



## 2024 CMBABU Apprentice Program

Email Barry Fuller [echofarmwb@comcast.net](mailto:echofarmwb@comcast.net) and Danny Labrie [Labrie.daniel@yahoo.com](mailto:Labrie.daniel@yahoo.com) to sign up for this program.

"Referral Program". For current members that recruit a new umpire, if that apprentice becomes a full member, then your dues for the following season will be waived.

There will be a \$50 fee to participate in the CMBABU apprenticeship program. This program will include:

1. Rule book and case book
2. Six rules instruction classes
3. Four open book quizzes
4. One final exam
5. Three mechanics/signals' clinics
6. Two field clinics umpiring real preseason games with veteran's feedback

Upon completion of the course and becoming a member, you'll receive:

- Two state of Maine umpire patches for your uniforms (additional are \$5 each)
- One black, fitted hat with CM logo embroidered on the front (additional are \$20 each)

**Apprentice Rules Instruction Schedule Meetings will be held via zoom, link will be emailed to entire board/apprentices prior to each meeting and also posted on the boards website. Meetings to start at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted.**

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Also, check the website for full board meetings. 1 hour prior to our board meetings, Barry will put on a rules clinic for all that wish to attend. You will be expected to join to see the clinics, check the website to see the 2024 executive board meeting schedule. You will be able to officiate games this spring and the summer. A field exam will be conducted at some point with the interpreter. If you pass, you will be a full member and will be expected to pay your dues for

the following year. All officials pay dues a year in advance. Upon paying your dues, you get a CMBABU patch for your shirt and a hat. Website is CMBABU: Central Maine Board of Approved Baseball Umpires - Home ([centralmaineumpires.com](http://centralmaineumpires.com))

Equipment startup packages

Gerry Davis Sports: Home Baseball / Starter Package –

The Sports Loft Online Store Baseball Umpire Uniforms | Softball Referee Clothing |

Honig's Note: used equipment is available from member of the board who are upgrading or retiring. Typically, items can be purchased for 25% of original cost, or they are given away.

Umpire Fees: see our website and clinic on the "2024 Umpire Fees" link Typical schedule for a new official who is available most of the time will include middle school, Freshman, JV, Junior Legion, Babe Ruth, Cal Ripken, AAU, and over 60. You could do as many as 50 games

Once you pass the program and Barry confirms it, I will reach out to you to assign you a uniform number and get you your hat and patches. You will also then owe your dues (\$80) for this current season.