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MEMBER PACKET



2017 - 2018

High School Baseball and Softball Season



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NEW MEMBERS

Although this Packet is for all members providing important information, it is especially helpful for new members regarding our local association, East Coast Umpires, and the state association, FHSAA (Florida High School Athletic Association). Please read carefully.

It is important for you to stay in touch with the evaluators and trainers and attend as many training opportunities as possible. The Training Coordinators, selected by the Executive Board, selects members of the Training & Evaluation Committees (TEC) for each sport.

As Training Coordinators, we are proud of our association, which we believe have some of the best officials for High School as anyone. Veteran officials of ECUA help the TEC, unselfish, volunteering, and willing to help new members along.

Use the Member Checklist (page 21) to ensure you get the basic/important items completed.

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Important aspects of officiating are sharing knowledge and have continual training available and periodic evaluations; it is what makes an association strong.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

To work a High School sport(s) you must register with BOTH*. 102.02 (OGB) Officials Guidebook**

1. *STATE ASSN. - FHSAA-\$46 register on-line (\$46 if you only work one FHSAA sport -subsequent FHSAA sports are \$27 each. Deadline is Jan. 2 to avoid fee for returning members. No applications accepted by FHSAA after January 16.

New members: <https://fhsaa.arbitersports.com/front/103524/Site>

Returning members with Arbitr account: click on FHSAA Central Hub to renew.

- 2.*LOCAL ASSN., East Coast Umpires Association - \$50 dues. APPLICATIONS are to be submitted with dues (cash or check only) and can be found on www.eastcoastumpires.org.

NEW THIS YEAR: ALL MEMBERS MUST FILL OUT AN APPLICATION – ‘Returning Member’ or ‘New Member’ Application is on *Documents and Forms* page of ECUA web site.

If you work softball and baseball, only one local fee is paid, covering both sports.

NOTE: Local Middle School dues DO NOT cover local High School dues; High School dues are a separate fee.

The FHSAA Officials Guidebook** consists of general guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures and can be found on www.FHSAA.org as an electronic file under tab ‘For Contest Officials’ - ‘Rules and Publications’

NEW MEMBERS:

It is recommended that you read on FHSAA site under *For Contest Officials - Become An Official*.

*****REGISTRATION DEADLINE*****

Registration deadline for returning members for FHSAA is January 2, 2018 to avoid a late fee.

FHSAA will not accept any application for Baseball or Softball after 1-16-18.

If fine is assessed, no schedule will be given until dues and fine are paid.

Deadline for registration for East Coast Umpires Association is January 15, 2018. Returning members will assess a late registration fee of \$30.00 in addition to their dues if paid after January 15, 2018.

No new members will be accepted after January 15, 2018

Unless Training Coordinators and Executive Board Approves.

**Dues/Application can be mailed:
ECUA, P.O. Box 17845, WPB, FL 33415**

ECUA

Executive Board and Training Staff (561 Area Code Unless Otherwise Noted)

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS		
President – Stephen Schiller	msss6642@aol.com	389-2633
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Training/Education		
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ECUA Calendar of Events

Meeting location: Palm Beach County School Board District Office.

3300 Forest Hill Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Meet in Cafeteria located off courtyard area in back of the building.

November 6, 2017 ^ #	6:00 PM Softball Training	7:00PM General Meeting (GM)	7:30 Baseball Training
	Dues - \$50 and an application from ALL JOINING; New and returning.		
December 4, ^ #	6:00PM Softball Training	7:00 GM	7:30 Baseball Training
January 15, 2018^	Softball & Baseball - <u>BOTH 6:00PM</u>		7:00 GM
	Purchase Officials – Equipment and Accessories Sales, FOLLOWING General Meeting		
January 29 ^ #	6:00PM Softball Training	7:00 GM	7:30 Baseball Training
January 8 – Feb. 3	Softball Field Training. Time, date and location TBA.		
January 29 – Feb. 10	Baseball Field Training. Time, date and location TBA. (Intra-squad games).		
February 18 + #	6:00PM Baseball Training	7:00 GM	7:30 Softball Training
March 4+ #	6:00PM Baseball Training	7:00 GM	7:30 Softball Training * NOMINATIONS
March 18 + #	6:00PM Baseball Training	7:00 GM	7:30 Softball Training * NOMINATIONS
	<u>PLAYOFF RECOMMENDATIONS ANNOUNCED</u>		
April 15+ #	7:00PM GM, DISTRICT & REGIONAL Discussion, **ELECTIONS, Pizza Social		

Executive Board Meetings will start at 6:00PM prior to the General Meetings

* Nominations for President, Secretary and Member at Large - March 4 & 18. **Elections, April 15

Executive Board Meeting scheduled ^MONDAY night +SUNDAY night

Registration deadline for returning members for FHSAA is January 2, 2018 to avoid a late fee.

FHSAA will NOT accept any application for Baseball or Softball after 1-16-18.

ECUA will NOT accept returning members after 2-22-17.

If fine is assessed, no schedule will be given until dues and fine are paid.

Deadline for registration for East Coast Umpires Association is

January 15, 2018. Returning members will assess a late registration fee of \$30.00 in addition to their dues if paid after January 15, 2018.

NO NEW MEMBERS will be accepted after JANUARY 15, 2018 without Training Coordinator's and Executive Board's approval.

**Dues/Application can be mailed:
ECUA, P.O. Box 17845, WPB, FL 33415**

FINGERPRINTING & BACKGROUND CHECKS

Jessica Lunsford Act

MANDATORY

The act became law in Florida September 2005 and requires all vendors and individuals who contract with district school boards and as a result are given access to school grounds when students are present to be fingerprinted and undergo a criminal background screening. Those individuals who are found to have committed crimes of "moral turpitude" must be denied access to school grounds.

Contest officials are not exempt from the law's provisions.

