

Preseason Meeting Notes -- 15 February, 2018

- Introductions
- Policies and Procedures
 - Documents
 - New Umpires – Fill out Officials form
 - [Background Check \(18+\)](#)
 - OHYSA.com -> Volunteer -> Be A Coach-> Security
 - Release and Waiver
 - On Field Clinics – Sunday, 25 February
 - Baseball ages 12-15 – 12:00-2:00 Meet at Mustang 2
 - Baseball ages 16+ – 2:30-4:30 Meet at Pony Field
 - Bring a Mask and Glove
 - Softball – 4:30-6:00 Meet at Softball 1
 - Scheduling
 - Same tool as previous seasons
 - Use the “Umpire Login” at OHYSA.com
 - You will receive an email with new ID and Password
 - Mark your availability
 - I only see umpires who are available. If you haven’t explicitly marked the date/time as available for a game, I can’t assign you
 - I’ll try to get assignments out on Tuesdays, for the following Monday-Sunday week.
 - Pay rates for Baseball
 - 8U - \$20, 10U - \$30, 12U - \$40, 14U - \$45
 - Scrimmages
 - Volunteers needed
 - Great chance to warm up for the season!
 - Communication
 - Robert (10U, 12U, 14U)
 - Email: oakhillumpire@att.net
 - Text: 512-694-7432
 - Mark (8U)
 - Email: marksalas10@gmail.com
 - Text: 512-775-6825
 - Uniforms
 - Look professional
 - Baseball: Navy Shirt
 - Umpire shirt is navy with white/red trim. I haven’t found any sizes smaller than Adult Small.
 - As an alternative, any navy collared shirt (polo style) will work.
 - Softball: Light Blue with white/navy trim
 - Dark or Blue hat – No MLB logos

- OHYSA teams use MLB team names. You don't want to wear a hat which matches one of the teams on the field (gives impression of bias).
 - Requested: Charcoal grey pants, black belt, black shoes
 - Equipment
 - **You will need:**
 - **Ball Bag**
 - **Brush**
 - **Indicator**
 - OHYSA supplied/shared Equipment
 - Location of Gear
 - M1 Blue Bin (Mustang 1, Bronco, Pony fields)
 - SB Annex Blue Bin (Mustang 2, Softball 1 fields)
 - Get your own set (Mask, CP, SG, Bag/brush/indicator)
 - <http://baseball.epicsports.com/prod/94480/champro-sports-varsity-umpire-kit.html>
 - No Cell phone usage on the field
 - Rule Set
 - [MLB 2017 rulebook \(in PDF\)](#)
 - [USSSA 2017 Softball Rules \(PDF\)](#)
 - [OHYSA 2018 Blue Book](#)
- Umpire Responsibilities
 - Arrive before scheduled game time
 - If you are on the field at game time, you are late!
 - Arrive 15-30 minutes before scheduled time
 - Plate meeting 5 min prior to game time
 - Make sure you have enough time to put on gear
 - Priorities
 - Ball/Strike
 - Fair/Foul
 - Catch/No Catch
 - Safe/Out
 - Everything else (Obstruction, Interference, Missed base, etc)
 - Angle over Distance
 - Be in the right place on the field to see the play
 - Chest to Ball
 - Always know where the ball is.
 - Don't turn your back on the ball.
 - Head steady
 - Movement will cause poor judgement
 - Be stopped to see the play
 - Square up to the play
 - See It/ Call It/ Signal
 - When does the play end?
- Points of Emphasis
 - No Cell phone usage on the field

- No Texting, Emailing, Instagram, &c.
 - Can be used for game timer
 - Between Innings
 - Hustle the team into the field
 - Pitcher and Catcher
 - Drink Water
 - Count warm-up pitches
 - Limit if team not ready to take the field
 - No more than 90 seconds!
 - Putting the ball in play
 - What conditions cause a dead ball?
- Training & Improving
 - Read the Rules!
 - [2-man mechanics video](#)
 - Other Videos
 - On field clinics
 - Evaluations
- Questions
- Rule Myths
 - Common misunderstandings on rules.
 - <http://umpirebible.com/rules/myths.htm>
 - This link also has reference to the relevant rules