

UMPIRE CLINIC FOR DUNBAR LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

When: Saturday April 10 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Where: Dunbar Community Centre Room 212

Presenters: Ted Lord, Umpire in Chief, Dunbar Little League
Dwayne Bertrand, District 1 Umpire
Bert Mollica, District 1 Umpire
John Florio, District 1 Umpire

This umpiring clinic is being held for those baseball players who are interested in becoming and umpire and as a refresher for those who have already been an umpire in previous seasons. Any new umpire who wishes to umpire for Dunbar Little League must attend this clinic or have received equivalent training elsewhere.

Qualification for Minor A/B Umpires:

Base Umpire: At least 11 years old and playing on a Little League Majors team, or 13 years old and older.

Plate Umpire: Previous experience as a base umpire.

Qualification for Majors Umpires:

Base Umpire: At least 14 years old and experience as a plate umpire at the Minor A level.

Plate Umpire: At least 16 years old and experience as a base umpire at the Majors level.

For further information please contact

Umpire in Chief Ted Lord 604-224-9219
Umpire Coordinator Rick Jones 604-263-6416

AGENDA

1. Welcoming remarks
2. Tips (10 minutes)
 - dress, equipment, pre-game preparation, set position, timing, voice, between innings, deportment
3. Common rules (45 minutes)
 - Fair/foul balls
 - Foul ball vs foul tip
 - Swing/no swing
 - Hit by pitch
 - Catch/no catch
 - Infield Fly
 - Ball batted/thrown out of play
 - Overrunning bases
 - Running out of base path
4. Plate Mechanics (30 minutes)
 - How Close to the Catcher – feet positioning
 - Height – no lower than top of catcher’s head
 - Slot – between batter and edge of plate
 - Strike zone
 - STRIKE CALL – rise and speak – Strike 3!
 - BALL CALL – down and speak – Ball 4.
 - Calling FAIR & FOUL – straddle the line
 - CATCH / NO CATCH. “Out”/”No Catch”
 - CLEARING THE BAT – for safety at Home
 - OPENing the GATE – for Passed Ball & WP
 - PLATE UMPIRE has 3rd on 1st to 3rd play.
 - POP-UPS behind the plate (open the gate)
 - CALL ALL FLY BALLS – infield/outfield
 - Work with Partner – Infield Fly:Count:Outs
 - Consult with Partner – “what did you see?”

BREAK (10 minutes)

5. Base Mechanics – 2-Man Umpiring System (20 minutes)

- A slot – bases empty – down foul line
- B slot – runner on 1st only – between 1st and 2nd at the outfield grass behind 2nd baseman.
- C slot – between 2nd and 3rd behind the shortstop at the edge of the outfield grass.
- Working area for base umpire is that area just behind the pitching mound.
- Team work – avoiding double calls

6. Difficult Game Situations

- Interference (10 minutes)
- Obstruction (10 minutes)
- Lead Offs (if time allows)
- Appeals (if time allows)
- Batting out of order (if time allows)

7. Wrap

- web page
- DVDs
- caps/shirts