



AJAX SPARTANS MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

2019 ASMBA

Umpire Orientation

Agenda

House League



- 🏆 Introductions
- 🏆 Our Objective
- 🏆 Uniform/Equipment
- 🏆 Attendance & Pay Rates & When
- 🏆 Umpire Center Process
- 🏆 Rules of the Game
- 🏆 Tips/Safety
- 🏆 AOB/Questions

Introductions



- 🏆 Name
- 🏆 How long you have been umpiring for?
- 🏆 Why you are umpiring?
- 🏆 Sign in and record # of years u have umpired for

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Our Objective

- 🏆 Have Fun while being structured
- 🏆 Development
- 🏆 Mentoring / Conducting Evaluations
- 🏆 Have every game covered

Umpire Perception





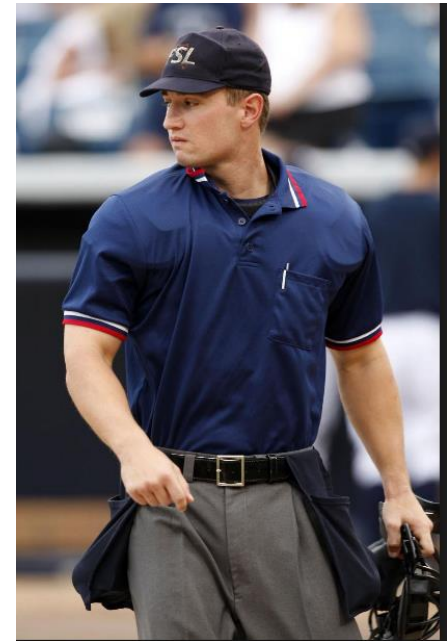
It's your Job

- Ⓞ Take it seriously but have fun
- Ⓞ No Fooling around or distracting players
- Ⓞ Arrive on Time (15 – 20 mins before)
- Ⓞ ATTENDANCE is critical
 - Ⓞ Sick – ASAP, not an hour before
 - Ⓞ Not like McDonalds – fries can still be made
 - Ⓞ 25 kids and 50 parents/grandparents are impacted
 - Ⓞ We will post the schedule in the umpire room
- Some umps were asked not to return

Uniform



- Ⓞ Royal Blue Shirt & Umpire Hat – National Sports
- Ⓞ Grey pants – make sure they fit! - McCarthy's School Uniforms
- Ⓞ Black plain hat or Umpire hat from National Sports
- Ⓞ Black Shoes
- Ⓞ Pullover no team logo's
- Ⓞ Bag (Indicator, Brush)
- Ⓞ Watch (Not on your wrist)
- Ⓞ Cup/Support
- Ⓞ Turn off cell phones
- Ⓞ Umpire #
- Suspended if not in proper uniform



Pay Rates



This is posted on the ASMBA website under the umpire tab!!!

Pay Periods

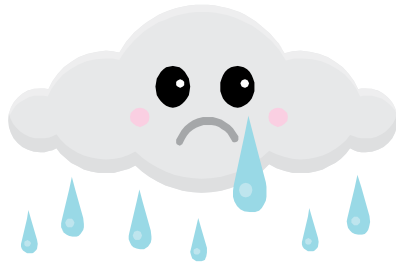


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Umpire Center Process



- 🏴‍☠️ You should have received an email
- 🏴‍☠️ www.umpirecentre.com
- 🏴‍☠️ Update your profile Phone, cell, email, etc
- 🏴‍☠️ Email changed – Update it
- 🏴‍☠️ KEEP YOUR SCHEDULE UPDATED!!!
 - 🏴‍☠️ Vacations, Grad, Ball Games, etc.
 - 🏴‍☠️ When u get home update May!
- 🚩 Follow my email for step by step instructions on set up
 - 🚩 if not you do not get games



Rain Out Procedure



- Permits are controlled by the Town of Ajax
- The Town of Ajax will update the ASMBA if permits have been pulled by 4pm.
- We have no control over this even if it becomes sunny prior to start times.
- The ASMBA website will be updated as soon as possible if games are cancelled or by 5:00 at the latest.
- After **5:00pm** **PLEASE** report to your appropriate Diamond.
- www.ajaxbaseball.com will be your best resource.

