

Westbury Little League Umpire Strategy

2019

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Umpire Skills Clinics are held at the beginning of the season to assist in training parents and volunteers to learn more about supporting their team as an umpire.

1. Tadpole

In Tadpole (tee-ball), the coaches will umpire their own games. They may do this from their normal coaching positions around the field.

2. Junior Machine Pitch (JMP)

In JMP, the coaches will umpire their own games. They may do this from their normal coaching positions around the field.

3. Pee Wee

In Pee Wee division, managers, coaches and parent volunteers are responsible for umpiring opposing teams' games. A field umpire and home plate umpire are required for each game. The home plate umpire does not require equipment as the position he/she will assume is to the side of the batter. No balls/strikes are called – only swinging strikes and foul balls. The same umpiring philosophy will apply for the regular season and for the league playoff games.

Managers/parents are **strongly** discouraged from paying for an umpire for Pee Wee games. The player agent for Pee Wee will monitor this and should be notified if a paid umpire is used or needs to be used.

4. Minors

For Minor's division, managers, coaches and parent volunteers are responsible for umpiring opposing teams' games. A field umpire and home plate umpire are required for each game. If a manager/ coach/parent volunteer is unable or unwilling to perform the duties of the home plate umpire, the league can recommend a list of umpires for hire that have been vetted by the league. Coordinating schedule and payment to the umpire is the responsibility of the person requesting the umpire to take their slot. Payment to an umpire for a WBLL minors plate assignment is \$40/game*. Hiring an umpire to perform field umpire duty is allowed, but should be discouraged. An umpire that is not on this list cannot be hired to umpire a game unless approved by the Umpire in Chief (UIC).

For Minor's league playoff games, home plate umpires will be scheduled through the approved list by the UIC and Umpire Coordinator. Payment of these umpires will be the responsibility of the league and managed by the board and the Umpire Coordinator.

5. Majors

For major's division, managers, coaches and parent volunteers are responsible for umpiring opposing teams' games. A field umpire and home plate umpire are required for each game. If a manager/ coach/parent volunteer is unable or unwilling to perform the duties of the home plate umpire, the league can recommend a list of umpires for hire that have been vetted by the league. Coordinating schedule and payment to the umpire is the responsibility of the person requesting the umpire to take their slot. Payment to an umpire for a WBLL minors plate assignment is \$50/game*. Hiring an umpire to perform field umpire duty is allowed, but should be discouraged. An umpire that is not on this list cannot be hired to umpire a game unless approved by the Umpire in Chief (UIC).

For Majors league playoff games, home plate umpires will be scheduled through the approved list by the UIC and Umpire Coordinator. Payment of these umpires will be the responsibility of the league and managed by the board and the Umpire Coordinator.

6. Intermediate, Junior & Senior

The scope of the umpire strategy currently does not cover these divisions as they are not active divisions at Westbury LL.

* -payment rates for junior umpires may differ; junior umpires must still be vetted by the UIC and on the approved list.