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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**- John Berry**

I'm delighted to report on another successful year in umpiring and in baseball. We've seen a great range of provincial, national and international assignments, as our fine BC umpiring cadre continues to bring superior officiating to our sport. We welcomed a new provincial umpire supervisor this year in Richard Christie. Richard is bringing fresh ideas in a number of areas, and continuing the successes that we have enjoyed under so many years of Howard Chapman's supervision. Your board is moving forward with a number of initiatives, and you will read more about some of them elsewhere in this issue. I'm especially proud of all that we are doing in education. It is the lifeblood of our sport and our craft, and it happens on so many levels! We have our clinics at different levels, and we are developing them all the time, so that they better meet the needs of our members. We are planning to develop our instructors with special clinics for them,

and are making sure that we incorporate the latest thinking at Baseball Canada and internationally. Our members are tremendously fortunate to have a board that is working hard, as individuals and as a group, to help to make us all the best that we can be!

We've been thinking about how we can make further strides forward, and how we can address some of the challenges we face. To that end, we held a brainstorming session as part of our September board meeting. And, in an effort to make our thinking a little broader, we invited several guests from across the baseball world to bring their ideas and concerns about officiating to that session. We had some really good discussion, and we hope to build on that to work more closely with the leagues and associations who we serve, and are our close partners in our sport.

Several members of our board have indicated that they won't be standing for re-election this year. I want to thank them all for their service to the Association, and I want to add my personal thanks. We will miss them, but we know they are staunch supporters and contributors in other ways. Serving as a board member is always a challenge when we are already devoting a good deal of time to umpiring, but it is a richly rewarding experience. This fall's AGM will be an opportunity for a measure of renewal on our board, and we always benefit from the new ideas and perspectives that turnover on a board entails.

We welcome your feedback, in whatever form fits your taste! You can contact your area Director, any board member, or utilize our website.

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

**November 2, 2008**

**Douglas College**

**800 Royal Avenue, New Westminster**

**Time: 12:00 Noon in Room 2201**

There are many important matters to be discussed and decided at this meeting which are critical to the future of your Association. Additionally, half of your Executive is up for election at this meeting, so it is critical that your voice be heard. We encourage all members to attend and take part in deciding the future course of your Association!

**Please make your best efforts to attend.**

**"BCBUA gratefully acknowledges the support of the Province of British Columbia through its Direct Access Program for gaming funding."**

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## PROVINCIAL SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Richard Christie

This is my first report to the BOD in my new capacity as provincial supervisor. The transition from Howard to myself has been a slow one, which is not unexpected due to the length of time he has held the position, the number of people he has met along the way, and the commitment and time he has given to the job. I am happy to report, though, that Howard has been very supportive of me during this transition, and he continues to be sensitive to the need to both inform people of the change in leadership, and to encourage people to contact me with their needs, concerns and problems which in the past he has handled personally. I am confident that over the next year the transition process will be complete. I will, of course, continue to seek out Howard's advice in situations where I feel his knowledge and experience would be an asset.

I have included for this weekend's meetings some personal ideas for the future direction of the BCBUA, along with some insight into how I plan to oversee the national program. Please take the time to read it. It is there for both thought and discussion, and I would be happy to hear your comments, as well as any other ideas that aim to improve what we do and how we do it.

I want to congratulate those members who were chosen to attend national tournaments this year. Congratulations to Mark Bodwell - Seniors; Troy Carmont - Juniors; Matt Lowndes and Jeremy Bressler - Canada Cup; Kris Hartley - Midgets; Jim Train and Andre Jean - Bantams; Lisa Brown - Pee Wee; and Rhonda Pauls - Bantam Girls. I was the assistant supervisor at the Canada Cup tournament in Medicine Hat. I got to see both Matt and Jeremy personally, and they both did an outstanding job. I have not received official reports yet on the others, but the unofficial feedback that I have received has been positive. This is the first time that we have sent 5 members to their first national assignment in the same year. It is a testament to the talent of the people we have in this province, and to the training and development they have received along the way. We should all be proud!

