



Catawba Umpires Association

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2026 Spring Baseball Meeting #3

- Click [here](#) for the recording of this meeting
- Welcome - Please make sure you know how to place yourself on/off mute.
- Today's training session will be recorded. By remaining on this call, you have accepted notification of this recording.
- A copy of today's slide presentation will be available tomorrow on our website under the Documents & Links section.



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Happy Groundhog Day !!
Phil says: “6 more weeks of winter”





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- Agenda
 - Administration, Reminders and Action Items
 - Scrimmages
 - Umpire Success - DOs and DON'Ts
 - Open Forum - Questions/Comments



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- SCHSL Umpire Registration
 - New Officials - If you are new to SCHSL, please use the following link to begin the registration process:
 - <https://app.arbitersports.com/registration/official?org=455&role=3&GroupID=101800>
- Returning SCHSL Officials
 - Log Into Arbiter
 - Choose SCHSL Central Hub
 - Click On Registration Near Top In Black Ribbon
 - Follow Steps [How To Doc](#)



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- 2026 Catawba Umpires Spring Booking Fees
 - \$90 – Covers all Games for Spring 2026
 - Fee Is Due On Or Before 2/15/2026
 - \$10 Late Fee Applies if Received After 2/15/2026



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- 2026 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
 - Cash App: \$JGaryKeller



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- Umpire Checklist - Items To Be Completed
 - SCHSL Registration And Credit Card Payment
 - Catawba Booking Fee
 - Independent Contract Form Completed And Submitted
 - Buy Needed Uniform Items
 - Take Online Test – February 1-28, 2026 (Arbiter)
 - See How-To Docs for instructions



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Pre-Season Scrimmages

- Via CUA Arbiter
- Self Assign and Assigned by CUA
- See How-To Docs for instructions
- Scrimmages start 1 week from today, Monday Feb 9th



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CUA Training Session

- Gary Keller & Greg Chance
- Umpire Success – DOs and DON'T's



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- Always contact your partner (text, phone, etc.) the day before the game
- Put the ball in play every time.
- Get out from behind the catcher on balls in play.
- Don't throw the ball back to the pitcher.
- Don't point to first on a base on balls award.
- Don't watch foul balls that are out of the field of play.
- Don't make calls on obvious fly ball outs or foul balls.
- When in C position, do get to B position for calls at first base.
- Stay off the fence, out of the dugouts and away from the backstop between innings.
- Base umpire, get to the grass before the BR reaches 1st base on walk.
- Don't put your hands in your pockets.
- Don't call "safe" without a play being made.



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- Don't take the ball out of play without a reason.
- Don't point at runs that score or routine outs.
- Always count warm up pitches.
- Shut down bench jockeying (trash talk, chants, etc.) on the first occurrence.
- Respond to your partner's rotation signal with your rotation signal.
- Don't constantly look at your indicator.
- Don't wear a wristwatch on the field, carry a stopwatch.
- Don't wait around on the field while teams are warming up.
- Don't run out of baseballs.
- Don't have a long plate conference.
- Tape up your mask harness.
- Wear socks that cover your legs.



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- Don't wear a long sleeve shirt under a short sleeve shirt.
- Stay away from the base coaches.
- Don't indicate a 3-2 count with two fists.
- Don't indicate 2 balls or 2 strikes using "horns."
- Don't talk to your partner between innings unless it is necessary.
- If your pullover doesn't have a waist band, tuck it in.
- If wearing two ball bags they must match.
- Don't use an indicator on the bases.
- Immediately leave the field at the end of the game. Leave game balls at home plate.
- Wear a 4 or 6 stitch hat on the plate and a 6 or 8 stitch hat on the bases.
- Use a brush to clean the plate. Don't use your foot.
- Take off your sunglasses for the plate meeting.



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Questions & Comments