

# 2009 DYBA UMPIRING PROGRAM



Informational & Organization Meetings  
Sunday, February 22 & Sunday, March 8  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
DHS Room E114

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**DYBA**

- Sign-In Sheet
- Feel free to ask a question at anytime!!
- Websites
  - [dybaschedule.com](http://dybaschedule.com)
  - [umpires.dybaschedule.com](http://umpires.dybaschedule.com)
- Handouts (mostly online)

# Introductions

- Director of Umpires – Harley Rosenthal
  - Fifth year as DYBA Director of Umpires
  - Umpired since I have been 13 years old
  - Served as Umpire Scheduler for 2 years
  - IHSA “patched” umpire for 10 years

# Introductions

- **Umpire Schedulers**
  - Victor Rudo
    - DYBASchedule.com creator and webmaster
    - 3rd year as Field & Umpire Scheduler
    - IHSA Patched Umpire
  - Alex Dorn (will assume scheduling duties starting June 15, 2009)
    - Umpire Scheduler for 5 years
    - IHSA Patched Umpire

# Required Forms & Applications

- Umpire Application ... required for all umpires:  
<http://dybaschedule.com/umpires/registration.htm>  
*\*\* NOW ONLINE ONLY \*\**
  - Need email address
    - This is how we communicate with all umpires
  - Umpire's Cell phone number
    - For any last minute schedule changes, we use this number to get in contact with you quickly
  - Parent's cell phone number ... in case of emergency
  - Social Security Number (via email; when needed)
    - DYBA cannot pay you unless we receive this number
    - *\*\* All information is kept strictly confidential \*\**

# Required Forms & Applications

- Work permit ... only needed if you are under 16 years old (as of April 15)
  - How to get this? Bring the following documents to school and your school secretary will be able to issue a work permit.
    - Job description letter (Work Permit Letter: Documents and Information)
    - Birth certificate or Passport (to prove your age)
    - Social security card
    - Parent with you and parents signature
  - Once you have obtained your work permit, please send me the yellow copy of the permit; I do not need the other information you brought to obtain the work permit

***I cannot pay you unless & until I receive all of the required paper-work!!***

## Umpiring clinics

- Umpires must attend both clinics
- Scheduling priority for games will depend on attendance at the Clinics
- Clinic Dates
  - Saturday March 28 @ Shepard Middle School; Gymnasium 1:00pm-4:00pm
  - Sunday March 29 @ Shepard Middle School; Gymnasium 1:00pm-4:00pm
    - *Weather-dependending, we will be going outside for the clinics --- dress appropriately!!*



## Tentative Pay rates for 2009 (pending final board approval at March DYBA Board meeting)

- All pay rates are based on experience and games umpired in DYBA. I have all historical records dating back many years. If you believe there is a discrepancy, please let me know so we can make sure you are getting paid properly based on your experience.
- Theoretically, you will umpire roughly 25 games each year, and will thus receive additional money each year you return to umpiring.

## 2009 Tentative Pay-Rates

- Pay-Rates start at \$16/game for new umpires
  - Can increase to as high as \$28/game
- “Patched” Umpires -- \$30/game for new patched umpires
  - Can increase to as high as \$40/game
- Game-Pay for upper level travel games (and Colt league) will be \$52/\$55
  - Game will be officiated alone ... we are mimicking the IHSA System and offering the same exact payment amount
- Travel Premium: \$5 bonus in addition to normal game rate
- Bonuses are available as per myself, Alex, or Victor, or DYBA Board Members & League Presidents for exceptional performance

## 2009 Tentative Pay-Rates

- Rain out & Cancellations
  - Premium ... 25% of normal rate with a \$10 cap
  - Same cancellation system as last year
    - If you receive phone call or email before game
      - No payment
    - If you get to field and no teams are there
      - 25% of normal rate with a \$10 cap
    - If one pitch is thrown
      - Full pay
  - Misc. or Questions??
- Timing Issues & Late Cancellations

