

**Wilmette Umpires Meeting
Pinto League
April 24 & 25, 2021**

Thank you for umping in the 2021 Pinto League for the Wilmette Baseball Association! Here's some important information:

Scheduling	<p>Scheduling will be done on a week-by-week basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An email will be sent asking you to provide your availability for the following week • After the responses are submitted, an email will be sent with the game assignments for that week • Once assigned, you will receive email reminders for the games you are scheduled to ump. Log into www.wilmettebaseball.org with the email address & password you received when your umpire account was created. You can view the games you are assigned to ump by clicking on "Officials Management", then "Assignments." Your schedule for the following week should appear a few hours after the game assignment email has been sent. • If you have any issues, please send an email to umps@wilmettebaseball.org
Attendance	<p>You are responsible for your games. If you cannot make a game, <i>you are responsible for finding a replacement.</i> Ask other umpires you know or use pintoumps@wilmettebaseball.org to mass email all the Pinto umpires.</p> <p>As soon as you find a replacement, send an email to umps@wilmettebaseball.org and to the replacement umpire with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your name, • The date, time, and location of the game you were assigned to ump, and • The name of your replacement.
Game Locations	<p>Games will be played at:</p> <p><u>Thornwood North</u> – across from Harper School, Thornwood Ave and Dartmouth St, field closest to Kenilworth Ave</p> <p><u>Thornwood South</u> – across from Harper School, Thornwood Ave and Dartmouth St, field closest to Harper School</p> <p><u>Hibbard North</u> – at the Community Recreation Center, Skokie Blvd and Glenview Rd. This field is by the tennis courts, by the gym entrance.</p> <p><u>Hibbard South</u> – at the Community Recreation Center, Skokie Blvd and Glenview Rd. This field is the closest to the front entrance, closest to Glenview Rd</p> <p><u>Roemer Park</u> – off of Old Glenview Rd, east of Skokie Blvd</p>
Number and Rotation of Umps	<p>Depending on how big the umpire pool is, we intend to schedule three umps at each game. Rotate positions every two innings. If two umps are at a game, rotate after three innings.</p>

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Game Cancellations	You will receive an email if a game gets cancelled more than 24 hours before game time. For situations involving inclement weather on game day, please go to the end of this handout.
Payment	Pinto: \$17 per game. There will be two checks: Payment for games worked between April 1 and May 15 will be mailed at the end of May. Payment for games worked between May 16 and June 20 will be mailed at the end of June.
Disputed Calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Judgment Calls</u>. Examples – Out v. safe; fair v. foul; ball v. strike. A good ump says: That’s the way I saw it and that’s my call. Let’s play ball. Once you make the call, stick with it and resume playing the game. Be decisive. If a manager argues with you over a judgment call, tell him that the call has been made and the game is moving on. • <u>Rule Interpretations</u>. Example – Ball hit off tee reaches the grass in front of home plate, then spins back to the dirt in front of home plate. Catcher picks up ball, throws to first, and ump calls batter out. Manager of batting team contends that the ball should be called foul. If the manager of the fielding team disagrees, consult the rule book, see that the ball is not in play, and change the call.
Recurring Umping Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Call a Consistent Strike Zone</u> – However you see the strike zone, stick with it. Even if it’s not perfect, it’s fair as long as both teams play with the same strike zone. • <u>BE LOUD</u> – The players and coaches must hear your calls. It also shows you have confidence in your calls. • <u>Dress appropriately and get to the game early</u> – wear dark, solid colors. Shorts are OK. Do not wear pants that do not fit you appropriately (too tight or too baggy) or that have holes in them. Arrive to the game 15 minutes before start time. • <u>Leave your cell phone alone</u> – Do not have your cell phone out at any point during the game.
Communications	You should check your email at least twice every day.
Attendance Information	All umpires should meet at home plate with the team managers just before the game. Give each manager your first and last name. The winning manager will enter your information when they enter the score of the game. This is how you get credit for the game.
Questions or Comments?	John Revis umps@wilmettebaseball.org 224-766-1457 mobile

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The weather is bad. I'm not sure if my game will be played. What do I do?

- When the coaches decide to cancel a game, they send a text message to a phone number that automatically sends an email to all the umpires with the information.
- Follow and/or check the Wilmette Umps Twitter page. Cancellation updates will also be posted there (@WilmetteUmps) www.twitter.com/wilmetteumps
- If you have not received an email and the game is not listed as cancelled on the Twitter account, the game has not been canceled. Please go to your game. If you show up to the field and there are no teams present, please email umps@wilmettebaseball.org about the situation

NOTE: We are testing a system that can also send text messages to the cell phone number you provided during registration. We are not sure if this will work yet so please rely on your email and the Twitter account for rainout info.