We are planning to hold a Caravan (probably in January) in conjunction with Alberta. It is currently planned for Edmonton. I would like to send up to 6 students if possible. The Caravan program is vitally important as it is the basis for qualification for supervisor/evaluator status nationally, and I hope it will become the same for us provincially. The Caravan program is continually evolving, and they are planning to devote more time to evaluation skills and techniques. Also, I do plan to hold a Level 4 clinic for those already in the National Program and for those Level 3's who might be interested in joining. The place and time is yet to be determined. I will be attending the National conference in November being held in Ontario.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jerry Tregaskis

From the earliest days, your Association has prided itself on being a truly "Provincial" organization providing equal access to programs, materials and education to all areas of the Province. Unfortunately, by some, it is perceived as a Lower Mainland controlled organization. From my nearly 25 years on the Executive, I can assure all members this is not fact!

At September 30, 2008, we had 1,149 members distributed among the areas as follows:

Area	Members	%	votes
1. Van Isle-South	215	18.7	2
2. Van Isle-North	125	10.8	1
3. LM - East	199	17.3	2
4. LM - West	100	8.7	2
5. LM - South	241	20.9	3
6. Thompson OK	46	4.0	1
7. South OK	137	11.9	1
8. The Kootenays	55	4.7	1
9. Northern BC	31	2.7	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1149</b>		<b>14</b>

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Steve Boutang

This is my first opportunity to report to you from my familiar seat as the Vice President. In April I was re-installed to my former office, where I had served for 5 years previously, and I thank the board of directors for appointing me again to this position.

I would also like to thank Bill MacMillan for returning as the Area Director for the Kootenay region. Bill brings so much experience to that position and has the respect of all the umpires in the area. I am glad he is back on our board. He was a valuable contributor for the 12 years he served on the board from 1995-2007.

The Annual General Meeting is nearly upon us again. As always we encourage all members to come out and voice your opinions and ask questions about your association. It is always a good occasion to meet fellow umpires from around the province. A new board will be elected to serve you for the coming year. And we will take time to recognize umpires who have had an exceptional season on the field with the various BCBUA awards.

I also want to take the time to thank some board members who have indicated they will not be standing for re-election. Chuck Bertrand of the Lower Mainland West has been

an integral part of rebuilding the Sunshine Coast numbers over the past number of years. He has been a tireless worker putting on clinics and working with the youth umpires there and we thank him for his tremendous efforts over the past few years in particular. Troy Carmont has indicated that he will not be continuing as Treasurer. Troy took over our finances from Richard only about a year ago, but Troy was an Area Director to that previously. Troy's long time dedication to our association is well noted. He has conducted level 1-2 clinics, assisted in putting on Superclinic, and is a real contributor to our board, often providing us with the sanity necessary during heated discussions. I will miss his presence on our board. Another long time member of our board who will not be running is Jerry Tregaskis. Jerry is a recent appointee as a Life Member of our association which should tell you enough about his contributions to the BCBUA. He will be focussing more on his Pro Image business and we are all happy that he will continue to be our official supplier. Jerry, of course, has been the tireless editor of Hey Blue for so many years and we are all thankful that he has worked so hard for our association over the years. Finally, Brian Cargnelli will not be returning as Thompson Okanagan Area Director. I am most upset about this and the way Brian has come to his decision. Brian has unjustly been the target of ridicule and disrespect from many people in the baseball community in Kamloops over the past few years. Sadly, Brian has concluded that it is in the best interests of our association that a new Area Director is found so that these old wounds can be healed and the umpiring program in this region can move forward. It is too bad that there are people in the baseball community who cannot recognize all the good that Brian has brought to the young umpires of his area and resolve their differences in a productive fashion. Several youth umpires have graduated to the ranks of very good senior umpires in this province and I personally thank and commend Brian for his hard work in their development. I hope Brian will find it in himself to continue on our board at a future time or in a different capacity.

I can assure you all that good contributors are difficult to find which makes it even more difficult to see good people like this retire from service. I urge you all to consider running for a position on our board. I look forward to seeing you there.

