



Adult Softball Umpires Expectations

Thank you for your willingness to umpire for Zeeland Recreation! We appreciate all the time and effort you will be putting in to help these leagues run smoothly. Please review the below expectations and information:

- **Dress Expectations:**
 - o Zeeland Rec “Z” umpiring polo (provided by Zeeland Recreation)
 - o Zeeland Rec “Z” umpiring hat (provided by Zeeland Recreation)
 - o Navy “slacks” (shorts or pants)

- **Pre-Game Expectations:**
 - o Arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start of your first game
 - o Confirm who is controlling the scoreboard for the home team (train them on scoreboard use is necessary)
 - o Take out softballs. If they can’t find them, call Wayne Nyenbrink
 - o Develop relationships with team managers and players

- **In-Game Expectations:**
 - o Be loud, secure, mobile, and calm in conflict
 - o Keep track of each teams score on your own and confirm score with each dug out after each inning
 - o One new softball per game
 - o Retrieve home run and foul balls
 - o Bring any concerns or questions to the site supervisor

- **Post-Game Expectations:**
 - o Report incidents to site supervisor (ejections, teams causing issues, rule clarifications, etc.)
 - o Ensure all home run and foul balls are retrieved, and put all softballs back in the electrical box
 - o Put scoreboard controller back in cover and lock in the scoreboard box
 - o Submit winners and game scores to Brett Geertsma before 9am the next day:
 - Email (preferred): bgeertsm@zps.org | Voicemail: 616.748.3231 | Text: 616.403.9232 |

- **Become a Rules Expert:**
 - o Carefully review the USA and Zeeland Recreation rules sheets carefully (they are included in your packet)

- **Subs Protocol:**
 - o You are responsible for finding your own subs (available subs in your packet)

- **East / West High School Field Supervisor:**
 - o Lights:
 - Call 877.347.3319 on way to field to schedule lights to be turned on
 - User code: Brett | Password: Recreation | Security Question: What city was I born in? | Security Question Answer: Zeeland