

**BAYTOWN RECREATIONAL UMPIRES
ASSOCIATION
RULES**

- 1) It is the responsibility of the umpires to be in complete control of the game at all times.
- 2) Umpires must administer the rules of the game in order that neither team has or gains an unfair advantage.
- 3) The umpires should know the rules and on-field mechanics in order to officiate the game fairly.
- 4) When umpires make rule interpretations, be prepared to explain or discuss them with coaches.
- 5) Umpires should avoid personal conversations with anyone other than their partner.
- 6) Necessary equipment:
 - a) Mask
 - b) Chest Protector
 - c) Supporter and Cup
 - d) Shin Guards
 - e) Shoes - All Black
 - d) Indicators - Two
 - e) Ball Bag - Navy Blue or Gray
 - f) Plate Brush
- 7) Uniform:
 - a) Shirt - Little League/Teenage: Navy Blue or Lights Blue Pullover w/ red & white trim (Crews should match)
 - b) Pants - Medium Shade of Heather Gray
 - c) Caps - Two Navy Blue in Color; One Plate/One Base
 - d) Socks - Navy Blue or Black
 - e) Jackets or Windbreakers - Navy Blue Only
 - f) Undershirts - Navy Blue or Red if Visible (Crews should match)
- 8) Umpires should attempt to arrive at the baseball facility approximately 30 minutes before game time. Try to hold pre-game coaches conference at least ten minutes before the game is to start.
- 9) Umpires should check each dug-out for illegal bats, cracked helmets, etc. Be sure and ask if the catchers are wearing their protective cups.

- 10) Rain situations: Umpires should work with league officials on rain situations. This does not relieve the umpires of the responsibility of remaining mindful of slippery conditions for pitchers and batters. The safety of the players should be the first consideration. Use good judgement; the idea is to play the game, if possible. In cases of lightning, use extreme caution. Do not endanger the players by allowing the game to continue.
- 11) Calling "Time": Umpires should keep the game moving, and should avoid calling "Time" unless absolutely necessary. Players and coaches do not call "Time", they request it. Umpires call "Time"! Umpires should always be alert to the position of base runners and the location of the ball before calling "Time". Avoid calling "Time" while a play is in progress.
- 12) Should a game be finished under protest the umpires assigned to that game should submit a written description of their actions to the league official on duty before leaving the facility.
- 13) Umpires shall submit a written report to the B.R.U.A. President within 24 hours of a game in which they have encountered such situations as injury to players, coaches, or other participants. A similar written report shall also be submitted to the President of the B.R.U.A. and the affected league for situations involving unsportsmanlike conduct, ejections, harassment, and verbal or physical attacks.