

UMPIRE RESPONSIBILITIES

Participating in the Middletown Little League's umpire program is a privilege that comes with responsibilities. Below is a list of expectations and procedures to be followed by each umpire.

Umpire responsibilities:

- 1) Request Games that you plan on working:** Only sign up for games that you can work. Signups are on a first come first served basis. If you do not show up for a game that you signed on for, then you are preventing another cadet from working that game.
- 2) Notify of cancellations:** If you know you can not make a game within 48 hrs. of game email Mrs. Squicciarini so that she can reopen the slot on the website. If you cancel within 48 hrs of the game you **must** call Mrs. Squicciarini directly. Do **not** email; Contact info is on our website middletownlittleleague.org The penalties for no show/no calls are as follows:
 - First offense:** Email warning
 - Second offense:** Two-week suspension
 - Third offense:** Suspension for the remainder of season.Remember: This is a job and you are paid for your services.
- 3) Be on time for your games.** Try to arrive no later than 10 minutes before the start of your game. This will allow you plenty of time to go over the ground rules with the managers. There are **no** on field agreements to alter the rules.
- 4) Have your equipment:** Even if you sign up to work the bases, **you must bring all your equipment with you to the game.** If the plate ump doesn't show then you must be prepared to work the game from behind the plate. **Umpiring a game from the pitcher's mound is not permitted**
- 5) Proper Conduct:** Conduct yourselves appropriately at all times. Offensive language or behavior will not be tolerated and may lead to suspension. No cell phone calls or texting during the game. If there is a problem with any manager, coach or parent approach the manager first. If conduct continues let the manager know that if behavior persists you will have to call a league official. Don't be afraid to call an individual listed on your ID card. Poor behavior is not tolerated by anyone.
- 6) Attire:** Umpires are required to wear MLL issued umpire jersey along with long pants, preferably black. No shorts, no hats unless it's an umpire cover. Remember you are the game official, look like it. Carry your ID it has important numbers on the back
- 7) Game Reports:** Complete game reports within 24 hours. Please add comments as needed. If there was a rule question please let us know what the question was so we can research and get back to you.
- 8) Equipment Return:** At the conclusion of each season you are to return all of the umpire equipment that was issued to you. **Monies owed to you will be withheld until your equipment is returned.**

Thank you and have a great season
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