

Knik Little League  
Third Base - Adult Umpire Guidelines.

PLEASE be ON the field and KNOWN to your youth umps 5 MINUTES prior to game time. The youth umps will expect you at the pre-game conference. Ask them to show you their CARDS.

- There is no interference possible if the ump stays in foul territory.
- If needed, there is no interference in fair territory if the ball passes a fielder first, so stay outside the base paths.
- Interference/Obstruction.:
  - The base path belongs to the FIELDER on a BATTED ball
  - The base path belongs to the RUNNER on a THROWN ball
  - If the fielder does NOT have the ball they MUST move
  - If the fielder DOES have the ball the runner MUST slide or attempt to avoid the tag. There is NO possible reason for a runner to WILLINGLY cause a collision. They are already awarded the base. Otherwise they are OUT.
  
- The FOUL line is FAIR TERRITORY!!
- The base is FAIR TERRITORY; any batted ball hitting the base is FAIR.
- On a batted ball close to the line, SAY NOTHING, just extend your arm either foul or fair, the home ump will yell the call.
- On a fly ball, your PRIMARY job is to watch for tag-ups and then touch-ups as the runners advance.
- If you notice a runner missing a base, KEEP IT TO YOURSELF. The home ump will ask your judgment on appeal, if appealed.
- Repeat ALL other umps calls for TIME.
- You will only call time when requested and when it will NOT influence play.
- If your base comes dislodged play is NOT dead yet, subsequent play can be made on the base or where the base SHOULD be. (Gets kind of goofy) Umpire judgment per 9.01c would rule here. After all play, call TIME and fix it.
- Only the plate ump will call PLAY, they've been taught to look to you, Point to them "gun motion" when you are ready to go.
  
- Runners leaving early:
  - Softball ball is DEAD. Baseball it's a delayed penalty.
  - Softball MINORS stay on base until the ball crosses the batter. Majors and Jrs runners stay on base until the pitcher RELEASES the ball
  - Softball ball is DEAD, runner is OUT
  - Baseball Jr's have no rules; MINORS and MAJORS must be on base until the ball passes the batter.
  - Baseball is a DELAYED CALL; all you do is push the runner as far back as possible with the current runners. Ask your plate ump.
  
- BASECOACHES are MANDATORY. They must begin inside their boxes, but after play starts, as long as they stay in FOUL ground and do not PHYSICALLY assist runners,, let them go, WITHIN REASON.

This is over simplified, trust your youth umpires; if they went to class they know their stuff pretty good. Any questions call: Scott 301-1551