

UMPIRE TRAINING Local Rules



Today's Agenda

- Introductions
- NTBA Local Rules
- Game Length Review
- Umpire Pay Information
- Horizon Tutorial
 - Ump scheduling app
 - Important for you to know how to <u>sign up</u> and <u>get paid</u>

WHO WE ARE



• Umpire Leaders for House League – Joseph Kline & Liam Robertson

Umpire Captains – allocate games to umps and provide feedback and support

•	6U/7U	Gavin Chester	

• 8U Adam Miller

• 9U Justin Kay

• 10U Hudson Ivers

• 11U Brody Gelman

• 12U Andy Storm

• 13U Jacob Cloth

• 15U Matthew Elman

• 18U Nathan Wolle

	2025	Email	Cell
6U	Gavin Chester	gavinchesterr@outlook.com	416-414-6855
7 U	Gavin Chester	gavinchesterr@outlook.com	416-414-6855
8U	Adam Miller	adamjmiller43@gmail.com	416-845-4180
90	Justin Kay	justinkay66@gmail.com	416-475-7129
10U	Hudson Ivers	hudson.ivers@gmail.com	437-998-5559
11U	Brody Gelman	brodygelman@gmail.com	647-616-9986
12U	Andy Storm	Stormyandy38@gmail.com	437-929-3838
13U	Jacob Cloth	jacobcloth08@gmail.com	416-568-6550
15U	Matt Elman	matthewelman7@gmail.com	647-987-2967
18U	Nate Wolle	nathanwolle@gmail.com	647-917-2631
HL Leader 6U-10U	Liam Robertson	liam.robertson78@gmail.com	647-629-9123
HL Leader 11U-18U	Joe Kline	klinejoe99@gmail.com	647-987-9511

- NTBA Umpire in Chief for Rep Jonny Whittaker
- Ump Committee Chair Rob Storm





On Field Training and Support

Ump Leaders and Captains will be out to provide help at the field Help you to improve as umpires

Communication about Game Opportunities

Watch for messages from UL/UC about game opportunities

• Support when there are issues

Challenges with coaches or players? Equipment? Weather? Reach out to the UCs



Umpire Responsibilities & Commitments

ARRIVE 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO FIRST PITCH

- * Arrive **ON TIME** for any game you have committed to
- * If you are <u>unable to attend</u>, call, text or email the umpire captain immediately so a replacement can be found.
- ★ If the House League Ump Captain is not available, then call, text or email the division convener.
- Ask your parents if they can support your commitments, as required.
- Review & keep up to date on the local rulebook and umpire bulletins that come out via email. http://www.ntbaseball.com/umpires/
- Focus on constant learning and improvement.



REP & SELECT

Umpire Responsibilities & Commitments

ARRIVE 20-30 MINUTES PRIOR TO FIRST PITCH

- * Arrive ON TIME for any game you have committed to
- \star If you are <u>unable to attend</u>, call, text or email the umpire captain immediately so a replacement can be found.
- Ask your parents if they can support your commitments, as required.
- Review the local NTBA Rulebook & OBA Rulebook, plus any umpire bulletins that come out via email.
 http://www.ntbaseball.com/umpires/
 https://www.playoba.ca/rules-of-baseball
- Focus on constant learning and improvement.

The 8 Keys to being a "GREAT UMP"



- Be On Time
 - ✓ Umpires should arrive at least 15 minutes before game time.
- Have Field Presence
 - ✓ Appear composed; communicate well with players, coaches, parents & other umpires.
- Use Good Judgment
 - ✓ Shows very good knowledge and application of the rules.
- Be CONSISTENT!
 - ✓ Work hard to call balls and strikes within a strike zone that is consistent.
- Be Positioned Properly
 - ✓ Know where you need to be positioned before each at bat in order to call plays accurately.
- Manage Control of the Participants
 - **✓** Players, Coaches & Parents
- Manage the GAME
 - √ The start & end time
- Be Decisive and LOUD
 - ✓ Make calls in a confident and firm manner.