## SuperClinic 2009

**Education Chairman Steve Boutang has confirmed that Superclinic will be held February 14 & 15 at Surrey Christian School, 8888-162th Street, Surrey, BC V4N 3G1. Mark it on your calendars and watch the BCBUA website for further details and Guest Instructors.**

## **REPORT - AREA 1 Vancouver Island South**

Well it has been a long time since spring! We had many clinics in Area 1 this past year. We had clinics in Victoria, Sidney, Langford, Duncan, Ladysmith and Nanaimo. The highlight of the clinic season was a Level 3 clinic that happened in February in Duncan. There were a total of 18 participants from both South and North Island. A big thank you to Ed Berkenstock and Grant Mellemstrand who helped with all the little things that made the weekend a success. If you would like to see another Level 3 clinic on the Island please let either Ed or I know.

We had 2 big tournaments in Area 1 this past summer. Victoria hosted the Midget AA Provincial tournament. A good job done by all that worked the tournament. We also hosted the North American Indigenous Games that took place in the Cowichan Valley. Teams traveled from all over North America to play here and many of the umpires got their first experience at International baseball.

Congratulations to Ron Hinkelman of Victoria who was selected to work the BC Summer Games. "The General" as he was known in Kelowna had an outstanding tournament and was selected to work the Gold Medal game. Way to go Ron!

As in most areas of the Province Area 1 continues to struggle to grow its numbers of umpires. We do not have a problem with recruitment as there are numerous new kids to the program each year. There is however a huge problem with retaining these kids. The retention issue even affects adult umpires as many of previous BCBUA members are choosing to still work games but not to sign up and become members. Not becoming a member leaves the BCBUA in a very weak position as a Provincial body. It actually decreases our ability to work harder to improve the areas that we have heard the membership wants improvement, one being a change to the education system of our program. If you are not a member for particular reason, have you spoken to anyone about it? Voice up! If you have a concern and do not come forward to voice your opinion then it tells me that there is nothing to improve upon. I promise to all the members in Area 1, if you bring any concern to me I will listen to you. I will want to know your thoughts on how to fix the problem. If appropriate and willing, I would want you to become a part of the solution. This is **YOUR** Association, please help us make it serve you the best way it can.

Our AGM will be happening Sunday November 2, 2008. We have made the start time 12 noon so that Islanders can get the 9 am ferry and be home on the 5 pm ferry. Carpooling can make the costs more affordable to talk with your comrades and come out and support your Association.

**-Eric Rasmussen - Area 1 Director**

## **REPORT - AREA 2 Vancouver Island North**

Another season has come and gone and I hope that you have all had positive and skill developing experiences this year.

I would like to thank all of you who participated in the advanced clinic in Duncan this year. It

was well attended with members from area 1 and area 2. The response was very positive so looks like we will hold another one in the future so keep it in mind. Special thanks to Eric Rasmussen, Chet Masse and Fabian Poulin for organizing and facilitating.

The area 2 clinics were well attended in all areas. We held two clinics in Parksville, and one each in Port Alberni, Campbell River and Courtenay. The "Largest Area 2 Clinic" award goes to Campbell River with almost 70 people attending. (By the way the prize is that you have more umpires) Please join me in thanking the instructors that helped throughout the clinics, Will Hunter, Fabian Poulin, Nick Moore and Eric Toneff. Without your help we could not have accomplished these numbers.

We are still short of senior umpires that want to move up to the higher levels. There is more and more rep calibre being played on the island so we need the number of umpires to catch up. If you think you might be interested in moving up to the next level, now is the time. For those of you looking for more in the way of advancement, Super Clinic in February will be a stepping stone for improvement. I hope to see many of you there.

The Pro Image, Junior, Umpire of the year has been selected for Area 2. Come out to the AGM in November to find out who the lucky Junior is. Also the Area 2 Director position will be up for re-election at that time. If any of you would like to let your name stand, please let me know.

I hope that you all have been reading the rule books and will continue in the off-season to improve your mind and your game.

In closing, I would like to thank the UIC's in the area, including Dawn Powelson, Jerry Swaney, Brooke Moss and Dave Miles and the local associations for working hard to make it a great season for everyone.

