

Level 2 Clinic Outline (70 foot basepath and above)

Time: 7.5 hours of Instruction

Delivery Method:

-1 day clinic of 7.5 hours plus a half-hour break for lunch. 8.0 hours total.

OR

-5 evening sessions of 1.5 hours each. Total 7.5 hours.

Concepts:

-Review of Rules - Classroom (.5 hours)

-Rules of Baseball and Basic umpire techniques.

-Student Workbook – Classroom (3 hours)

-Follow the workbook, hold discussions with the group where appropriate, rules Enhancement, and instructions to complete the online level 2 exam.

-Rule Development –Classroom or Gym as required (1 hour)

-Each year the clinic will feature a special rule or segment designed to improve an umpire's knowledge of the given topic

-Plate Mechanics –Gym (1.5 hours)

-Signals, Appearance, Plate Meeting, Calling pitches

-Base Mechanics –Gym (1.5 hours)

-Signals, Appearance, Rotations and Drills, Balks

Notes: Registration time is not taken into account.... Time must be built in for mental health breaks by the instructor.

For single day clinics, the entire clinic package must take place using the minimum time allotments for Review and Rule Development segments. For multi evening clinics, there will be 5 segments all of which will be 1.5 hours in length.

The Review of Rules segment will always be the first session regardless of single day or multi evening clinics.

The goal of the clinic is to offer rules enhancement from the level 1 topics.

All instructors are to work through the student workbook and spend time on group discussions as indicated. Student interaction is absolutely a must.

The Education Committee will distribute the Rule Development Segment at the start of the clinic season and will tailor some of the level 2 online exam to the specific Rule Development Topic of the year.

The remainder of the segments can be delivered in any order and may require the instructor to work with another instructor who is conducting a level 1 clinic in a different room with respect to the booking of gym times etc.

For gym sessions it is preferable for the host association to provide 2 pitching machines or more to assist with the Plate Mechanics session.

The level 2 exam is to be completed ON-LINE each year in order for an umpire to remain current in their qualifications. Failing to complete the exam will disqualify an umpire from being eligible to attempt level 3 certification.

There will NEVER be a combined L1-L2 clinic unless approval is given by the Education Chairman.

Rule Development Topics:

The following topics will be used for the Rule Development segment and will be dictated by the Education Committee. When a certain Rule Development topic is covered, you will not cover this topic in the workbook, but will instead use the addendum as provided.

- Interference/Obstruction
- Game Management and Handling Situations, Ejections
- Appeals
- Overthrows and Base Awards

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Review of Rules and Rotations (.5 hours) – Classroom:

-Ask Students to work together on the review quiz at the start of the workbook while Registration is taking place. Go over the quiz as a group.

-Introductions, explanations of new workbook format

-BCBUA Website, HeyBlue! Online, Provincials

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Student Workbook (3 hours or 2 sessions of 1.5 hours)- Classroom:

- Complete the student workbook in its entirety
- be sure to have discussions where the workbook calls for them.
- instructors MUST ensure that there are interactive demonstrations throughout
- The use of Power Points to illustrate rules is encouraged but optional.
- Build in a break half way through if the clinic is of the day-long variety.
- Hold a gym session to break up the workbook if it's a day-long clinic.
- Ensure the book is completed in adequate time to allow for discussion on how to Complete the On-Line exam and discuss how to move to Level 3 if interested.

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Rule Development (1.0 hour) – Classroom:

-Rule Development Topic and Discussion

-Interference/Obstruction

-Mechanics, what to look for.

-Game Management

-situations and how to handle them

-Batting out of Order and Appeals

-more detailed descriptions of these rules

-Jim Evans Diamond Challenge

-show the video and answer the questions.

-Overthrows and Base Awards

-Instructors will be provided with materials at the beginning of the season for use at all clinics. The section of the workbook dealing with this shall be skipped and replaced with the addendum each year.

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Plate Mechanics (1.5 hours) – Gym:

- Review of Stance and Set-up (Heel-Toe ratio)
- Review of Timing
- Review of Mask Techniques, Check Swings
- Signals practice
- Mock Plate Meeting
- Calling Pitches

Drills:

- Signals – line up 4 abreast and several deep. Instructor calls signal and umpires demonstrate in proper time.
- Check Swings – lineup several people deep and 4 abreast. PU practices coming out of the stance and asking with left hand to base umpire who answers accordingly. PU finishes by repeating count.
- Timing – split group into 3's or 4's.... Umpire, Catcher, Hitter (optional), and Pitcher. Have pitcher thrown softly to the catcher and umpire calls pitches. Attention to Footwork and timing is important. Spend at least half-hour on this skill. Utilize a sr. umpire to assist with watching groups and working with them on timing.
- Rotations by plate umpire, R1 to 3rd on base hit, tag ups at 3rd. Fly ball responsibilities.

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Base Mechanics (1.5 hours) – Gym:

- Review of Basic position
 - moving to position 90 degrees to the throw (eyes movement)
 - timing of calls
 - drill (stomp and clap drill)
 - pivot at 1st

- Set position/Standing positions

- Explain “Inside the diamond mechanics” (Standard 2 man positioning)
 - demonstrate positions

- Signals
 - Infield Fly
 - “how many outs”
 - Safe, Out, Selling close calls
 - “Safe-Off the bag”
 - “Time Play”

- Footwork on balls hit to the infield with R1.
 - Step up, turn and face the ball, establish angles.

- Steal of 2nd
 - drill

- Steal of 3rd
 - drill

- Rundowns (walk through in gym)
 - Which umpire is responsible for making the tag out calls.

- Balks, Responsibilities of which umpire watches movements
 - demonstrate how to call a Balk
 - demonstrate pitching movements that are legal and illegal
 - drill...(Call Balks with signal and proper procedure)