UMP Demeanor



- ✓ **DEMEANOR DEFINITION**: The way in which a person behaves; Personal conduct
- Remember, YOU are in charge of the game.
- Always be polite, but firm.
- Don't lose your cool. Don't swear!
- Hold your temper when others are angry.
 - Old umpire saying: "If there are two people on the field yelling you don't want to be one of them."
- Stick with your decision!
 - At times, providing a brief, knowledgeable explanation will create respect and understanding.
- Player & Coach Ejections; Removed from the game & the spectator area.
 - Spectators can be warned and if needed, asked to leave but work with the Coach from the respective team
 - If any player or coach is ejected from the game, you must send a report to your ump captain and admin@ntbaseball.com
- The UMPIRE is there to control the FLOW & SAFETY OF THE GAME

UMP Demeanor



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CONFIDENCE vs. ARROGANCE

"DON'T BE THAT UMPIRE WHO THINKS THEY ARE **BIGGER** THAN THE GAME"

SAFETY



- Ensure **playing conditions** are safe (weather, lighting, hazards, etc.)
- Check that **catcher's equipment** is complete. (Don't forget throat guard)
- Chin Straps are mandatory for the <u>younger teams</u>. Chin Straps <u>must be done up</u> on batting helmet.
- Protective Cups are mandatory: Coach's responsibility; Check with Catcher when they are positioned at the plate
- No metal cleats allowed (Allowed for U15+)
- **No jewelry**, except a medic alert bracelet may be worn.
- Players must stand behind fences. (enlist coaches support).
- All **gear must be in the batting cage** with the exception of any gear being used by the on-deck batter
- No baseball caps under helmets.
- Players coaching at the bases must wear helmets. (Coaches are advised to wear helmets)





House League & Rep

- Players and coaches are not permitted to harass officials or any member of the opposing team.
- **Uniformed Umpires** observing abusive language or behaviour by anyone wearing an NT uniform will automatically be issued a warning that must be reported to the league.
 - A second warning at any point during the season will result in an automatic game ejection and review by the league.
- Rulebooks are NOT permitted on the playing field.
- **Games** are 'official' after 3 1/2 innings (if home team is ahead) or 4 inning (if visiting team is ahead) have been completed.
- Ground Rules: Know the ground rules for each park.
- **If there is only 1 ump at a game**, call the game from behind the plate so that balls and strikes are called accurately. Run into the field to get a better angle to call plays, ensuring that you do not interfere with the play.





House League & Rep

HOUSE LEAGUE:

- All players on both teams have access to any bat introduced into the game. Only **wood bats** are allowed in 18U games
- No new inning (NNI) shall start one & three quarter (1 3/4) hours after the scheduled start time, regardless of start time.
- When assigned to a game, and in the event a team forfeits, for any reason (e.g. not enough players), the Coaches may decide to
 play a game anyway, or even share players, then you must umpire the game. If you leave early, you will not get paid.

SELECT & REP

- 2:00 for no new inning for 8U to 13U
- 2:30 for no new inning for 14U & Above



Rules for 7U (Senior T-Ball), 8U and 9U

7U (Senior T-Ball)

- Uses a T to hit the Ball
- There is an option for the Coach to pitch 2 balls
 - If unsuccessful, **1 swing off a T**.
- Electing to hit off the T allows the player to have unlimited swings to put the ball in play.

8U & 9U (Rookie)

- 5-strike maximum per at-bat.
- If the pitching machine throws a ball,
 the pitch does not count.
- **5-run mercy rule** in effect.



General Rules for 7U (Senior T-Ball), 8U and 9U

- No Infield Fly
- No Lead-Offs
- A **lead-off** occurs when a runner leaves the base before the batter hits the ball.
 - Penalty: Runner is OUT.
 - First infraction: Team may receive a warning.
- Player is out if the players runs to first and makes a CLEAR attempt to TURN to 2nd Base
- The pitcher is the only player who may assist the catcher.
- If any other defensive player crosses into the Home Plate Area, the Umpire will call "Time" and any runs will score.
 (Deemed INTERFERENCE: Safety First, plus backstops are very small)



Rules for 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 15U and 18U

10U - 13U (Mosquito & Peewee)

No Lead-Offs

- Runners can **only** steal after the ball crosses home plate.
 - •First infraction: Team warning.
 - •Subsequent infractions: Runner is OUT.

Bunting Restrictions (10U & 11U ONLY)

- ■No bunting allowed.
- ■If attempted, it is a dead ball and a strike.

Stealing Home Plate

- •10U & 11U: Runners CANNOT steal home.
- •12U & 13U: Runners CAN steal home.

15U & 18U

A batter may run on a dropped third strike.



Rules for **ALL of** 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 15U and 18U

Infield Fly Rule Applies

- •A fair ball pop up (not a line drive or bunt) that can be caught with ordinary effort by an infielder.
 - •Applies when:
 - •First & second or first, second, and third bases are occupied.
 - Less than 2 outs.

