



# Cloverdale Minor Baseball

## Umpire Policies

### General

- Umpires are frequently children, and most are learning how to Umpire. They deserve the respect and cooperation of all coaches, players and parents. CMBA has a zero tolerance towards abuse of our Umpires.
- Umpires shall be given a 2-day course in Umpiring from CMBA's Umpire-in-Charge. The Umpire Allocator for each division will assign games to Umpires.
- Umpires are required to check in at the concession at least 20 minutes before their assigned game. They must be dressed in full uniform of blue shirt (tucked in) and dark pants. Navy blue jeans are permitted as long as they are clean with no tears or rips in them. Home plate Umpires must have a count keeper and should have a plate brush. Base Umpires must also have a count keeper.
- Umpiring equipment is located in the large green bin in the parking lot behind the Clubhouse. It is the responsibility of the Umpire to return the equipment to its proper place in the bin when the game is finished. Any broken equipment should be reported to the Equipment Manager(s) or Concession Manager.
- Once the game has started the Umpire will have complete charge of the game, and all his decisions on judgment plays will be FINAL. The home plate umpire can reverse a base umpire call only if the base umpire misinterprets a rule, not on a judgment call.
- Coaches may approach an Umpire to clarify rule interpretations only.
- All ejections are to be reported to the Umpire-in-Chief or Umpire Allocator. As per BC Minor rules any Coach ejected from a game is also ejected from his next game. This rules does not apply during Provincials.
- Coaches are to make notes on Umpires performances (both plate and field) and forward to the Umpire-In-Chief or Umpire Allocator with any pointers that can help their future games.
- The Umpire-in-Chief or Umpire Allocator has the authority to suspend an Umpire from any further Umpiring jobs if they miss two games without notification.

### Bodily Fluid Rule

- Bodily Fluid Rule (Blood) - ALL DIVISIONS:
  - The Umpires shall remove any player during a game who is bleeding or who has an open wound, from the field of play. The player may return to the game only after the bleeding has stopped and the affected or open wound has been completely and securely covered to the satisfaction of the Umpires.
  - Should the same player start bleeding again or the affected area shows signs of bleeding, the Umpire can remove the player for the duration of the game.
  - Should any blood be on the player's uniform, it must be washed out completely to the satisfaction of the Umpire prior to the player returning to the game.
  - The substitute player is only a courtesy player until the original player returns. The substitute player is the last player to be recorded with an out in your line-up. If no out has occurred, it will be the last batter of the previous inning or if no inning has been played, the last person on the line-up.