

VIRGINIA DISTRICT 7
UMPIRE ASSOCIATION



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ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

- A. The Association shall be known as the Virginia District 7 Umpire Association.
- B. The purpose and function of the D7UA shall be to provide quality officials to support District 7 Little League games and to provide personnel to umpire for district tournaments.
- C. To do this, the D7UA shall provide training opportunities in the knowledge of rules, game mechanics and on the field decorum.
- D. The D7UA also defines a standard of dress and recommends members to exemplify the highest standards of character, sportsmanship, while fostering the spirit of the volunteer umpire.

ARTICLE II – EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Elected Positions)

- A. The following positions will be members of the Executive Board and will hold office for a term of two year terms. The position descriptions for those positions will consist of the following:
 - 1. President– Responsible for the selection of meeting dates and agendas, conducting general meetings, representing the D7UA at District 7 events, and enforcing the By-Laws. Will make recommendations for disciplinary action to the Executive Board of any member in violation of the D7UA By-Laws. Will work with Umpire Consultant (UIC) District Administrator (DA) as required concerning training.
 - 2. Vice-President – Shall act in the place of the President whenever the President is unable, due to absence or disability, and may preside in meetings when the President wishes to take part in discussion. The Vice-President may be assigned special responsibilities by the President.
 - 3. Secretary/Treasurer – Responsible for conveying information to the membership. Responsible for payment of approved bills, receiving and accounting for disbursement of D7UA funds. Responsible for recording and maintaining the minutes of D7UA meetings, correspondence on behalf of the D7UA and any other duties as assigned by the President. Will maintain the membership roster for the organization.
 - 4. Training Coordinator – Is responsible for organizing all D7UA training to include mechanic and rules clinic for both umpires and managers/coaches under the direction of the president. Will appoint Deputy Training Coordinator(s) as required. Deputy Training

Coordinators will work with the Training Coordinator and President as required and will act in the place of the Training Coordinator when required. Training coordinator and or President will order necessary training material (rule books, case books, etc)

5. Members-At-Large (2 Positions) – Responsible for duties as assigned by the President.

B. Other members of the Executive Board

1. Umpire Consultant – This position is appointed by the District 7 Administrator and advises the District Administrator as required.
2. Past President – This position is automatically extended to the immediate Past President of the D7UA. He/she shall serve as an advisor / consultant, providing continuity to the new board. The Past President may be assigned special responsibilities by the President.
3. District Administrator – Appointed by the League Presidents (4 year term).
4. The above positions are voting members of the Executive Board as long as they are active members of the D7UA.

C. Executive Board Responsibilities

1. Shall have the obligation and responsibility for assuring that all obligations mandated by the D7UA are fulfilled.
2. Board members shall become familiar with the documents of the D7UA and keep themselves informed with issues in which the D7UA is involved.
3. Prepare and recommend action on complaints of the conduct of any D7UA member that may cause negative reflection upon themselves and the D7UA. Report findings and recommend action to be taken to the general membership. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the eligible members voting at a general membership meeting shall be required to sustain any recommended disciplinary action.
4. As a minimum, there shall be two (2) Executive Board meetings per calendar year; one in the spring and one in the fall.
5. The Board shall take appropriate action if a position becomes vacant before expiration of the term. The vacant position shall be

filled only for the remainder of the term of the person who held the position when it became vacant.

- D. The D7UA officers shall be divided into two groups. Group A officers shall include the President, Secretary/Treasurer and one (1) Member At-Large. Group B officers shall include the Vice-President, Training Coordinator and the other (1) Member At-Large. The Group A officers shall be elected to a two year term of office beginning on October 1 of even numbered years and the Group B officers shall be elected to a two year term of office beginning on October 1 of odd number years. Officers will be elected by a majority vote of the active members present at the fall meeting. Deputy Training Coordinators may be selected by the Training Coordinator with the approval of the Executive Board.
- E. Only members in good standing with the D7UA may vote. A member in good standing is outlined in Article III below. No proxy votes may be cast.
- F. The President of the D7UA shall only vote in matters of the D7UA that result in a tie vote with the exception of closed/secret ballot elections.
- G. At least a two (2) week written or electronic notice shall be given prior to all general membership meetings to members of D7UA.
- H. Decision and votes shall be approved by a majority of those members present in attendance at the general meeting

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Prerequisite for membership into the D7UA shall consist of the desire to enhance the game of Little League Baseball and Softball.
- B. Umpires wishing to join the D7UA should have as a minimum of 2 years umpiring at the local level. Umpires will have a minimum of 4 games (at least one as Plate Umpire) within one complete tournament (softball, 60 ft Baseball, 90 Ft Baseball). Umpires should attend as many training events as possible during the two years, at a minimum 2 training events per year should be attended. Umpires will apply via the membership application.
- C. There are four types of membership:
 - a. Active – Those members who actively participate in Little League and D7UA activities are considered to be Active Members and are not required to pay annual dues. Those activities can be, but not limited to: Umpiring in D7 Little League sponsored regular season, fall season and District tournaments; participating in District 7 training events; being a Crew Chief in D7 tournaments; assisting

the District 7 Administrator in the conduct of Little League games and tournaments; any other activity as deemed by the President, D7UA. Members not participating as outlined above can still maintain their membership by paying their annual dues of \$15.

