

Before Competition Checklist

Your work as an umpire begins before the first pitch

Your Appearance

- Make sure your uniform is clean and in good condition
- You should also have proper equipment with you such as a:
 - Mask
 - Chest protector
 - Shin guards
 - Protective cup
 - Plate and base shoes
 - Belt
 - Pants
 - Ball bags
 - Cap
 - Plate brush
 - Indicator

Your Knowledge of the Rules

- Know the rules for your league
- Carry the rule book with you
- Know the rule interpretations and terminology
- Know the field ground rules
- Review the rulebook regularly and
- Discuss any unusual situations with mentors.
- Check all of the equipment to be used by the teams

The Professional Environment

- Be early for the game
- Connect with your umpiring staff
- Walk the field with your umpiring staff and discuss the ground rules
- Be at least 5 minutes early for the home plate meeting
- Introduce yourself to the coaches and learn their first names
- During the game be:
 - Firm
 - Fair
 - Confident
 - Impartial
 - Approachable
 - Have a positive attitude