

A CODE OF ETHICS FOR BASEBALL UMPIRES

1. Honor all contracts regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss.
2. Study the rules of the game diligently, observe the work of other umpires, and attempt to improve at all times.
3. Remember that while your work as an umpire is important, you must conduct yourself in such a way that spectator attention is directed to the student athletes playing the game and not at you.
4. Dress and maintain your appearance in a manner befitting the dignity and importance of the great game of baseball.
5. Conduct yourself so as to be a worthy example to the individuals playing in the game and to the fans.
6. Be fair and unbiased in your decisions, rendering them without regard to the score.
7. Be firm but not overbearing; courteous, but not ingratiating; positive, but never rude; confident, but never friendly, but not companionable; calm and alert.
8. Be prepared both physically and mentally to administer the Game.
9. Do not smoke or use smokeless tobacco on or in the vicinity of the playing field, nor drink any alcoholic beverages on the Day of the game.
10. Do not give information that might be used by a team's future opponent.
11. Keep in mind that the game is more important than the wishes of any individual player or coach or the ambitions of any individual umpire.