



**MSBA Umpires Program
Coaches Package 2024**





Managers and Coaches,

It's a pleasure to connect with you in advance of the 2024 baseball season as part of the Mississauga Southwest Baseball Association.

Over my years in baseball, I have had the opportunity to interact with baseball across our country. Entering my third year as MSBA's Umpire-In-Chief, I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to be involved with one of Ontario's great baseball associations. From our skilled and enthusiastic players, to our dedicated and passionate coaches and volunteers, and from our tireless (despite being tired) parents, to our committed officials, we create something special together.

I am particularly appreciative of the positive environment all members of the association continue to create. This allows MSBA to welcome new umpires into baseball and have them return year after year. I have no doubt this uniquely positive environment will continue this season and in the years to come.

As a crew, we look forward to working with you for another great season.

Yours In Baseball,

Adam De Caire
Umpire-In-Chief



CONTACT INFORMATION



Adam De Caire

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Scan the QR Code above to add Adam's contact information to your cell phone



Scheduling Umpires

Initial Scheduling – Beginning of Season

The following approved schedules will be received from the appropriate MSBA board members, and will be inputted into the *Assignr* scheduling system for assignment:

- COBA Schedule
- MBLL Schedule
- MSBA Tournament Schedule
- MSBA House League Schedule
- MSBA Rookieball Schedule

Subsequent Requests or Changes

Any additional request for umpires (such as exhibition games) or any changes with your schedule must be emailed to MSBAUmpires@gmail.com. Please note that these requests are not considered official until acknowledged via a return email.

If any aspect of your game is changed (date, time, location) you must notify this email account.

To cancel a game for any reason (including weather, forfeit, etc.), you must notify Adam De Caire at least 90 minutes prior to your scheduled game, for example:

- **If your game is at 6pm, you must notify the UIC by 4:30pm (at the latest)**
- **If your game is at 8:30pm, you must notify the UIC by 7:00pm (at the latest)**

Failure to notify the UIC of schedule changes may result in the team being held financially responsible for the umpire fees.



Expectations of Umpires

Umpires with the MSBA Umpire Program are expected to maintain integrity, impartiality, and professionalism on and off the field, acting as role models for players, coaches, and spectators. Umpires are not to drink alcohol or use tobacco and/or drugs while in uniform. Umpires are expected to arrive at the diamond at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start time and to begin ground rules promptly 5 minutes before the scheduled start time. It is expected that each umpire will possess an understanding the rules, mechanics, and positioning appropriate for their level of certification. Specific rules for certain leagues will be shared with the MSBA umpire roster (curfews, mercy rules, etc.).

Expectations of the Director of Umpires and the Umpire-In-Chief

The Umpire-In-Chief is committed to assist umpires of all levels throughout the season in any and all aspects of the officiating experience. Umpires are heavily encouraged to reach out to the UIC with questions, thoughts, suggestions, concerns, or for any other reason. The UIC also commits to attending MSBA games at all levels throughout the season, to observe and provide mentorship to umpires, and be accessible and in contact with managers, coaches, and other league officials.

Expectations of Managers, Coaches, and Players

Most of the umpires in our organization are learning to umpire, just as players are learning to play. All MSBA managers, coaches, and players are expected to communicate professionally and respectfully to all umpires (particularly umpires in the younger divisions) at all times. Managers / coaches are also responsible for the conduct of spectators associated with their team both furring and immediately following the game.

There is a zero tolerance policy for umpire abuse of any kind. At any level, verbal or physical aggression towards officials will not be tolerated within the MSBA. The Umpire-In-Chief will submit umpire reports to the Board of Directors and teams may face disciplinary consequences as a result of umpire abuse. Coaches have a major role to play in ensuring umpires have a safe experience in one of the most difficult roles in baseball. We thank you for your support.



Payment Policies

- ❖ For all regular season MSBA games, umpires will be paid by cheque on a monthly basis throughout the season.
- ❖ Tournaments games are paid in cash prior to the game.
- ❖ For MSBA Exhibition Games, umpires will be paid in cash at the diamond. The game fee will match the current list of pay rates listed below. It is the responsibility of the MSBA team to cover umpiring costs for exhibition games. Umpires are to be paid prior to the game.

For all MSBA games (exhibition, regular season, tournament, and playoff games), umpires may be paid their full game fee *unless* they are notified 1 hour (or more) before the scheduled start time of the game. In cases of rainouts, forfeits, field issues, lighting issues, weather issues, or any other event, umpires will still receive the full game fee, unless otherwise advised by the Umpire-in-Chief. Umpires who officiate a game alone are entitled to **both** game fees (double pay).

The Umpire-In-Chief shall have final discretion on all matters relating to umpire game fees.



2024 UMPIRE RATES & DATES

Age	Division	Rate
8U & 9U	Rookie Ball (A/AAA)	\$30
10U & 11U	Tyke (A/AA) & Mosquito AAA	\$35
12U & 13U	Peewee (A/AA/AAA)	\$40
14U & 15U	Bantam (A/AA/AAA)	\$55
16U	Minor Midget AAA (7 innings)	\$65
17U & 18U	Midget (A/AA) (7 innings)	\$65
17U, 18U & 22U	Midget AAA / Junior AAA (9 innings)	\$75
22U	Junior AA (7 innings)	\$65
22U	Junior AAA (9 innings)	\$75