



UMPIRE EXPECTATIONS

Timeliness

You are expected to arrive at the fields 30 minutes prior to your scheduled game start time dressed in complete uniform. This will allow you ample time to do bat and helmet checks and pre-game meetings with the coaches. Coaches meeting is expected to occur 10 minutes prior to first pitch. In the event you are sick or unable to work your assigned game, you are expected to **contact Gordon Fredell (UIC) by call or text @ (775)386-8825 with ample time (72 hours) to get a replacement.**

Scheduling

The game schedule will be posted via google doc. All games require at least one umpire. It is the responsibility of the umpire to sign up for games directly. Two days prior if there isn't anyone signed up for a game an umpire will be assigned by the UIC. Communication on the assignment will be sent via phone call or text. Assignments will be based on the availability that was disclosed in the preseason questionnaire. Once assigned, the umpire will be expected to work that game or coordinate to have the game covered by a peer.

Umpire Logs/Checks

Print out your umpire log and bring it to each game. They should be filled out prior to your scheduled game and signed by the score keeper or a board member. Umpire logs are expected to be legible and filled out completely. All completed logs are expected to be emailed to umpire@foothillbaseball.org by the last day of the month and payment will be processed promptly once received. Game checks will be mailed directly to the address listed in your information packet.

New rate structure for 2024 Spring Season is as follows:

\$25/game - Field

\$30/game - Plate

\$40/game - Solo Plate

Assessment Forms

New in 2024, Managers will provide ratings of each umpire at the conclusion of each game. These rating forms will be collected weekly by the UIC. Your full year performance rating will affect potential playoff game placement, as well as eligibility for end of season bonuses. Rating forms will also be a valuable tool to provide feedback and ultimately help you develop your skills. Feedback is truly a gift!

Rating forms should be distributed to the team Managers (by you) during the pregame coaches meeting. The top portion of the rating form should be filled out (by you) prior to the pregame coaches meeting. At the conclusion of the game the Manager will be responsible for completing the rating form and placing it in the designated area for retrieval by the UIC.

Uniforms/Gear

As an umpire, you are expected to look presentable when you are working. Remember you are a reflection of Foothill Little League - you represent the league. You should be in complete uniform with your issued hat, and shirt (tucked in), black belt, grey Dickies pants (or like), and black tennis shoes. For colder games red long sleeved under armor can be worn under your umpire shirt. Base umpires only need their indicator. Plate umpires need their ball bag, plate brush, indicator and a watch to keep track of the game start time. All necessary equipment listed above will be assigned prior to the season and is required to be turned in at the end of the season. Failure to do so will cause the final check to be held until equipment is returned. If you are assigned to plate umpire, you will obtain all the plate gear in the umpire shack (located by the Snack Shack). It is expected that all plate gear will be returned to the Umpire Shack following your game, so the next umpire has it available for use.

Cell Phones

You are NOT to use cell phones to text or call while you are getting paid to umpire! Phones should be left with your belongings or in the scorekeeper's box. Only exception would be for an emergency!

Incident Reporting

If any incidents occur during your scheduled game the expectation is to communicate immediately with your **UIC Gordon Fredell @ (775)386-8825** to report the incident. Incidents are deemed as any inappropriate or abusive behavior by a Manager/Coach/Parent or fan. When reporting an incident ensure you are concise and detailed so the UIC can take the appropriate action to address the situation. If you don't feel comfortable reporting an incident, your parent can report on your behalf. If an incident is reported to the UIC by a witness at the game, the UIC will contact you to gain further insight.

New for the 2024 season - Foothill Little League has enacted a strict Managers/Coaches code of conduct that clearly outlines the expectations of all Managers/Coaches. The Foothill Little League board is 100% committed to ensuring that while you umpire you are always supported, protected and free from any inappropriate behavior from any league Managers, Coaches, parents, fans, or players.

Other key board contacts:

Jayson Cohen/FHLL President- (310) 713-2962

Matt McBride/FHLL Vice President- (805) 479-3792

Krista Simpson/Player Agent- (805) 207-9628

Umpire Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____