**YAC BASEBALL UMPIRE PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET**
**FOR PARENTS AND CANDIDATES**

For a while now YAC baseball has used middle and high school boys & girls (age 13 +) to umpire games in our Minors divisions (9 & 10 yr. olds). This has been remarkably successful and something that continues to grow. As a result, we have decided to have anyone interested in this program apply for a position as an umpire. Not everyone is successful as umpires regardless of their talent on the field as a player. Here is what we are looking for and some of the traits we feel make up a good umpire:

* An incredibly good knowledge of the game of baseball
* An incredibly good knowledge of the modified YAC Rules (as listed on the website)
* An incredibly good knowledge of the YAC Code of Conduct
* A strong and confident personality
* A loud and clear voice
* Someone who is not easily intimidated and can make a tough call.
* Someone who can be in control.

   We are asking if anyone is interested in being considered, please email the YAC Baseball Commissioners. We will be having a mandatory training session Date, Time TBD. All new recruits must attend the session to be considered. Anyone that has previously umpired for our program does not need to come to the training session but is more than welcome to come for a refresher. So, if your child has umpired for YAC baseball in the past can you please let the YAC Baseball Commissioners know to put his or her name on the list. Umpiring is open to boys & Girls 13 yrs. or older who have played or are currently playing in the YAC.

We have an umpire coordinator who manages the scheduling of the umpires and contacts them by email. Assignments are given out up to weeks in advance based on each person’s availability. Anyone that is selected to be an umpire will be placed on a rotational call list. Games could be any day of the week. If you are scheduled to umpire a game, it will be your responsibility to get your child to the scheduled game 15 minutes prior to the start, and your responsibility to ensure they are picked up in a timely fashion after her game. Depending upon the number of games and the number of umpires available, it will be the determining factor in how often you will be assigned a game. Payment for games being umpired will take place at the end of the season.

Safety equipment will be provided by YAC and will be stored in the field boxes located at the field where you are scheduled to umpire. In the event a game is scheduled at an alternate field, one of the coaches will make sure the equipment is brought to the field.

 Thank you,

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