

Carolina's Umpire Association

Annual Meeting-January 21, 2023



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Awards

- Dick Knox Meritorious Service Award
- Jeter McKinley Award



Important Dates

- NFHS Rules and Concussion Test February 6th -19th
- Booking fee due February 15th
- Scrimmages February 13th -25th
- Regular Season February 27th –May 5th
- Play-offs May 9th-19th
 - Regionals May 22nd – 27th
- State Championships June 2nd – 3rd

Game Fees-2023

- Schedule of Fees

- Public School Varsity/JV \$82/\$71
- Private School Varsity/JV \$85/\$80
- Middle School \$75
- Middle School (Union County) \$82
- UNCC Club \$100/\$150 DH
- Middle School/JV (1 umpire) \$120
- Suspended/Cancelled Games
 - Notified after arrival at the game site (no earlier than 1 hr.) \$ ½ fee
 - Game suspended/cancelled after play has started \$ full fee

Shirts

- The black shirt w/gray side panel (2023 MLB version) is the required/default shirt for all CUA assigned games.
- Approved alternate shirts include:
 - Sky Blue w/black side panel (2023 MLB version)
 - Black w/white stripes on the collar
 - Carolina Blue w/black collar
 - Black w/vertical white stripe
 - Carolina Blue w/vertical black stripe
 - If an alternate shirt is worn, all partners must wear the same shirts.



Uniforms and Appearance

- The pants shall be charcoal (dark) gray. Heather gray pants are not permitted.
- Base umpires are required to have a stopwatch in their possession. Wristwatches and cell phones are not an acceptable alternative.
- For all CUA assigned contests, a black hat with the NCHSAA logo shall be worn.
- Facial Hair-Trimmed and groomed beards are permitted



Game Acceptance

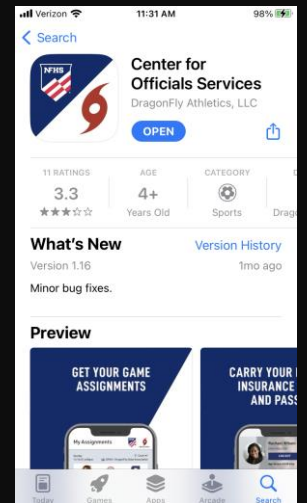
- Maintain your blocks current on Arbiter. Arbiter is the assigning site for the 2023 season.
- Share your other associations to eliminate conflicts.
- Assigned games need to be accepted ASAP. No later than 72 hours of the assignment being published.
- If a game is assigned and cannot be accepted, call (text message or email is not acceptable) Gary (not Frank) before declining the assignment.
- All public high school games will be assigned on Arbiter.
 - Public High Schools and Cabarrus County MS games will be paid via DragonFly.
 - These games will need to be accepted on DragonFly also in order to process the payments by the schools.
 - Games will be posted on Sunday for the upcoming week.
 - Each umpire needs to have a DragonFly Pay account set up and verified. NO ACCEPTANCE, NO ACCOUNT=NO PAY

Game Payments

- All public high school games will be assigned on Arbiter AND on DragonFly .
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 - These games will need to be accepted on DragonFly in order to process the payments by the schools.
 - Game will be posted on Sunday for the upcoming week.
 - Each umpire needs to have a DragonFly Pay account set up and verified. NO ACCEPTANCE, NO ACCOUNT=NO PAY
- Private schools and Public MS will be paid via Arbiter or by CUA.
 - Bob Weidaw will send out the list before the season.

Dragon Fly Mobile App

- From your app store you will need to download and install the DragonFly Max-Center for Officials Services.
- This will be the app that is used for game schedules, ejection reports, payments, contacts, etc.
- For issues with DragonFly contact MeaganAlexander@DragonFlyAthletics.com or utilize the chat function in the lower left corner



Conflict of Interests

- Any conflict of interest (COI) regarding a potential assignment shall be identified to the Supervisor of Officials in advance for determination.
 - If a COI exists, it needs to be entered on Arbiter in advance of the season.
 - COI's include, but are not limited to:
 - present or past employment at a school
 - dependents who attend or attended an assigned school
 - close friends and relatives who are employed by an assigned school.

Umpire Conduct

- Umpires shall abide by the tobacco, alcohol, and drug policy in place for the locality of the assigned activity. Umpires shall not be impaired from the use alcohol, prescribed or nonprescribed medication and/or substances while in an official capacity. Violation of this may result in suspension or termination.
- Umpires shall abide by the firearm and weapons policy for the jurisdiction of the assigned activity. Possession of firearms or weapons, by an official, on the field of play, is strictly prohibited, at any time, for any reason.

Pre-game Procedures

- CUA umpires shall complete and have in their possession the CUA Emergency Healthcare Information Form at every assigned contest. The location of this should be a topic covered in the pre-game.
- Umpires will not change assigned positions (plate and bases) with out permission from the Supervisor.
- Umpires are required to have at the game site a current rule and case book.