Mercy Rule

- •Maximum 5 runs per ½ inning.
- •Once the 5th run crosses home plate, the inning immediately ends.
- •The next ½ inning begins with the batter following the last one from the previous inning.
- No Intentional Walks Allowed
- •See Umpire Bulletin for FAQs



HOUSE LEAGUE - Game Lengths

Regular Season Games

- All games are a maximum of 7 innings
- No New Inning ("NNI") after **1hr 45 mins** from the Scheduled Start Time ("SST").
- Umps may start the game later than the SST if there was an unforeseen delay (e.g. rain), but this does not change the time after which there can be NNI.
- If an inning is underway and the clock hits 1hr 45 mins from the SST, then:
 - i) The inning should be completed to get an official score (Home Team either walks-off or loses after 3 outs).
 - ii) If the inning underway can't be completed due to, a field conflict or safety, then the final score is the score of the last completed inning.
 - e.g. Home Team is winning 5-4 after 6 and losing 7-5 when the game is called in the 7th before the Home Team completes their at bats, HomeTeam wins 5-4.

Playoff Games (semi-finals and finals)

- Shall be played to completion (7 innings)
- If tied after 7 innings, play continues until a winner is determined, subject to item # ii) mentioned above.





- The final score will be the score at the end of the game.
- Games are **"official" after 4 complete innings,** or if the **home team is winning after 3 1/2 innings.** (HOUSE LEAGUE: Applies to rainouts only)

- In the event the score is tied at the end of 7 innings or at the end of the scheduled playing time:
 - The score is recorded as a tie for regular season games or a round robin playoff games.
 - If the game is a Semi-final or Championship Final game, play shall continue until a winner has been determined.

SELECT & REP

- In the event the score is tied at the end of 7 innings or at the end of the scheduled playing time:
 - The score is recorded as a **tie** for regular season games
 - If the game is a Tournament Semi-final or Championship Final game, play shall continue under the OBA extra inning rule until a winner has been determined.

UMP Equipment & Uniform



All Umps MUST where the approved an uniform on the field:

- Umpire shirt (Black or Blue)
- Umpire Cap (Plain Black or Blue)
- Grey or Black Pants
- BLACK Running shoes















Plate Umps:

- Chest protector
- Leg guards
- Facemask
- Count indicator (Clicker)
- Plate Brush
- Ball Bag
- Protective Cup

Field Umps should have:

- Count indicator
- Protective cup (Recommended)

WHAT IS A STRIKE?



- A ball that hits a clear & consistent strike zone
- A hittable ball in your judgement...again, be CONSISTENT!
- HOUSE LEAGUE: Your strike zone should take into account the age group
 - It's ok to have a larger strike zone, especially for younger players.
 - Just be consistent!

UMPIRE PAY



	Current U	mpire Rat	es		
			(DBA Leve	el
Division:	Player Age	Ump Age	1	2	3
6U and 7U (2016 - 2017, Game Managers)	5 - 7	NTBC	NA	\$40	\$40
8U and 9U (2014 - 2015)	7 - 9	12+	\$50	\$50	\$50
10U and 11U (2012 - 2013)	9 - 11	12+	\$50	\$50	\$50
12U and 13U (2010 - 2011)	11 - 13	14+	\$50	\$50	\$50
15U (2008 - 2009)	13 - 15	15+	\$60	\$60	\$60
18U (2005 - 2007)	15 - 17	17+	\$60	\$60	\$60
	Rep /	Select			
8U and 9U (2014 - 2015)	7 - 9	L2.1	\$50	\$50	\$50
10U and 11U (2012 - 2013)	9 - 11	L2.1	\$50	\$50	\$50
12U and 13U (2010 - 2011)	11 - 13	15+		\$60	\$60
15U (2008 - 2009)	13 - 15	15+		\$60	\$60
18U (2005 - 2007)	15 - 17	16+		\$60	\$60

\$10 travel fee to Sentinel, Goulding, Cummer and Riverdale

- NTBA only uses umpires who take Baseball Ontario clinics every year.
- If you do not take a clinic, you will drop a level
 (e.g. from 1.2 to 1.1)
- If you arrive at a field and the game gets called because of rain or other reasons, you will get paid for the game.
- HOUSE LEAGUE is paid at the end of the following month
- REP/SELECT is paid cash prior to the start of the game
- BONUS OPPORTUNITY
 - \$50 Bonus for 4 House League Games in September
 - \$100 Bonus for 15 House League Games over entire season





- Possibility of Rain: Check email & voice messages before you leave
 - Your UC will contact you as soon as they can with information regarding a rainout
 - If you have questions and have not heard call or text your UC
- If you arrive at a field and the game gets called because of rain or other reasons, you will get paid for the game.
 - If it begins raining, talk with both teams before making a decision about proceeding or postponing the game
- You will not get paid if it is judged that you should have known about the cancellations before arriving at the field.

