

Charlottesville MABL, Inc. (a non-profit organization)
2065 Whispering Woods Drive
Charlottesville, VA 22911

Umpire Agreement for **2011** Season – Information, Terms, and Conditions for the Contracting of Umpires for the 18+ League.

Notes:

- All single games are **9 innings**
- All doubleheader games are **7 innings.**
- **Our league uses wood bats.** No metal allowed. (Any type wood is acceptable, including, but not limited to, Bamboo, Bamboo Composite, or wood combination).

Please pay particular attention to rule 4.e.d from the National MSBL rules (available here: http://www.msblnational.com/main.aspx?action=doc&doc_id=4) which pertains to the Force Play Slide Rule in the MABL/MSBL...this rule is crucial to the safety of the players in the Charlottesville MABL/MSBL League. The rule is essentially identical to the same rule which governs National Federation of High Schools play.

All weekday games will begin at 7:15 p.m. Weekend games to begin as scheduled.

There will be a 15-minute grace period granted to either or both teams to allow for the late arrival of players. This grace period is also extended to the umpires to allow for the late arrival of one or both umpires. The game may begin as soon as each team has the minimum number of players required for an official game (8), or as soon as the umpires have arrived and are ready to begin. If the game is delayed for 15 minutes due to the tardiness of a player(s), the official start time of the game (for the purposes of imposing any time limit rule) will be the scheduled starting time of the game. If the game is delayed for 15 minutes due to the **tardiness of an umpire, the official start time of the game shall be the actual time that the game commences.**

Official game start time shall be announced at the beginning of each game. There is a **2 hours and 45 minute time limit from the time the game starts** for single games. There will be a minimum of a 20 minute rest period between games. For Doubleheaders there is a **2 hour and 30 minute time limit** from time each game starts. There will be a minimum of a 20 minute rest period between doubleheader games. Play may continue beyond the **2 hour and 45 minute time limit for a single game or the 2 hour and 30 minute time limit for 1 game of a doubleheader** when necessary to complete an inning. A game may not be called for time limit in the middle of an inning.

If there is a **10** run discrepancy at the end of 7 innings in a 9 inning game, the game will be ruled final at this point. There is no kill rule on a 7 inning game. The preceding provisions will replace MABL national rule 2.b and be used as the slaughter rule for the 18+ league. **THIS RULE DOES NOT APPLY IN OUR POST SEASON TOURNAMENT GAMES. ALL POST SEASON PLAY-OFF AND TOURNAMENT GAMES WILL BE PLAYED THE FULL NINE INNINGS WITHOUT REGARD TO THE SLAUGHTER RULE OR THE 2 HOUR AND 45 MINUTE TIME LIMIT RULE.**

There will be two umpires per game. The home plate umpire will be paid \$70.00 per game and the field umpire will be paid \$60.00 per game (with the exceptions noted below).

The home team manager is responsible for calling both umpires at least 45 minutes prior to game time if a game is to be canceled due to weather or for any other reason. In the event the game is not canceled prior to this time, an \$18.00 travel fee shall be paid to each umpire. In the event the game commences and is then called for weather, prior to completing 4.5 innings (the requirement for an official game), the umpires shall be paid the \$18.00 travel fee and a per inning fee for each inning umpired up to the 4.5 innings required to be an official game. The fee per inning played shall be \$8.00 per inning for the plate umpire and \$7.00 per inning for the field umpire. The fee per inning played for a single umpire officiating the game shall be \$10.00 per inning.

In the event only one umpire arrives for the game, after a 15 minute grace period, the game will be played with only one umpire officiating the game. This one umpire shall be paid \$100.00 for fully officiating the game. If the umpire chooses to have a player from one of the two teams perform the duties of a field umpire, then the umpire shall only be paid the usual \$70.00 behind the plate fee. **It is the intention of the league to have two umpires for each game.** If only one umpire shows for a game on two or more occasions throughout the season, this payment rule shall be open to re-negotiation.

The pay period is Monday through Sunday. Once confirmation of umpires is received by the President of the league will then instructed the Treasurer of the league to pay that week worth of umpiring. Payment will be mailed to each umpire within five (5) business days.

All umpires are contracted by the Charlottesville MABL and are therefore governed by their rules and regulations and will be given a copy of such rules. All decisions pertaining to the continuation of services between the Charlottesville MABL and an umpire shall be made by the Charlottesville MABL Board. If a complaint is filed by any league member against a particular umpire the board will hear both sides of the issue/complaint and render a decision as to the specific complaint and/or a decision as to the future use of said umpire by the league.

Please sign below to indicate your understanding and agreement with the terms and conditions stipulated in this agreement. Then mail this contract to: Charlottesville MABL, Inc. at 2065 Whispering Woods Drive, Charlottesville VA 22911

Umpire Signature

**David Lee Hash
President
Charlottesville MABL, Inc.**

Umpire Printed Name

Umpire Address, Telephone Number(s), and Social Security Number.