

2020 District 8 Preseason

Umpire Training Schedule



Multiple Dates / East and West Locations!!!



Rules Clinics

Presentation and Discussion of Little League Baseball and Softball rules

Session Highlights:

- **1st Session:** Intro/Pitchers/Batting/Catch/Runners/Slide or Avoid Contact
- **2nd Session:** Interference/Obstruction/Appeals/Batting Out of Turn/Other

February 25 & 26, 6:30-8:30pm (check-in, 6:10)

Shorewood High School Cafeteria

March 10 & 12, 6:30-8:30pm (check-in, 6:10)

Bothell High School Library

Field Mechanics Clinics

Instruction in 60' diamond plate mechanics, field mechanics, positioning, timing and communication

Saturday, February 29, 9:00am-Noon (Noon-1pm, 90' optional)

Northshore Athletic Fields, Woodinville

Sunday, March 1, 9:00am-Noon (Noon to 1pm, 90' optional)

Shorewood High School

Questions...please contact:

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2020 Ballard Little League Preseason



Umpire Training Schedule



Multiple Dates- Ballard Locations

Rules Clinics

Presentation and Discussion of Little League Baseball and Softball rules, and basics of umpire mechanics

Session Highlights:

- Key rules and rule myths, rules changes for 2020
- Game management, equipment rules
- Local League rules
- Umpire Equipment and positioning in the one and two umpire system

February 16, Sunday 6-9 PM

March 16, Sunday 6-9 PM

Location TBD

The league will provide rule books. Umpires can be issued equipment or use the gear at fields.

Please feel free to attend more than once if you like.

If you attend District rules and field mechanics clinics, you are not required to attend but are welcome!

Questions...please contact:

Dave Trop, chief umpire- (davetrop@comcast.net)

What is the Junior Umpire Program? Members of the Ballard Little League community (they don't have to live in Ballard) age 12-17 are invited to be umpires at Ballard Little League. Two person crews (typically consisting of a [parent](#) and a teenager) are also encouraged to join. Teenagers will be paid \$38 per game, or they can get volunteer credit for high school community service requirements.

There's so much to learn from little league; sportsmanship, competition, service. There's plenty to learn from umpiring as well; responsibility, leadership, tenacity. I believe umpiring offers fantastic perspective for volunteers young and old.

What's in it for our youth umpires? First and foremost, umpiring at little league is about community service. Little League is a *leadership program to teach life lessons through baseball and softball*. Volunteers can:

- receive community service hours while having a great time giving back to you community, or get paid \$38 per game. Pretty good for 2 hours time!
- learn great life skills
- beef up that college application

Ok, what do I do if I'm interested? Step 1 is to fill out the form at: <https://www.ballardlittleleague.com/Default.aspx?tabid=552350>. Step 2 is to contact our Chief Umpire, Dave Trop, at davetrop@comcast.net or 206-852-7110.

We will add you to our e-mail list where you'll find out about upcoming events and training opportunities. We provide equipment.

Our umpires are very professional, am I qualified? The league will provide uniforms, equipment, rule books and training. Every crew will be mentored and starts in the lower divisions. Our coaches will be informed of the nature of our associate umpire program and will be asked to treat our younger umpires with the same respect that they would treat any of our seasoned veterans. Without expanding our pool of volunteers, we'll need to pull a parent out of the stands to call balls and strikes...your contribution makes a huge difference to our athlete's experience.

How does training work? There are three opportunities for training in Ballard and additional training provided by little league District 8:

- All volunteers receive a rule book. Every umpire is expected to read and understand the rules
- Ballard will host three 3 hour quick training session on (January, February, March, location and time TBD).
- Little League international provides rules and skills clinics. All umpires are encouraged to participate, but these are not a requirement.
- *District 8 training: District 8 conducts rules clinics and 60' and 90' clinics.*
- partnered with one of our adult umpires. They'll help you with your positioning and mechanics. They'll stick with you until you're comfortable enough to head out on your own. Or, you can choose to sign up with an adult.

What if I forget a rule during a game? Nobody is perfect and it's ok if you need to pause during a game to get a call right. Sometimes the hardest rules to remember are ones that are applied in the lower divisions (such as batting out of turn).

How big of a time commitment is this? You set your own schedule. Even doing 3-5 games per season can be a HUGE help to the league. We allow you to schedule the games you want, when you are available, to work with the umpires you want to work with.

Is there an issue if only teenagers are on the field? Rule 9.03(d) says an adult must be "in charge" of the game, however if no adult umpire is available an adult Game Coordinator will be required- for ejections, and to call the game for rain or darkness if necessary. This person does not have to be an umpire.

Thank you for considering becoming a Little League umpire! If you have any questions please give me a call or an e-mail.

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