

CMBABU Professionalism Clinic April 11, 2021

Preseason

1. Check equipment out, try it on, clean and inspect.
2. Exercise to prevent injury.
3. Know the rules.

Night before game

1. Call partner.
2. Plan arrival, where/time to meet, plate/bases, uniform.
3. Get equipment and uniform ready.
4. Get weather report.
5. Take plate gear regardless of assignment.
6. Optional: *let your wife know where you are going to be.*

Game Day

1. Check with school if weather or field conditions questionable.
2. Arrive .5 to 1 hour early; make home team aware that you are there.
3. Park
 - a. away from fans if possible.
 - b. where you can see the field.
 - c. where you can change with some privacy.
4. Hit the field at 10 minute mark.
 - a. take care of business, formulate ground rules, game balls.
 - b. limit socializing.
5. Keep pregame brief and about the game, if coaches want to chat, let them do the bulk of the talking
6. Respect your partner's position as the umpire in chief. Don't take over.
7. Limit meetings between innings with your partner.
 - a. do not meet directly after controversy.
 - b. do meet if something needs to be fixed.
 - c. use the cross signal.
 - d. be ready for the start of the inning.
 - i. when throw down occurs, base ump hustle to the line.
 - ii. when throw down occurs, plate ump hustle to plate.
8. Do not socialize with fans.
9. Do not go near dug outs unless ruling on a play
10. Limit chat with coaches in boxes or with first baseman.
11. Hustle from position to position, beat the catcher back to the plate.
12. Between innings, help your self out by going to a spot where you can watch the warm up, without interfering.

Post game

1. Don't neglect game ending procedure
2. Baseballs get rolled toward the dugout, don't hang around to pass them
3. Leave field with partner, don't run, but walk briskly
4. Review the game with your partner for any mechanic or rules questions, if you are going to rate this person, he shouldn't be surprised if he were to see your name on the rating.
5. Do not leave the grounds with out your partner. Wait for car start.
6. Call interpreter with serious problems like ejections. All ejections must be reported to assignor.
7. Do not quibble about mileage, especially with schools, deal with your assignor.
8. Use of tobacco or alcohol at the games site is prohibited

Uniform

1. Be warm; wear what you have to in order to stay into the game.
2. Clean and neat.
3. Don't wear uniform to work ☺

Umpiring Chat

1. **Avoid hanging with coaches**
 - a. **Before game**
 - b. **After game**
 - c. **During the season in general**
2. **Don't talk about fellow officials**
 - a. **If you do, do it in constructive manner**
 - b. **Talk about plays, OK to say who was involved**
3. **Use "newspaper test"**
 - a. **Are you OK with it being on the sports page the next day**
 - i. **What you said**
 - ii. **What you did**
 - iii. **Where you were seen**
4. **Treat you board with respect**
 - a. **Take care of business, ratings, dues, assignment**
 - b. **Keep assignor and interpreter and secretary informed**
 - c. **Support the board with on other activities whenever you can**

Social Media

Pros

Chat rooms can stimulate your thought on different plays

Cons

You can get some very wrong information

Lesson

Dig into your rule book; talk with someone that you trust

Pro

Great to make connections with other umpires, or umpires you have known

Con

Great way for connections that you don't want to find you

Lesson

Don't join if you don't want to have your life infringed upon

Pro

Place to vent

Con

Terrible place to vent

Lesson

Call a true confidant instead

Pro

Place to critique teams and coaches

Con

Totally inappropriate

Lesson

You may have to learn this lesson the hard way, but it can ruin your officiating life

Contract with the MPA

Independent contractor - Yes

Commitment to a contract - Yes

We have a contract with the MPA to officiate baseball games per the Federation rules. The expectation of the MPA is that we will conduct ourselves as paid representation of the MPA. Setting aside rules, not being prepared conditionally or having appropriate rules knowledge, or displaying conduct that would not be appropriate for an educator, or not fulfilling commitments, all fall within the unprofessional category for a baseball umpire working under this contract.

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