- ✓ Fingerprinting and criminal background screening **MUST BE** done through the Palm Beach County School Board by everyone, including police officers, FBI, etc. School Board employees, who are also officials, obviously do not have to do 'again'.
- ✓ LOCATION: Palm Beach County School Board on Forest Hill Blvd.
- ✓ Fingerprinting and criminal background screening by other organizations are **NOT** acceptable; i.e. police, city, etc.
- ✓ Only a **MONEY ORDER** is accepted for payment in the amount of \$47 made out to the PBC School Board.
- ✓ Fingerprinting and criminal background screening will be done at the school board building on Forest Hill Blvd. where our meetings are held. Go through front doors of building to the reception desk. You will be directed from there.
- ✓ DAYS and TIMES for fingerprinting & criminal background screening:
- ✓ Bring a photo ID and Social Security Card

8:00 - 3:30

Monday - Friday (except Holidays)

- ✓ You will be required to fill out paperwork. ***Be sure to list all and any violations, including traffic violations. Minor violations will not prohibit you from working but any omissions possibly could.***



WEB SITE

www.eastcoastumpires.org

Some items that can be found at www.eastcoastumpires.org

Changes/updates are made periodically.












1. Welcome Letter – ALL OFFICIALS SHOULD READ THIS.
2. This Member Packet. (New members, see 'Member Checklist' page 21).
3. ECUA Applications; one for RETURNING Members and one for
NEW Members.
4. Baseball and Softball Training Material (new material added periodically).
Field Training Dates and Sites listed as they are made available. Practice
Games (used for Field Training) listed as coaches request them.
5. Documents and Forms; Pay Sheets, FHSAA Ejection and Miscellaneous
Report, etc.
6. Links; FHSAA, Equipment/Uniform Companies, Arbiter Sports, etc.
7. ECUA By-laws.
8. Treasurer Reports and Meeting Minutes will be added once meetings start.

WEB SITE

Baseball & Softball Training Material

New and Updated Material Added Periodically

Baseball








	2-Man Mechanics
	3-Man Mechanics
	Balks
	Illegal Bats
	JV Time Limit
	Major Rules Differences (HS vs Pro)
	Option Plays
	Pre-game Checklist
	Strike Zone
	What Makes a Good Umpire
	Pre-season Guide (2018 Guide to be added January)



POWERPOINTS

- Florida's P/DH Rule
- Keeping a Line-up Card
- Pitching & Conferences
- ARBITER. How to Use.
- **2018 Rules Presentation**
(To be added January)

Softball

	Certified Equipment
	Game Tracker
	JV Time Limit
	Line-up Card Management
	NFHS General Rules Information
	Pre-game Checklist
	Pre-season Guide (2018 Guide to be added January)

PURCHASING EQUIPMENT/UNIFORMS

There are several companies that sell umpire equipment, uniforms, and accessories.

Baseball uniform requirements - see pg. 24 of this packet, Softball requirements - see pg. 29.

YOU CAN ONLY PURCHASE THE MANDATORY SHIRTS FROM HONIGS OR GERRY DAVIS.

The shirts are mandatory for Post Season-Regional and State Finals.

Notice: Purchase Officials may be selected as a distributor of the mandatory shirts and hats but that has not been confirmed.

If becomes confirmed, Fred will have the shirts at our meeting on January 15. Otherwise, you can purchase from Gerry Davis or Hongi's.

*PURCHASE OFFICIALS carries the type of umpire slacks the association voted on:

PLATE Pants - PT-7525P-----\$69.99

BASE Pants - PT-7525B----\$69.99

***PURCHASE OFFICIALS will be at our January 15th** meeting with merchandise for anyone wanting to make purchases at that time. If there are certain items you are sure you want to purchase you may call them to insure those items are brought to the meeting; i.e. shoe and pant size. They literally 'set up shop' in the cafeteria. Cash or credit cards accepted. **NO CHECKS.**

1) **Gerry Davis Sports**- Baseball & Softball Uniforms and Equipment

<http://www.gerrydavis.com/mm5/category/FHSAA>

2) +POS - www.pluspos.com or 800-323-5722

3) Honig's - www.honigs.com or 800-468-3284 Also carries pants worn by ECUA:

Plate - PBS4 Base - PBS3

4)*Purchase Officials - www.purchaseofficials.com 954-990-5806

642 NE 40th Court, Oakland Park, FL 33334

Fred Collida - Call to make appointment if visiting the shop.

ALTERATIONS: Pants hemmed, etc.

Call June at (561) 687-3109.

(Night time is the best time to call.)

She works from her home and is available weeknights and weekends. Her address is 2381 Summit Blvd. (1 mile east of Congress) and just east of Florida Mango Road on the north side of Summit.

Call first. Prices are very reasonable.

2017-18 FHSAA Playing Dates

BASEBALL

<http://www.fhsaa.org/sports/baseball>

Link to follow all State playoff games - District, Regional and State Finals.

• First practice date	January 29
• Preseason classic tournament	February 12-17
• First regular season playing date	February 19
• PBCounty Spring Break Week	March 19-23
• Last district game playing date	April 21
• Last regular season playing date	April 28
• DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS	April 30 – May 4
• REGIONAL	1/4 Final Class 5A-9A May 8 Tues.
	Semis Class 1A-4A May 9 Wed. Class 5A-9A May 15 Tues.
	FINALS Class 1A-4A May 15 Tues. Class 5A-9A May 22 Tues.
• STATE Finals at CenturyLink Sports Complex - HAMMOND Stadium 14100 Ben C. Pratt Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Ft. Myers, FL 33912	May 23 - 26 (Wed - Sat) and May 30 - June 2 (Wed - Sat)

SOFTBALL

<http://www.fhsaa.org/sports/softball>

Link to follow all State playoff games - District, Regional and State Finals.

• First practice date	January 22
• Preseason classic tournament	February 5-10
• First regular season playing date	February 12
• PBCounty Spring Break Week	March 19-23
• Last district game playing date	April 14
• Last regular season playing date	April 21
• DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS	April 23-28
• REGIONAL	1/4 Final Class 5A-9A May 2 Wed.
	Semis Class 1A-4A May 3 Tues. Class 5A-9A May 8 Tues.
	FINALS Class 1A-4A May 8 Tues. Class 5A-9A May 11 Fri.
• STATE Finals Dodgertown, Vero Beach 3901 26 th Street, Vero Beach 32960	May 16-19 Wed. – Sat.