Section A – General Rules



Level – birth year	Scheduled Night	Game Start Times	Fields	No New Inning	Absolute Curfew
Minor Rookie 2012	Monday	6:00 PM (majority) 7:15 PM 7:30 PM	Cedar Park	60	75
Rookie 2010-11	Thursday	6:00 PM (majority) 7:15 PM 7:30 PM	Cedar Park	60	75
Mosquito 2008-09	Wednesday	6:00 PM (majority) 7:15 PM 7:30 PM 8:30 PM	Cedar Park	90	105
Pee Wee 2006-07	Monday Tuesday Thursday	7:30 PM 8:30 PM	Cedar Park	90	105
Bantam	Monday	6:00 PM 8:30 PM	Pan Am 5 Pan Am 6	90	105
Midget	Monday	6:00 PM 8:30 PM	Pan Am 5 Pan Am 6	90	105

Section A – General Rules



- Ⓞ Absolute Curfew does not exist – you start an inning you complete it unless home team is winning.
- Ⓞ Umpires time piece is what we go by
- Ⓞ 7 players is a must at the end of the 1st inning
 - Ⓞ Forfeit 7 – 0
- Ⓞ Tie game is tie game
 - Ⓞ Exception is year end
- Ⓞ **New!** There will be no warmup in between innings for Rookie and below. The next half inning will start immediately after final out of the previous half inning

Section A,H – General Rules



- Ⓞ Called games (weather)
 - Ⓞ Thunder & Lightning
 - Ⓞ Field Conditions
 - Ⓞ Lets work together to keep it safe for the kids
- Ⓞ If game is called
 - Ⓞ 2.5 innings constitutes a game
 - Ⓞ 3.5 for Bantam/Midget

Section B – Game Preliminaries



- 🏆 1 Umpire may umpire a HL game.
- 🏆 Ground Rules (7 mins before game)
 - 🏆 Review basic rules, outs, etc.
 - 🏆 Communicate
- 🏆 Batters swing the bat!

Section B – Game Preliminaries



- 🏆 Verbal or physical harassment will not be tolerated
- 🏆 Suspension, etc
- 🏆 Parents are coaches responsibilities
- 🏆 Send me an email if something happens immediately and complete the ejection report on the ASMBA website



Section C – Players & Call Ups



- Ⓞ Players arriving late add to bottom of order
- Ⓞ Join the field when they arrive assuming less than 9 players – stoppage of play
- Ⓞ Short Players
 - Ⓞ League directly below
 - Ⓞ Field to a max of 10
 - Ⓞ Bat the call ups regardless if your players do show up
 - Ⓞ Call ups cannot pitch

Section C – Players & Call Ups



- 🏆 Rotating players
 - 🏆 Everyone must play and bat
 - 🏆 Move your players around. Should not play same position 2 innings in a row (Excl. Pitcher & Catcher)
 - 🏆 Umpires do not police this, coach complains quietly bring it to the other coaches attention

Section D – Uniforms & Equip



- Ⓞ Anyone warming up a pitcher must wear a facemask
- Ⓞ Players **must** wear a cup/support
- Ⓞ Batting helmet with chin strap excl. Bantam/Midget
- Ⓞ Must have their shirt & hat.
 - Ⓞ Including coaches
- Ⓞ **Shorts, Jeans, Capri's are not permitted**
- Ⓞ Baseball and long athletic pants are mandatory
- Ⓞ No metal cleats allowed
- Ⓞ Softball bats are not permitted
 - Ⓞ Bantam/Midget permitted to use wooden bats
- Ⓞ Bantam/Midget Divisions – Base coaches are required to wear helmets

Section F – Cut Rule, Contact Rule



- Ⓢ Cut or blood on the uniform
 - Ⓢ Cannot play until proper first aid is provided and clothing is changed/stain removed.
 - Ⓢ 7th player
- Ⓢ Base runners are expected to avoid making contact with a fielder at any base. Team and Player Warning / Ejection (Interference)
- Ⓢ Fielders must clear the base path when not fielding the ball. (Obstruction)
 - Ⓢ E.g. 1st baseman standing on base when it is clearly a base hit or extra base hit
- Ⓢ Malicious contact – intentional excessive force / attempt to injure. Ejection

Section G – Playing the Game



- Ⓢ We want to speed the game up and get more innings being played
 - Ⓢ Pitcher receives 6 warm up pitches on 1st appearance
 - Ⓢ 3 on 2nd appearance
- Ⓢ Schedule catcher on a base, switch them up with the 2nd out of the inning
- Ⓢ Pitcher / Catcher Rule
 - Ⓢ Cannot Pitch & Catch in the same game

Section K – Specific Rules of the Game



	T-Ball	Rookie Junior	Rookie	Mosquito	Pee-Wee	Bantam / Midget
Pitching Mound distance		44ft.	44ft.	44ft.	50ft.	60ft 6"
Base distance		55ft.	55ft.	65ft.	75ft.	90ft.
Inning allowed for a pitcher¹	N/A	N/A	N/A	2/game consecutive	2/game consecutive	3/game consecutive
Visits to mound per pitcher⁴	N/A	N/A	N/A	3/inning	2/inning	1/inning
Balks³	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Note 3	All
Mercy²	N/A	5	5	5	5	5
Dropped ball on last strike	N/A	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Infield Fly rule	N/A	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Defensive players on field	N/A	11	11	10	10	9

