



Palm Beach Baseball Umpire Association

Middle School: Officials' Rules of Conduct

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The following provisions are rules of conduct by which all PBBUA officials are expected to abide.

- (1) Officials must follow Game Protocol as follows:
 - a. Keep Arbiter up to date with availability.
 - b. Accept or decline assigned game(s) within 72 hours of receipt of schedule.
 - c. Work position as assigned. (Any changes must be done through the assignor...unless an emergency happens, and time doesn't allow to contact assignor).
 - d. Plate umpire contacts partner at least 2 days before assignment to confirm.
If the Base Umpire does not hear from partner by day before, Base Umpire must make contact. Partners making contact day of game is not acceptable unless a change of partner happens day of.
 - e. Plate umpire is responsible to bring the pay sheet or confirm partner is bringing.
 - f. Contact assignor by text or phone call and get confirmation from the assignor if turning a game back within 72 hours of the game. Turning back before 72 hours can be done using *Turn Back Assignment* option on official's schedule.
- (2) Officials must conduct themselves on and off the baseball field in a manner conducive to the best interests of PBBUA and the schools worked.
- (3) Officials must be neatly dressed in the appropriate Middle School uniform as posted on the PBBUA web site and project a physically fit appearance when officiating a contest.
- (4) All PBBUA officials should be in good physical condition, mentally ready to officiate to the best of their ability and be fully cognizant of the Middle School rules. Officials are expected to make each call as they see it without fear or favor, regardless of the score, and to hustle at all times.
- (5) No official may officiate a contest involving a school under the following circumstances: a. His/her child or immediate relative attends or b. The official himself/herself and/or a relative works at the school.
- (6) Officials shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interaction with student-athletes, coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, colleagues and the public.
- (7) Officials shall remain mindful that their conduct influences the respect that student-athletes, coaches and the public hold for the profession.
- (8) Officials shall, while enforcing the rules of play, remain aware of the inherent risk of injury that competition poses to student-athletes. Where appropriate, they shall inform event management of conditions or situations that appear unreasonably hazardous.
- (9) Officials shall not arrive or appear at the contest site with the odor of an alcoholic beverage on his/her breath.
- (10) Officials shall not use tobacco or tobacco-like products on school grounds.
- (11) Officials shall not publicly criticize or berate a coach or other employee of a member school or other official. Professional ethics require that officials use proper channels to report their problems rather than airing them publicly.