



Catawba Umpires Association

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“Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.” - Vince Lombardi





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- Welcome - Please Make Sure You Know How To Mute and Unmute Your Microphone
 - Please Stay On Mute Unless You Are Speaking
 - Numerous Items Referenced Are Available On Our Website. www.CatawbaUmpires.com
 - Questions Can Be Posted In Zoom Chat Feature Or Unmute Your Mic And Ask During The Presentation



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- What Does 2022 Look Like For SCHSL Baseball
 - First Scrimmage February 7, 2022 – Only Allowed 2 For Varsity
 - First Preseason Game - February 25, 2022
 - First Regular Season Game – March 7, 2022
 - Playoffs Start – May 3, 2022 – Return to Normal Format (~4 Teams From Each Region)
 - Be Prepared For Changes
 - Weather
 - Rescheduled Games Due To COVID
 - Unknown Issues
 - Be FLEXIBLE



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- First Year Officials - Registration With SCHSL
 - Two Step Process
 - Step 1 - Initial Registration
 - Go to www.SCHSL.org
 - Choose Officials, Become an Official, Apply to Be A HS Official <https://highschoolofficials.com/>
 - Fill Out Form – Email CUA so we know the form is complete
 - Step 2 - Complete SCHSL Registration



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- SCHSL Registration – Applies to First Year and Returning Umpires
 - Log Into Arbiter
 - Choose SCHSL Central Hub
 - Click On Registration Near Top In Black Ribbon
 - Choose 2020-21 Varsity Baseball
 - Follow Steps
 - Payment To SCHSL With Credit Card – \$45



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- Independent Contractor Agreement
 - Form Can Be Downloaded at:
<https://www.catawbaumpires.com/documents>
 - Submission Of Signed Form
 - Email To: Catawba.Umpires@gmail.com
 - USPS Mail To:
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Attn: Gary Keller
2536 Sturgis Road
Rock Hill, SC 29730
 - Do Not Text A Picture Of The Signed Document



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- Umpire Uniform Requirements
 - www.catawbaumpires.com/documents
 - CUA Hat
 - Jersey Options
 - Jacket Options
 - Charcoal Gray Pants
 - Plate And Base Shoes
 - Black Belt And Black Socks
 - 10% Discount at www.PurchaseOfficials.com



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- 2022 Game Fees
 - SCHSL Games
 - Varsity \$65 Plus Mileage (\$74 Minimum) - \$5 Increase from 2021
 - Sub-Varsity \$54 Plus Mileage (\$63 Minimum) - \$4 Increase
 - Clover Rec League
 - \$65 Game
 - All Games are Double Headers
 - 80 Minute Time Limit or 6 Innings
 - Weekend Tournaments
 - Due to lack of commitment and follow thru in 2021 we will not be booking any weekend tournaments in 2022



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- 2021 Catawba Umpires Booking Fees
 - \$80 – Covers all Games for Spring 2022
 - Fee Is Due On Or Before 2/15/2022
 - \$10 Late Fee Applies if Received After 2/15/2022



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- 2021 Catawba Umpires Booking Fee
 - How to Pay CUA Booking Fee
 - USPS Mail To:
Catawba Umpires Association
Attn: Gary Keller
2536 Sturgis Road
Rock Hill, SC 29730
(Send check or money order - DO NOT SEND CASH)
 - Venmo: Gary-keller-9
 - Apple Pay: 704-506-9520
 - PayPal: gary-keller@outlook.com
 - Select "Sending to a Friend" to avoid PayPal fees



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- 2022 Rule and Case Books
 - USPS Will Be Used to Distribute
 - Ensure Address is Correct in Arbiter
 - Mailed Once Booking Fee and SCHSL Registration is Complete



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- Umpire Checklist - Items To Be Completed
 - SCHSL Registration(s) And Credit Card Payment
 - Catawba Booking Fee
 - Independent Contract Form is Completed And Submitted
 - Buy Needed Uniform Items
 - Take Online Test – February 2022 (More Info Later)



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- Review of 2022 Rules Changes
 - Rule 6-1-1 Pitcher shall take **or simulate taking** the sign from the catcher



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- Points of Emphasis (SCHSL)
 - Sportsmanship
 - Behavior and Bench Jockeying - Stop it as soon as it starts
 - Stop large gatherings at home plate after HR and/or scoring play
 - Use of props – Dugout only
 - The baseballs and catcher's chest protectors shall meet the current NOCSAE baseball standards and have the logo. - We do not check equipment before games. We will only inspect equipment as a result of a request by a head coach.
 - No coaches or players outside the dugout except defensive players, base coaches, batter, runners and on deck.
 - Stop profanity directed at Opposing Coaches/Players



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- SCHSL Rule Reminders:
 - Game Ends By Run Rule:
 - 15 After 3 Innings (2½ If Home Team Is Ahead)
 - 10 After 5 Innings (4½ If Home Team Is Ahead)
 - No Dead Ball Appeal
 - Umpire Waits Until All Action Completed
 - Calls Time
 - Enforces Penalty



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- Batter Interference with Catcher on Steal Plays
 - Videos
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BkYWMOaxoc>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4oH0MwMsZ4>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tb0M6wnzGfU>



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- Batter Interference with Catcher on Steal Plays Rule 7-3-5
 - Ruling
 - Let the play complete. If initial throw retires runner, ignore the interference. If not, call Time, batter is out, runners return.
 - If the pitch is strike 3: Let the play complete. If initial throw retires runner, ignore the interference. If not, call Time, batter is already out on strike 3, rule runner out all other runners return.
 - Contact between F2 and Batter is not necessary
 - Umpire Responsibilities
 - HP - Call interference as soon as you see it. You will most like get a visit from a coach, use rule book terminology to explain the play and ruling.
 - Base – Umpire the steal play, your safe or out call is important as interference may or may not be ignored



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Questions & Comments