



# District 8 Little League UIC 2024

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## **BYLAWS**

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### **DISTRICT 8 BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION**

**District 8 Baseball / Softball Umpires Association (DBSUA)** has contracted with District 8 Little League to provide umpires for their respective leagues. Since that time, the DBSUA has earned the reputation of providing proficient, well-trained umpires who are capable of officiating successfully at the state and national levels of competition.

#### **1. PURPOSE**

The Bylaws of the DBSUA are established to provide expectations, procedures, and other relevant information to ensure that the Association's outstanding reputation for high levels of excellence is maintained.

#### **2. MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING REQUIREMENTS**

A DBSUA member shall be a member in good standing if s/he meets all of the requirements of (1) District 8 Little league umpire certification, (2) meeting attendance, (3) payment of dues; and (4) conduct.

##### **1. District 8 Little league Umpire Certification**

- Rookie (Black Shirts) umpires shall complete his/her on-field clinic and achieve a score of at least 70% on the rules exam.
- Veteran umpires shall complete his/her on-field clinic and achieve a score of 90% on the rules exam in a two year period or evaluation by UIC or designee
- Recertification is mandatory if you have not umpired two years or more. Also, certification from umpires from other districts, High School umpire, etc. must also get certified, which includes back ground check, Abuse training, certification classes, dues of \$50

- Veteran and rookie umpires will be given an opportunity to correct their answers on the rules exam if a passing grade is not achieved by researching the question in the rule book and noting the applicable rule and page number(s) on a separate page.

## **2. Meeting Attendance**

- Members must attend 100% of the scheduled DBSUA general membership meeting.
- At the meeting you **MUST** sign pertinent papers (background check), take test if given and pay dues.
- District 8 umpire priority is District 8 games. All games will be assigned by the assigner. **NO** umpires will call the coaches directly looking for games. If this happens you will be asked to leave as a District 8 umpire.
- There are no issues umpiring other **NON** District 8 games as long if you're not assigned for a District 8 game.

## **3. Association Dues**

- **Full payment of annual dues is due upon registration unless payment arrangements have been made with the DBSUA UIC. The dues for 2024 is \$50.**
- Members who do not satisfy the arrangements of the payment agreement with the UIC shall not be a member in good standing until the dues are paid in full. Also no games will be assigned until all dues are paid.
- A **background check and Abuse** training is required yearly. The UIC will contact you. If you do not get a background or abuse training you cannot umpire.

## **4. Conduct**

- All members shall conduct themselves in a professional manner while performing their assigned duties.
- Umpires shall be free of obligation to any interest other than the impartial and fair judging of baseball competitions.
- Umpires shall hold and maintain the basic tenets of officiating which include history, integrity, neutrality, respect, sensitivity, professionalism, discretion and tactfulness.
- Umpires shall master both rules of the game and mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.
- Umpires shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interactions with athletes, coaches, and the public.
- Umpires shall display and execute superior communication skills, both verbal and non-verbal.
- Umpires shall recognize that anything that may lead to a conflict of interest, either real or apparent must be avoided. Gifts, favors, special treatment, privileges,

employment or a personal relationship with a team that can compromise the perceived impartiality of officiating must be avoided.

- Umpires shall prepare themselves both physically and mentally; shall dress neatly and appropriately to, during and from a contest; and shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.
- Umpires shall work with fellow officials in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during debate of points or rules at issue.
- Umpires shall not smoke or use any form of tobacco on or in the vicinity of the playing area, nor drink any alcoholic beverages or use any drugs on the day of the contest.
- Umpires shall not; when observing a game, publicly criticize or demean other officials as they officiate a baseball contest.
- Umpires shall be punctual and professional in the fulfillment of all contractual obligations.
- Umpires shall resist every temptation and outside pressure to use one's position as an official to benefit oneself.
- Umpires shall accept responsibility for all actions taken.
- Not at any time, lay a hand upon, push, shove, and strike or threaten a Coach, player or Spectator.
- Not at any time, be guilty of any verbal abuse, either directly or indirectly, toward any Coach, Player or Spectator, or at any time, use profane, obscene or vulgar language in any manner.
- Display impatience or be perceived as aggressive, confrontational, hot-headed or short-tempered.
- Create unnecessary friction or be responsible for having escalated a situation

**Any violations of this Code of Conduct could require the umpire to appear before the Executive Board. Any violation could also result in expulsion from the program, if deemed necessary by the Executive Board and or UIC.**

I have read the District 8 Code of Conduct and I agree to adhere to it:

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Print Umpire Name

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Signature of Umpire

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Date

This form will be at the yearly meeting to sign.