**Ed Berkenstock - Area 2 Director**

## **REPORT - AREA 3 Lower Mainland-East**

Well, I hope you had a good season. Area 3 had a very successful clinic season with 5 clinics in Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows, Mission, Abbotsford, Port Moody/Coquitlam, and Port Coquitlam with just over 200 members in Area 3

Area 3 hosted a couple Provincials this year. Port Coquitlam hosted the Bantam AAA Provincials, and Coquitlam/Port Moody hosted the Peewee AAA Provincials. Unfortunately every year BCBUA struggles to fill Provincial spots because we don't have enough members applying. So next year if you would like to umpire in a provincial, make sure you get your application in early. The deadline is usually end of May or early June. I have personally umpired in many provincials and they are a lot of fun, and a great way to improve your game by working with other umpires from across the province.

For Nationals, Area 3 had Rhonda Pauls go to the Bantam Girls National in Mascouche, QC. Congratulation to Rhonda as this was her first National.

On a personal note, I went to Edmonton from July 25 to August 4 for the World Jr. Baseball Championship. The experience was great. We had 16 umpires from around the world umpire in the 12 team 10 day event. 6 umpires were from Canada, and the other 10 umpires came from countries such as South Africa, Netherlands, USA, Chinese Taipei, Australia, Italy, Cuba, Mexico, and Russia. I ended up umpiring in the semi-final game on the plate between USA and Australia, and I also umpired the Bronze Medal game between Cuba and Australia at first base. While I was in Edmonton I did daily post on my umpiring blog site [www.umpire.ca](http://www.umpire.ca) Check them out if you are interested.

Well I hope everyone had a good summer, and happy umpiring.

**-Rob Allan - Area 3 Director**

## **REPORT - AREA 4 Lower Mainland-West**

No report received by press time

**-Chuck Bertrand - Area 4 Director**

## **REPORT - AREA 5 Lower Mainland-South**

Clinics were held in Cloverdale, Aldergrove, Surrey/Newton, White Rock, North Delta, Ladner/Tsawwassen with a variety of instructors resulting in 241 registered members.

The John Main tournament was played between fields in Newton and North Delta using carded members who did a great job officiating. I heard a lot of positive comments made about the Junior and Senior Umpires that worked the tournament.

I would like to say thank you to those who gave up their weekend to make this a successful tournament. They are: Keenan Bursey, Keiran Fleming, Rick Antoniak, Graeme Davis, Peter Davis, Alan Haines, Mitchell Peterson, Kyle Jackson, Keifer White, John Berry, Alex Tivy, Josh Reyes, Graeme Dergusoff, Marshall Moubert, John Pentland, Mike Hills, Kyle Chutskoff, Jordan Callow, Robert McQuire, Lisa Brown, Richard Christie and Working Supervisor, Bobby O.

I also would like to say thank you to Lisa Brown Arne Pederson and Brad Woof for their help as assistants in their respective areas. Looking forward to another year as your Area Director.

**Bobby Olszowiec - Area 5 Director**

## **REPORT - AREA 6 -Thompson-Okanagan**

No report received by press time

**-Brian Cargnelli - Area 3 Director**

## REPORT - AREA 7 -Okanagan South

Umpires in the sunny Okanagan were very busy in 2008.

The 2008 season began with local associations working together to host Umpire Clinics in Rutland and Penticton for the Okanagan Level 1 and 2 umpires. Lloyd Nelson (Rutland) and Derrick Surowski (Penticton) worked hard to organize these two Clinics. As expected, the Penticton Clinic was attended by about 35 umpires from the Oliver, Penticton and Summerland Associations. However, the Rutland Clinic, co-hosted by the Rutland, Kelowna, Westside and Vernon Associations surprised everyone when approximately 75 umpires registered – 25 more than expected. Two weeks later, another 15 umpires came forward in Vernon and Rutland necessitating an additional Level 1 Clinic. In total, Okanagan 7 registrations at these Levels were up about 45% from 2007. Some of the 'new' umpires were adults returning to baseball with their children. We welcome this pool of talent to work Bantam/Midget games and to mentor the younger umpires. Thanks to Steve Boutang who traveled to instruct the scheduled Clinics and provided me with enough guidance that I could instruct the extra Level 1 group.

