

VPs/Managers/Coaches,

The following is your Division's **Umpire Assignments and Umpiring Responsibilities:**

A/AA Machine Divisions to Umpire their own individual games.

Each Team pitches to own Team. Home Team covers third base and Visiting Team covers first base.

AA Machine Division (Operate Machine) to cover AAA Machine Division games.

Major Division (Operate Machine) to cover AAA Machine Division games.

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

AAA Machine Division (Umpire Plate) to cover Minor Division games.

Varsity Division (Umpire Plate) to cover Minor Division games.

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

Minor Division (Umpire Plate) to cover Varsity Division games.

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

Major Division to have Plate/Base Umpiring provided by Lamar Baseball Umpire Association.

Junior Division to cover some (Umpire Bases) Major Division games.

Junior Division to have Plate/Bases Umpiring provided by Lamar Baseball Umpire Association.

Major Division to cover some (Umpire Bases) Junior Division games.

AAA Machine Division thru Varsity Division games can be covered by Lamar Baseball Umpire Association Junior Umpires. If your team wishes to hire Junior Umpires to cover your Umpire Assignment the fee is \$30 per game and arrangements should be made to make payment. The Junior Umpire list can be found on the Lamar Little League website.

Blue Box Warning: Changes were made with Adults and Minors in position of Authority. Minors may serve as Umpire under specific and limited circumstances. A person who is not an Adult may serve in a game as a Umpire, including as Plate Umpire, provided one or more other Adults are also Umpires for that game. However, that Non-Adult Umpire cannot be designated as Umpire-In-Chief for that game. The Umpire-In-Chief is not required to be the Plate Umpire. Therefore, during all games when a Junior Umpire (17 years of age or younger) is covering an Umpire Assignment the Home Team will serve as the Umpire-In-Chief. Which in most cases will be the Adult covering the third base side during game play. This rule will apply to all Machine Levels thru Varsity Division games.

For AAA Machine Division thru Varsity Division games, the Home Team should be responsible for confirming the Umpire assigned to their games. As a backup, the Visiting Team should also confirm the Umpire assigned to their games. This is a tradition at Lamar Little League and will work to ensure that the team responsible for your games provides umpire coverage. Contact information can be found on the Lamar Little League website. **Please take the time to confirm your umpires.**

All missed Umpire Assignments should be reported by email to your Division VP and copy the League's Umpire-In-Chiefs. Failing to cover your Umpire Assignment can and will result in game suspension during season play and/or during the end of season tournament. In addition, once any Division reaches a total of five missed assignments during the season that Division will have all Umpires removed from their following Saturday games and will be responsible to cover their own Umpiring.

Umpire equipment can be found in the conference room located behind the concession stands for those Managers/Coaches who wish to cover their Umpire Assignments. Please print out a copy of the Divisional rules located on the website and review prior to your Umpire Assignment. The new Pitching Rules will be different in each Division depending on the age of the pitcher. The Umpire-in-Chief will need to sign the Pitch Log at the end of each game. Both Home and Visiting Teams should retain a copy for your records. **All Pitch counts must be reported to the league by 10:00 am the following day.**

Beginning this year at Lamar Little League there will be two Umpire-In-Chiefs (UIC). Val Martinez will be the UIC in the National League. Gary Ballone will be the UIC in the American League. If your Umpire Assignment is canceled due to the weather your Team will be responsible for the covering the rescheduled game. All changes must be approved by your Division VP.

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. Zero tolerance is in effect towards any rude or poor conduct towards any League Umpire.