



Junior Umpire Program

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The Lamar Little League Junior Umpire Program will allow young men ages 13 and older to learn skills associated with umpiring Little League Baseball. There are 2 levels for the Junior Umpire Program and once both levels are completed, the Junior Umpire can advance to the adult umpire program.

Junior Umpire Level I Requirements

- No umpiring experience necessary
- Must be at least 13 years of age
- Must attend umpire Rules and Mechanics Clinic
- Must pass Rules Test with a grade of 70% or better

Once these items are completed, the Junior Umpire will be approved to umpire Machine A and AA games. **Junior Umpires are not allowed to umpire games in divisions they are not approved to umpire. Violating this policy will result in your suspension for 3 months from the Junior Umpire Program.** If you are contacted for a game in a division you are not approved to umpire, please inform the caller to contact a Level II Junior Umpire or ask them to call the UIC.

Junior Umpires Level II Requirements

- Must be at least 14 years of age and completed Level I Requirements
- Must attend a second season of Umpire Rules and Mechanics Clinic
- Must pass Rules Test with a grade of 85% or better
- Must have umpired a minimum of ten (10) A and/or AA games the prior season
- Must be evaluated during 4 games while at this level by a Senior Umpire and demonstrate a proficiency in the following areas:
 - Ability to control the flow of the game
 - Consistent strike zone
 - Clear, loud calls on all pitches and plays
 - Confident, enthusiastic, and energetic attitude
 - Adequate knowledge of baseball rules and Junior Umpire responsibilities
- Must volunteer to call games during post season tournaments, i.e. Red/Blue Gray

Attire and Equipment

- All Junior Umpires must be in appropriate umpire attire
- Please see the LBUA umpire uniform policy for details

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- If a Junior Umpire chooses to purchase umpire equipment, i.e. mask, chest protector, shin guards, the league will reimburse you for your equipment after achieving Level II status up a maximum of \$150.00.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Email UIC of ALL game assignments to track your games
- Arrive 30 minutes prior to game time in proper attire
- Get equipment needed from lockers in Umpire Room
- Be on the field at least 10 minutes prior to game time
- Call coaches at home plate to discuss:
 - Introductions
 - Ground rules
 - Confirm home team
 - Identify official scorekeeper
 - Game starting time
- After game is completed, return game balls & equipment to Umpire Room
- Report any game situations to UIC

Payment

- Junior Umpires are to be paid by the team/parent that contacted and scheduled them for the game and they should be paid prior to the start of the game. Make sure to keep a phone number of the person who contacted you.
- If payment is not made prior to the start of the game, make contact with the person who contacted you for the game or forward information to UIC to address payment on your behalf.
 - Level I Umpires working on A, AA and AAA games are to be paid \$25 per game.
 - Level II Umpires working on A, AA, AAA, Minors and Varsity are to be paid \$30 per game.

Rules and Mechanics Clinics

- Junior Umpires are required to attend a Rules and Mechanics Clinic once per year, either in the Fall or Spring, to maintain their active status.

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