Pre-game Communication

- The plate umpire will be the crew chief on all assignments unless otherwise specified by the Supervisor of Officials. The assigned crew chief shall be responsible for contacting all members of the crew.
 - If you are unable to contact your crew members within 36 hours of the scheduled assignment you must contact the Supervisor of Officials office.
 - Any crew member who has not been contacted by his crew chief within 36 hours of the assignment date must contact the Supervisor of Officials.
- All Umpires should arrive at the game site 1 hour prior to the scheduled start time. (sub-varsity 30 mins)
 - If any umpire is delayed, they should call their crew member to let them know of their delay and tell them their expected arrival time. If a member of your crew has not arrived, or contacted you, at your game site within 30 minutes of the scheduled game time you must contact the Supervisor of Officials

Media Policy

- Umpires shall refer all inquiries from media (radio, television, internet or newspaper) or any other type media to the Supervisor of Officials.
- No Umpire may alter this policy without prior authorization from the Supervisor of Officials.
- Umpires shall not post anything regarding any assignment on ANY social media website. This includes the teams, coaches, players, fans, game management or any details involved with the assignment.
- Violation may result in disciplinary action, at the discretion of the Supervisor of Officials, up to suspension or termination.
- “SILENCE CAN NEVER BE MISQUOTED” -Calvin Coolidge (often paraphrased by Chris Padgett)

Post Game Reports

Head Crew Chief is responsible for filing any post game reports by 12:00 PM the day

- The assigned Crew Chief (denoted by the “**R**”) is responsible for filing the post game report by 12:00 PM the day following the game via Arbiter.
 - In addition to the score, the items to be included are:
 - Suspended game
 - Forfeited game
 - Lack of escort to parking lot/dressing room
 - Lack of proper security/game management
 - Unsporting/improper behavior/verbal abuse by fans, students, parents, supporters
 - Improper playing conditions, field markings or equipment
 - Anything else of note

Playoff Eligibility

d Crew Chief is responsible for filing any post game reports by 12:00 PM the day

- To be eligible to be assigned playoffs contests, the following requirements must be met:

1. Umpire is in good standing with NCHSAA and CUA
2. State meeting attendance (mandatory)
3. NFHS test score- >80% (mandatory)
 1. >65% eligible to umpire varsity
 2. <65% eligible to umpire JV and MS
4. Local and annual business meeting attendance*
5. Scrimmage attendance-minimum of 3 scrimmages*

* Alternative requirements may be substituted per the discretion of the Supervisor of Officials.

Grievances

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- If an official is disciplined for any action, CUA has a process for an official to have a grievance heard.
 - The official shall submit details of the event and the redress the official desires to the chairperson of the grievance committee.
 - Barry Lentz is the current chairperson
 - This submission shall be done in writing and submitted within one week of the action.
 - If the chairperson determines the grievance to be valid, the chairperson will convene a meeting of the full CUA Board to review the submission and make a final determination.

CUA Points of Emphasis

- “45’ Foot line” protocol for coach’s appeals is still in effect.
- Eye Black is limited to 1 stripe, 1 finger wide.



CUA Points of Emphasis

- **Spectator Behavior**

- The Game Day Administrator/Site Supervisor needs to be identified at the plate meeting and recorded on the line up card.
- Umpires will not tolerate abuse from fans or spectators
 - 3 P's-Personal, Profane or Prolonged
- Stop the game and have the game management address the situation and remove the fan.
- If game management is not available, address it with the appropriate head coach.
- Do not restart the game until the disruption is removed from the site. If compliance is not achieved, suspend the game. (10-2-3.h)
- Be situationally aware, stay together, leave together
- Call Gary immediately after the game.

CUA Points of Emphasis

- Do not permit “bench jockeying” or choreographed celebrations.
 - Supportive behavior is extremely important and encouraged, however, making disparaging remarks toward an opponent is not part of the game.
 - Chants/intentional distractions/loud noises (natural or artificial) directed at an opponent’s pitcher prior to his pitching, the batter preparing to hit, or a fielder getting ready to make a play is not good sportsmanship and should not be tolerated.
 - The coaches are responsible. Use them to shut it down.

CUA Points of Emphasis

- Do not permit non-playing personnel outside of dugout during live ball play.
 - Coaches on buckets
 - Multiple on deck batters
- This is in the rule book (3-3-1.i).
- This is for participant safety.
- This is a personal liability if you don't enforce it.

Disqualification & Ejection Reports

- If any player or coach is restricted, disqualified, or ejected the umpire responsible for the disciplinary action MUST contact the Supervisor of Officials by phone (text messages are NOT acceptable) immediately following the game.
 - A draft report for all disqualifications and ejections describing the situation in full must be submitted to the Supervisor of Officials via email within 8 hours.
 - The draft report shall be submitted using the CUA Ejection/Disqualification Form.
 - The report should be detailed and factual.
 - Once approved, the final report will be submitted to the NCHSAA within 12 hours of the event (public HS only) via DragonFly MAX.
 - For private schools and middle schools, the CUA form will be the only submission.

NCHSAA Ejection Criteria

- Fighting or leaving the bench area to participate in a fight
- Taunting/Baiting
- Obscene gestures
- Profanity
- Disrespectfully addressing an official
- Physical contact with an official
- Spitting
- Biting
- Malicious/Fragrant contact

DragonFly EJ/DQ Reports

1. Open DragonFly and go to my assignments.
2. Open the assignment and scroll to the bottom of the page.
3. Open the “Add Documents” tab
4. Select “NC High School Ejection Report”.
5. Complete the form and submit.

My Assignments

Refresh

UPCOMING GAMES

PAST GAMES

Monday 10/17/22 4:30pm EST

Harold E. Winkler Middle
Harold E. Winkler Middle

Northwest Cabarrus Middle

Middle School Softball

Harold E. Winkler Middle

WIN

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LOSS

Assignment: Plate Umpire Total Pay: \$75.00

Accepted Paid

Monday 10/10/22 4:30pm EST

C C Griffin Middle
C C Griffin Middle - Softball Field

My Assignments

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No Workers found

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Raymond Hylton
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Game Documents

Add Document

There are currently no game documents to show.

Ejection/Disqualification Report

Contest Participants Northwest Cabarrus Middle vs Harold E. Winkler Mid

Sport Softball

Competition Level Middle School

Event Date 10/17/2022 @ 4:30:00 PM EDT

h5 Harold E. Winkler Middle

Save & Finish Later Sign & Complete