

# **COACHES RULES CLINIC AGENDA**

## **(Lead-Off Baseball – 2.5 Hours)**

Welcome and Introductions – Umpire Instructor to provide credentials

- a. The philosophy of Minor Baseball and how it evolves at the higher age brackets (5 mins)
- b. Rules (1h)
- c. Pitching Regulations (45 mins)
- d. Local House and Ground Rules (10 mins)
- e. Coach/Umpire relations (10 mins)
- f. Questions and Answer period (20 mins)

### **Philosophy of Minor Baseball**

- Ask the question, “What makes a good umpire?” After the numerous suggestions and answers that coaches give, reply with the statement, “That is an awful lot to ask from a 14 year old kid isn’t it?”
- Fair play code (This is not the World Series!)
- Is tricking a 12 year old kid with the hidden ball trick fair play? No.

### **The Official Rules of Baseball**

- Clinic manual

### **Pitching Regulations for Lead-off Baseball**

- Show the Jim Evans video, “Pitching Rules and the Balk”
- In absence of the video, Umpire Instructor should give detailed descriptions of what pitchers are allowed to do and demonstrate things that are illegal.
- Questions and Answers

### **Local House and Ground Rules**

- Review of house rules for each division
- Review of special ground rules at local parks
- Review of special rules for divisional play ( slide or avoid, chin straps, metal spikes, zero tolerance, bad language etc)

### **Coach/Umpire Relations**

- Coaches need to be the umpire’s ally, not their adversary. Questions are okay.
- Ejections and reporting requirements for umpires, subsequent discipline policy
- Contact Umpire in Chief/Umpire Allocator if problems arise

### **Questions and Answer Period**

- Open Discussion