

Hudson Youth Baseball (HYB) Umpire Program



Hudson Youth Baseball offers adults young and old the opportunity to learn the umpire position and gain valuable leadership experience! Many times, our umpires are former players of HYB! Umpiring is a great way to give back to the program that taught you the game of baseball and experience the game through a different lens.

Our umpires work games in both Hudson and Litchfield at the Minors (ages 8-10) and Majors (ages 11-12) levels.

Steps to Become an HYB Umpire:

- Contact Scott Power, Umpire-in-Chief by emailing power_4@comcast.net
- Consider earning your National Umpire Association certification
- Enroll in our partner training program through the Nashua Umpire Academy
- Attend mandatory field training (dates announced each season)
- Get the proper umpire gear/ apparel needed.

What is Umpire Certification?

Hudson Youth Baseball offers two levels for umpires: Certified and Non-Certified. More experienced umpires working Majors Division games, or any Cal Ripken State or District Tournament must be certified officials. To become certified, visit <https://www.baberuthleague.org/national-umpire-association.aspx> to complete the certification exam. This open book test costs \$60. Your paid certification includes a National Member Association ID card and certificate, access to newsletters, discounts on gear, and more!

Lesser experienced and younger umpires working AA and AAA Division games are not required to pay for the certification exam.

Umpire Training

HYB Umpires receive a welcome packet that reviews expectations, mechanics, and protocol. We also offer training sessions through our partners at the [Nashua Umpire Academy](#) for a nominal fee. These classes are run primarily on Sundays in Nashua

beginning February through early April. This training provides extensive classroom and on field instruction for plate and base umpires. It provides terrific foundational knowledge to assist umpires to be the best they can be. Those completing this training are also eligible to work games through the Nashua Umpire Association in surrounding towns. Information will be sent directly to umpires regarding this opportunity.



Dress Code

Image is everything and umpires must look the part: you are in charge of the game. Your appearance must reflect your skills and confidence. If you arrive at the game with a clean and crisp uniform, and you are neat and well-groomed, you will immediately be accepted as a professional and command respect from the coaches, players and fans. If not, your knowledge of the rules will be in question before the first pitch is ever thrown.

All umpires are expected to dress appropriately for all games. At a minimum, HYB umpires will wear gray slacks, navy blue umpire polo shirt and a blue baseball cap. Home plate umpire protective gear is provided at the fields, although you are welcome to bring your own (mask, chest protector, shin guards, protective cup, umpire shoes).

- Smitty Official's Apparel at www.baberuthleague.org/umpire
- You can visit any sporting goods store, such as Monkey Sports in Derry and Dick's Sporting Goods, for an indicator, plate brush, ball bag, etc.
- Wal-Mart/Target usually carry inexpensive gray slacks

Expectations

Hudson Youth Baseball teaches children to interact with others, as well as instill confidence in themselves. We teach players to balance school, social and baseball schedules that will prove to be an asset as an adult. That is why it is so important that you, as an umpire, give each game your best effort. It may not seem like a "big" game to you, but it is to the players. Your attitude towards the players is especially important. Learn to cooperate with the coaches; at some levels, the role of the umpire may actually include some coaching and teaching. Hustle and show enthusiasm. Players will respond to this and the tone of the game will be set. Take pride in your work, just like you took pride in playing the game as a ball player.

That said, the number of games you are assigned will be in direct relation to feedback the Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) receives from coaches and division directors. The UIC will also be stopping in to see games for observation. The umpires being assigned most frequently will be the ones who dress professionally, hustle, take leadership of the game, are vocal, communicate well, and receive positive feedback. If you cannot work a scheduled game, you must contact the UIC ahead of time.



Compensation

Umpires assigned to the PLATE at the AAA and Majors levels earn \$30 per game.

Umpires assigned to the BASES at the AAA and Majors levels earn \$25 per game.

At the AA level, umpires work the game solo behind the plate and earn \$25 per game.

Become an Umpire Today!

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