



MYAS/Gopher State Baseball 2023 Umpire Policies and Procedures



The Minnesota Youth Athletic Services prides itself on having the best youth athletic programs in the nation. We will always strive to improve our events and do what it takes to ensure a great experience for our participants. Our umpires play a big role in meeting these goals. It is very important that our game officials look good, show up ahead of time and umpire the game to the best of their ability. What follows is a list of guidelines and expectations for our umpires in all league and tournament games.

Proper Dress Code:

Dress in an official umpire uniform. This includes Navy blue umpire shirt, gray pants, black shoes, chest protector, shin guards and facemask. “Balloons/pillows” are not a suitable substitute for chest protectors. Any umpire who is not dressed in the appropriate attire for league or tournament play will not be paid for that game. **Looking professional is extremely important and should not be taken lightly.**

Schedules:

Please reach out to your Assignor for information on where to find game schedules & assignments.

Cancellation of Assignment:

If you need to cancel an assignment for any reason, you must do so **at least 72 hours** prior to the event. If you cancel inside 72 hours, you are responsible for finding your own replacement. All cancellations and substitutions must be approved by your assignor.

Late Arrivals:

If you are late for a game for an unexcused reason, you will be docked a ½-game fee. Please reach out to your assignor and/or the home coach if you have their number to communicate that you’ll be late as any communication is better than none.

No-Shows (to be enforced by the assignor):

If an umpire is an unexcused no-show, the following will apply:

1. The umpire must work one unpaid game for each game they were a no-show.
2. A full game fee will be paid to the replacement umpire.

*** A second offense in the same season will justify termination of the umpire’s services in the future. ***

No Game:

If an umpire shows up at a site and there is no game, with no call from a league or tournament representative, the umpire will receive a full game fee. Every effort will be made to contact the umpires. Each umpire should contact their assignor if the game is in question due to weather related issues. Please be accessible the day of the game.

Incident Reports – Any behavior or conduct-related incidents resulting in ejections must be reported to your Assignor within 24 hours. Your Assignor will report the information to the MYAS Office for the purposes of review.

Suspended Game:

If a game is suspended before completion, the umpire will receive a $\frac{2}{3}$ -game fee.

If a suspended game must be made up with no other game to follow, the umpire will receive a full game fee.

If a suspended game is played in addition to another scheduled game, the umpire will receive \$10.00 per inning. If the completion of the suspended game requires $4\frac{1}{2}$ innings or more, a full game fee will be paid.

Forfeits:

You will be paid for any on-field forfeit. If the players and coaches want to play an exhibition game or a controlled scrimmage, please accommodate them. **If you refuse, this will be considered a no-show.**

Weather Cancellations:

Up to date information regarding weather cancellations is available on the GSBL Schedules and Standings page. Any reported weather cancellations will be posted on the [GSBL Schedules & Standings](#) page until 3:15pm each day. If after 3:15pm, please communicate with your Assignor regarding possible weather cancellations.

Termination Policy:

If an umpire is terminated by an MYAS approved assignor, they are also ineligible to work MYAS events for any other assignor. An umpire may request a hearing with the MYAS for possible reinstatement.

Tournaments:

The Umpire Assignor or their designated contact must be available throughout the duration of an assigned tournament(s).

The Tournament Director/League Director is in charge and has the authority to do whatever it takes to prevent or solve a problem. This includes removing or reassigning an umpire(s).

Coaches' Conduct:

Report any ejections or rude or blatantly unsportsmanlike coaches' behavior to the Tournament Director, who will handle the situation. **Use the Incident Report Form provided by the Tournament Director.**

Know the Rules:

Playing rules will be given to each umpire at the beginning of each MYAS tournament and league rules can be found at www.myas.org. **Each umpire is responsible for checking in at Tournament Headquarters before their first game and knowing what rules are for each game and age level as some tournaments sites may have multiple age levels.**

Proper Mechanics:

Use proper NFHS approved mechanics. Don't change your mechanics or umpiring style just because it is youth baseball. Every game is an important game for these players no matter the level of play.

Injured Players:

Let the coach and/or on-site trainer handle injured players. Do not assist the player yourself. Get help!

Game Balls:

Game balls for tournament and post season play will be provided by the MYAS Tournament Director.

New Jewelry 2023:

We follow the NFHS rule on the wearing of jewelry and it's now legal to wear jewelry.

Rule 1-5-12 and 3-3-1d were deleted from the rule book but use common sense. If it's deemed dangerous Have them take it off.

Be Careful What You Say:

Keep your comments about players, coaches, and spectators to yourself. Verbalize only positive comments. **Be professional in all situations.**