

March 3, 2019

TO: Gopher Baseball Umpires
RE: The 2019 Baseball Umpire Meeting and Clinic Information

Gopher Baseball Umpires. The snow may be deep, but underneath all that snow lies many home plates across the metro area just waiting for you to dust them off to signal the start of the 2019 High School Baseball season. I hope you are as excited as I am to see the first pitch. Please read below and let me know if you have any questions.

There are two opportunities for baseball umpires to meet your mandatory Gopher Baseball Umpire meeting requirement for 2019:

1. **Wednesday March 20 at the Brooklyn Park Rec Center @ 6:00 pm.** This meeting is one option for baseball umpires but it is the place to be for softball umpires. Rick and Bozo's important message for baseball and softball umpires will be part of the meeting. There will not be a baseball umpire clinic this night as I have had for you in the past. I have a community education event this night and cannot attend the March 20 meeting.
2. **Monday March 25 at Minnetonka High School.** This is a tremendous opportunity for all baseball umpires but in particular, all new through third year baseball umpires. New and veteran alike – you are invited. Some of our veteran umpires will also be working stations to help our newest umpires improve.
 - a. The night begins at 5:30 pm sharp (please arrive by 5:15 for check in) with the Gopher meeting at Minnetonka HS in the "Forum" with Bozo, Rick and Tim. Park and enter the main entrance to MHS per the pic below.
 - b. At 6:30 pm, there will be a baseball umpire clinic in the Tonka Dome (the football field). All new through 3rd year umpires should bring their plate gear as well as base shoes.
 - c. The Minnetonka HS baseball team will be on the field as we simulate situations. They will also run the bases to simulate real time action. There will also be live pitching for our newer umpires to get some plate time in calling balls and strikes.
 - d. This meeting and clinic will give all who attend a one-year MSHSL credit towards your three-year clinic requirement. Bring your MSHSL ID number this night when you sign in.
 - e. RSVP your March 25 meeting and clinic attendance asap to Rick at rickdeg@comcast.net Thank you.

If March 25 does not work for you, please consider attending one of the four-hour MSHSL baseball umpire clinics below:

- March 11 @ Bloomington Kennedy @ 5:30
- March 27 @ Elk River @ 5:30

Thank you for officiating for Gopher State and for MSHSL.

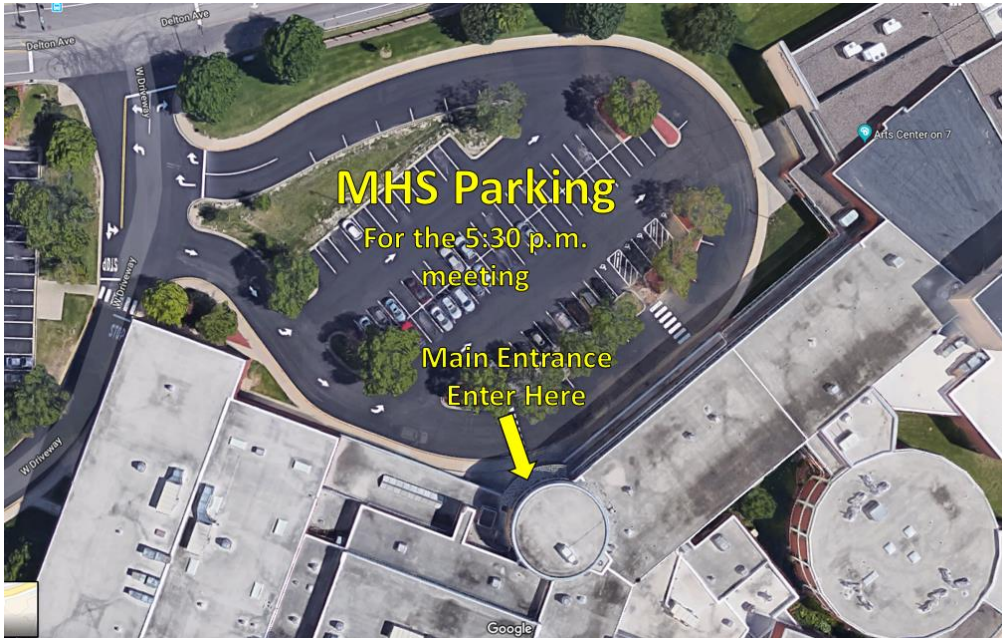
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Monday March 25 Entrance Pics – at Minnetonka High School and the Dome (Football Field)

This picture shows you where to park and enter at 5:15 pm for the 5:30 pm meeting:



This pic. shows you where to park and enter the Tonka Dome for the Clinic after the mtg. Note - the Dome covers the FB field.