As 2008 progressed it became apparent that the number of Level 3 umpires in the Okanagan had declined, even though there were some new recruits from Level 2. In 2009 we will have to make some special efforts to encourage our higher level umpires to stay involved. Opportunities for senior umpires to attend an Advanced Clinics in the Interior and to attend an Instructors Clinic will help fulfill this need.

So, what kept Okanagan umpires busy this past summer? There were the usual games and playoffs for the local Associations, the Premier Leagues, the AAA Leagues, and the Senior League. Then there were the special events held in the Okanagan, each requiring the services of our capable umpires - the B.C. Summer Games in Kelowna in July, the Midget Provincials in Penticton and the Bantam Provincials in Rutland in August, the Senior Provincials in Kelowna in August, the Valley of Champions Tournament in Kelowna and Rutland in July, other Rutland Pee Wee and Mosquito tournaments over the summer as well as the International Big League Experience tournaments in Oliver on weekends in June, July and August. Kudos to our Area 7 umpires and to the umpires from elsewhere who contributed to the success of each of these events. It has been reported that all our local umpires performed well in the Provincials and Summer Games; some first timers at this level of competition really impressed the Supervisors and evaluators.

Every one of our Associations had an active Umpire in Chief this year and these people worked hard to mentor and monitor their young umpires. Most of these UIC's have already told me they will be back in 2009 with ideas and plans to improve their local umpiring programs.

The Associations in this area are eagerly anticipating the proposed Instructors Clinic, so we can have local people trained to lead the local Umpire Clinics. The Instructor's Clinic is also seen as an opportunity for some of our experienced umpires and organizers to become more involved in BCBUA activities and to progress as members of the organization.

I encourage the Okanagan umpires to contact me if they have any BCBUA related questions or concerns and please feel free to attend the BCBUA Annual general Meeting in room 2201, Douglas College on Royal Avenue in New Westminster at 12:00 PM on November 2, 2008

**-Dennis Windsor - Area 7 Director**

## REPORT - AREA 8 -The Kootenays

This year was a fairly mellow year for post season baseball in our Area but the house ball was outstanding. We had more teams in the West Kootenay this year and they were all competitive, from the 12 year olds all the way to our combined Senior Babe Ruth/Men's league and this made for some fun games to work.

Our only post season tournament was the 12 year old Provincials in Castlegar and it went very well and was worked entirely by local umpires. Well Done!

Politics.....that nasty beast raised it's ugly head in our Association this year and the end result was that our Area Rep, Steve Boutang, resumed his former post as Vice President which meant that I (Bill Mac Millan) did the same as Kootenays Area Rep leaving a spot as Assistant Area Rep open. Robert Gordon, from Radium, stepped up and will be our AAR....Thanks Rob!

The Kootenays hit the International Stage this year when our former AR turned VP Steve Boutang was selected to represent Canada at the World University Championships in Czechoslovakia this summer. Steve had such a good tournament that he was rewarded with the Gold Medal Plate. Congratulations Steve!!

I will end this report with the usual plea to all of our members to get out there and tell your friends how much fun it is to do some ball games, get paid for it and also collect some credits for graduation. Bring 'em out to the clinic!

Have a great winter and I will see you all in the Spring.

**-Bill MacMillan - Area 8 Director**

## REPORT - AREA 9 -The North

Greetings from the north. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate Andre Jean from Terrace on his participation at the nationals in Quebec. Also to thank Jim Sagert for his ongoing commitment to clinics here in the north.

High points for this past year would have been the Little League Major provincials tournament here in Prince George, and announcements around the World Baseball Challenge next July. As the slogan goes, "Its what the world is coming to".

Looking forward to 2009, we are planning spring clinics in both Quesnel and Prince George again. Also, attendance to the November instructor's clinic, and planning for sending groups down to both the Superclinic and the Advanced clinic. See You Then!

**Lance Brommeland, Area 9 Director**

## Hey Blue! Online

Steve Boutang

A new communication vehicle is being launched this fall by the BCBUA. An online version of Hey Blue! will be made available on the BCBUA website. The new **Hey Blue! Online** will be a shorter bulletin style newsletter that will be published more frequently than the printed version that we have all come to appreciate and love.

