictions, etc.
- AA/AAA games will be staffed by Youth Umpires
- Majors games will be staffed by Adult Umpires, if available, if not, experienced Youth Umpires will be assigned, if available
- Umpires are assigned to games by the UIC; if one field has two umpires on it and another has none, there is a reason behind this, whether it be training, divisions of play for adult umpires, etc.

There will be games AA, AAA, and Majors that will not have umpires assigned due to availability – you will need to have a coach or parent umpire the game (one from each team – plate and field).

You cannot play an official game without an Umpire!



Umpire Clinic Overview



- “Basic Training” intended to familiarize with common situations, rules and mechanics
- Format
 - Classroom Session: Rules, tips and more
 - Field Session: Mechanics and practice
- Classroom session at Franklin Middle School on March 17th 9am-1pm (with pizza!)
- Field Session at Sully Highlands on April 8th 9am – 1230pm (rain date of April 15th)

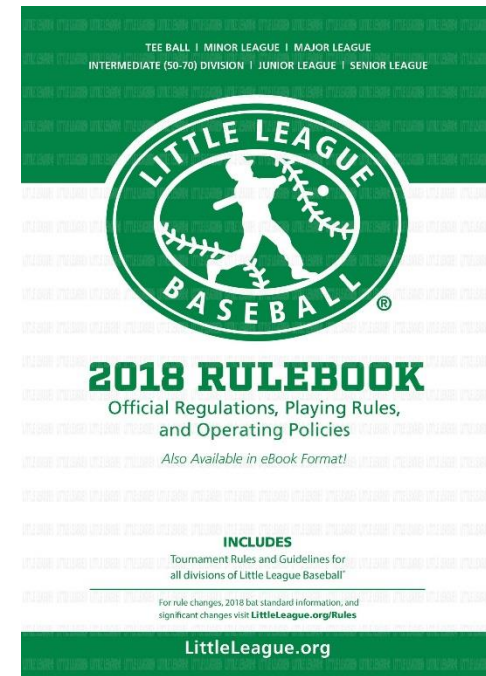




Rules



- Umpire presentations, including rules presentations, are available on our website
- Review the Green Book and our Umpire Rules Presentation to familiarize yourselves with the rules, *including how to appeal a play*

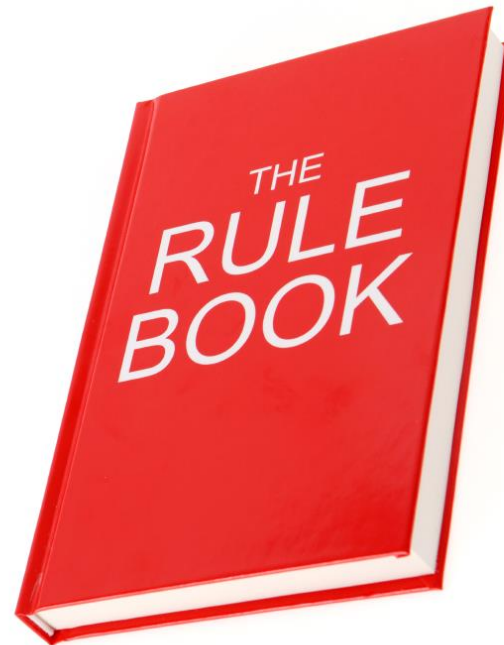




Common Misunderstood Rules



- Fair/Foul
- Running out of the Baseline
- Overrun at First Base
- Runner's Lane Violation
- Hit by Pitch
- Illegal Pitch/Quick Pitch
- Pitching Signs
- Must Slide Rule
- Catcher's Interference
- Leaving a Base Early
- Proper Appeals





Game Conduct



- Five minutes before the scheduled start time, managers and team captains should meet with the umpires at the Home Plate for the Plate Conference.
 - Coaches will be asked to confirm that all of their players are “legally and properly equipped” according to Little League Rules (legal bat, helmet, uniform, no jewelry, cup for male catchers, etc.)
 - Establish time limits for AA/AAA – make sure everyone agrees on the game start, no new inning, and drop dead times
- Games are to be played under Little League Rules supplemented by Chantilly House Rules (especially for AA/AAA) – made up rules or agreements between managers are not allowed; Umpires are trained to the rules
- Judgement calls are not negotiable; but you may ask whether a rule has been mis-interpreted
- Make sure you request time and that the umpire(s) grant it before coming on the field or requesting a discussion
- If there’s only one Youth Umpire working the game, the teams **MUST** supply a base umpire (or vice versa, if the youth umpire is doing the field, team must supply plate umpire)





Other Items



- If there are any issues with an umpire, please contact the UIC or a League Official immediately after the game
 - uic@chantillylittleleague.org
 - (703) 568-5088
 - Please include your phone # in your email
- If I don't answer, leave a VM, I'll call you back shortly
- If you need a rule clarification or anything else, please feel free to contact me as well – here to help
- Will also be sending out Rules Interpretations throughout the season to help coaches understand the rules



Questions?



"Whoa! Time out. The loud guy in the white shirt is right — that was a ball. My mistake. Sorry everyone. Thank you, sir."