

# MLL Umpire 101 Training

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# Agenda

Pre – Pick up shirt, books + sign-in sheet

900 – Welcome, Intros, discuss agenda and logistics for the day

905-1010 - Intro to Umpiring

1010-1040 - Rules and Scenarios

1040-1045 – Umpire Signup process

1045-1100 - Q&A discussion and wrap up

Post – Pick up shirt, books + sign-in sheet



*Little League is a program of service to youth. It is geared to provide an outlet of healthful activity and training under good leadership in the atmosphere of wholesome community participation.*

*The movement is dedicated to helping children become good and decent citizens. It strives to inspire them with a goal and to enrich their lives towards the day when they must take their places in the world. It establishes the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play.*

## Philosophy

# Umpiring

- Umpire is the only occupation where a person has to be perfect on Opening Day and improve as the season goes on. - Anonymous
- The third team on the field at every Little League game
- Important for a safe, well officiated game
- The more you know the rules, the better the game experience
- Opportunity to positively contribute to your player's Little League experience



## THE LITTLE LEAGUE® PARENT/VOLUNTEER PLEDGE

I will teach all children to play fair and do their best.

I will positively support all managers, coaches and players.

I will respect the decisions of the umpires.

I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game.

# Submit paperwork via email to MLL

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.monarchlittleleague.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1217161>. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The website header features the Monarch Little League logo and name, along with social media icons for Facebook and Instagram. A navigation menu includes links for HOME, ABOUT, REGISTRATION, MLL SCHEDULE, TEAMS, COACHES, UMPIRES, SUPPORT MLL, and STORE. A dropdown menu is open under 'UMPIRES', showing 'Become An Umpire' and 'Umpire Training'. The main content area is titled 'BECOME AN UMPIRE' and contains the following text:

Reliable and qualified umpires are needed at AAA divisions and up for Monarch Little League. Umpires must be 14 years or older. An umpire clinic will be held before the season to provide training and go over the rules. It is the responsibility of the umpires to study and understand the rules in order to be prepared for game situations.

Scheduling of games and divisions to work will depend on performance and development as an umpire. Scheduling and notifications is maintained through the use of a Google spreadsheet webpage that will be made available once added to the list.

Umpires may either volunteer as an umpire or work as an independent contractor with Monarch Little League. The pay scale for umpire duties range from \$30 to \$60 per game based on ability and experience.

**Application Information:**

In order to complete your application for being an umpire please send the information below to [umpire@monarchll.org](mailto:umpire@monarchll.org) and [treasurer@monarchll.org](mailto:treasurer@monarchll.org):

- Name
- Address
- Phone #
- Email address
- Dates/Times that you will not be available to umpire.
- Preferred payment method: Mailed check or PayPal account.
- A completed W-9 form:  
[W-9 Form Instructions](#)  
[W-9 Form](#)

Prior to the season start the MLL league president will email you the following to fill out:

- [Background Check](#)

The footer of the website features a row of logos for sponsors: Escoffier, ECL, Moxie Bread Co., Tap House, Premier Members, and DQ. Below the logos, there are 'SITE LINKS' (Our Staff, Our Mission, Softball @ LYBA, Email Signup) and a 'CLICK HERE TO SAVE ON YOUR NEXT PURCHASE' button. The Monarch Little League contact information is also provided: PO Box 270150, Louisville, Colorado 80027.

[MLL Registration Site](https://www.monarchlittleleague.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1217161)

# Umpire Resources

- MLL Umpire Training [website](#)
- Little League Rulebook - download the [app](#)
  - [Little League Rules, Regulations, and Policies](#)
- Wear: Navy/Light Blue Umpire Shirt, black slacks, dependable shoes, ball cap, watch
- Umpire boxes at the fields have: protective gear, clickers, brush, ball bag

The screenshot shows the MLL Umpire Training website with a dark header and yellow navigation bars. The main content is organized into three columns: Umpire Training, Rules Specifics, and Forms.

