

Bainbridge Island Little League (BILL) Umpire Program

November 23, 2015

1. GENERAL OVERVIEW

- a. Umpires are provided from the ranks of BILL volunteers.

There is no mystery pool of available umpires

- b. Little League games (AAA and up) may not be played without an umpire.
- c. Little League District 2 (including BILL) does not pay its umpires.
- d. Each team shall be responsible for providing a minimum of two umpire volunteers for the season.
- e. Umpires shall seek to apply Little League and BILL local rules to the best of their ability.
- f. Rule/call interpretations shall be handled in a respectful manner in accordance with the rules.
- g. Managers, coaches, players and spectators shall not question the integrity of umpires.
- h. BILL shall have zero tolerance for umpire abuse by managers, coaches, players or spectators:

All incidents shall be reported to the UIC and dealt with by the Board.

- i. Managers must agree to abide by and support this BILL Umpire Program prior to managing a team.

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2. TEAM REQUIREMENTS

- a. Every AA, AAA, Majors, Intermediate, Juniors and Seniors team shall designate a minimum of two umpire volunteers for the season (more than two is encouraged).
- b. Each manager shall present umpire candidates to the UIC and the President for approval.
- c. Each AAA, Majors, Intermediate, Juniors, and Seniors team shall be responsible for covering umpire assignments during the season as defined by the published schedule.
 - *Exception: for AA games, the home team shall provide the plate umpire; the visiting team shall provide the base umpire.*
- d. Umpires should attend a scheduled umpire training class; or shall otherwise arrange for on-the-field training. Classes currently planned are:
 - District 2 training is held at Olympic College in Bremerton (March 5th, 2016).
 - BILL umpire training at Rotary Field (March 12th, 2016).
- e. Umpires and teams are free to switch umpire assignments, but teams are ultimately responsible for ensuring that their assigned umpire slots are covered.
- f. Umpires shall select assignments via the umpschedule.com website.
- g. Should a game be canceled due to weather or other factors, the home team manager shall be responsible for notifying the umpires of the cancellation in a timely manner.
- h. Team umpire assignments shall be published prior to the start of the season.
- i. A sample schedule / umpire assignments is shown below. Except as circumstances demand, umpires shall not be scheduled to cover their own teams' games.

<i>Game</i>	<i>Umpire Assignments</i>
<i>Game 1: Red Sox v. Mariners</i>	<i>Cardinals: Home Plate Umpire; Tigers: Base Umpire</i>
<i>Game 2: Pirates v. Cardinals</i>	<i>Red Sox: Home Plate Umpire; Mariners: Base Umpire</i>
<i>Game 3: Tigers v. Red Sox</i>	<i>Mariners: Home Plate Umpire; Cardinals: Base Umpire)</i>

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3. BILL RESPONSIBILITY

BILL (through the Umpire-in-Chief) shall provide/administer the following:

- a. BILL shall provide training to umpires through a combination of
 - District 2 umpire training
 - Scheduled classroom training
 - On field training (paired with experienced umpires when available)
 - Umpire training materials
- b. BILL (through the UIC) shall provide designated umpires with certain umpire equipment to keep, including:
 - An Indicator,
 - a plate brush,
 - a ball bag,
 - an umpire cap,
 - a rule book,
 - an umpire guide
- c. BILL (through the UIC) shall provide umpire safety equipment for game day use, including:
 - Face masks, chest protectors, and shin guards
- d. BILL (through the UIC) shall provide umpire jerseys for game day use.
- e. BILL will facilitate the resolution of any rule interpretations.
- f. The Board shall form a protest committee to arbitrate any disputes which cannot be resolved on game.

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4. UMPIRE RESPONSIBILITIES

Umpires shall:

- a. Be committed to a safe, fair and fun environment for the Little Leaguers
- b. Be above reproach.
- c. Be committed to be a neutral arbitrator of the rules of Little League and BILL.
- d. Be responsible learning the rules and the responsibilities of a Little League Umpire
- e. Shall wear appropriate safety equipment
- f. Shall wear appropriate umpire attire, including:
 - Umpire cap
 - Umpire jersey or jacket
 - Grey pants (preferred);
 - black shoes (preferred)
- g. Shall use the UmpSchedule.com website to select games

5. UMPIRE BENEFITS:

In addition to being a fun, rewarding and necessary volunteer position, BILL umpires shall receive the following benefits:

- a. Umpires shall receive food and drink from the BILL snack shack while umpiring (e.g. hot dog, chips, drink).
- b. Umpires shall be reimbursed for equipment purchased for themselves based on the following schedule:
 - *\$50 for 10 games umpired in a season (maybe reduce games to 6-7?)*
 - *\$100 for 15 games umpired in a season (maybe reduce games to 12?)*
 - *Reimbursement requests and receipts shall be provided to the UIC, who will certify games umpired, and present to the treasurer for payment.*
- c. Umpires will be provided with a facility to change before and after the games.