



# Catawba Umpires Association

Feb 5, 2024

- Agenda

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- Balks
- SCHSL State Clinic
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- SCHSL Umpire Registration

- New Officials - If you are new to the SCHSL, please use the following link to begin the registration process:

<https://app.arbitersports.com/registration/official/register/3335?org=455&role=3>

- 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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- 2023 Catawba Umpires Booking Fee \$80
  - 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](mailto:gary-keller@outlook.com)
      - Select “Sending to a Friend” to avoid PayPal fees



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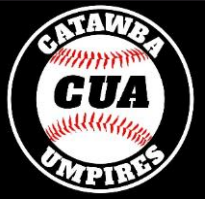
- **Umpire Checklist - Items To Be Completed**
  - SCHSL Registration And Credit Card Payment
  - Catawba Booking Fee
  - Independent Contract Form is Completed And Submitted
  - Buy Needed Uniform Items
  - Take Online Test – Closes 2/28/24



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- Plate Meeting
  - Do These Things:
    - Examine The Home Team Lineup First, Visitors
    - Check Items
      - 9,10 or 11 Player Lineup
      - No Duplicate Names
      - If DH, Ensure Who The DH Is Hitting For
        - NOTE: If it is already obvious, don't ask coach to confirm
      - Ensure Each Coach Has The Other Team's Line-Up
      - Home Coach - Ground Rules
        - Listen Carefully, Don't Interrupt
        - Ask Questions When He's Done
    - Verify Both Teams Are Properly Equipped & Legal Per NFHS Rules
    - Verify Game Stop Time If JV/Varsity or MS/JV Double Header



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- Plate Meeting
  - Don't Do These Things:
    - Discuss Rules and/or Rule Sets
    - Sportsmanship
    - How to question a call
    - Bring up any history
    - Ask base umpire(s) if they have anything to add



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## • Balks

- As an association, we need to do a better job of calling balks.
- Especially the no-stop balk
  - The pitcher shall come to a complete and discernible stop (a change of direction is not considered an acceptable stop) with the ball in both hands in front of the body and glove at or below the chin.  
Rule 6-1-3
- When balk is called, echo partner



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# Questions & Comments