**Navigation Menu:** HOME, ABOUT, REGISTRATION, MLL SCHEDULE, TEAMS, COACHES, UMPIRES, SUPPORT MLL, STORE

## UMPIRE TRAINING

### TRAINING SLIDES

- [MLL Umpiring 101 PowerPoint Deck](#): A good place to start! Contains rules (including the 10 most commonly misunderstood ones), scenarios, registration/scheduling procedures, and links to additional resources.
- [MLL Umpire Training Curriculum](#): Our guide to areas to study including roles & responsibilities, signals/calls, uniform/equipment, and game management.
- [Little League International Umpire Clinic](#): Prepared by Little League International. Valuable guide to field mechanics and details on recognizing and enforcing rules on obstruction vs. interference, catcher interference, illegal pitches, infield flies, and other situations an umpire will most likely encounter.
- [Little League Umpire Rules Instruction Manual](#): This is reviewed during the District 2 spring umpire clinic typically.
- [Umpire Positioning Diagram](#): Helps to know best positions on the field to make proper calls.
- [Little League Umpiring 101: Visual Training for Beginning Umpires](#)
- [Umpire Bible on Baseball Rules](#)
- [Little League Rule Myths](#)

## RULES SPECIFICS

### GENERAL RULES

Monarch Little League abides to the [Official Little League Rulebook](#) except for a few modifications as outlined below.

### BASEBALL SPECIFICS

- If umpiring a Colorado District 2 Baseball Interlock game (one team belongs to MLL, and the other team belongs to a different league), then the following district bylaw rules apply: [Majors/Intermediates/Juniors Division Rules](#)
- If umpiring a Monarch Little League Baseball sanctioned game (both teams belong to MLL), then the local bylaw rules apply: [Minors AAA Division Rules](#)

### SOFTBALL SPECIFICS

- If umpiring an IPGSA or Little League Colorado District 2 Softball Interlock game (one team belongs to MLL, and the other team belongs to a different league), then the following bylaw rules apply:
  - [Little League Colorado District 2 Interlock Bylaw Rules](#)
  - [IPGSA Recreational Level Rules](#)

## FORMS

- [LL Umpire Registry](#)
- [MLL Umpire Pre-Game Reminders Sheet](#)
- [Rules Cheat Sheet - Baseball by division](#)
- [Rules Cheat Sheet - Softball by division](#)

# Lockboxes at Fields

Code = contact MLL Board member



Orange boxes contain field equipment. May contain umpire gear.



Green boxes contain umpire gear.



Keys are stored in these lock boxes on the orange/green boxes.



We will provide you the code number

# Scheduling Umpires for Games

MLL Fall 2020 Umpire Master Info Updated 10\_25\_20 .XLSX

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1	Date	Day	Start Time	Level	Field	Division	Description	Umpire	Result	
2	9/27/2020	Sunday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Marcus vs. Green	LSC SW	Majors	MLL Game	Breanna Anderson/Sloane Weiss	Completed	
3	9/27/2020	Sunday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	DeCola vs. Thackray	LSC NW	Majors	MLL Game	Paxton Haines	Completed	
4	9/27/2020	Sunday	12:15 PM - 02:15 PM	Vogel vs. Thackray	LSC SW	Majors	MLL Game	Breanna Anderson/Sloane Weiss	Completed	
5	9/27/2020	Sunday	12:15 PM - 02:15 PM	Marcus vs. DeCola	LSC NW	Majors	MLL Game	Ryan Lewison	Completed	
6	9/27/2020	Sunday	02:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Nelson vs. Carson	LSC NW	AAA	MLL Game	Paxton Haines/Austin Gussenbauer	Completed	
7	9/27/2020	Sunday	02:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Khokhani vs. Frey	LSC SW	AAA	MLL Game	Garrett Myers/Jackson Harberts	Completed	
8	9/27/2020	Sunday	04:45 PM - 06:45 PM	Weiss vs. Hutchings	LSC SW	AAA	MLL Game	Garrett Myers/Jackson Harberts	Completed	
9	10/4/2020	Sunday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Nelson vs. Weiss	LSC NW	AAA	MLL Game	Brody Gray/Finn Gardner	Completed	
10	10/4/2020	Sunday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Carson vs. Frey	LSC SW	AAA	MLL Game	Breanna Anderson/Sloane Weiss	Completed	
11	10/4/2020	Sunday	12:15 PM - 02:15 PM	DeCola vs. Green	LSC SW	Majors	MLL Game	Breanna Anderson/Paxton Haines	Completed	
12	10/4/2020	Sunday	12:15 PM - 02:15 PM	Marcus vs. Vogel	LSC NW	Majors	MLL Game	Brody Gray/Finn Gardner	Completed	
13	10/4/2020	Sunday	02:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Green vs. Vogel	LSC SW	Majors	MLL Game	Ryan Lewison/Nathan Lewison	Completed	
14	10/4/2020	Sunday	02:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Thackray vs. Marcus	LSC NW	Majors	MLL Game	Paxton Haines/Austin Gussenbauer	Completed	

