



# The Indicator

The Newsletter of the MBUA

Game, Partners,



Myself.

*We still have three weeks to go. Fall Ball does not mean going half speed. This winter leave our customers with great thoughts about the MBUA.*

## Commissioner's Corner

After watching, observing, talking to our veterans and listening to our clients, I came up with a list of what I look for to be a "top" umpire. This list is an "A" list.

1. Administrative- Keeps calendars updated; hands in game reports and hands in self-evaluations.
2. Pre and Post Game- Gets to his assignments on time. Knows where fields are or finds out! Has a good and thorough pre-game. Has a good post game , gives and receives criticism. In other words always looking to get better.
3. Perception- Is the umpire neat and clean. Does he look the part. Is he in good physical shape. Is his uniform clean? Does he show energy when working. Does he use proper mechanics?
4. Judgment- How is his strike zone? Does he get open angles on the bases to get plays right. Is his timing to fast in both positions?
5. Rules Knowledge- Does he know the rules in all three codes? Does he know how to apply the rules?
6. Body Language- Does he exude confidence however, not "cocky". Does he show energy on the field? Does he hustle?
7. Experience- Is he a former play-off umpire, has minor league or college experience? If he is new, is he working games?
8. Game Management- Does he keep a good pace for the game. How does he handle dugouts? How does he handle situations with players? Does he control the game or does he let the game control him?
9. Attitude – He is not "high maintenance", he is not a "drama king", he comes to umpire day in and day out.
10. Team Official- Does he live by our motto, Game, partner, myself?

### Commissioner Updates:

- ◆ *Keep the Arbiter calendar updated.*
- ◆ *Call partners or e-mail partners 48 hours before the game.*
- ◆ *Send in game reports and self evaluations after each game.*



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*Next Clinic:  
Thursday, October 15th 6 PM at  
The Heights School.*

*If you would like to be considered to be a Crew Chief in the fall and next season, please e-mail me ASAP.*

**Clinics:**

Our next clinic will be on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The time of the clinic will be at 6 pm. The location will be at The Heights School on the baseball field. If it rains, we will go in the gym or auditorium. The last clinic we had was on September 15<sup>th</sup>. We worked on getting “open angles” on the bases, communication as a crew and rotations. Dave Schaffel did a fantastic presentation.

**Equipment:**

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

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Chris Coccagna- POS- 443-655-5853.

Catcher Skull Cap- Mask Combination:

Illegal- NF- Casebook- 1.5.4.

Legal- MLB- 1-16d.

**Reminders:**

*Make sure you check equipment when doing games that use NF rules. In NF, Skull Cap Mask Combinations are illegal. Casebook-1.5.4. Also, the use of tobacco is cause for ejection while in the confines of the playing area. NF- 3-3-1.*

Camps

**Liberty Classic Clinic**  
Flemington, New Jersey.  
November 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.  
Contact No. -303-290-7411.

**Deadline-October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Coastal Umpire Camp**  
December 11- 13  
Myrtle Beach, SC  
843-902-5264

**Florida Classic Clinic**  
December 27 - 31  
303-290-7411



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