- b. Inactive - Those members who do not keep their dues current. Dues should be paid by 31 October of each year to remain current. Inactive Members may not vote on D7UA matters. Any member that has not been active in a Little League event within 3 years will be considered inactive.
- c. Youth – Those members who are less than eighteen years of age. Youth members may attend meetings but cannot vote on D7UA matters until they become an active member.
- d. Life – Active members may be nominated for Life Membership by any other active member of the D7UA. Nominations for Life Members should be made in writing using the form provided in attachment 3 to the President at least 10 days before a general membership meeting. The criteria for nomination shall be determined by the member(s) making the nomination, but should be based on the candidate's contributions to the D7UA. To become a Life Member, the association must have 2/3rd approval of the members attending. No more than three Life memberships may be granted in any calendar year. Life members are entitled to all rights and privileges of the D7UA and are exempt from paying dues.

- D. ACTIVE and LIFE Member rights and privileges include voting in elections and holding an office.
- E. Annual dues of \$15.00, as assessed by the D7UA, for umpires who have not participated in any events for the year and yet wish to remain as active members, will run from October – September annually.
- F. For new members, an initiation fee of \$5.00 will be assessed along with the annual membership of \$15.00 when joining D7UA. The new member will receive one (1) D7UA Patch. Any additional patches can be purchased by the member.
- G. As a minimum, there will be (1) General Membership meeting per year to be used as a clinic, membership meeting or combination. Membership meetings shall be conducted in accordance with “Roberts Rules of Order”.

ARTICLE IV – BY-LAW CHANGES

A. Any changes to these By-Laws shall be accomplished as follows:

1. Proposed changes shall be mailed or emailed to the membership a minimum of ten (10) days prior to a D7UA meeting.
2. To adopt changes, a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required by those active members present.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- A. The District 7 Uniform Code is required during District 7 tournament games and is encouraged during regular season and fall ball games. The uniform code is located in Attachment 1 of this document.
- B. Little League rule training and or exams will be offered so members can test their personal knowledge of Little League Baseball and Softball rules.
- C. All members are encouraged to attend any training classes that Little League requires of managers and coaches.
- D. Members of D7UA are encouraged to actively umpire games during the District 7 tournament play.

ARTICLE VI – OTHER AREAS AS REQUIRED

- A. All members are responsible for abiding by all By-Laws.
- B. The Executive Board of Directors has the responsibility for the implementation of any area not specified within these By-Laws.
- C. The President shall be permitted to appoint any committee needed to effectively operate the D7UA.

ARTICLE VII – TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- a. D7 UA President with the Training Coordinator will establish a training program each year
- b. Training will take place monthly from JAN through June for regular season and tournament season. During fall ball one umpire mechanic training session should take place. Training can also be requested by League Presidents and or League UICs.

- c. This training will consist of rules clinics and basic umpire mechanics.
- d. Advance training will occur upon a demand for more and specific umpire training.
- e. Training sessions will occur for managers, coaches, new and existing umpires.
- f. It is encouraged for all existing umpires to attend a minimum of one rules and one mechanics clinic per year.
- g. D7 UA is responsible to teach the rules clinic for managers, coaches and umpires before the tournament season begins.

ARTICLE VIII – RECRUITING

- A. All members of the D7 UA are encouraged to assist in recruiting for new umpires for D7UA.
- B. Members are encouraged to work with coaches and parents at games to recruit new umpires for D7UA.
- C. Members are encouraged to discuss the D7 umpires association.
- D. New or potential umpires should be directed to their local leagues to meet the requirements to join the D7UA.

ATTACHMENT 1

DISTRICT 7 UMPIRE'S ASSOCIATION DRESS CODE

- A. Appearance is an important facet for all umpires. The old adage “if you look like an Umpire you will be treated like an Umpire” is very true. As a member of the D7UA you are required to adhere to the following dress code:

SHIRT – Umpire Pullover Shirts can be any color but must have the correct undershirt as defined below. Shirts awarded at World Series, Southern Region or State Tournaments may also be worn. Other colors of World Series, Southern Region or State Tournament shirts may be worn when working home plate. The District Administrator, President or Umpire Consultant may approve alternate shirt colors on a case basis. In all cases the base umpires must wear matching shirt colors.