And the best news is that **Hey Blue!** in print will still be made available to our membership through regular mail a couple of times per year.

Your executive has been identifying ways of staying in touch with the membership. It was determined that even though it is too costly to mail out several issues of **Hey Blue!** each year that we could still reach the membership on a regular basis through the use of our webpage. Additionally, we have been unsuccessful at recruiting a full time editor of Hey Blue! despite repeated requests for someone to fill this role. Thus, without losing the vital communication with our members, we have decided to launch the shorter online version of HeyBlue! several times a year to supplement our normal production schedule of the print version.

I would like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of Jerry Tregaskis over the years as **Hey Blue!** editor. Jerry has put in countless hours to produce the popular print version over the last number of years. Jerry is not leaving the newsletter as yet, but we still require someone to assist in producing the paper a few times per year.

Brian Cargnelli and I will be primarily responsible for the online bulletin which we hope to have on the webpage well before Christmas. Look for a different format, Q and A with BCBUA members, as well as information and updates on BCBUA programs that affect you! We don't even have a name for this new publication as yet, so email us and offer some suggestions.

**Hey Blue! Online. Check it out on the webpage. Coming soon!**

# Education Committee Report

Steve Boutang

I hope this report finds you all well after a good season of baseball. With the conclusion of the season brings the beginning of the Education Committee's work in earnest. For it is during the fall months that our committee will plan and strategize for the 2009 season. It is a lot of work, despite what some of you may think. Detailed planning takes place, discussions with associations are held, and the needs of areas and demographics are considered when making the decisions that constitute a clinic season.

I offer to you the following initiatives that the Education Committee has undertaken for the winter months.

We will finally hold our long awaited and long needed Instructor clinic on the November 29-30 weekend in Surrey. We postponed our planned clinic from last January due to financial constraints among other things. Our gaming money is again in place and so we have the funding necessary to push forward with this clinic at this time. It is the most important initiative we have this winter in my opinion. Why you may ask? Well, in order to provide proper instruction to our level 1-2 umpires, we have to provide clinicians with the training they need to be successful in this regard. We have lacked in this area for years and I am glad we will begin the process of rectifying this long-standing issue. The instructor clinic costs BCBUA a lot of money to put on. However, the costs and effects of not doing the clinic will cost us more in the long run for a whole host of reasons. Brian Cargnelli, a Baseball Canada Master Course Conductor, will be the lead for this weekend event.

Keeping with the theme of Instructor training, BCBUA will again participate in the Baseball Canada Caravan. This is basically the advanced version of the instructor clinic that is put on by Baseball Canada. The course is a gruelling 4-day event that enhances the skills an instructor already has and provides some new input on how to get the most out of clinics and students. Six experienced clinicians from BC will participate in this event that will take place in January in balmy Edmonton, Alberta. Try not to freeze to death up there guys. The master plan is that we will identify several candidates from the Instructor clinic in November to attend a future Caravan in BC in 2010 or 2011.

I am pleased to report to you that Superclinic will again return in February. We are targeting February 14-15 weekend (sorry all you Valentine's love birds) and are in the process of confirming facilities. Superclinic will be in Vancouver this year. The clinic was offered to other regions of the province but Area Directors turned down the opportunity to host the event. We had hoped to have Dick Runchey return this year as our guest instructor, but Dick withdrew a few weeks ago when he was named as an assistant supervisor for next spring's MLB World Baseball Classic. We are negotiating with another high quality instructor. I expect that we will have the same high quality instruction with a good mix of socialization. Superclinic will again be open to all BCBUA members. Please refer to our website regularly for updates on Superclinic.

We continue with advanced umpire training in spring. Dates and locations are not firm, but it is the intention to hold a level 4-5 clinic for our National and International umpires. This will be the first such clinic in BC where our top umpires will have a special clinic to help them succeed at the highest levels of baseball in our country and around the world. The Education committee along with National Supervisor Richard Christie will work to ensure that umpires representing BC at National events have every chance of success, and I applaud Richard for his stance on this issue.

