

Instructions for Being an ALL Jr. Umpire

These instructions are intended to cover the basics for Jr. Umpires. If you have any questions, or cannot make your scheduled game, send a text or email to Mike Smith at 530-906-8671 or UICJR@auburnlittleleague.org. It is the League's goal, and your responsibility to, for junior umpires to look and act professional while they are on the field officiating.

Attire:

- Jr. Umpires must wear black or grey pants (no shorts!), their ALL issued Jr. Umpire shirt, and their ALL umpire hat. **Hats may not be worn backwards or to the side.**

Athletic Supporters (Cups):

- Cups must be worn by all male plate umpires. **No exceptions!**

Shoes:

- Black or grey tennis shoes should be worn. **No cleats, flip flops or sandals.**

Arrival Times:

- Jr. Umpires should arrive at their designated field, ready to begin their umpire duties, 20-30 minutes before game time. This means that plate umpires must be dressed and fully equipped at that time. Jr. Umpires need to check in with the plate umpire and home team manager. **Do not be late.**
- Major Baseball games are played on Beggs Field. Major softball games are played on upper Skyridge.
- Minor Baseball AAA games are mostly played on Recreation Field, with some on Beggs Field. Minor Softball games will be played on Lower Skyridge and EV Cain fields.

Plate Umpire Protective Gear:

- Protective gear (chest protector, shin guards, mask) is located in an equipment box next to Recreation field. **All plate Jr. Umpires must use a catcher's helmet.**
- All protective gear must be returned to the equipment box.
- If it is not open, ask one of the managers playing in your game to open it for you.
- Chest protectors and shin guards should be worn underneath (not over) your pants and shirt.
- Indicators should be purchased by each umpire who plans to work behind the plate.

Arbiter

- All games are assigned in Arbiter. Please go on to Arbiter and select the games you are available and interested in working. You can also contact Mike Smith and he will enter your choices in Arbiter.
- Payments for working the games is no longer tracked by vouchers. All tracking will be done in Arbiter where the games are assigned. If you work a game that wasn't planned, it is your responsibility to contact Mike Smith so that he can enter it into Arbiter.

Dealing with Game Issues:

- Any issues arising during a game should be referred to the adult umpire or other adult league provided game monitor or Board Member.
- **Jr. Umpires are never authorized to eject a player, coach, manager or parent.**