

BASEBALL UMPIRE INFORMATION SHEET

1. Each year umpires must attend a B.C. Baseball Umpires Association (BCBUA) clinic and pass a written exam in order to be certified in that year. Baseball Associations throughout B.C. will be using only certified umpires to ensure consistent officiating and to limit liability.
2. Boys, girls, women and men work as baseball umpires in B.C.
3. The BCBUA certifies umpires at five levels according to their umpiring knowledge, age and experience. These levels are:

Level 1 - entry level for youths 12 – 16 yrs old.

- Must attend a Level 1 Clinic and write the Level 1 open book exam.
- Registration/clinic cost \$25.
- Eligible to umpire games in B.C. as assigned by the local Association.

Level 2 - entry level for persons 16 and older.

- Younger umpires must have umpired for at least 1 year at Level 1;
- Must attend a Level 2 Clinic and achieve 80% on Level 2 open book exam.
- Registration/clinic cost \$50.
- Eligible to umpire games in B.C. as assigned by the local Association as well as Provincial Championships and Tournaments, if selected to do so.

Level 3 - age 16 or greater; must have umpired at least 1 year at Level 2.

- Must attend a Level 3 Clinic and achieve 80% on Level 3 open book exam;
- Must be field rated every 3 years.
- Registration/clinic cost \$50; field rating \$50.
- Eligible to umpire games in B.C. as assigned by the local Association as well as Provincial Championships and Tournaments, if selected to do so.

Level 4 & 5 - Must have umpired at Level 3 for at least 4 years;

- Must attend a Level 4/5 Clinic and pass national exams and field evaluations.
- Costs include Clinic costs and \$50 national membership.
- Eligible to umpire National and International games if selected by National Officials.

4. Dates and locations for Level 1 & 2 umpire clinics in Vernon will be announced shortly. A 2009 rule book, umpire's manual and special crests to commemorate the 35th anniversary of BCBUA will be issued. A Level 1 Clinic is approximately 4 hours long; a Level 2 Clinic is about 6 hours long.

Contact the local Umpire in Chief or myself at dcwcons@telus.net or the BCBUA website at www.BCBUA.ca regarding any questions or concerns about umpiring.

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