

CBUA

Umpire Program Policies & Procedures

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UMPIRE PROGRAM POLICIES

Introduction

The administration of the baseball umpire program shall be directed by the CBUA Managing Director. The baseball umpire program shall be conducted in accordance with NCAA rules and regulations (or NAIA rules and regulations when appropriate).

Independent Contractor

Umpires are independent contractors and not employees of the Collegiate Baseball Umpires Alliance (CBUA), any conference or any college or university. As an independent contractor, umpires agree to hold the CBUA, any/all collegiate conferences, any/all member institutions, and the Managing Director harmless from any and all liability for injury or damage sustained as a result of any assignment.

Insurance

Umpires shall provide their own medical and health insurance, which shall include coverage for any accident suffered or injury sustained while umpiring. Umpires are also encouraged to maintain comprehensive general liability insurance. Umpires are encouraged to maintain membership in the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO) to ensure insurance and liability coverage.

Physical Examination

Umpires are encouraged to undergo a complete physical exam on an annual basis.

Tobacco Use

NCAA rules strictly prohibit the use of tobacco products by coaches, student-athletes, and umpires. This prohibition should be enforced during all CBUA assignments.

Umpire Staffing/Assigning Policy

Staff membership and assignments will be based on recommendations and evaluations from senior umpires, independent observers and coaches. Also impacting an individual's number of assignments will be the umpire's overall officiating background, clinic attendance, test results, and the umpire's availability and interest.

Emergency Umpire Replacement Plan

Contact appropriate Coordinator of Umpires or assigner.

Contact CBUA umpire to work as a replacement.

Contact home head coach and work together to find best available replacement.

Work game(s) with one less umpire

Umpire Education Plan

All umpires receiving CBUA assignments will be encouraged to attend one of the NCAA Umpire

Program national clinics. The Managing Director will conduct a CBUA meeting in conjunction with the national clinic.

CBUA members will be encouraged to complete an annual NCAA baseball rules test (mandatory for umpires receiving conference games).

The CBUA Managing Director and Coordinator(s) of Umpires will also communicate with CBUA members through bulletins.

Umpire Uniform and Hat Policy

Historically, the CBUA has attempted to limit the number of mandated uniform options to be as cost effective as possible for individual umpires. With a number of optional shirts, pullovers, etc. being on the market, we have added some flexibility to our uniform choices. It remains the responsibility of the crew chief to ensure the crew is dressed consistently. Shoes should be shined and clothing should be clean and pressed.

The basic uniform will include: (***)indicates option if entire crew has that option available)

*Black base or plate shoes (contrasting manufacturer's logos on shoes is acceptable)

*Black socks

*Gray pants

*Black belt

*Black or Gray ball bag(s)

*Black undershirt/crew neck/turtle neck worn under shirt or pullover

*Black gloves as needed

*Black foul weather hood or ear protector as needed

*Black short sleeve shirt—Smitty Pro Series (with thin white stripe down the side)

***Black long sleeve shirt—Smitty Pro Series (with thin white stripe down the side)

***Light Blue short sleeve shirt—Smitty MLB Replica (with wide black side panel)

***Black short sleeve shirt—Smitty MLB Replica (with wide gray side panel)

*Black shell pullover jacket (with white stripes over the shoulder)

*Black Standard Open Bottom ½ Zip Umpire Jacket (with white stripes over the shoulder)

***Full Zip Thermal Fleece Jacket (with white stripes over the shoulder)

***Smitty MLB Replica Convertible Jacket

***Black plate coat or pullover may be worn when working the plate

Also, at the request of several D-I conferences, the following Hat Requirements will be in place.

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Conference Games</u>	<u>Non-Conference Games</u>
American Athletic	AAC Hat	CBUA Hat unless all crew members have an AAC Hat, in which case the conference hat is preferred.
Big 12	Big 12 Hat	CBUA Hat unless all crew members have a Big 12 Hat, in which case the conference hat is preferred.
Big East *See Note Below	Big East Hat	CBUA Hat unless all crew members have a Big East Hat, in which case the

coordinate umpire travel plans whenever possible
verify umpire's locker room arrangements with the head coach or school representative at least one week prior to an assignment
notify the home team representative or head coach upon arrival for each game
ensure that the umpire's dressing room remains off-limits to anyone except officials, umpire observer, and appropriate host school administrators
ensure that the crew arrive at the game site at least one hour prior to game time and conduct a pregame mechanics review with the crew
ensure an appropriate number of baseballs are rubbed and ready for play
conduct a pregame meeting with the coaches at home plate ten minutes prior to game time
ensure umpires follow the crew rotation for the series as assigned
complete and submit crew evaluations on Arbiter within 48 hours of the completion of the series
telephone their assignor within 24 hours of the end of a series if there was an unusual incident (*i.e. brawl, rules confusion, etc.*)
ensure the crew refrains from making any comments to the media

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