

# District 51 LL Umpire Certification Requirements

1. Must attend District Umpire Clinic in the year of certification.
2. Must pass a written test with a score of 75% or better. Correct rule references are required to be provided for all wrong or incomplete answers.
3. Upon completion of Step 1 and 2, we will issue numbers of your choice from available numbers. Please place these numbers on your uniform shirts ASAP after issuance. This allows us to compile information from games you have done both good and bad so we can help you improve.
4. Must pass written on-field evaluations which will include plate and base positions.
  - a. Personal Appearance (neatness and proper dress)
  - b. Judgement on the field (decisiveness and consistency)
  - c. Field Mechanics
  - d. Plate Mechanics (proper positioning and timing)
  - e. Control of the Game (Keep the game moving in a smooth manner)
  - f. Composure (Handling situations with players, coaches, etc.)
  - g. Attitude
  - h. Level Recommended (Local League, District, Tournament Levels)

## Uniform Requirements

1. Shoes- black or black/white umpire type shoes. (Plate shoes with steel/hard toe recommended for plate work)
2. Socks- Black
3. Pants- charcoal or heather gray should match your partner.
4. Belt- black leather.
5. Jersey- color to match partner- default to navy/red or black for baseball and powder/navy for softball. (District Patch left chest pocket, LL patch left sleeve, numbers right sleeve, flag, if worn, back center below collar)
6. Hat- Navy or Black to match jersey/trim. Match your partner as well
7. Ball bag(s)- color should match hat color. Both bags matching color and style if 2 are worn.
8. Per Rule 9.01 (a), plate umpires must wear mask with throat guard (dangling highly recommended), chest protector and shin guards (required for baseball, recommended for softball). Males must wear a cup.