

Umpire Check List

1. Proper Uniform:

- Clean, Shined Black Shoes
- Black Socks
- Heather Gray Pants
- Black Belt
- Undershirt
- Umpire Jersey with Little League patch on left shoulder
- Umpire Cap
- Plate umpire
 - Protective Gear (shoes, leg guards inside pants, chest protector, mask, throat guard, cup)
 - Ball Bag - If you are base umpire do not wear
- Base umpire
 - Red Flag - 60 foot diamond only

2. Be at field 30 minutes before game time.

3. Pre-game umpire to umpire conference:

- Introductions
- Local ground rules
- Fair/Foul coverage
- Catch/No catch responsibility
- Tag-ups/Touches
- Fly balls to outfield
- Fly balls to infield
- Base umpire goes to outfield
- Coverage at 1st and 3rd bases
- Live ball (restart after foul balls)
- Fences and trouble spots
- Umpire positioning
- Runners lane violation
- Overthrows and awarding bases
- Infield fly
- Timing plays
- Umpire hand signals
- Inspect equipment in dugouts (safety check)
- Pick-offs, steals (Juniors/Seniors/Big League)
- Dropped 3rd strike (Juniors/Seniors/Big League)

4. Pre-Game Conference with managers at home plate:

- Introduce everyone
- Collect, review and confirm line-ups
- Review playing field ground rules
- Start game on time

To Players:

- Good sportsmanship and hustle on and off the field
- Helmets must be worn at all times for all offensive players on the field
- No jewelry (except for Medical Alert)
- Have fun!

To Manager/Coaches:

- Are all players properly equipped
- Proper way to ask a clarification about rule calls and get help
- Do not leave the dugout until a proper time-out is granted
- Stay in dugout between innings (except on-deck batter)

5. Post-Game

- Talk with your partners about the game after every game
- Be positive (do not criticize)
- Be open minded to your partners input
- Review important plays
- Assist with ejection report