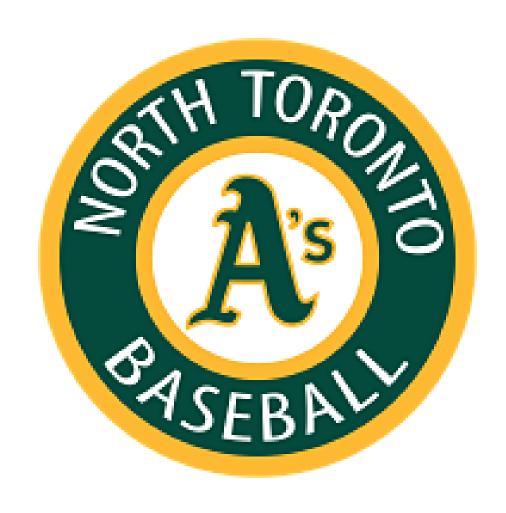




- Do NOT request games that your siblings are playing in.
- If you are assigned a game with a sibling, please reach out to your UC to pass on the game
- You must be 2 years older than the league you are umping! Do not request incorrectly.
- PLEASE make sure your birthday is accurate in Horizon



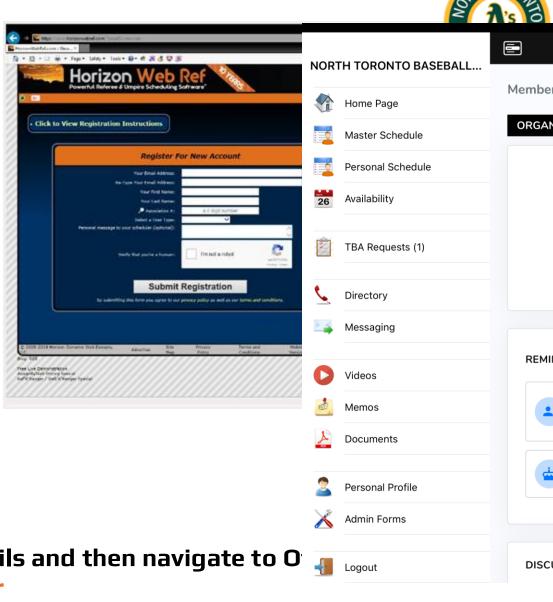




HORIZON TUTORIAL

Signing Up for Horizon 6 easy steps...

- **STEP 1 -** Go to https://www.horizonwebref.com/
- **STEP 2 -** Click on the "Member Login" button
 - > Right hand side of screen
- **STEP 3** Click on "New Users Registrations" button
 - Bottom of screen
- **STEP 4** Submit your:
 - > e-mail address, name and organization code
 - **❖ NTBA's ORGANIZATION CODE IS 205723**
 - > Select a User Type is it Official
- **STEP 5 -** Await approval from the system administrator
- **STEP 6** Input your registration information. (**Personal Details and then navigate to O**
 - > Make sure to include if you have Home Plate Gear

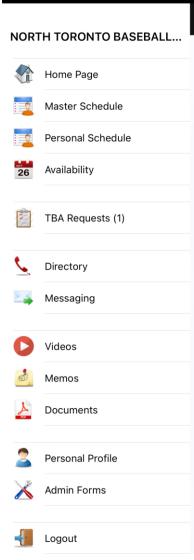


Signing Up for Horizon Umpire Information

STEP 6 - Input your registration information. (Navigate to Personal Profile and then navigate to Other Info)

- 1. Include if you have Home Plate Gear
- 2. Include Your Age in 2025
- 3. Include your Umpire Level for 2025





Personal Profile



Name / Address	
Profile Picture	
Phone / Email / Birth	day
Text Messaging	
Synchronize	
Preferences	
✓ Other Info	
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SELECTING Games