2017-18 Calendar At-A-Glance

Info from Officials Guidebook, Online Publication
FHSAA.org (For Contest Officials, Rules & Publications)

July 2017

24 Online Registration Available

December 2017

15 Training Sessions Due - BA and SB (Assn. administration responsible)

January 2018

2 Initial Spring Registration Deadline (to avoid \$10 late fee)

16 **Last day to register for Spring Sports.**

March

30 **Recommendations for Softball due to FHSAA** (Assn. administration responsible)
(Recommendations for State Series playoff games; Regional and Final Four)

April

6 **Recommendations for Baseball due to FHSAA** (Assn. responsible)
(Recommendations for State Series playoff games; Regional and Final Four)

May

25 Baseball & Softball - game/meeting reports due to FHSAA (Assn. administration responsible)
(Each official's number of games and meeting attendance are sent to the FHSAA)

June

4-15 Online Sanction Renewal Available (Assn. administration responsible)

5 Spring Sports Officials Advisory Committee Meeting at FHSAA Office. (Baseball & Softball)

8-9 Officials Leadership Conference (tentative date)

FHSAA Rules Examination

MANDATORY, See Officials Guidebook 103

Each official must take the FHSAA online rules examination in the sport(s) in which he or she is registered each year.

*****NEW EXAM INFO:**

Starting for the 2017-18 school year, the FHSAA Rules Exam for both SOFTBALL and BASEBALL is at the same time.

EXAM DATES: December 26 – February 9

Officials can start the exam...suspend it and start again as many times as they need within the dates of December 26 – February 9.

The exam must be started and finished within this date range.

Everyone should get 100% being an open book exam with **46 days to complete.**

NEW THIS YEAR: Rules Book will no longer be sent.

Log into Arbiter and go to NFHS Central Hub.

Click on Publications Tab and appropriate sport.

Cannot retrieve the electronic book until FHSAA dues are paid.

Log into Arbiter and click on the FHSAA Central Hub. Click on TEST tab at top of page.

At the end of the examination cycle...officials who fail to take the mandatory FHSAA rules examination...shall be suspended, effective immediately, from officiating at any FHSAA sanctioned contest, in any sport, at any level. This suspension shall be lifted upon payment of a rules examination non-participation fine in the amount of \$50 and the clearance of any other financial obligations to the FHSAA that may be outstanding [see s.205.02(5)].

WHAT MAKES A GOOD UMPIRE

The following is the criteria the Evaluators look for when ranking officials.

#1 Professionalism

Respect for the game and all involved (players, coaches, fans & fellow umpires) Conduct/attitude/demeanor toward others - on and off the field.

PERCEPTION IS REALITY How are you perceived?

Arriving to games on time; at least 30 minutes before game time, preferably 1 hour.

#2 Appearance

Dress and maintain your appearance in a manner befitting the dignity and importance of the game.

No faded hats, shirts, or pants. Clean shoes.

The poorly dressed umpire suffers loss of respect to the same degree that the unkempt businessman does, which may diminish credibility.

Looking professional is part of being professional.

#3 Attitude

Teachable (the official who can't 'listen' as he is being taught/critiqued, reflects how he would perform in a game...with coaches, players) **Don't be a 'yea, but' official.**

Be firm but not overbearing Confident

but never "cocky" Friendly but not

companionable Calm but alert

Courteous but not ingratiating (to gain favor by deliberate effort)

A dignified attitude will often preclude and prevent an argument.

#4 Physically fit

An umpire who is not physically fit is a detriment to the game. Athletes are well conditioned, and officials must keep pace.

Must be able to move quickly to get into best position to cover a play. Hustle is crucial.

#5 Timing

Decisions must be made positively and with good timing. Timidity or over hesitation indicates a lack of confidence.

Most novice umpires must guard against rendering decisions prematurely.

#6 Judgment

Acquired through experience.

Decisions must be made based on fact.

Every umpire will sometimes err in his judgment. NEVER ATTEMPT TO 'EVEN IT UP'. **Consistency is key; consistently good, that is.**

#7 Rules knowledge

Good umpiring is dependent upon a complete knowledge and understanding of the rules and applying them properly.

To know the rules thoroughly requires constant and analytical study.

Must study not just 'read' so that mental pictures of plays and situations result.

Frequent errors in rule interpretation or in judgment quickly cause the players, coaches and spectators to lose confidence.

#8 Proper mechanics

Essential in attaining the best coverage to make good judgment calls.

Important to take the best position possible for any given play without being in the way of any player or thrown or batted ball.

Many umpires who know the rules well fail to be accepted because their mechanics are poor.

The efficient umpire will not 'showboat'. Competent umpires effectively execute their duties without flair. Being overly dramatic all too often does not accomplish the purpose for which it is intended, and such actions frequently cause the players to lose confidence in the decisions made by an 'actor'. **Quiet dignity is much more effective.**

#9 Game Control – Proper handling/defusing of unsportsmanlike situations. Professional handling of ejections. Keep game moving.

Dealing with irate coach or player – Don't look to battle.

Dealing with unsportsmanlike behavior; on the bench or on the field- Know when to 'nip' it in a professional manner before it gets out of hand.

If an ejection occurs be sure you and your partner know your responsibilities.

One minute between ½ innings; line-up card changes done efficiently and quickly; conference held to reasonable length of time, etc.

*It is universally acknowledged umpires have made notable contributions to the development of baseball traditions. It is the duty of every umpire to contribute all that he or she can to maintain the great traditions in baseball by giving this chosen profession or avocation the best service possible. To maintain and continue high standards, it is necessary that every umpire carry out each assignment to the best of his or her ability. Throughout the country umpires have been and are admired for their **Integrity**.* NFHS Umpires Manual

Key points from document by Jon Bible (6-time College World Series umpire, 23 consecutive NCAA D1 Regionals)

1. Makes no difference how great your judgment, mechanics or rules knowledge if you do things that cause people to perceive you negatively. Umpires who are weak in some or even all of those categories will be in demand if they have mastered the intangibles well enough that they have a positive image. Umpires who gripe about the caliber of their games or chalk up to politics the fact that someone else gets better assignments would do well to keep that fact of officiating life in mind.
2. Are you overweight? Is your uniform dirty? Are your pants so tight that they get caught on your shin guards when you rise out of your crouch? Does your shirt stick out after two innings? Is your cap from the WWII era?
3. Do you visit with players and coaches?
4. Do you have mannerisms that unwittingly convey fear or a lack of confidence? Some coaches who sense such things in an umpire, especially a new one, are like wolves presented with fresh meat.
5. You don't see major leaguers throwing fits and yelling at the top of their lungs...on the contrary, everything they do is controlled, which projects a relaxed confident "This isn't my first rodeo" image.
6. Do you visit your partner every half-inning? Talk incessantly with catchers? Umpires carrying on running chats with catchers or with partners between innings ranked second on the coaches' "pet peeve" list.
7. Do you yank your mask and mount the dugout when you start getting flak on pitches? Use the old "one more word" line? If a batter mutters something under his breath while walking away, do you follow him and demand to know what he said? In an argument, must you have the first, middle and last word? In all cases you look like the aggressor.
8. To know the rules and mechanics and have good judgment is essential. All that is for naught, however, if for whatever reason you are perceived as dictatorial, humorless, clueless and the like. To be a complete umpire, concentrate as much on the intangibles of good officiating as you do on the other things.
9. Be nice. Don't look for trouble. Strive for excellence, not perfection.

