



The Indicator

The Newsletter of the MBUA

Game, Partners,



Myself.

Schedules and TheArbitersports.com

Schedules are coming out little by little. Keep your "Arbiter" calendars updated.

Association Test

Will be e-mailed at the end of Feb. This will get you ready for the National Federation Exam.

Federation Exam will be at

7 PM, Tuesday, March 16 at The Heights.

Equipment:

Dave Gould- TD Sports, 703-631-1786.

dbgould@erols.com

Chris Coccagna- POS- 443-655-5853.

Catcher Skull Cap- Mask Combination:

Illegal- NF- Casebook- 1.5.4.

Legal- MLB- 1-16d.

ABUA

Join today at www.umpire.org or call at 303-290-7411.

Commissioner's Corner

MBUA Crew Chief Requirements

- ♦ Minor League Experience.
- ♦ College Experience.
- ♦ High School Play-Off Umpire.
- ♦ You must be a good leader, teacher and communicator.
- ♦ Your goal is to make umpires better. You are not to evaluate.



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Clinics:

Feb. 7th
12 noon
The Heights

Feb. 2, 16, 23
7:30-9PM

St John the Baptist- Lyon Center

Veterans are encouraged to attend.

MPSSAA Mandatory Rules Interpretation Meetings:

Feb. 10- 7 :30
High Point High School

Feb. 17th- 6 PM
Anne Arundel Board of Education.

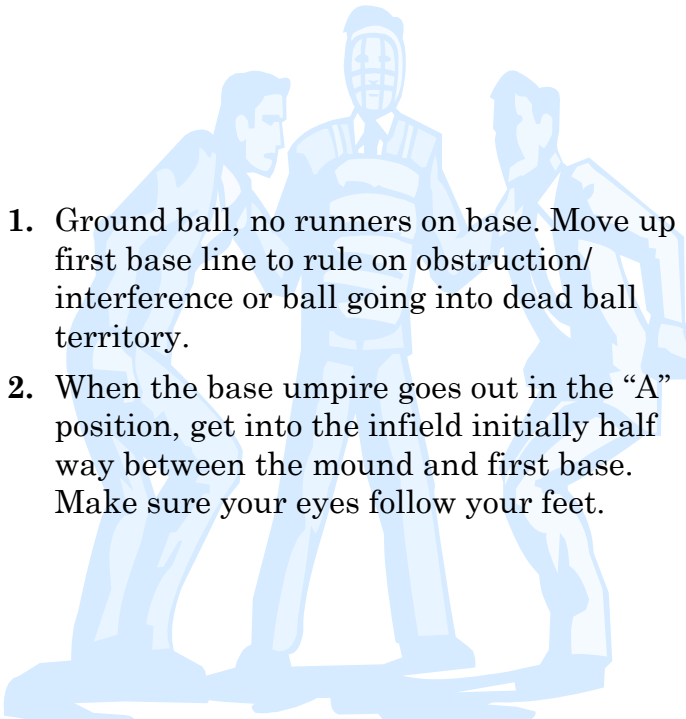
Feb. 18th- 7 PM
Hammond High School

You must attend a MPSSAA rule interpretation meeting to be eligible to work public HS baseball in Maryland.

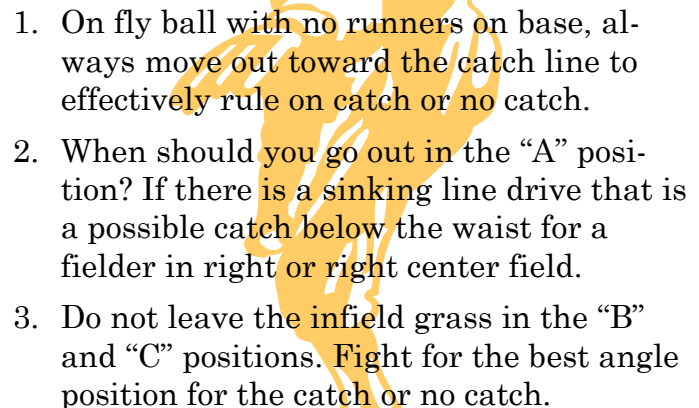
Dave Gould will be at the Feb 10th meeting.

Tips

Plate Umpires:

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1. Ground ball, no runners on base. Move up first base line to rule on obstruction/interference or ball going into dead ball territory.
 2. When the base umpire goes out in the "A" position, get into the infield initially half way between the mound and first base. Make sure your eyes follow your feet.

Base Umpires:

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1. On fly ball with no runners on base, always move out toward the catch line to effectively rule on catch or no catch.
 2. When should you go out in the "A" position? If there is a sinking line drive that is a possible catch below the waist for a fielder in right or right center field.
 3. Do not leave the infield grass in the "B" and "C" positions. Fight for the best angle position for the catch or no catch.



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We're on the web!
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We proudly provide top quality umpires throughout the greater Washington DC metropolitan area. Our services have been utilized by area baseball leagues since 1920. We service all ages and levels of baseball from Little League to High School to Adult leagues, primarily from March to November.

February Baseball History

The call that always seemed the toughest to me was the slide and tag play at second. You can see it coming, but you don't know which way the runner is going to slide, where the throw is going to be, and how the fielder is going to take the throw.

—**Cal Hubbard**

With his election into Coopers-town, umpire Cal Hubbard becomes the only person to be elected to both the baseball and football Halls of Fame. Here are some other Cal Hubbard quotes to play the game by:

-Boys, I'm one of those umpires that misses 'em every once in a while so if it's close, you'd better hit it.

-I always hated to throw a guy out of a game but sometimes it was necessary to keep order.

-When it was time for a player to go, he went.

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