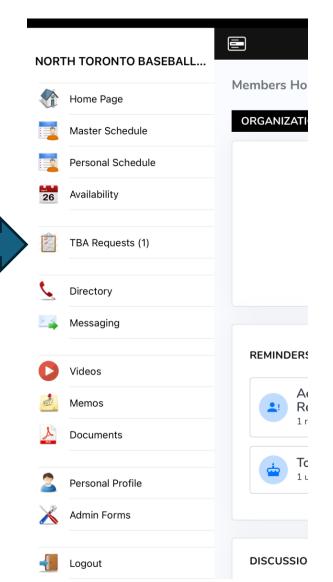
- **Step 1 -** Await an email regarding your TBA (to be assigned) request.
 - Request this by going to TBA Requests Tab
 - There is no need to Schedule Availability or Use Calendar in Horizon
- **Step 2 -** Await the assignors approval of the game.
 - Please note that this will probably be at least 24 hours from when your TBA was sent out.

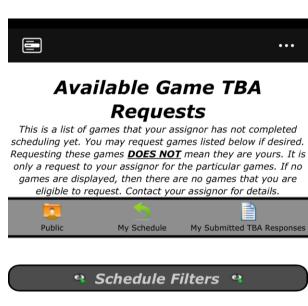
NOTE: Submitting a TBA **DOES NOT** mean that you will be officiating the game.

- ✓ Please await confirmation from the organization, as there may be more umpires that slot for that game.
- ✓ You will be notified if you do not receive that game.
- **Step 3** Follow instructions given in the email to access the TBA request.
 - You can see all of your TBA requests in the navigation menu.
- **Step 4** Accept the game that is given to you





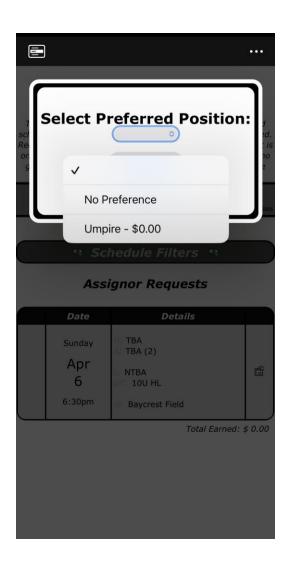




Assignor Requests

Date	Details	
Sunday Apr 6 6:30pm	H: TBA A: TBA (2) L: NTBA GC: 10U HL @: Baycrest Field	

Total Earned: \$ 0.00





Accepting Games

You can also get push notifications via mobile app

Game Confirmation Required



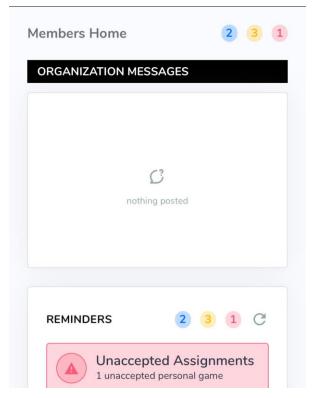
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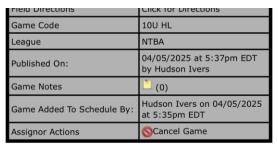
Immediately confirm your game assignments on:

https://my.horizonwebref.com

Something has changed regarding your assignments.







Assigned Umpires

(email entire game crew)



	Nathan	(manually adjust)	
Umpire	Wolle	Game Fee	\$ 0.00
※	(647) 917-2631	Total	\$ 0.00
	Send Message		Recalculate





- If you realize you cannot work a game you schedule to appear at, please let your UMP CAPTAIN know ASAP!
- Please note that last minute cancellations may lead to the assignor going in another direction the next time this umpire signs up for a game.
- Notify your UMP PARTNER that you will not be coming or if you are running late.
- If you know in advance you can't make it also submit a turnback request on Horizon

rieid Directions	Click for Directions
Game Code	10U HL
League	NTBA
Published On:	04/05/2025 at 5:37pm EDT by Hudson Ivers
Game Notes	<u> </u>
Game Added To Schedule By:	Hudson Ivers on 04/05/2025 at 5:35pm EDT
Assignor Actions	OCancel Game







Umpire	Nathan Wolle (647) 917-2631	(manually adjust) Game Fee \$ 0.00	
× •	Send Message	Total	\$ 0.00 Recalculate

GAME DAY



- Arrive at least <u>15 minutes before</u> the scheduled start for House League
- Arrive at least <u>20-30</u> minutes before the scheduled start for Rep and Select
- Rainouts: When you arrive at the field or during the game, you have the
 <u>authority</u> to decide if the game is unplayable due to rain, lightning, field
 condition etc...
 - Work with both Coaches on the decision
 - If the game is cancelled while you are at the field, then you will still be paid. (See Local Rules)