RANKING CRITERIA

Rank 1

1. 94 or above on most recent exam
2. Participates in field and classroom sessions
3. Meets FHSAA and ECUA playoff criteria
4. ECUA is Primary association
5. Trainers' overall objective opinion (Average 1s and no 3s)* of an official's overall performance on and off the field using 'What Makes a Good Umpire' document as a guideline.
6. Considered to work State Finals, Plate, due to excellent game control, good judgment, strike zone, rules knowledge, solid 3-man mechanics and leadership qualities.

Rank 2

1. 90 or above on most recent exam
2. Participates in field and classroom sessions
3. Meets FHSAA and ECUA playoff criteria
4. ECUA is Primary association
5. Trainers' overall objective opinion (Average 1s and no 3s)* of an official's overall performance on and off the field using 'What Makes A Good Umpire' document as a guideline.
6. Considered to work State Finals, Bases, due to game control, good judgment, rules knowledge, and solid 3-man mechanics.

Rank 3

1. 84 or above on most recent exam
2. Participates in field and classroom sessions
3. Trainers' overall objective opinion (mostly Average)* of an official's overall performance on and off the field using 'What Makes A Good Umpire' document as a guideline.
4. Ranked 3 official is one who needs reasonable amount of improvement or experience in one or more areas of 'What Makes a Good Umpire'.
5. Use in District Playoffs if needed; has good 3-man mechanics knowledge. Possibly recommended for a playoff crew (1st round only) with Rank 1 and/or Rank 2 partners or as an alternate.

Rank 4 (Low Level/Non-District Varsity Games)

1. 80 or above on most recent exam
2. Participates in field and classroom sessions
3. Trainers' overall objective opinion (2s and 3s)
4. The official needs considerable amount of improvement or experience in one or more areas of WMGU.

Rank – JV

1. New officials to ECUA start in JV.
2. Recommended time at JV level; 3 years. (may be more or less depending on progress)
3. Remains in JV if considerable improvement in numerous or most areas are needed.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD UMPIRE

*Scale:	1-Good/Above Average	2-Average	3-Needs Improvement
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Online Assigning Program

Mona Osborne is the Assignor for Baseball & Softball - monaosborne@aol.com
See *ARBITER. How to Use.* PowerPoint and PDF on ECUA web site – www.eastcoastumpires.org

Once you sign up with FHSAA/ECUA you will be added to ArbiterSports. Schedules are sent through this program. An email is sent notifying you when you have new game(s) and a reminder email will be sent two days before a game.

You will receive an email welcoming you to the program.

There will be instructions for you to follow in the Welcome Letter to finish the registration on the system. Please follow those instructions carefully.

Be sure to read the *Announcements* on the home page.

Common Error: Officials forget to mark themselves 'Ready' (near top/right of MAIN page), don't put in their phone numbers correctly, etc. **BE SURE TO MAKE PHONE NUMBERS and ADDRESS 'PUBLIC'.**

PICTURE - Upload a picture of yourself in Arbiter. Picture should not be full body but torso or shoulders up. A semi-professional look; preferably a plain shirt (NO t-shirts, hats or sunglasses). Pic should not be in umpire uniform.

CALENDAR - Found under 'BLOCKS'. It is very important to keep your calendar up to date. You should familiarize yourself with the 'workings' of the calendar in Arbiter before the season starts. You can block entire day(s) or partial day(s). You can block certain day(s) of the week throughout the season with a few clicks utilizing the 'Time Range' and/or 'Date Range'.

TRAVEL LIMITS - Found under 'BLOCKS'. If you are limited to the distance you can travel for a game, it is important to fill this section out properly. Use the zip code from work, home, etc. where you will be traveling from to your games. You can customize the 'Distance' a certain day(s) to be different than the rest of the days, if needed. Example: on Tuesday's you must stay late at work, so your travel distance may be different than the rest of the days. ARBITER calculates you arriving 30 minutes before game time from your zip code to zip code of game site.

EVENTS - will be posted in Arbiter. Events can be meetings, practice games, anything besides a Game Assignment. Events that are for training are to be accepted if planning to attend. Events in Arbiter are NOT game assignments and will be listed as an EVENT on your schedule. Practice Games are NOT assigned games and will be listed as an EVENT (Practice Games, see pg. 23) Clicking on the word EVENT will show more detail for the Event.

MEMBER ROSTER – It is suggested just before the season starts (once all members are in Arbiter) that you print out a Member Roster. You can print names with phone numbers or phone numbers and addresses. This is handy when you need to call your partner, for example.

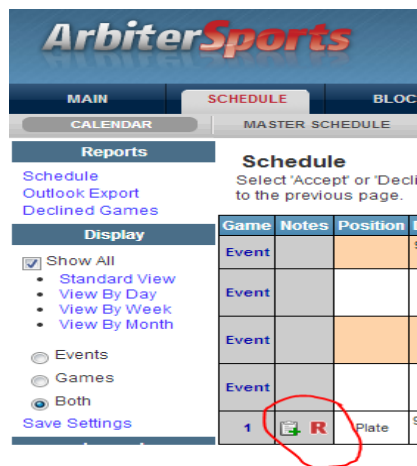
SITES - When you receive your game assignment the site of the game is also listed. Usually the game is played at the school but sometimes at a park or other location. If you aren't sure how to get to the site listed, you can click on the site in your game assignment and it will take you to a page with the address. Click on that address and a Google map will appear.

PARTNER – On your schedule click on the Game Number to see your partner's name. Click on their name and their info (address, phone numbers) will come up. **Continued...**

SCHEDULE Tab - If you change a filter(s) you must hit **APPLY** after. For **DATE** filter, there are **10** options. If you don't see your schedule you may need to change a filter. There are 'Display' options, also, to view your schedule.

