



West Nyack Little League Umpire Clinics

Plate Umpire Responsibilities

Some of us think that the only responsibilities we have as the plate umpire is to call balls & strikes, and make out & safe calls at home plate. This **IS NOT** the case. Listed below are the additional responsibilities you have when you are umpiring the plate:

- Catch/No Catch: infield & outfield
- Fair/Foul: infield & outfield
- Passed balls/wild pitches
- Pop-ups behind the plate
- Clearing the bat

- Pulled foot at first base & running lane violations.
- Potential interference on the runner at 2nd on the back half of a potential double play.
- Runner going 1st to 3rd on a ball hit to the outfield only.
- Don't just stand and "drop anchor" behind the plate. You must move to be an effective plate umpire.