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce that the Education committee is examining the possibility of holding an Advanced level 3 clinic in the Interior of our province this year. It has been a few years since we held a clinic in the Interior and we are again due to provide this service to our level 3 members who reside outside the Lower Mainland. Sites are being sourced out and we hope to be able to complete such an event near the end of March or early April. As part of the upcoming World Baseball Challenge in Prince George next summer the BCBUA will be attempting to provide umpire training to level 3 umpires in this region.

Finally, the Education committee will be examining the issues of level 1-2 clinics around the province – as we always do each winter – and trying to come up with innovative ways to make the clinics more educational. Recruiting umpires and Retaining them is a hot topic these days. Although our membership numbers remain steady at about 1200 members, we would love to be able to keep umpires developing within our system from year to year. Currently there is a high turnover of umpires each season and we are trying to identify why this is.

So as you can tell, there are many exciting things planned for BCBUA members this winter. I welcome any and all suggestions to me for ways that we can improve the education in this province. Send me an e-mail with your ideas to sboutang@shaw.ca

## 2009 DRESS CODE

**SHIRTS:** Style: The approved shirt style is the same as the major league style. The shirt must have the logo on the pocket (or just above the pocket) of the shirt. Logos can be direct embroidered or the sewn on BCBUA crest available with your paid membership. Colours: The approved and mandatory colours are Navy Blue, Powder Blue with Black optional. All officials working provincials for BCBUA for 2009 forward shall carry the Navy and Powder Blue Shirts. Black is optional for all levels. Current Baseball Canada Certified officials can wear their Baseball Canada shirts (including the old style Navy Blue) in place of BCBUA logoed shirts without penalty. No other shirts shall be used at BCBUA assigned tournaments.

**T-SHIRTS:** All umpires must wear an undershirt (T-shirt or mock neck) and the entire crew must wear the same colour. (Red for Navy and Black shirts, Navy Blue for Powder Blue shirt)

**CAPS:** Caps can either the embroidered logo (preferred) or a sewn on BCBUA crest. Colors as follows:

Navy Shirt- Navy Cap  
Black Shirt-Black Cap  
Powder Shirt- Black or Navy Cap

**JACKET:** Navy or Black major league style jackets with the logo on the left chest may be worn with matching colour caps. As with the shirts, all umpires on the field must match in colour. On a cool day, it is common for the base umpires to wear jackets and the plate umpire to wear a shirt. If this occurs, colour matching is still a requisite.

**BALL BAGS:** can be either black or navy blue

**SHOES, BELT and SOCKS:** must be black, however, many manufacturers are now producing shoes with some white on them. This is allowed.

**NOTE:** The gray and red jerseys have been officially dropped from the BCBUA dress code and are not to be worn at any Provincial Championship. Numbers are not to be worn at any Provincial Championship

***Umpiring Game Crews must be dressed in the same manner (i.e. – Everyone wears the same jersey.) If wearing jackets, the base umpires must be identical in whether or not s/he wears one. The plate umpire still has the option. Plate coats with no crests and no numbers may be worn.***

# World University Baseball Championships

-By Steve Boutang

For those of you unaware, I was honoured to represent Canada and the BCBUA at the 4th World University Baseball Championships held this past July in the Czech Republic.

It was a culmination of a lot of hard work and practice over 25 years of umpiring. I began this journey in 1984 as an 11 year old umpire in Kelowna (Rutland Minor Baseball) doing my younger brother's mosquito games with my dad. Often I would umpire the bases while my dad did the plate. Of course there was no pay back then, but it mattered little to me. I was pleased to learn about the game and I liked the job. It did not take long before I was calling balls and strikes. A year later I became a member of the BCBUA. When I was young I always looked up to the local senior umpires and the local umpire-in-chief Sig Ottenbreit. Often Sig would say that I had potential to do something good with baseball and I should set some goals. So I asked what the highest level of baseball was that I could umpire (besides professional baseball). Sig told me that as an amateur umpire the ultimate goal would be the Olympics or some other World Championship. And so my goal has been, for 25 years, to be good enough to represent my country at a World Championship. You can imagine how satisfying it was for me to arrive at the airport in Vancouver with Team Canada as we prepared to depart for Europe, but my satisfaction was just beginning.