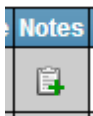
MASTER SCHEDULE - Under *Schedule* is a subtitle *Master Schedule*. You can see all games listed once they are inputted into system, click on **VIEW SLOTS** to see who is scheduled. This is helpful to new/newer officials who may want to go out and watch a certain veteran official work for learning purposes. You may want to contact the officials to let them know you plan to attend their game and sit in on the crew's pre-and post-game.

GAME REPORTS and NOTES IN ARBITER



GAME REPORT: If you are the HOME PLATE umpire you will notice a red **R** on your schedule. Click this and fill out a Game Report. In the **COMMENTS** section of the report, confirm that both officials assigned worked the game or put the name of new base partner. If you did not work the game write that in the Comment section. Write about any unusual plays, situations and/or concerns that may have happened prior, during or after the game.

'NOTES': The BASE and/or PLATE umpire may write a NOTE with any comments they have about the game.



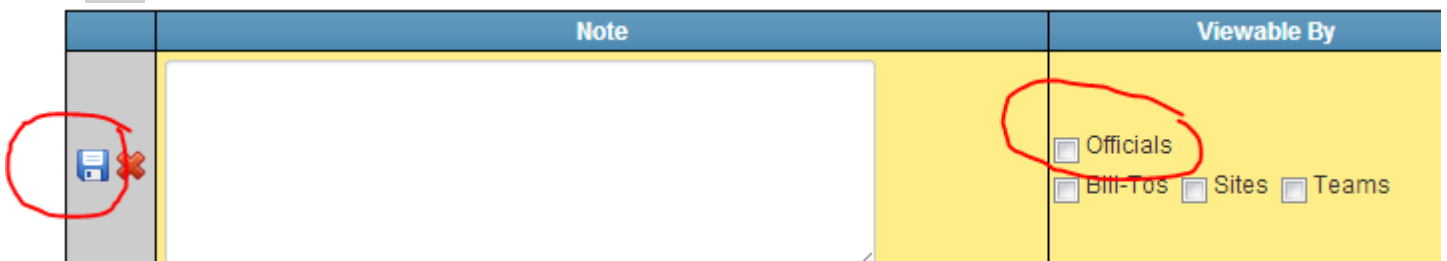
Click on [Notes icon] next to the game on your schedule. Then click on the green + sign



write your note. Hit the blue 'save' icon.



Only the Assignor & Training Coordinator can see the note if you don't check 'Officials' under 'Viewable By'.



ASSIGNMENTS

All New Members begin as a Junior Varsity official with exceptions (confirmed/approved to work Varsity due to previous experience). (JV season starts about 1 – 2 weeks after Varsity and ends about 2 weeks before Varsity). Once you are registered with ECUA, you will be added to the online assigning program, ArbiterSports. There are other things the program is used for; **EVENTS**, messages, directions to schools, officials' contact information, etc. You should take time to familiarize yourself with the program; learning how to set your availability on the calendars, (blocking days or times you are not available) finding a school location, etc.

RESTRICTIONS?

You are to block schools in Arbiter that you cannot officiate per the FHSAA Guidebook:

OGB - Officials Guidebook 106 (6) & (7)

(6) No FHSAA official may officiate a contest involving a school in all the following stipulations within the last four (4) years:

- a. His/her child or immediate relative attends or attended
- b. The official himself/herself and/or a relative works or worked
- c. The official attended, graduated, or coached

(7) No FHSAA official may officiate a varsity district contest in which the official currently serves as a coach at a school in that particular district.

YETTA GREENE oversees athletics for the Palm Beach County School Board.

Report via phone 963-3872 to Yetta ASAP after the game, any ejections or other problems or concerns you may have encountered either before, during or after your game.

See page 28 (baseball) and page 32 (softball) for complete info on filling out an EJECTION REPORT or MISCELLANEOUS REPORT.

Forms can also be found under 'LISTS/FORMS' in ARBITER and ECUA WEB SITE or 'COPY AND PASTE' above link(s).

Yetta's numbers are:

Office: 963-3872 Cell: 762-3798

Try office phone first. If no answer, leave a message. Try her cell phone if your call requires day of attention. See page 1 for all contact info for Yetta.

- ✓ **IF RAINING, ETC...DO NOT CALL YETTA.** If game is canceled, she will contact the officials assigned once she receives notice from the School.
- ✓ **IF THE SCHOOLS CLOSE DUE TO WEATHER, GAMES ARE CANCELED.**

GAME ASSIGNMENT PROTOCOL

ACCEPTING, DECLINING, TURNING GAMES BACK – PARTNER CONTACT, WEATHER

1. Receiving, accepting, declining and turn backs.

- ✓ Notice of assignments through Arbiter are received via email. Log into Arbiter to accept or decline. (Be sure to click '**SUBMIT**' at bottom of page.)
- ✓ Be sure to accept or decline **ASAP** (should not be many declines if calendar is updated) Be sure to click '**SUBMIT**' after accepting or declining.
- ✓ Click on Game Number to see who partner is.
- ✓ Click on partner's name for their info.

Each year we have numerous games declined and turned back making the job of assigning difficult and time consuming. If an emergency those declines and turn backs are understood.

YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR CALENDAR UP TO DATE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.

- Never switch a game with another official. All changes go through the assignor OR Yetta.
- Follow your assignment as far as Plate or Base.

IMPORTANT: If turning back a game in ARBITER it must be at least 72 hours or more before the game. Go to your 'Schedule' in Arbiter; at far right of game to be turned back, click on *Turnback Assignment*. The option is not there if within 72 hours of the game. Within 48 hours call Mona and for day of, call Yetta 963-3872 for either sport.

(example below shows when the game was accepted and then the option of turning back.)

Accepted on 3/5/2016

Turnback Assignment*

(*this will only show if outside 72 hours before game day)

2. Protocol – Partner

- ✓ **PLATE** person should call their partner at least two days before game day. **BASE** person should call no later than day before if he has not heard from his partner. Confirm time of arrival, (no later than 30 minutes before game time), shirt color, where parking, etc.
- ✓ Plate partner is to ensure who will bring the pay sheet. Keep extra blank ones in your vehicle. Sheets on web site. www.eastcoastumpires.org
- ✓ Be sure you always have your partner's cell number. You can print a roster from Arbiter to your discretions; names with phone numbers, addresses, pictures, or just names and numbers, etc.
- ✓ Be sure you always have Yetta's numbers.
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MEMBER CHECKLIST

www.eastcoastumpires.org

This checklist contains some important things to know and do to work sanctioned High School games in Palm Beach County.

