

Grandville Little League Umpire Checklist

To Sign Up:

1. Register online at www.grandvillell.com (You must re-register even if you registered last year).
2. Complete the Independent Contractor Agreement in www.tinyurl.com/GvLLUmpCorner. Return a signed copy to the Umpire-In-Chief (UIC) or the concessions stand.
3. Attend spring umpire training clinics.
4. Get a rule book from the UIC and read it. Review the training handouts for common rules and situations (available at www.tinyurl.com/GvLLUmpCorner).
5. Take the Umpire Rules Quiz online at www.tinyurl.com/GvLLUmpQuiz (passcode is “playball”).
6. After the league schedule is finalized, you will receive an email with instructions explaining how to schedule yourself to officiate games.
7. Purchase an indicator (clicker) and plate brush – available in the concessions stand for \$1 each.
8. Get a league provided Grandville Umpire shirt from the UIC.

On Game Day:

1. Dress for the weather:
 - a. Grandville Umpire shirt
 - b. Jeans, sweat pants, shorts, sweat shirt, rain coat or jacket, gloves, ear muffs ☺
 - c. Cleats or tennis shoes (no sandals or flip-flops)
 - d. Hat and sunglasses
2. Bring your indicator (clicker) and plate brush
3. Bring a blank Umpire Compensation Form (www.tinyurl.com/GvLLUmpCorner or in the concessions stand)
4. Arrive at the field 20 minutes before the game
5. Get your equipment from the shed at your field or in the West Complex garage (near field 1)
6. Talk to your partner about coverage responsibilities
 - a. Who will make safe / out calls at third
 - b. Who will make fair / foul calls along first base line
 - c. Who will make catch / no catch calls on fly balls to the outfield
7. If working on field 6, 7, or 14, place outfield cones if not already out
8. 15 minutes before game time, complete a bat inspection
9. 5 minutes before game time, hold a plate meeting with the coaches
 - a. Introduction yourself and your partner to the coaches
 - b. Ground rules for the field you are on
 - c. Have players remove all jewelry (rope necklaces, rubber bracelets, etc)
 - d. Remind coaches the proper way to ask you a question
10. Take your position, check that your partner is ready, and “Play”
11. When the game is done, complete the Umpire Compensation Form and have a coach sign it
12. Return equipment to the field shed or West Complex garage
13. Turn in signed compensation form at the concessions stand
14. Get your free hot dog and pop at the concessions stand
15. Call the UIC if you had any problems during the game or call / email him if you have questions
16. Paychecks are mailed bimonthly for games worked during the previous pay period