

## OPTIMIST UMPIRES INFORMATION SHEET

1. There are not any umpire fees that are charged for umpiring Paris Optimist Dixie Baseball.
2. The basic uniform is navy, powder blue, red, tan or black shirts, gray pants, black belt, black shoes and navy or black cap. Shirts may be polo type shirts but do not have to be an official umpire shirt. No caps with high school or college logos. Each umpire is responsible for their own uniform. Check Wal-Mart.
3. Benefits of Being a Paris Optimist Umpire:
  - a. Optimist will furnish chest protector and shin guards if you need them.
  - b. There are time limits for games on all fields. Most evenings the games are over by 9:15 PM.
  - c. An air-conditioned dressing room and bottled water are furnished. This keeps you from having to dress in the parking lot out of your car or in the restrooms.
  - d. You are helping young kids.
4. You will be provided a rulebook for the ages that you umpire. The Umpire Rules Clinic will be required for all umpires. All new umpires will be required to complete the mechanics umpire clinic, also.
5. Games will start at 5:30 and 5:45 depending on the field. There are two games per field per night most of the time. Umpires should be at the Ball Park and dressed **15 minutes** before game time. You must call or text if you are going to be late.
6. In the case of rain on a day that you are scheduled, a decision to call off the games will normally not be made until **after 4:30 P.M.** Michael Bodine or Bill Sanders will notify you as soon or ASAP when games are cancelled. Don't call. We will get the information out as soon as we know. You can call Michael or Bill after 4:30 PM if you have not heard from someone. Do not assume that games are cancelled.
7. The dressing room will be used for you to dress. Pick up trash, drink and food containers, shirt hangers, etc. Hang up the umpire equipment. Do not leave your equipment out on the tables and floor in the dressing room. **If this room is not kept clean, it will be closed. You will then dress in the restrooms or in your car.**
8. You are required to attend the umpire meeting each Sunday at 2:00 PM. Rules will be reviewed, game situations will be discussed, schedules will be passed out and checks given out. We will strive to make you a better umpire with these Sunday reviews. You must attend these meetings to get game assignments and pay checks. If you cannot attend, you must make arrangements with Michael or Bill.
9. If you want to be Dixie certified, you must go online and take the on line DYB Umpire test. There is a \$25 fee to take the test at [www.texasdixie.org](http://www.texasdixie.org) We will be hosting AAA, Ozone and Ranger district tournaments. Also, we will host the Ozone Division I and II. North Regional Tournaments. All umpires are requested to take the test.
10. Turn in a pay voucher each night for games that day. **Print** your name on the voucher. If we **cannot read** your name or if it is not filled out correctly, you do not get paid for that day. Checks will cover Saturday thru Friday and you will receive your check at the Sunday meeting. **If you do not attend the weekly umpire meeting at 2:30 P.M.** you will not receive your check until the following week and may not get umpire assignments for the next week. **Another person will not be allowed to pick up your check for you. Do not fill out pay voucher until after you have completed the nights games.**
11. If you have an emergency and cannot keep your game assignment, you must call in this order:  
Bill Sanders - 903-517-6593
12. All first-time umpires are required to attend the umpire mechanics clinics. All umpires are required to attend the rules clinics.