## EVALUATION

The UIC or designee is responsible for the training and evaluation of all rookie and veteran DBSUA umpires. A “rookie” or Black Shirt is defined as an umpire who has less than two years of experience; a “veteran” or Senior Umpire is defined as an umpire who has two or more years of experience.

### 1. **The Umpire-in-Chief shall chair , train and general responsibilities will include** but not limited to:

- Scheduling and conducting annual training clinics;
- Keeping a current log of the membership’s training attendance (i.e. National Schools, State Schools, high schools, local clinics, etc.);
- Maintaining the membership’s current written test scores;
- Recommending a umpire to get more training, less games, fired, etc.;
- Any senior umpire or umpire outside of organizations **MUST** be recertified, by attending the 3-4 day class, take test, do a background check, abuse training and be reevaluated.

### **Field and Rules Clinics**

- Clinics for returning and new umpires will be scheduled, if necessary, before the start of each season.
- A DBSUA rules clinic will be offered to all umpires in April. The rules clinic is mandatory with umpire meeting if needed.
- DBSUA field clinic attendance is **MANDATORY** for anyone (including returning rookie and veteran umpires) wanting to serve as a DBSUA umpire.
- Officials will not be allowed to umpire until s/he has attended a field clinic, and or attend the mandatory umpire meeting.

### **Evaluations**

- A beginning umpire will be evaluated at least once during each of his/her first two seasons by a qualified Senior Umpire.
- Any umpire will be evaluated by UIC at any time. UIC will also evaluate when asked to evaluate another umpire for comments.

## **GAME ASSIGNMENTS that will be assigned by our Assignors only!**

### **Availability, Game Responsibilities, Reporting Time / Assignors**

- Should let your assignor know by phone call or email
- Umpires must report to their assigned fields **NO LATER than 30** minutes prior to game start
- Umpires who may be late to game must contact his/her or call your assignor ASAP.

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- **Softball Dick Lagana cell 315 374-6241**
- **UIC Jack Kaplan cell 315 225-0582 if you cannot hold of assignors**

### **Penalties for Tardiness or Missed Assignments**

- An umpire who misses an assignment without appropriately contacting assignor, or who otherwise misses an assignment without good reason as determined by the UIC, will be a “no show” and will not be scheduled for next game assignment.
- An umpire who arrives late to a game without notification to assignor will not be asked to do the next game or if there are two umpires then the one umpire will do the game and collect their fee

### **Uniforms**

- All umpires must report to their assigned fields in the proper uniform. A uniform shall be clean, pressed/ironed where needed, free from excessive wear, and consistent with uniform items approved by the Board and District 8
- Umpires must refrain from presenting an unprofessional appearance in public before, during, or immediately after an assignment. Examples of an unacceptable appearance are, but are not limited to, not tucking in a shirt, turning an umpire’s cap to the side or backwards, must wear ALL protective gear under your uniforms, outside uniform is unacceptable!..

Uniforms may be ordered through the DBSUA Director (or other designated member) or may be ordered online at OfficialGear.com, reseller or Mr.C’s *Mr. Daniel Cavallo*

- Penalties for Non-Compliance of Uniform Standards
  - An umpire who is observed arriving to or working at an assignment out of proper uniform by a UIC and District 8 Little league. Umpires who violate uniform standards are expected to correct the noted deficiencies (purchase the necessary uniform item, refrain from wearing unapproved slacks or jacket, etc.) by their next assignment date. Special circumstances and exceptions may be considered by the UIC.

### **Rainouts**

- Assignments are lost if games are cancelled due to weather or other reasons; same umpires will be considered for the make-up games based on availability. **The assignor assigns not umpires. In other words do not tell the coach I will be doing your rain make up or show up at a game and say I can umpire!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- Umpires should not assume that games have been postponed due to bad weather or other reasons and should check the field status and call your assignor.

## **ACCEPTING BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL ASSIGNMENTS FROM OUTSIDE THE ASSOCIATION**

- Members shall consider the needs of the DBSUA before accepting baseball or softball games from other organizations, and shall first consult with the UIC or other appropriate personal like the assignor. District 8 takes priority.
- The Association should recognize the needs or goals of its members who officiate in softball games outside the purview of the DBSUA. Accordingly, the Association shall, in good faith, allow as much scheduling flexibility as is possible to its members who umpire softball games for other organizations.