PANTS – Heather Grey

UNDER SHIRT -Color based on Umpire Shirt Color

Fire Engine Red – Navy Blue Umpire

Navy Blue - Powder Blue Umpire

Black – Pink Umpire

Black or White – Black Umpire

Black – Cream Umpire

Black or Blue – Baseball blue Umpire

HAT – Navy or Black - should match the last color on the collar of the umpire shirt.

SOCKS – Black - minimum calf length

BELT – Black

SHOES – Black (with white highlights acceptable)

BALL BAG – Black or Blue – should match the color of the hat

- B. When umpiring the plate, your gear (shin guards and chest protector) is to be worn under your clothing.
- C. All uniform pieces and equipment should be neat and cleaned before each game.
- D. Only approved Little League patches shall be worn. The following patches are the only patches allowed:

LITTLE LEAGUE UMPIRE PATCH – Located on the left sleeve. 2 “down from seam and square with shoulder.

DISTRICT 7 UMPIRE PATCH – Located on the right sleeve. 2 “down from seam and square with shoulder.

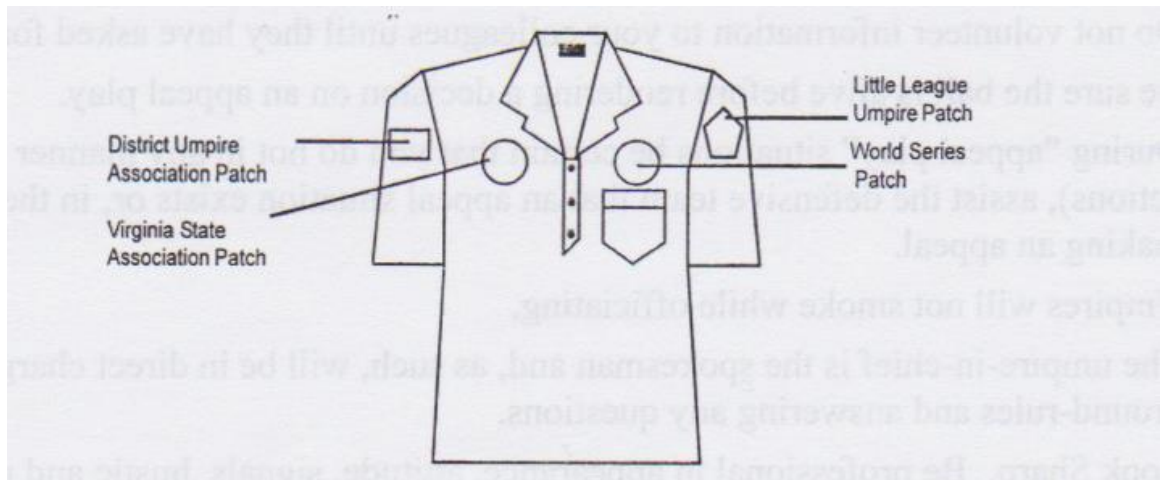
VIRGINIA STATE TOURNAMENT UMPIRES ASSOCIATION (VSTUA) PATCH – Located on the right breast of the shirt.

SOUTHEASTERN REGION ROCKER – Located on the left sleeve above the Little League Patch.

WORLD SERIES PATCH – Located on the left breast.

AMERICAN FLAG – Located on the right sleeve above the District patch.

NOTE – Other patches may be allowed for certain occasions (i.e. Home Town Hero Patch). Those patches will be allowed on a case by case basis.



E. During District 7 Tournament play the following umpire uniform styles may be worn:

2 Man crew - umpires will wear the same color umpire shirt, Hats will match unless the plate umpire is wearing a solid color than base umpire may wear a distinctive logo hat but the same color as the plate umpires hat.

3-4 Man crew - Plate umpire can wear any approved color umpire shirt, base umpires can wear another color umpire shirt but all base umpires will wear the same color umpire shirt. Hats will match unless the plate umpire

is wearing a solid color than all base umpires may wear the same distinctive logo hat but the same color as the plate umpires hat.

**ATTACHMENT 2
 NOMINATION FOR DISTRICT 7 UMPIRE ASSOCIATION
 LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**

Individual Submitting Application

Name			Date	
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First Last

Address		
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Street Address City / State / ZIP

Phone		Email	
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Nominee Information

Name		
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First Last

Address		
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Street Address City / State / ZIP

Information About Nominee

(Please include information as to why this individual should receive this status – use additional pages if required).

Signature		Date	
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ATTACHMENT 3
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP APPOINTEES

- December 2, 2008 – Buddy Nagele
- September 26, 2012 – Lonnie Elrod
- September 26, 2012 – Ed Sloate
- October 10, 2017 – Craig Dewey