Section K – Additional Rules Rookie



- Ⓞ Pitching machine is to be used.
 - Ⓞ Breaks down, coach can pitch. Do not adjust the speed
- Ⓞ Safety Circle
- Ⓞ Player fields inside – Dead ball, batter awarded base
 - Ⓞ Hit balls strikes machine or coach, dead ball, batter awarded base, runners if forced
 - Ⓞ Pitchers to be positioned beside the machine with a helmet
- Ⓞ Max 11 players on the field
 - Ⓞ Out fielders must be on the grass

Section K– Additional Rules Rookie



- ⓪ Each batter shall receive 5 pitches
 - ⓪ No pitch rule unless batter swings or called strike
 - ⓪ 5th pitch foul batter is out
 - ⓪ No walks or bunts
- ⓪ Base Runners
 - ⓪ Only advance one base on a hit ball, unless hit to the outfield
 - ⓪ No lead off's or steals
- ⓪ Inning is over when 3 outs are obtained or 5 runs

Section L– Additional Rules Mosquito



🏆 Pitcher

- 🏆 A minor pitcher is required to pitch 1 inning (3 outs) per games
- 🏆 Drop Down Plates are used, speed up game
 - 🏆 Call Strikes

🏆 Batter

- 🏆 No bunts
- 🏆 Starts with a 1 Ball – 1 Strike count
 - 🏆 Speed up game and encourages hitting
 - 🏆 Maybe altered for play downs

Section L– Additional Rules Mosquito



🏆 Base Runners

- 🏆 No lead off's – 1 warning each team, call them out.
- 🏆 Only when ball leaves the pitchers hand can they steal.
Only 2nd base
- 🏆 Cannot advance home from 3rd unless hit home or force play.
- 🏆 Play at first base, ball is dead after the out is made meaning prior to the out and a player is on third he may advance to home
- 🏆 Ball hit to IF, base hit, OF - BR can try to stretch to a double

Rules of the Game

Section E



- 🏆 Throwing the bat, abuse of equipment
 - 🏆 Warning and or ejection
 - 🏆 Talk to the players and the coaches
- 🏆 Coaches must control their parents also.
 - 🏆 Work with the coaches
 - 🏆 Part of your team
- 🏆 If you eject someone, please fill out the form on the ASMBA website immediately
 - 🏆 Please do not communicate how many games direct them to the convenor's

Section M– Additional Rules Peewee



- Ⓚ A minor pitcher is required to pitch 1 inning (3 outs) per games
- Ⓚ Drop Down Plates are used, speed up game
 - Ⓚ Call Strikes
- Ⓚ Base Runners
 - Ⓚ No lead off's – call them out after team warning.
 - Ⓚ Only when ball leaves the pitchers hand can they steal.

Section M– Additional Rules Bantam/Midget



- 🏆 5 runs max per inning
- 🏆 Need 8 to play game
 - 🏆 Forfeit 7 – 0
- 🏆 Wooden Bats allowed
- 🏆 No straps on helmets
- 🏆 Medal spikes not allowed

Misc



- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Sign or provide umpire name & # to the scorekeeper

Junior Umpire of the Year



- Rick Strom began coaching for the ASMBA in 1982. He spent most of the following twenty-eight summers volunteering in numerous roles for the league. He began umpiring in 1984 and soon took over as Umpire in Chief. This was a time (before mobile phones), where each week the UIC phoned umpires to schedule them for upcoming games. Hundreds of hours of organizing were involved.
- Rick was a strong advocate for the young umpires in the league. He spent many summer nights (when not coaching) visiting and mentoring umpires. He strongly believed that developing confident umpires made the league stronger, helped create better ball players, and developed stronger members of a growing town.
- Rick encouraged young umpires to be professional, knowledgeable, confident, have integrity, and respect all aspects of the game. These skills were instilled in many young men and women who now give back to the game and the communities in which they live.
- Rookie & Mosquito coaches will provide feedback on umpires to me each week, those who do a good job and consistently demonstrated what Rick wanted to see umpires and those who do not.

2018 Umpire of the year



Brad Carter





TIPS/SAFETY

- Ⓞ Be Loud!
- Ⓞ Be Confident
- Ⓞ Arrive on Time
- Ⓞ Not Sure, ask your partner
 - Ⓞ Don't be afraid
- Ⓞ Take Charge – Communication
 - Ⓞ Talk to the coaches
- Ⓞ Showing Respect, earns RESPECT!



TIPS/SAFETY

- 🏆 Ground Rules (7 mins before game)
 - 🏆 Review basic rules, outs, etc.
- 🏆 Batters swing the bat!
 - 🏆 Be consistent



Questions

