

WHEATON YOUTH BASEBALL UMPIRE ASSOCIATION

December 2009

To: All Prospective Members of the Wheaton Youth Umpire Association
From: Wheaton Park District Youth Baseball/Softball Board of Control
Subject: 2010 Baseball/Softball Umpire Season

The 2010 Baseball/Softball Umpire training schedule has been set! The Baseball/Softball season is right around the corner, and in a blink of an eye, the season will begin. As always, the game will not be played until the Umpire takes the field and yells "Play Ball."

The 2010 training season will consist of **7 training sessions**. It is recommended that ***first year umpires should attend four (4) training sessions. Second and third year umpires should attend three (3) training sessions.*** Your attendance will be recorded at each training session and Brad Murrow, Senior Instructor will determine your skill level. The league you umpire does not have any bearing on your pay but reflects your skills, desire, and ability.

Training sessions are formatted for the new umpire as well as the seasoned umpire. Old hands thrive on drills that develop the instinctive response required on the field, and new hands need to find their place and their rhythm. Both must read the rule books and know them like the back of their hand.

Anyone attending ***three*** or more ***sessions*** will receive an umpire hat, ***four sessions*** an umpire counter, ***five sessions*** an umpire brush and one umpire game card (worth your regular pay schedule). A Wheaton Umpire Association shirt is given to you as a member of the fraternity of umpires'. The umpire shirt must be worn as a tool of the trade and is necessary for you to do your job effectively.

Individuals 17 years old and up desiring to become a patched umpire should contact the Illinois High School Association at <http://www.ihsa.org>, for application information. I.H.S.A. umpires' must renew their license every year. ***Patched Umpires' must include their license number on the application and on game cards to receive patched umpire pay.*** Patched Umpires should have the proper patch on the proper sleeve of your umpire shirt during your games. Uniform stores (Kale on Liberty, downtown Wheaton), will sew them on for you while you wait for around \$4.00.

There are changes made each year in league structure that directly affect the umpiring rules. It is your responsibility to obtain the proper supplementary rules of the leagues you umpire and study them. Supplementary league rules are available during the training sessions or may be picked up at the Wheaton Park District office. Don't make the mistake of thinking that since you played in that league that you know the rules.

The following dates and times are for all training classes, which are held at the Wheaton Community Center. The classes will be designed for all levels of umpiring, enabling umpires of various abilities to attend at their convenience. It is our intent to start the classes at the designated time so plan to arrive 5 to 15 minutes before the listed start-up time.

Sunday	January 24, 2010	2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Monday	February 8, 2010	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Thursday	February 18, 2010	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sunday	March 14, 2010	2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Sunday	March 21, 2010	2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Sunday	April 11, 2010	2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Sunday	April 18, 2010	2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

PLEASE DO NOT CALL if you are unable to attend one of the above sessions. If you cannot make it, plan on attending another session.

If you are interested in the 2010 Baseball/Softball Umpire Season please complete the enclosed Application and W-9 Form and return by March 21, 2010* to:

Dana M. Dabaco
Wheaton Park District
1759 South Blanchard
Wheaton, IL 60189

Or Email to: ddabaco@wheatonparks.org

Work Permit Information (14 and 15 year olds.): The Employer's Statement (and Instructions), which is necessary to obtain a work permit from District 200 can **ONLY** be obtained from the Wheaton Park District **Recreation Department** located at 1759 South Blanchard Road (brick two-story farm house just North of the Community Center) or by calling (630) 668-3371.

If you have any questions, please contact the Wheaton Park District Recreation Department at (630) 668-3371 or Dana Dabaco at (630) 510-5133.

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Enclosures

***Applications will not be accepted after March 21, 2010.**