



# UMPIRE PROGRAM

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# GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

- **Provide the Best Umpires for our Kids**
- **Training**
- **Development**
- **Retaining Umpires for Future Years**



# TEAM UMPIRE REQUIREMENT

- Single A, AA, AAA, & Majors Teams
  - **Must supply 2 “trained umpires”**
    - \*\*Trained = AHLL or District 30 trained \*\*\*
- Teams will be assigned games
  - Encouraged to sign-up on your own before being assigned



# WHY?

**Spring 2022 = 160 + AHLL Home Games**  
*( just in AA, AA, & Majors )*



**CAN'T WE JUST HIRE AN  
UMPIRE SERVICE?**



Parents, assistant coaches step in during umpire shortage

CBS News · CBS Minnesota

Jun 30, 2022

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<https://www.wowt.com> › 2022/05/10 › rude-fans-one-reas... ⋮

### Rude fans one reason for youth umpire shortage in Omaha ...

May 9, 2022 — The **umpiring shortage** is a national problem. The pandemic also may have thinned numbers in recent years, so umpiring organizations have to keep ...

<https://www.news5cleveland.com> › help-wanted-ohio ⋮

### National referee, umpire shortage impacts youth sports - WEWS

Jun 29, 2022 — Loss of about 50,000 referees and **umpires** nationwide since the 2018-2019 season.

<https://www.wthr.com> › article › news › local › the-wor... ⋮

### Indiana umpires stretched thin as fear on the field keeps many ...

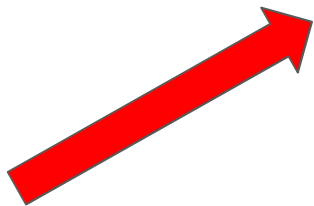
Apr 22, 2022 — Several youth sports games have been canceled this season because of a **shortage of umpires**.

<https://www.wane.com> › high-school-sports › striking-o... ⋮

### Striking out: Confronting baseball's umpire shortage | WANE 15

May 12, 2022 — Across the country, high school baseball and softball teams are feeling the consequences of an **umpire shortage**. That labor problem has had ...

NO...





# TEAM EFFORT

- Games posted with “Plate Umpire” & “Base Umpire” slots
- **We only require 1 umpire per game**
  - Divide & conquer if you'd like, but it is definitely more fun to work with a partner



# INCENTIVES

- **\$40** credit/refund per Plate Assignment
- **\$30** credit/refund per Base Assignment
  - *Adult Umpire who worked assignment may keep all credits/refunds to offset personal equipment costs or...*
  - *May apply all refunds to their team*





# BY-LAWS

- **Failure to Fulfill Assignment:**
  - **1st Offense = 1 game suspension for Manager**
  - **2nd Offense = 2 game suspension for Manager, forfeit next game**
  - **3rd Offense = Team ineligible for playoffs, Manager ineligible for All-Star Manager/Coach Position**
    - *Considered when applying to Coach in future*



# JUNIOR UMPIRES

- We have some, but not enough
- They have their own commitments (school, sports, etc.)
- Most don't drive yet
- Spread the word...help us promote the program



# JUNIOR UMPIRES

- Minimum League-Age **12** (in Majors, final year of LL)
  - Adult must be present to support 12 yr.-old
  - Work AA games, some AAA games
- **13+** may work any level
- Parents are encouraged to work with their Jr. Ump

Jr.'s earn **\$40** for Plate, **\$30** for Bases



# UMPIRE CLINICS

- **Mandatory Attendance by Managers**
- **Mandatory Attendance for New Umpires**
- **Recommended for Returning Umpires**
- **Team Requirements:**
  - **Each Team Shall Supply 2 trained Umpires**



# UMPIRE CLINICS

## \*\*\* MAJORS MANAGERS \*\*\*

- **Help us train Junior Umpires**
  - *The more Jr. Umps we have, the fewer games we all have to work*
- Make this a mandatory team event/practice
- Only a couple of hours
- Kids/Parents will learn baseball rules, **increase their baseball I.Q.**



# MECHANICS CLINIC

## Covers:

- **On-field positioning (for both Plate and Bases)**
- **Proper Signaling**
- **Q&A with District 30 Umpires**



# RULES CLINIC

## Covers:

- Little League Rules by Division
- Most Important Rules for Umpires to Know
- Proper procedure for field decorum / game protests
- Q&A with District 30 Umpires



# MECHANICS CLINIC DATES

## AHLL Mechanics Clinic

**-TBD, February 2023**

Crescent Elementary School

5001 E. Gerda Dr., Anaheim, CA 92807

## District 30 Mechanics Clinic

**-Saturday, February 4, 2023 9:00a-2:00p**

South Sunrise LL

333 S Prospect St, Orange, CA 92869





# DISTRICT 30 RULES CLINICS

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023 6:30p-9:00p**

Santiago Middle School

515 N Rancho Santiago Blvd, Orange, CA 92869

**Thursday, February 9, 2023 6:30p-9:00p**

Santiago Middle School

515 N Rancho Santiago Blvd, Orange, CA 92869



# FIELD DECORUM

- PLEASE SUPPORT ALL UMPIRES
  - *Teens & Adults working games for **CHILDREN***
- NO BARKING AT UMPS FROM THE DUGOUT
  - *Speak calmly to the ump between innings*
- MISTAKES WILL HAPPEN
  - *Don't embarrass anyone*



# FIELD DECORUM

- **DON'T WASTE TIME CHALLENGING JUDGEMENT CALLS**
  - *Don't challenge bang-bang plays*
- **THE UMPIRES ARE IN CHARGE (adult & Jr.)**
- **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR BENCH & PARENTS**



# FIELD DECORUM

- **Constructive criticism goes through the UIC**
- **Be a good sport and Role Model**
- **The Kids are always watching!!!**



# QUESTIONS???

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