

THE WAY IT SHOULD BE DONE AND THE WAY I WANT IT DONE HOW TO BE PERFECT EVERY TIME YOU UMPIRE !!

CONTACT YOUR PARTNER TWO DAYS PRIOR TO SCHEDULED GAME

Discuss with partner arrival time, uniform, meeting place

Baseball always have your Navy Blur shirt in your car

Arrive on time and be prepared (1hr preferred 30min minimum)

Always have a pre-game with your partner

Look sharp and dress the part

Always put the ball back in play (make it a point to point) every half inning and after every dead ball

Get your butt out from behind the plate

Always hustle

As the base umpire, NEVER leave the infield with runners on base while ball is live

As base umpire, your responsibilities include fair/foul down the line and possible trouble balls from the right fielder towards the foul line with no one on base.

As the base umpire, stop making out calls to center and left field with no one on

Be HUMBLE – never try to “run” the game or coach a player

Be aware the strict and literal interpretation of the rule book not always the same

Use, give, and respond to signals with your partner

NEVER turn your head away from the field when calling balls and strikes

Stop coming in to talk with partner between every half inning

Watch EVERY touch of the bases by the runners

Don't say “Strike three, you're out”

Do Say “Strike Three” on a Called Strike 3

No Verbal on a swinging strike

Don't say “Ball four, take your base”

Do say “Ball Four”

Don't point the runner to first base after a base on balls

Appeal to the base umpire on a check swing by pointing with your left hand

Don't indicate pitch location on called balls

Don't call “time” every time the defense asks for it

Slow down your timing

Work in the slot and keep your chin level with the top of the catcher's head

Keep your head motionless

NEVER make a call on the run

Don't wear a watch

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Don't get talked into asking for help on your call after it has been made Judgment

Ask for help when asked on (Pulled Foot, Swipe Tag, Bobbled or Dropped Ball or Checked Swing)

NEVER put your hands in your pockets

NEVER stand with your arms crossed

ALWAYS enter and leave the field with your partner

Leave the field immediately at the conclusion of the game **ON THE WINNING SIDE**

Don't lay your equipment (mask) on the ground between innings when making changes, hold it by the strap or hang it on the back of your pants

Do put your mask under your armpit

**IF THESE ARE NOT YOUR MECHANICS AND NOT THE WAY
YOU CONTROL A GAME, DON'T ASK ME WHY YOU ARE NOT
WORKING AT A HIGHER LEVEL!**