

Providence City
Baseball/Softball Umpire Job Description

GENERAL DUTIES: Umpires, also referred to as “umps,” officiate baseball/softball games. It can be a high-action, physical job that requires good concentration skills and extensive knowledge of the sport of baseball/softball. They make quick calls based on their observations. Baseball/softball umpires are an integral part of the game, ensuring that both the opposing and defending teams follow the rules and play a fair and entertaining game.

FUNCTION: A baseball umpire closely observes the game to ensure that both teams are playing according to baseball rules and regulations. While on the field, the umpire watches and reviews play’s for violations committed by players. For example; the umpire must determine whether a batter has hit a fair or foul ball, and whether a pitcher has thrown a strike or ball. Umpires also call runners out and decide if they have reached a base safely. They also impose penalties and disqualify plays for infractions committed by players. Umpires also have authority to remove disruptive players, coaches, and spectators in order to maintain discipline and officiate effectively on the field.

SKILLS: Umpires must know the rules of the sport in depth. The position requires good oral communication and decision making skills. Physical requirements include quick reflexes, good eye and hand coordination, and the ability to quickly walk and run with little effort. Other qualities that we look for are strong physical presence, leadership skills and interest in the game of baseball/softball. Sporting events can get very physical and dramatic. Competitive tension is often very high, and umpires must deal with the stress of making quick calls and dealing with angry fans, coaches, parents and players.

EXPECTATIONS: The umpire is expected to arrive early to the game. Walk the field and make sure bases are secure and there are no hazards are on the field. Umpire is expected to be loud and defined in their calls so scorekeepers know what calls are being made. Umpires are required to start games on-time so back to back games can keep on schedule. Umpires are expected to know the rules given to them.

CLEANUP: When the games are over, the umpire is to get help from the teams and cover the pitching mound and home plate with covers provided. This should be done whether a storm is coming in or not to protect them from the sprinklers also. Make sure teams are cleaning out dugout of all trash.

HOURS: This is a seasonal position. The hours vary, generally evenings Monday – Saturday.

SALARY: Position pays \$20 - \$35 per game.

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