- Join ECUA (mandatory) See page 4.**
\$50, payable by check (to ECUA), or cash. No Credit Cards.
NOTE: Paid Middle School dues does not include High School Season; these are separate dues.
- Join FHSAA. (mandatory) NOW THROUGH ARBITER. See page 4.**
- ALL MEMBERS: Fill out ECUA appropriate application; New or Returning.**
On web site. (mandatory)
- Fingerprinting and Background Check Completed (mandatory) See page 7.**
 Badge received is good for 5 years. Info on web site under Documents and Forms.
- Fill out W-9** (Yetta Greene of PBC School Board will provide at 2018 meetings. HS W9 is separate from Middle School W9 and other sports; must fill out for each sport/level) **(mandatory)**
- NEW MEMBERS: Complete registration on Arbiter - online assigning program. (mandatory)** You will receive a Welcome Letter from Arbiter with further instructions.
- UNIFORM: Required Uniform according to FHSAA Guidebook under '700 Dress Code':**
The use of the blue and green FHSAA Shield insignia is mandatory in all sports on all Levels.
(sanctioned by FHSAA) (mandatory)
- For **complete uniform info** including where to purchase items, see page 10 and page 25 (Baseball) and page 30 (softball).
- Print out the Member Packet as a reference tool for ECUA or (PDF; can be put on Smart Phone.)**
- Restricted to work any High Schools?**
See page 19 for list of restrictions.
 This list comes from the FHSAA Officials Guidebook which is only available online.

<http://www.fhsaa.org/rules/officials-guidebook>

Officials Guidebook contains all regulations pertaining to the FHSAA contest officials program, including registration guidelines and procedures, sanctioning of local officials' associations, uniform requirements, fee scales, etc.

ADDITIONAL BASEBALL INFORMATION

See www.eastcoastumpires.org for more training material.



MENTOR UNITS

It is hoped that all returning members of ECUA want to HELP others grow and learn as a baseball official, including themselves. Helping others will always help you because it causes you to get into the Rules Book, learn better Game Management techniques, seek to improve mechanics, etc. If you feel it is important to make us the best we can be as an association, then it is important for you to become involved as much as possible. If you have a hectic work schedule outside of umpiring...you can still be a part in helping others...staying informed through emails, etc. from the Lead Mentor of your Unit...so that maybe in the future when you do have more time...you are already versed in the process and able to do more 'hands on'.

One important change this year is that each Mentor Unit stay in contact with their mentee(s) not just work games with them.

The Mentor Unit (with a Lead Mentor of each Unit) shall be instrumental in helping a NEW MEMBER(s) with any questions regarding the use of Arbiter, navigating our Web Site, Rule, Protocol, Uniform, Member Packet, etc., insuring sign-up for Practice Games (Field Training), insure the New Member(s) are at as many classroom meetings as possible and be willing to stay with that New Member(s) after a meeting or field session to answer any questions they may have.

The Mentor Unit will be assigned games throughout the season with the New Member(s); in the beginning and end of the season particularly. New Members will work with other Varsity officials outside their Unit to broaden their learning experience; New Member(s) will NOT work with just their Unit.

Hopefully each Unit will have no more than 2 New Members...preferably only 1 New Member.

PRACTICE GAMES

Baseball Field Training

Before the season starts there will be Practice Games between a school's JV and Varsity teams. We utilize these games for training for both 2 and 3-man systems.

Most games are at night, but some are as early as 5:00 PM. Saturday games may be throughout the day.

Once the Training Coordinator receives requests from the coaches to work these Practice Games, you will be notified through Arbiter. They will appear as an 'EVENT'. Please reply as to whether you plan to attend or not. Officials are to wear their BLACK FHSAA uniform. You will receive a tentative schedule to work an inning or more on either plate or base or possibly both. You SHOULD arrive an hour before game time and no later than 30 minutes before, if possible.

PLEASE NOTE: The announcement of a Practice Game comes as an Event on Arbiter - you can accept the Event under your *Schedule* tab in Arbiter. Once you accept, a tentative schedule will be sent via AOL email; i.e., the tentative schedule for Practice Games will not come through as a 'game' from Arbiter.

Practice Games will be between January 29 - Feb. 10. Teams are officially allowed to practice starting January 29. February 10 is the Saturday before the season starts and we normally get requests to do four games just on that one day - Feb. 10. Keep as many of these dates open as possible between January 29 and Feb. 10 so that you may plan to attend. Altogether we normally do 10+ practice games before the season starts.

It would be prudent that officials wanting to be considered to work playoff games attend as many 3-man training sessions as possible, both in the classroom and on the field. The Training Committee cannot establish your 3-man ranking otherwise.

New and newer officials to ECUA are especially encouraged to attend as many training sessions as possible (they are not expected to participate in 3-man unless they have a full understanding of HS 2-man; they may however come to watch).

Practice Games will be posted as an '*Event*' in Arbiter but IS NOT a game assignment and will be marked as '*Event*' on your schedule in Arbiter.

Practice Games are NOT assigned games.

If there is more than one Practice Game on a given day, simply choose one you plan to attend and accept it. This will give the trainers a list of who plans to attend.

DRESS CODE

Baseball

Umpires working in the postseason (beginning with regional games) are required to wear the FHSAA approved postseason shirt with an embroidered FHSAA logo. (No patches allowed.)

NEW OFFICIALS SHOULD BUY THESE SHIRTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL, THE SAME SHIRTS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR POSTSEASON. BASEBALL wears Black and Pro Blue. Pro blue is light blue with black in the collar.

Required Uniform according to FHSAA Guidebook under '700 Dress Code':

Note: The use of the blue and green FHSAA Shield insignia is mandatory in all sports on all levels. (On hats and shirts.)

