



MBLL is establishing a Junior Umpire Program intended to increase participant's knowledge of the rules of the game, build character and foster continued youth involvement. The ultimate goal of this program is to give youth an opportunity to learn, succeed and be rewarded in a challenging and safe environment.

Junior umpires work with Pro umpires to staff field positions only at MBLL Double AA regular season games (all behind the plate umpiring is conducted by Pro Umpires). Junior umpires obtain specific training and follow clearly defined procedures and protocols. Junior umpires are responsible for controlling the actions of two teams of players, managers, and fans. That is a BIG responsibility!

For your involvement, MBLL will provide you with:

- Training and support.
- MBLL Junior Umpire shirt, hat and game indicator.
- Payment for games completed and recorded.
- Snack and drink upon completion of games umpired.

As a Junior Umpire, you must be able to conduct the following:

- Attend both the informational rules (classroom setting) and field mechanics trainings (on baseball field).
- Be responsible and accountable (i.e., show up for games you are scheduled to work)
- Pay attention to the game and make sure you are doing your job correctly and with enthusiasm.
- Work in a professional manner.
- Be dedicated and have the self-control necessary to meet the job requirements.
- Be honest and accurate to the best of your ability.
- Communicate clearly and decisively when making play decisions.
- Work cooperatively with Pro Umpires.
- Dress appropriately and bring necessary job equipment to scheduled games (MBLL Youth Umpire Shirt, Hat, non-baseball logoed clothing, indicator, tennis shoes).
- Have a positive attitude.
- Follow the Junior umpire rules as learned in field mechanic training.

MBLL JUNIOR UMPIRE AGE & REQUIREMENTS:

Age Requirement - 14 to 16 years old

League Requirement - must be a past or current MBLL player

Training (2 sessions) - MBLL Rules and Field Mechanic classes attendance is mandatory

Communication - All Junior Umpires must have a valid email and if possible cellphone

Conflicts - Junior Umpires may not work games that have a sibling or cousin playing
Division Games Umpired - Double AA regular season games only
Code of Conduct - Must abide by or lose eligibility
Arrival - all Junior Umpires are responsible for getting to their assigned games 30 minutes prior to first pitch
Commitment - Failure to show up, absent a legit excuse or will lose eligibility

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

All Junior umpires must attend two MBLL Junior Umpire training sessions each year before they can umpire games. The training consists of attendance at one (1) Junior Rules Meeting, as well as one (1) Field Mechanics Training.

Should you not be able to make a scheduled training due to illness or other emergency, contact the MBLL Junior Umpire Coordinator immediately.

SCHEDULING GAMES:

The MBLL Junior Umpire Coordinator conducts Junior umpire scheduling to ensure game coverage. Both manual and online scheduling will be conducted to ensure coverage of all MBLL Double AA games. Junior Umpires will be emailed each week when Double A games schedules are posted. Game spots are filled on a first come basis.

Junior Umpires will only cover regular season Double A games (typically Thursday & Sunday). No playoff games.

COMPENSATION:

Junior Umpires will be compensated at the rates shown below. In addition, Junior Umpires after completion of the game are eligible to receive one (1) hamburger or hot dog and one (1) drink from the snack shack at their scheduled game field.

Double AA Junior Umpire.....\$25 per game

If a game is cancelled at the last minute due to weather and/or other reasons, the Youth Umpire will be compensated for their time as scheduled.

JUNIOR UMPIRE GAME LOG/SIGN-IN:

In order for payment to be made, Junior Umpires MUST sign-in on the Junior Umpire Game Log in the snack shack at their game scheduled field.

JUNIOR UMPIRE UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS:

Junior Umpires are asked to report to their shift with the following:

- MBLL Junior Umpire Shirt and Hat (lost hats can be replaced for a minimal fee)
- Non-baseball logo clothing (i.e., clothing that does not contain any baseball team/logo affixed to it)
- Game indicator
- Tennis shoes (or similar)

JUNIOR UMPIRE INFORMATION & REMINDERS

- Junior umpires are to treat their position as a job and to be professional at all times. Junior umpires are reminded to keep to the job at hand and speak only to the Pro umpire when necessary (i.e., no excessive chatting with on-field players please)
- Junior umpires are to report to their shift dressed appropriately with a good attitude and ready to work!
- Junior umpires are forbidden to use cellphones during games they are working. You may keep a cellphone in your pocket, but you may not be on the phone at any time during the game.
- Junior umpires are required to SIGN IN for their shifts in the snack shack at their assigned field.
- Junior umpires CANNOT work a game where they have a sibling or cousin playing during that game.
- It is IMPORTANT that you show up to work the games you are scheduled! 30 minutes prior to first pitch.
- If you cannot fulfill your commitment, please contact the Junior Umpire coordinator IMMEDIATELY to ensure game coverage.
- If any Pro Umpire, manager, player or fan speaks to you inappropriately at any time during/after a game, please contact the MBL Junior Umpire Coordinator immediately.
- Typically Double A games are Thursday & Sunday with an occasional one Friday.
- For specific questions about the program, please contact the MBL Junior Umpire Coordinator.

MBLL JUNIOR UMPIRE COORDINATOR

To be considered for an opportunity to be a Junior Umpire, a completed Junior Umpire Agreement must be sent/turned in to the youth umpire coordinator. Interested participants that do not provide a completed agreement submitted will not be accepted. Please direct any question to our coordinator.

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JUNIOR UMPIRE AGREEMENT (RETURN THIS PAGE ONLY):

I hereby volunteer to be a Junior Umpire for MBL. As a MBL Junior Umpire, I agree to abide by the goals and objectives of the MBL Junior Umpire Program as listed in the MBL Junior Umpire agreement, Little League Rule Book, MBL Safety Rules, MBL Local Rules and MBL Code of Conduct.

Signature of Junior Umpire: _____

Junior Umpire Printed Name: _____

Junior Umpire Age: _____

Are you currently planning on playing for MBL this Spring? _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian of Youth Umpire: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parent Email(s): _____

Junior Email(s): _____

Parent Cell Number(s): _____

Junior Cell Number: _____