

Baseball Umpire Mechanics Clinic - 2019

Goal: Provide an effective, educational experience for umpires to learn and grow

Provide a Level 1 and a Level 2 clinic within the overall clinic

Level 1 = newer umpire (<3 years exp.) Level 2 = experienced umpire (3+ years exp.)

Pre-clinic training session for clinicians to provide consistent message (phone conference)

- April 10, 2019
 - 3:30 for Level 1 (Jacobus, Curtis, Hansen, Boyd, Sweeney)
 - 4:15 for Level 2 (Powers, Baxter, Harris, Beltman, Johnson, Harthoorn, Pomeroy, Bruck, Willenborg, Eklund)
- Instructions to dial into the meeting/conference:
 - Dial 1-866-779-0773
 - Dial 515 432 2011# to enter the conference call

Agenda for the mechanics clinics:

6:15-7:00 Large group

- POEs
 - Compliance of player's equipment
 - Baserunners' responsibilities
 - 4 reasons (slide illegal vs. legal)
 - Straight into bag
 - Lead foot below knee
 - Hip/buttock on ground (pop-up, roll)
 - Not beyond the bag with contact
- Dugout control
- Coach communication
 - Warning
 - Restrict
 - Eject
- Sportsmanship
- Baseballs, c-flap, legal equipment, etc.
- Rule changes
 - Rule 6-1-3
 - Entire pivot foot no longer needs to be in contact with pitcher's plate - set position
- Directions to view NFHS Mechanics video ([in Arbiter Baseball Video or sent as a link?](#))

7:10-8:10 Level 1 content:

- Fundamental items for newer umpires
 - Gear to wear, what to purchase, how to wear it
 - Contracts – how to get games

- Communication prior to game – with school and partner
- Show up on time
- Pre-game with umpiring partner
- Plate meeting with coaches
- Brief discussion with catcher prior to first pitch
- Basics of umpiring
 - Basic positioning, stance
 - Timing of calls
 - Basic mechanics (rotation, movement, etc.)

7:10-8:10 Level 2 content:

- Video review
 - Slides (illegal and legal)
 - Malicious contact and slide play at plate (ejection not required)
 - Hybrid stance and balks

8:15-8:30 Q & A

8:30 Registration and dismissal

2019 BASEBALL OFFICIALS CLINICS

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at Johnston HS (Tharp, Chizek, Curtis)

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at Le Mars HS (Chizek, Curtis) & Washington, IA HS (Tharp)

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at Treynor HS (Tharp, Curtis) & Waverly-Shell Rock HS (Chizek)

Clinicians:

- Wednesday, April 17, 2019 (6:15-8:30 PM) at Johnston HS
 - Level 2–Trent Powers and Josh Baxter Level 1–Larry Jacobus (Junker)
- Wednesday, April 24, 2019 (6:15-8:30 PM) at Le Mars HS
 - Level 2–Mark Harris and Mark Beltman Level 1–Pete Hansen
- Wednesday, April 24, 2019 (6:15-8:30 PM) at Washington, IA HS
 - Level 2–Roger Johnson and Joel Harthoorn Level 1–Terry Curtis
- Wednesday, May 1, 2019 (6:15-8:30 PM) at Treynor HS
 - Level 2–Dan Pomeroy and Jim Bruck Level 1–Bob Sweeney
- Wednesday, May 1, 2019 (6:15-8:30 PM) at Waverly-Shell Rock HS
 - Level 2–Ryan Eklund and Nick Willenborg Level 1–Bill Boyd