*The baseball umpire's uniform must consist of a light blue, black, cream or cherry shirt OR Major League style navy blue pullover shirt with the FHSAA insignia on the left chest or shirt pocket, provided all members of the officiating crew are uniformly attired; gray slacks; shoes as required by NFHS Rule; athletic socks; (socks should be black or navy blue, not white) and FITTED navy blue (no longer available for purchase) or **black cap with the FHSAA acronym embroidered on the front and the FHSAA vertical logo embroidered on the back.***

NOTE: When purchasing BALL BAGS, you will only need the BLACK ONES (navy is not to be used) for the two shirts available for purchase; black and pro blue. The FHSAA no longer has patches...therefore a new member should only be concerned with purchasing the shirts with the embroidered logo. The other colors mentioned cannot be purchased with the logo embroidered on them. Some veteran officials may still use these other colors because they have a patch on them. EVERYONE is required to have a black shirt. See page10 for vendor listings to purchase shirts, equipment, etc. Purchase Officials will be at our January 16th meeting - they literally set up 'shop' at our meeting site for your convenience.

BLACK SHIRT, HAT AND BALL BAGS are required as mandatory baseball uniform by ECUA. EVERYONE must have a black shirt, but it is recommended to buy the Pro Blue also.

Home plate umpires must wear all necessary protective equipment.

Pants – Type voted on by ECUA members: Purchase Officials Plate # PT7525P, Base # PT7525B or Honig's PBS4 Plate, PBS3 Base. (Purchase Officials will be at our January 15th meeting).

NO gray ball bags. The preferred belt to be worn is 1 & 3/4" BLACK PATENT LEATHER. Thin dress belts are not to be worn.

OUR ASSOCIATION for baseball requires everyone to have a BLACK shirt, hat and ball bags. All other colors are optional until FHSAA makes the two-colored shirts, mentioned above, mandatory for all high school games. You and your partner must match as far as the color of the shirt.

1. BLACK Shirt. Worn with BLACK hat and BLACK undershirt. **Everyone must have a black shirt and black hat. You are not required to have any other colored shirt or hat.**

2. PRO BLUE Shirt Black in collar and sleeve cuff. Worn with BLACK hat and BLACK undershirt.

The other colors allowed are listed in Officials Guidebook 701.01(1). These shirts cannot be purchased with embroidered FHSAA logo...they will be removed from the list in the future. Can only be worn with a FHSAA patch which are not available. (Some officials still have shirts with patches.)

3. POWDER BLUE Shirt. (Old style light blue shirt.) White and navy stripes in collar and sleeve cuff...NO RED stripes.) Worn with NAVY hat.

4. CREAM Shirt (with black in collar and sleeve cuff) Worn with BLACK hat and BLACK undershirt.

5. NAVY BLUE Shirt (with red and white in the collar and sleeve cuff). Worn with NAVY hat and RED OR NAVY undershirt.

JV TIME LIMIT – Baseball

Sub-varsity Limitations Officials Guidebook 2002.01 (4)

In sub-varsity (JV) baseball games, no new inning shall start two hours after the first pitch of the game. (*First pitch to first batter...not a pitcher's warm up first pitch.*)

Any inning in progress shall be completed. (If Home team is up to bat and is ahead when time expires, the game is to be stopped)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Time limit SUPERSEDES the innings played for the official game to count.

Example: Time limit expires bottom of 4th inning. Home team is ahead. Stop the game. Home team wins. Rule of five innings to be a complete game is not relevant.

Exception 1: in a game delayed by weather, the delay time shall be added to the 2-hour time frame. Example: Game starts at 3 p.m., between the top and bottom of the 3rd inning, there is a 45-minute rain delay. No new inning will start after 5:45 p.m.

Exception 2: when another game is not scheduled to follow the current game, if the score is tied after the two-hour time limit has been reached, **additional inning(s) shall be played** to resolve the tie.

Exception 3: Saturday games. No time limit for Saturday games unless a double header:

In a double-header situation (Example: A Varsity contest following a sub-varsity contest), at the end of the two-hour time limit, if the score is tied, the contest will end in a tie.

Many question if FRIDAY games have a time limit since there is no school on Saturday. The answer is YES, there is a time limit on Fridays. THERE IS ALWAYS A TIME LIMIT MONDAY - FRIDAY no matter what, even during playoffs and Spring Break.

NOTE: Every year someone misapplies the JV time limit by either ending a game when they shouldn't, not sure what days have time limits, etc.

Most crews have the base umpire keep the time but that is up to each crew. Although you are keeping time, we suggest not wearing a watch but keeping it in your pocket. The Officials Guidebook says that you may wear a game timing device (generic statement for sports with time limits) but this is frowned upon in the universal protocol of umpiring baseball.

BASEBALL RULES REVIEW

1. **'Third to first'** move is still legal in High School.
2. **Play Lists - legal.** A growing trend for teams is to have players wear wristbands with a play list on them. Legal if worn the way the manufacturer intended, on the arm or wrist, not the belt.
3. 5-1-1n Clarified that **backswing interference** is an immediate dead ball. No penalty.
3. Rule 7-3-5c **Clarified** the rules for **follow-through interference** by the batter.

RULES: rarely seen.

It is advised that officials review those rarely seen rules so not to forget them. Some are:

- a) **Catcher's obstruction**...delayed dead ball. An umpire must be careful to not call 'time' too quickly. If the ball is hit fair, it may be an 'option' play for the offensive team. (list of 'Option Plays' on web site www.eastcoastumpires.org – Baseball. Also, IF A RUNNER IS STEALING on the obstruction, he is awarded the base he attempted to steal, otherwise, no runners on base advance unless forced by the batter being awarded first base. 8-1-1e
- b) **Batter's interference**...with a runner stealing home, if less than 2 outs the runner is out and NO PENALTY ON THE BATTER. With 2 outs, the batter is out, and the run cannot score. If batter strikes out and it is not the third out, the runner is declared out-2 outs on the play. A RUNNER STEALING HOME IS NEVER RETURNED TO THIRD ON A BATTER'S INTERFERENCE. If the interference is when there is an attempt to put out a runner at any other base, the batter is out and the RUNNER(s) RETURN - unless the batter struck out...then the runner MAY also be ruled out if the umpire rules the interference prevented a double play. If runner being played on is put out by the initial throw, interference is ignored. Also, if the runner from third is tagged out, the interference is ignored. 7-3-5 Penalty
- c) **Base awards**...Time of pitch, time of throw, time of infraction? **Batted ball touched** by detached or illegal equipment...**thrown ball touched** by detached or illegal equipment. (Ball remains live?) How many bases are awarded? 8-3, Base Running Awards Table. If glove is judged to accidentally dislodge from fielder's hand and glove hits the thrown or batted ball? Case Book 8.3.3 Situation F
- d) **Illegal bat**...properly appealed? Penalty for batter and head coach? Do you know which bats are illegal? Keep list in ball bag. 7-4-1, 4-1-3b Penalty-Coach. Print out ILLEGAL list - on web site.
- e) Runner **DIVES or JUMPS** over a fielder. When it is legal, when is it not? What is the penalty? When does the ball remain live? 8-4-2b2 & d
- f) Dead **ball** appeal by a **coach** or **any** defensive player **with or without** the ball. 8-2-6c
- g) **Defensive conferences** in an extra inning game. One per inning...any unused conferences from the prior 7 innings may not be carried over. 3-4-1
- h) **If a runner misses a base** moving forward but **touches it as he returns**...he cannot be called out if appealed that he missed the base initially. 8-2-6l
- i) What is a **fourth-out appeal**? 2-20-2, 8-2-6i, 9-1-1d, e
- j) **Pitching infractions.** 6-2 Arts1-5. www.eastcoastumpires.org – Baseball - BALKS (Training doc)

