

Umpire Requirements and Guidelines

Scheduling

The home team is responsible for scheduling umpires. In cases where the home team has scheduled to play at the visitor team's field or teams share a home field, responsibility for scheduling umpires should be confirmed between the two teams.

U8

One umpire per game is required although two are recommended. If only one umpire is used each team will pay half the umpire's fee. If a second umpire is used, the home team is responsible for that umpire's full payment however visiting teams are encouraged to split the entire umpire fee. Home teams should notify visiting teams when 2 umpires are planned.

U9-U18

Two umpires per game are required. Each team will pay one of the umpires.

Umpire Fees

Payment to the umpires should occur at the pre-game meeting. The pre-determined amounts below are the fees for every game. If a community's umpire fees are greater than those listed below, the home field team is responsible for the difference if the visiting team does not want to cover those additional costs.

2018 Fees:

U8	\$40
U9 - U12	\$45
U13 - U14	\$50
U15 - U18	\$60

Rainouts

Although individual umpires or communities may have different rules on handling rain-outs, generally the expectation is that umpires are due payment when a game begins. If a game that has already started is cancelled due to weather or darkness, umpires keep the full payment. If the game is made up, the make-up game is considered a new game and full payment to the umpires for that game are due.

Missing Umpires

If only one umpire arrives (except 8U), the visiting team has the option to elect to play the game or request that the home team reschedule the game. If no umpires arrive, the game should be rescheduled.

Forfeits will not be automatically awarded for lack of umpires. When umpires are a no-show, the visiting team should report the situation to the league. The league will keep track of no shows. If a home team has multiple games where umpires are a no-show, the league may take corrective action including awarding forfeits if deemed appropriate.



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