

Division VPs/Managers/Coaches,

Attached you will find your Divisional Umpire Assignments for the **2009 Spring Season**. The following is your Divisional Umpiring responsibilities:

**A and AA Divisions will cover their own games, both pitching machine and bases.**

**AAA Division games will be covered by AA and Varsity Division teams (Pitching Machine).**

AAA Division Home Team covers third base and AAA Division Visiting Team covers first base.

**Minor Division games (Plate Umpire) will be covered by AAA and Major Division teams.**

Minor Division Home Team covers third base and Minor Division Visiting Team covers first base.

**Varsity Division games (Plate Umpire) will be covered by Minor and Major Division teams.**

Varsity Division Home Team covers third base and Varsity Division Visiting Team covers first base.

**Major Division games to have plate and base umpires provided by Lamar Baseball Umpire Association.**

Junior Division teams will provide a base umpire for some Major Division games.

**Junior Division games to have plate and base umpires provided by Lamar Baseball Umpire Association.**

Some Major Division teams will provide a base umpire for some Junior Division games.

**AAA Division thru Varsity Division** games can be covered by any **APPROVED** Lamar Little League Junior Umpire. If your team wishes to hire Junior Umpires to cover your umpire assignment the fee is \$30/game and arrangements should be made to make payment. The Junior Umpire list can be found on the Lamar Little League website.

For all Spring Season **AAA Division thru Varsity Division** games, **both home and visiting team managers** should be **responsible for confirming** their umpire assigned to their game. This is a tradition at Lamar Little League and will work to ensure that the team responsible for umpiring your game provides umpire coverage. Contact information can be found on the Lamar Little League website. **Please take the time to confirm your umpires through email and/or phone call (this will significantly decrease umpire no-shows)**. You should report all no shows to your Division VP.

To all Managers, Coaches and Parents who wish to cover their team Umpire Assignment. Umpire equipment can be found in the conference/umpire room (in the lockers) located behind the concession stands. Please print out a copy of the Divisional rules located on the website and review prior to your Umpire Assignment. The new Pitching Rule will be different in each Division depending on the age of the pitcher. The plate umpire will need to provide signature at the end of each game.

In final, **Umpiring** is often an overlooked aspect at any little league baseball game. The Volunteer Umpire is as much a part of Little League as the Volunteer Manager, Coach or Concession Stand Worker. **Please respect all umpires**. Managers are responsible for the conduct of their team's players, coaches and parents during all games.

Regards,

Umpire-In-chief