# Umpire equipment

- Clicker, brush, and umpire t-shirt (if you have not received one last year) will be at the shed after Spring Break
- Shin guards, chest protector and face mask will be supplied at each field
  - if you get to a field and some equipment is missing/damaged, use equipment from a neighboring field
    - **After the game, please call or email me and tell me the equipment was damaged/missing so that I can replace it for the next person**
- DYBA Rulebook
  - [http://dybaschedule.com/umpires/2008\\_DYBA\\_Rule\\_Book.pdf](http://dybaschedule.com/umpires/2008_DYBA_Rule_Book.pdf)
  - 2009 edition has not been finalized yet by the DYBA Rules Committee
    - Mustang – Tee always used in the event of a bases load walk
- Any questions from returning umpires about a rule or specific situation from last year?
- NFHS Rulebook will be at the shed after Spring Break
  - Supplement specific DYBA Rules

# Pay Slips

- Available on Umpires section of DYBASchedule.com
  - [http://www.dybaschedule.com/umpires/documents\\_and\\_information.htm](http://www.dybaschedule.com/umpires/documents_and_information.htm)
- PDF
  - <http://dybaschedule.com/umpires/Umpirepayslip.pdf>
- Word
  - [http://dybaschedule.com/umpires/Umpire\\_pay\\_slip.doc](http://dybaschedule.com/umpires/Umpire_pay_slip.doc)

# If I cannot read your pay-slip, you will not get paid!!

Umpire NAME (i.e. Harley Rosenthal) NOT just "Harley"

Social Security # (Last 4 digits) ####

**DO NOT  
need the  
day of the  
week**

League Baseball or Softball? What level/league? Is it *travel*?

Date Month & Date Time \_\_\_\_\_ Field Name & Number

Team \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_

Umpire Partner name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Team Mgr ***Both*** managers must sign

Is Umpire dressed appropriately Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Visiting team Mgr No signature necessary if a travel game

Is Umpire dressed appropriately Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

# Travel Umpires

- Preference to those with a patch first ... then those who have unpatched, senior umpiring status
- Pay rate bonus for travel games = \$5 game (if Board approved)
- A blue umpire 'polo' will be ordered in your size once you have passed the IHSA test and registered as a patched Umpire
  - DYBA umpires only get 1 blue umpire 'polo' (NOT 1 per year) and it should be worn to every DYBA contest (travel or house) that you umpire

## How do you get paid???

- How to get your pay-slips to me?
  - Drop pay-slips off in the DYBA Umpire drop box at the shed at Woodland Park
    - Pay-slips will be picked up at the end of each month
  - Mail pay-slips to me
    - Harley Rosenthal
    - DYBA Director of Umpires
    - 3041 N. Lakewood Ave.
    - Chicago, Illinois 60657

## When is “pay-day”???

- I will collect pay slips from the Woodland Park shed the last few days of each month
- If you are mailing your pay-slips, please make sure they get to me by the end of the month
- Pay-slips will be analyzed, sent to the DYBA Treasurer and checks should be sent out by the 15th of the next month

## Payment Reminders

- DEADLINE → September 31 is the **FINAL** chance to get paid. Do not send me pay-slips or emails or phone calls in December or next January/February looking to get paid
- Incorrectly filled out pay slips may result in not being paid.
- Do not lie on your pay-slip!!!!!!! You will not get paid

## Umpire evaluations

- There will be periodic umpire evaluations over the course of the season
- You can earn up to a \$100 bonus for high quality work
- You will get immediate and constructive feedback at the field
  - The evaluators are there to help you and provide immediate, on-field constructive feedback
  - Do not take their remarks as criticism
- They will identify themselves to you as ‘DYBA Umpire Evaluators’

Umpire Scheduling

on

[www.dybaschedule.com](http://www.dybaschedule.com)

# Umpire Scheduling

*[www.dybaschedule.com](http://www.dybaschedule.com)*

- Forms available on the website to submit dates and times you are available to umpire
  - Request Multiple Games
    - [http://www.dybaschedule.com/umpire\\_schedule/request\\_mutiple\\_games.htm](http://www.dybaschedule.com/umpire_schedule/request_mutiple_games.htm)
    - Use to request specific games that are open on the master schedule
  - Submit Schedule
    - [http://www.dybaschedule.com/umpire\\_schedule/sumbit\\_schedule.htm](http://www.dybaschedule.com/umpire_schedule/sumbit_schedule.htm)
    - Use to submit days of the week when you are/aren't available to umpire
- Will have 1 to 2 weeks scheduled in advance; Request games weekly for games 2-3 weeks out
- Above all, what Alex or Victor says, is the final answer. With very few reserved exceptions, scheduling games is the sole & exclusive province of Alex and Victor and they have complete control over this aspect of the program.
- Umpire schedule will be posted on the DYBASchedule.com website
  - Coded method ... Harley Rosenthal is HROS; John Brown is JBRO
- There is NO excuse to miss an assigned game
  - We understand things happen and everyone is human; if you do need to cancel a game, at least let Victor/Alex know so they can try to schedule someone else

