



Zeeland Little League Substitute Policy Protocol

What Should Little League Coaches Do When An Umpire(s) Doesn't Show Up?

- Step #1: Stay calm and remember that your goals as a coach and team can still be accomplished (skill development, character development, fun).
- Step #2: Repeat Step #1 :).
- Step #3: If only one umpire has shown up at game time, that umpire automatically becomes the home plate umpire. Call the umpire coordinator to inform them of the no-show so an attempt can be made to find a sub for that game. In the meantime, reach out to assistant coaches and/or parents to see who may be willing to step in to be the field umpire.
- Step #4: If both umpires don't show, call the umpire coordinator to inform them of the no-shows so they can contact that umpires to find out where they are or attempt to find a sub (umpire coordinator contact info below). Check with coaches on other fields to see if there are enough umpires to split up to ensure each field has an umpire for that game or until an umpire(s) shows up. Priority should be given to a league provided ump behind the plate, then in the field. Then, reach out to assistant coaches and/or parents to see who may be willing to step in to be the field umpire (home plate umpire gear is in the shed if needed).
- Step #5: The umpire coordinator communicates the no-show to the league commissioner and Little League board president, Kelli Koss, who will then work on finding what led to the no-show, and work on a future solution.

Umpire Commissioner Crew:

- Kim Leonard: 836-0039
- Luke Cimbal: 610-5217
- Matt Hughes: 340-8142
- Kelli Koss: 218-8301