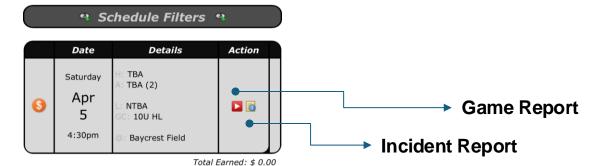
Where to Access Game Reports

- You can find the game report in the Game Schedule after completing the game.
- After completing the game the left button will take you to the Game Report
- After completing the game the right button will take you to the Incident Report

Umpire Game Schedule







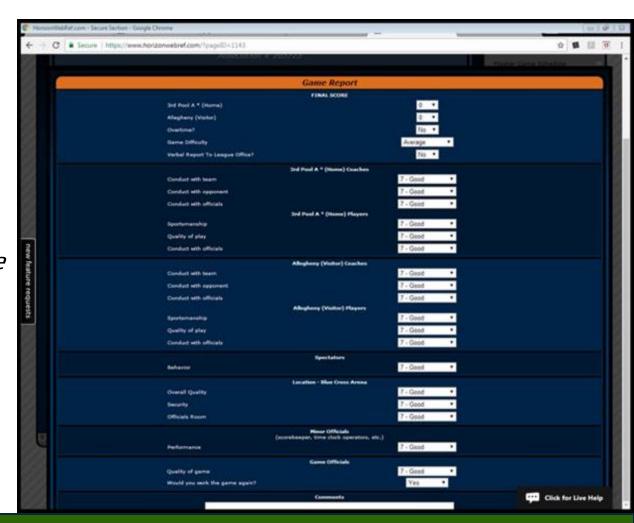




POST GAME



- All House League, Select & Rep Umpires MUST submit a report after each game in order to be paid.
 - Select & Rep Umps are **paid cash** before the game



HOW TO FILL OUT A GAME REPORT



- **Score:** Please input a rough estimate of what the score was. It does not need to be perfect.
- Coaches: Please rate the coach and players from 1- 10 for conduct with officials.
 - > We do not care about the other subheadings.
- **Spectators:** Please rate the spectators for conduct towards officials.
- **Equipment**: At location, edit the ranking if there is an issue with the equipment, and comment below exactly what is wrong with the equipment so we can get it replaced.
- ALSO please send a note to your UMP Captain

HOW TO FILL OUT A GAME REPORT



• **Umpire Mentor**: If there is an Umpire Mentor at the game, please indicate by changing the number in the performance for Minor Officials.

• **Number of Umpires**: Please rate the quality of game as "1", and then comment that there was no other umpire. (50% Bonus)

• Comments: If the game was a rainout or forfeit, please comment.

INCIDENT REPORT



If there is a player, coach or fan ejection,

you **MUST** submit an incident report on the site.

Contact Umpire Captains to notify them of an incident

Summary: Ump Assignments & Getting Paid 🕻



- Await game being assigned to you by the ump captain you do not have the game until it is assigned to you!
- Once assigned you must ACCEPT the assignment, to confirm you will work the game.
- Immediately after the game, you must fill out the game report in Horizon to ensure you get paid
 - ✓ In the business world this is called an "invoice" or a "bill" for services rendered
- Keep track of all games that you worked until November, so any discrepancy can be resolved
 - ✓ If there is a dispute, you will be asked to produce proof of work.
 - ✓ Ump Captains will resolve discrepancies between submitted "invoices" and their master assignment lists.
- Without a submitted game report, you will not be paid!
 - ✓ Payment for house leagues games worked in May will be received June 30.
 - ✓ Payment for house league games worked in June will be paid by July 31
 - ✓ Payment for house league games worked in September will be paid by October 31
- Make sure that your personal information is correct in the current season's HorizonWefRef system.
 - ✓ If you have not registered, please do so at https://www.horizonwebref.com

MORE INFO



HOUSE LEAGUE UMPs - Please do not hesitate to reach out to the ump leaders with any Questions/Concerns

Joseph Kline

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➤ Email: klinejoe99@gmail.com

Liam Robertson

➤ Phone: 647-629-9123

Email: liam.robertson@78@gmail.com





- Any issues with Coaches or Players
 Any issues with fellow Umpires

- Any questions regarding rules
 Any other questions you may have

We are here to support you!

You'll be awesome!! Good Luck