# The Umpiring process

- Before you leave home
  - Umpire shirt on the outer most layer (sweatshirt underneath is o.k. when it's cold)
  - You are the highest authority on the field, and you should dress appropriately
  - Required Equipment
    - Clicker ... Plate-brush ... Pay slips and pen ... Small towel to dry/clean muddy balls ... Water bottle on very hot days ... Watch
  - Dress appropriate for the weather; warmer clothes in spring (i.e. 8:00 p.m. night games)
  - Bring a small tote bag to put all of your stuff in behind the screen during the game (i.e. cell phone, ipod, keys, etc.)
- Keep the game moving

# Expectations of the Umpire

- Know the rules, positions, and mechanics (clinics)
- Be loud and decisive
  - Even if you make the wrong call, at least look & sound like you ‘know’ you are correct
- Look like an Umpire & Hustle
  - Often times, this is mainly what the coaches and managers want more than anything

# Expectations of the Umpire

## Ipods & Cell Phones

- DO NOT make telephone calls in between innings or during the game
  - We received numerous complaints last year about umpires in the middle of conversations between innings and the kids having to wait for an umpire to finish the conversation ... this is unacceptable!!
- Cell phones are only to be used before the game (i.e. to call me in the case of a field issue) or after the game (i.e. to call your mom/dad/etc. to come and pick you up)
- DO NOT listen to IPODs on the field between innings
  - Use them before and after the game only
- These are both safety issues to have these things in your pockets during the game; you will get hit by the ball occasionally and we do not want you to get hurt because you have these accessories in your pocket (put them in your bag behind the backstop)

## Before the Game on the field

- Check the field and bases for safety issues
- Decide on foul ball and in play territories
- Obtain 2 new balls from the home team to start the game
- Have your field meeting to go over ground rules 10 minutes before the game starts
- Get your game pay slips signed at this time
- Check Bats (pony baseball league)

# Safety & Lightning

## REMEMBER: YOU ARE THE BOSS!!

- DYBA Official Lightning Policy → <http://www.dyba.com/Lightning%20Policy.htm>
- Once you arrive on the field, you have complete jurisdiction
  - If you see lightning (or hear thunder), get off the field immediately ... DO NOT HESITATE
  - If the Thorguard system sets off an alarm, get off the field immediately
    - There is a Thorguard at Woodland, Mitchell, Jewett, Shepard, Maplewood
    - If the Thorguard system at your field does not go off, but you hear the Thorguard from another field, get off the field immediately
- If you are umpiring at Woodland 1 or Mitchell 1, and see that the teams on the other 3 Woodland fields (or other Mitchell field) have left the field because of alleged lightning/thunder, you too must bring everyone off the field
  - Do not wait until you personally see it, if there is any doubt, leave the field
- If you arrive to the field and the Thorguard system is going off, you cannot step foot on the field until the All-Clear signal is sounded
- During lightning delays, the 2 hour (or 2.5 hour) game time limit is still in effect
- You do not have to wait the entire 2 hours just because that is what is left on the time limit clock if the storm is awful and there is no sight of clearing skies
- **Safety is the FIRST CONCERN ... I will always defend you (I will not even question your decision) if, in your judgment, it is dangerous to play, and you suspend or cancel a game. If a coach has a problem with canceling a game, tell him to call me and he can discuss it with me. You are not there to jeopardize the life/safety of any DYBA member; you are to use your best judgment to determine if you think there is an unreasonable risk of playing or waiting for the storm to pass.**

## Getting in Contact with me...

- Email
  - General Questions or Umpire Questions
    - hrosenthal@dyba.com / dybaumpires@rcn.com
  - Field Scheduling Questions / Victor & Alex
    - scheduler@dybaschedule.com
- Cell Phone ... 847-921-1990 (\*\*please leave a message\*\*)
- Address: 3041 N. Lakewood Ave., Chicago, IL 60657

## Questions???

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### *Upcoming Umpire Events & Dates*

- Information / Organization Meeting #2
  - Sun., March 8 (2 weeks) 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Umpire Clinics
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