MLL Fall 2020 Umpire Schedule | Umpire Contact Info | Game Rules by Division | Umpire Gear Info | Umpire Training Info

Umpire Scheduling Google Sheet





# 10 Commonly Misinterpreted Little League<sup>®</sup> Rules

The hands are considered part of the bat. If a pitch hits the batter's hands it is either fair or foul.

Approved Ruling: The hands are part of the batter's body. Therefore, an umpire must judge if the ball hit the bat or the batter first. This scenario is covered by Little League rule 6.08(b).

If the batter “breaks his wrists”  
when swinging, it's a strike.

Approved Ruling: The term “breaks his/her wrists” does not appear in the Little League rulebook. The umpire must judge whether, or not, the batter attempted to swing at the pitch as stated in the definition of a strike in Rule 2.00

# If a batted ball hits the plate first it's a foul ball.

Approved Ruling: Home plate, first, second, and third base are all completely within fair territory. The foul lines are also within fair territory. In order to rule the ball foul, it must have come to rest in foul territory or be touched in foul territory. See Rule 2.00.

The hands are considered part of the bat. If a pitch hits the batter's hands it is either fair or foul.

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# The batter cannot be called out for interference if he is in the batter's box.

Approved Ruling: Offensive/Batter Interference is defined in Rule 2.00, and there is no specific exception for the batter's box. The batter's actions are what causes interference and not necessarily where he is, as defined in Rule 6.06(c) (1), (2) and (3).

# The ball is dead on a foul-tip.

Approved Ruling: As defined in Rule 2.00, the ball is always live on a foul tip. Therefore runners may be put out or advance at their own risk.

# The batter may not switch batter's boxes after two strikes.

Approved Ruling: The batter may switch batter's boxes at any time while the ball is dead. According to Rule 6.06(b), the batter may only be called out for stepping from one batter's box to the other while the pitcher is in position ready to pitch. The number of balls or strikes on the batter is not relevant.



# The batter who batted out of order is the person declared out.

Approved Ruling: According to Rule 6.07, the batter that is supposed to bat (the proper batter) is the one that is declared out, when the defensive properly appeals the infraction.

The batter is considered “out” if he/she starts for the dugout before going to first base after an uncaught third strike.

Approved Ruling: In order to declare the batter “out” for abandoning his/her effort to advance, he/she must step into “dead ball” territory.

# The batter-runner is always out if he runs outside the running lane after a bunted ball.

Approved Ruling: The batter-runner may be called out for interference if he fails to run within the runner's lane for the last half of the distance to first base. Furthermore, the defensive team must throw the ball in order for the interference to occur Rule 6.06(j).

If a batter swings at a pitch, and the pitch hits the batter in the batter's box, the batter is awarded first base.

Approved Ruling: The batter is not awarded first base. A strike is defined in Rule 2.00(e). Since the batter swung, a strike is recorded, and, if it was the third strike, the batter is out. No uncaught strike situation occurred since the ball is dead once it contacts the batter.

# The Golden Rule of Baseball Umpiring

Rule 9.02.a – “Any Umpire’s decision which involves judgement, such as, but not limited to, whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or a ball, or whether a Runner is safe or out, is FINAL. No Player, Manager, Coach or Substitute shall object to any such judgment decisions.

**Any such objection, if voiced by any of these parties, is grounds for immediate ejection from the game.**



# Q&A/Discussion

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