

Maricopa Little League 2006



Umpires Program & Policies



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Maricopa Little League Umpires Program Mission Statement

The Board of Directors for Maricopa Little League is committed to providing the league with a quality umpires program. Our program focus is to recruit, train and schedule umpires to maximize game enjoyment and provide a quality learning and safe environment for our players, managers and coaches.

Maricopa Little League: League Umpires.

League Umpire–In-Chief defined.

- A member of the leagues board of directors that will recruit, train and schedule the leagues umpires, evaluate each umpire during the season, recommend umpires for post season tournaments, have a working knowledge of the current Little League rule book and will chair the Rules and Protest committees.
- The UIC will select qualified umpire to act as a back-up UIC.

League Umpires Defined

- League umpires are the persons that have attended Little League Rules and Mechanics Clinics or equivalent
- AND**
- And have been scheduled through the Umpire in Chief (UIC) to umpire Maricopa Little League games.

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- Must be league age 13 or older as of April 30, 2006.
- Must attend a Little League Rules and Mechanics Clinic prior to their first scheduled game.
 - League umpires, who are scheduled to serve, must wear a league approved umpire jersey and cap. Umpires will appear neat while on the playing field. No sandals. Shirts will be tucked in with belted pants or black shorts. This policy applies during games served. For umpires who also serve as a manger or coach may umpire a game as is if they are scheduled to umpire a game before or after their own teams game. But should make an attempt to look like an umpire.
 - League umpires shall read and understand the Little League Rule Book and other Umpire manuals. Provided by the league's UIC.
 - Will attend all umpires meetings conducted during the season.

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- Will administer sportsmanship and other league programs as required by the Board of Directors.
- League umpires will be scheduled based on personal availability. Once an umpire signs for a game he/she is responsible for serving that game. If unable to serve, the umpire is responsible for locating another League Umpire to serve in his/her place.
- League umpires report to the Board of Directors through the UIC.

League Umpires Policy Statement - continued

- Volunteerism is highly encouraged.
Those league umpires volunteering their services to the league will receive the following benefits:
 - ✓ FREE Umpires Jersey and Cap to those umpires that commit to a volunteer league umpire status for the entire season
 - ✓ After eight volunteer games, league umpires will receive a FREE internal chest protector, plate brush AND indicator.
 - ✓ Volunteer umpires will also receive bottled water or PowerAde type drink during games and a hot dog (or equivalent) and drink from the league snack bar after each game served.
- Compensation-
Often an overlooked aspect of the Little League program, umpiring is one of the most important. The volunteer umpire is as much a part of Little League as the volunteer manager, coach or concession stand worker.

There is no sound reason for paying umpires, or any other person whose services should be provided on a volunteer basis. Many districts and leagues have found successful ways to operate volunteer umpiring programs, helping to defray the costs that might normally be passed on to the parents.

Little League also offers many training materials clinics and seminars on umpire education, as well as the Little League Umpire Registry. The registry allows volunteer umpires to receive regular mailings from Headquarters on rule interpretations, updates, etc.

For more information on how to obtain these materials, how to sign up for the Umpire Registry, or on the clinics and seminars nearest you, contact your UIC or Regional Headquarters.

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- **Evaluations-**
The League Umpire-in-Chief will evaluate all of the leagues umpires throughout the season. Recommendations for improvement will be made to each umpire as needed.
Based on evaluations the Umpire-in-Chief may recommend umpires for post-season tournaments.
- **Ejections-**
In the event that an umpire ejects a player, manager or coach from a game, the umpire shall file a report to the league's Umpire-in-chief within 36 hours of the completion of the game.