

2015 TUG Umpire Protocols

The below protocols listed below are only for those divisions that use the TUG umpires.

National – Baseball
Majors – Baseball
Majors – Softball
Juniors – Softball

Scheduling Games: All game scheduling and rescheduling must be done by the Umpires Director. Managers and Commissioners should not contact TUG directly regarding game changes without first checking with the Umpires Director.

Cancellations: All game cancellations must be phoned into the TUG hotline at least one hour before game time otherwise GVLL must pay the full fee to any umpire that arrives at game time. In many cases, this will be coordinated between the Umpires Director and the division Commissioner. However, there may be times when the managers will be asked to make the call. In that case, leave a message on the TUG Scheduler line with the date, time, league (GVLL), division (National Baseball), and specific field (BOC 1, etc) and the reason for cancellation.

No Shows: This issue occurs most often early in the season due to umpires not knowing the rush hour traffic patterns to the fields (many come to the games directly from work), the earlier 5:30pm start time or being new to umping games at our complex. The requested protocol for a no show umpire is as follows:

- **5 Minutes Before Game Time:** Have a coach or parent check around the complex to see if the umpire is there and sitting in a car or if there's an umpire looking for a game. We've had umpires going to the wrong field at King Road, or they're at King Road and need to be at BOC.
- **Game Time:** Call the Umpire Director's Cell# and advise of the no show. We need to check our side before calling TUG to ensure an umpire request was submitted.
- **Game Time -5:** If the Umpires Director hasn't contacted you, call you division Commissioner and advise of the no show.
- **Game Time -10:** If you have not heard back from the Umpires Director or your Division Commissioner, then call the TUG cell phone number. This is a last resort as we don't want 3 people all calling TUG.

Forfeits: Unfortunately TUG's policy is that they will not umpire an unofficial game which means each team must have at least 8 players to start the game. This is due to insurance reasons on their end. This is a policy that GVLL is reviewing with TUG but it's in effect for the 2015 season. The full fee is due to the umpire even if they choose to leave. At times, some umpires have stayed to call a game. If you suspect you maybe short players, make arrangements in advance to avoid this scenario (Contact the Player Agent, work with the opposing manager to find/borrow players). With enough notice, we may even be able to field one of the older Junior Umpires who may be available to call the game.

Issues with Umpires: Any issues related to the TUG umpires should be addressed to both your Division Commissioner and the Umpires Director who will address it with TUG.. This includes, no show umpires, poor performance, inappropriate conduct, misunderstandings of Little League rules and tardiness. Please submit a brief e-mail with the game specifics, the issue, and the name of the umpire (extremely important as we track umpires with multiple complaints).

Fees:

Baseball:	46/60 - \$45.00	50/70 - \$50.00
Softball (8-12 y/o)	\$50.00	
Softball (13-18)	\$55.00	

Please use 2015 payment receipt which includes umpire contact number.

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