EJECTIONS, SITUATIONS, REPORTS

Baseball

Officials Guidebook 500

Be sure to read entire section 500 in the Officials Guidebook. The Guidebook is online at www.fhsaa.org Guidebook will not be distributed with Rules Book as in the past. Officials must print out themselves if they want a hard copy. There is a full version (all sports included) or sport specific - baseball, softball, etc.

Report via phone to Yetta ASAP after the game, any ejections or other problems or concerns you may have encountered either before, during or after your game. If you have an ejection or another unsportsmanlike incident that requires the FHSAA to be notified, you must fill out an 'Unsportsmanlike Conduct Incident Report Form' (AT6UC) MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 24 HOURS. (See 506.02 for when a verbal report must be done.)

NEW 2016: Reporting Forms: FHSAA split up the AT6 form. One form will be for ejections only (AT6 UC) and the other one (AT6 M) will be for any other miscellaneous items.

- **NEW FORM: AT6UC for Unsportsmanlike Conduct** www.fhsaa.org/webform/at6-uc
- **NEW FORM AT6M for Miscellaneous Report** - i.e., incomplete contest, facilities problems, or other non-personnel issues. <http://www.fhsaa.org/webform/at6-m>

Call Training Coordinator, Mona Osborne 762-7646 after calling Yetta (numbers below)

Training Coordinator will request a copy of the description of the incident via email BEFORE SENDING to the FHSAA to be proofread. Reason: in the past reports were done with improper spelling, excessive explanation (too wordy), not easily understood or info left out, etc.

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AT THE BOTTOM OF THE AT6 FORM YOU WILL PUT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. Below your email address is space for AN ADDITIONAL EMAIL. PLEASE SEND TO TRAINING COORDINATOR monaosborne@aol.com. Training Coordinator will forward to YETTA AND PRESIDENT, STEPHEN SCHILLER.

Yetta's Numbers: 963-3872 Office 762-3798 Cell

To report an ejection, try the office number first. Leave a message if no answer, then call her cell number.

NOTE from Baseball Training Coordinator, Mona Osborne: If anything, unusual happens before, during or after your game that you feel someone may complain about or it is something very unusual that someone may question (coach, fan or parent) please let Yetta and I know. We may get a phone call and it is helpful if we already have the information.

If there was a ruling or unusual play during the game that was in question, please call or email me. In the past officials have called with a ruling question or unusual situation, concern, etc. Later when a coach calls asking about it, it makes ECUA look good when the coach realizes that the official took time to discuss what happened to confirm or correct their interpretation of a rule, etc.

It lets the coaches know that our officials care and follow up...they don't just 'do a game' but work the game to the best of their ability and seek to learn and improve. There have also been a few times when officials have called me and ask that I let the coach know they made an error or to answer a question the coach might have had. The coaches are very appreciative, and it enforces the fact that we (coaches, umpires, fans, parents) are a team to ensure the best high school baseball season possible for all involved.

ADDITIONAL SOFTBALL INFORMATION

See www.eastcoastumpires.org for more training material.



DRESS CODE

Softball

PER FHSAA AND ECUA

NOTE: The use of the blue and green FHSAA Shield insignia is mandatory on all levels

1. **SHIRT** – Major League style powder blue pullover with the FHSAA insignia on the left chest or pocket.
2. **PANTS** - Light gray (Heather)
3. **SHOES** – Solid black in color. Plate shoes shall have a hard shell or steel reinforced toes and a steel or reinforced tongue.
4. **SOCKS** – Navy blue or black
5. **HAT** – Navy blue hat with FHSAA acronym embroidered in FHSAA blue on the front and vertical logo embroidered on the back.
6. **BALL BAG** – Navy blue
7. **JACKET** – Navy blue jacket, navy blue V-neck pullover or navy-blue jacket with light blue and white stripes. Jackets/Pullovers may be worn by one or all umpires. **ALL MUST MATCH.**
8. **PLATE UMPIRES** – (must) wear all necessary protective equipment. Mask – Throat Protector – Chest Protector – Shin Guards – Protective Cup (men).
9. **UNDERSHIRTS** – Navy blue. Long sleeved undershirts shall NOT be exposed. In all cases **ALL UMPIRES MUST MATCH.**
10. During State Series (Districts-State Finals) umpires must wear the official “STATE SERIES” uniform shirts available through FHSAA approved uniform vendors in addition to all other uniform items mentioned above.

SEE PAGE 10 OF THIS PACKET FOR EQUIPMENT/UNIFORM SUPPLIERS.

JV TIME LIMIT – Softball

Sub-varsity Limitations Officials Guidebook 2008.01 (2)

In sub-varsity (JV) softball game, no new inning shall start after 1½ hours IF:

1. Both varsity and JV are scheduled to play back-to-back on the same field,
2. At the same site,
3. AND on the same field

Exception: In situations where the field is properly lighted and there is ample time between junior varsity and varsity games, the junior varsity teams shall be permitted to play a regulation game of 7 innings.

Most crews have the base umpire keep the time but that is up to each crew. Although you are keeping time, we DO NOT wear a watch but keeping it in your pocket or place a timing devise on the fence.

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