

Requirements for LSBA Umpires

1. Umpires must be at least 15yrs old by April 1st of the current year.
2. Advancement will be determined by UIC and if all requirements have been meet.
3. Must have all equipment and uniforms for working behind the plate and in the field. (see equipment list)
4. Must show a working knowledge of all LSBA and MLB rules that will be taught and provided through the LSBA umpire training program. LSBA age specific rules are posted on the LSBA website at www.lsbaseball.com and the MLB rules at www.mlb.com.
5. First thru fourth year umpires must attend at least 3 classroom training sessions and 1 full weekend of on field training. Dates and times are posted on the website under the Umpires section.
6. Pass a written test that will be given at the end of each training session. Also, completion of any and all classroom and field training is mandatory to be able to work as an umpire for LSBA.
7. All umpires are required to turn in their own timecards promptly, properly filled out, and turned in on time. All time cards are done electronically on the Umpire page of the LSBA website. Any attempt in forging, deceiving or claiming games that you did not work will be grounds for automatic termination and may result in legal prosecution. Timecards not filled out correctly and not filled out on time may result in delays getting you paid.
8. Umpires must be responsible and courteous enough to deal with on and off the field situations.
9. Umpires are responsible to turn in available dates to work, turn in timecards on time, and be able to communicate with the UIC, the Scheduling UIC and any of their assistants, and be able to find replacements when unable to work. You are an adult and this is your job, you are expected to fulfill the requirements of this position.
10. When scheduled for games, you must arrive **30 minutes** before your games are scheduled to start and check in with scheduler, UIC, or their assistants in the parking lot at the northeast corner. If you are unable to be there 30 minutes before your scheduled game time, you must call the Scheduler or UIC. **DO NOT BE LATE FOR GAME TIME!!!** You must be at your scheduled field **at least 10 minutes** prior to game time for pre-game meetings with the managers.
11. Umpires are required to start games on time or as close to the scheduled start time as possible if it is the second game of a double hitter. Umpires must keep games moving in a timely manner. You must know age specific rules for the age group you are umpiring. Otherwise, you are considered an incompetent employee.
12. Have fun with this job, but remember this is your job. You are an official and also a part of the game. How you represent yourself is how you represent LSBA.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

1. Umpire Mask
2. Chest Protector
3. Shin Guards
4. Athletic Hard Cup
5. Navy Blue Umpire Jersey with Number (that will be assign by the UIC)
6. Blank Navy Blue Hat
7. Grey Slacks
8. Black Socks
9. All Black Shoes
10. Indicator
11. Ball Bag
12. Plate Brush

Requirements for Advancement to Junior Level Status

1. Minimum of 5yrs experience within LSBA as an umpire. Exceptions can be made depending on Age, outside/prior experience and UIC's discretion.
2. Your Senior Class must have graduated before advancement.
3. Umpires must have worked at least 25 games for LSBA in the prior year before consideration of advancement.
4. All field and classroom training sessions must be completed and all training requirements must be met before consideration.
5. Must assist in one field training session for younger umpires in the current or previous year.
6. Must meet and maintain a high level of proficiency on any and all Umpire Evaluations performed by the UIC.
7. The UIC has the final say for advancement.
8. If your performance, based on evaluation performed by the UIC, does not reflect your level, you can and will be demoted. Before demotion you will receive a verbal warning, a written warning, and the third warning will be accompanied with a demotion in status.

Requirements for Advancement to Senior Level Status

1. All Junior Level Umpires who wish to become a Senior Level Umpire must become MHSSA Approved by the State before consideration.
2. Your Senior Class must have graduated before advancement.
3. Must have assisted with two field training programs in previous years.
4. Minimum of 3yrs at Junior Level status with LSBA before consideration. Exceptions can be made depending on Age, prior/outside experience and the UIC's discretion.
5. Must have worked an average of 15 games for the 3 years as a junior umpire before consideration.
6. If your performance, based on evaluation performed by the UIC, does not reflect your level, you can and will be demoted. Before demotion you will receive a verbal warning, a written warning, and the third warning will be accompanied with a demotion in status.