



MYAS/Gopher State Baseball 2025 Umpire Policies and Procedures



The Minnesota Youth Athletic Services prides itself on having the best youth athletic programs in the nation. We will always strive to improve our events and do what it takes to ensure a great experience for our participants. Our umpires play a big role in meeting these goals. It is very important that our game officials look good, show up ahead of time and umpire the game to the best of their ability. What follows is a list of guidelines and expectations for our umpires in all league and tournament games.

Proper Dress Code:

Dress in an official umpire uniform. This includes an umpire polo shirt, proper pants, black shoes, chest protector, shin guards and facemask. If reports are received related to an umpire wearing inappropriate attire, the Assignor will be contacted & asked to address the individual umpire to discuss appropriate attire. **Looking professional is extremely important and should not be taken lightly.**

Schedules:

Please reach out to your Assignor for information on where to find game schedules & assignments.

Cancellation of Assignment:

If you need to cancel an assignment for any reason, you must do so **at least 72 hours** prior to the event. If you cancel inside 72 hours, you are responsible for finding your own replacement. All cancellations and substitutions must be approved by your assignor.

Late Arrivals:

If you are late for a game for an unexcused reason, it is the discretion of your Umpire Assignor related to any reduction in payment for the game. Please reach out to your assignor and/or the home coach if you have their number to communicate that you'll be late as any communication is better than none.

No-Shows (to be enforced by the assignor):

If an umpire is an unexcused no-show, the following will apply:

1. The umpire will not be paid for the game & the Umpire Assignor will be contacted.
2. Depending on the circumstances, a no-show may result in a loss of assignments moving forward at the discretion of the Assignor.
3. A full game fee will be paid to the replacement umpire.

A second offense in the same season will potentially result in a termination of the umpire's services.

No Game:

If an umpire shows up at a site and there is no game, with no call from a league or tournament representative, the umpire will receive a full game fee. Every effort will be made to contact the umpires. Each umpire should contact their assignor if the game is in question due to weather related issues. Please be accessible the day of the game.

Incident Reports – Any behavior or conduct-related incidents resulting in ejections must be reported to your Assignor within 24 hours. Your Assignor will report the information to the MYAS Office for the purposes of review.

Suspended Game:

If a game is suspended before completion, the umpire will receive:

- 9U-12U: \$50
- 13U & Above: \$55

If a suspended game must be made up with no other game to follow, the umpire will receive a full game fee.

If a suspended game is played in addition to another scheduled game, the umpire will receive:

- A minimum of \$25 or \$12.50/inning, whichever is more
- If the completion of the suspended game requires 4½ innings or more, a full game fee will be paid.

Forfeits:

You will be paid for any on-field forfeit. If the players and coaches want to play an exhibition game or a controlled scrimmage, please accommodate them. **If you refuse, this will be considered a *no-show*.**

Weather Cancellations:

Please communicate with the Home Team Coach or your Assignor regarding possible weather cancellations.

Termination Policy:

If an umpire is terminated by an MYAS approved assignor, they are also ineligible to work MYAS events for any other assignor. An umpire may request a hearing with the MYAS for possible reinstatement.

Tournaments:

The Umpire Assignor or their designated contact must be available throughout the duration of an assigned tournament(s).

The Tournament Director/League Director is in charge and has the authority to do whatever it takes to prevent or solve a problem. This includes removing or reassigning an umpire(s).

Coaches' Conduct:

Report any ejections or rude or blatantly unsportsmanlike coaches' behavior using the following link: [2025 Umpire Incident Report](#)

Know the Rules:

Playing rules will be given to each umpire at the beginning of each MYAS tournament and league rules can be found on our Umpire Page here: [MYAS Baseball Umpires](#). **Each umpire is responsible for checking in at Tournament Headquarters before their first game and knowing what rules are for each game and age level as some tournaments sites may have multiple age levels.**

Proper Mechanics:

Use proper NFHS approved mechanics. Don't change your mechanics or umpiring style just because it is youth baseball. Every game is an important game for these players no matter the level of play.

Injured Players:

Let the coach and/or on-site trainer handle injured players. Do not assist the player yourself. Get help!

Game Balls:

Game balls for tournament and post season play will be provided by the MYAS Tournament Director.

New Jewelry 2023:

We follow the NFHS rule on the wearing of jewelry and it's now legal to wear jewelry.

Rule 1-5-12 and 3-3-1d were deleted from the rule book but use common sense. If it's deemed dangerous Have them take it off.

Be Careful What You Say:

Keep your comments about players, coaches, and spectators to yourself. Verbalize only positive comments. **Be professional in all situations.**