Upon arrival from Prague I worked in 2 exhibition games "to prepare" as they requested. I didn't feel like telling the locals that I had been "preparing" all my life, and specifically this year by umpiring independent professional baseball and college and semi pro divisions. So I worked 2 games on the bases. I travelled with a local umpire, a good man who spoke excellent English, from the southern capital called Brno to a city called Ostrava. This trek took me from the north of the country to the southeast, some 500 km, in a matter of 2 days. Ostrava is basically on the Czech/Poland border.

In Ostrava I met the team of umpires. There were 7 International umpires from all over the world, and 7 Czech umpires for a crew of 14. There was a supervisor from the Czech as well as an International Baseball Federation committee of 3 men who have all the power. I was assigned to work the United States games, while the US umpire was assigned to work the Team Canada games. As a rule you cannot umpire games of your own country.

The tournament began in the pouring rain but since it was opening night they insisted on playing. The umpires have absolutely zero control over weather delays in International baseball. I worked 4 games in Ostrava before moving back to Brno for the remainder of the tournament. Ostrava was a great city with lots to do at night and good places to eat. I won't give you details, but I felt like I was in Vegas. Everyone drinks beer there and it is seriously cheap. \$2 for a half litre was the average rate.

In Brno I worked 6 games in total. I actually didn't get any days off for whatever reason, except for the rain day which was an off day for everyone. I worked 4 plates and 6 base games. I only got 3rd base and 1st base once each. They stuck me at 2nd most of the time because nobody in the Czech knew anything about working that position. I didn't mind. I was just happy to be there to be honest. Brno was also great. The selection of food was great, the sights were better, and it was certainly more of a city than the other places we had been.

One day in Brno I was summoned to have lunch with the head of the IBAF committee. He spoke of how impressed he was of all the Canadian umpires he has seen at recent tournaments, which was a real compliment to hear from a man who goes to all the International events.

He even mentioned remembering our own Don Hass who was at the World Cup in Cuba about 5 years ago.

As the week progressed towards the playoffs, Canada was the unfortunate recipient of some poor play and unexpected circumstances and they were eliminated from the medal round. I was assigned the US vs Taipei semi final game at 3rd base. It turned out to be a 2-1 US victory. Japan beat Korea in the other semi final later that day.

Each night, following the day's games, the umpire roster for the following day is posted in the hotel lobby for the umpires to read. This is when I received the good news.

I had expected that a good young umpire from the Czech Republic would get to umpire the Gold medal game and I had hoped for 1st base or perhaps a good assignment in the Bronze medal game. When I looked at the roster I was stunned to see that I had been assigned home plate for the Gold medal game. I shook my head in disbelief. I couldn't say anything (for the first time in my life). I felt humbled beyond imagination.

I actually slept really well that night and got up early and tried to have a normal game day. It was tough. I didn't really have any butterflies until we went on the field. Standing at home plate for the anthem was very emotional for me. I was thinking about all the people who had helped me in my career. Fellow umpires who had taught me everything I know today, people who I knew would be proud of my accomplishments. I could list them here, but it would take up the rest of this issue. And I thought of my family of course - those who are here and especially those who are not. I really had to gather myself together quickly after that because the game was about to begin and I had to get focussed for the players.

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## AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

I would like to report on a couple of important items of interest from the Awards Committee over the past year.

For starters, I would like to remind everyone about the upcoming AGM where we will present our annual awards. It is a good time to recognize the important accomplishments of our top umpires, biggest contributors, and junior officials.

I am pleased to say that 2 of our Original members have been immortalized by having their name forever associated with our awards. The Bill Murphy Award for the Most Improved Umpire will be awarded for the first time this year as will the Chuck Blaikie Award for Outstanding Contribution to the BCBUA. I congratulate these men on an honour well deserved.

The Awards Committee is also examining ways to honour umpires for lifelong on-field excellence. We often honour long time off-field service to our association but we don't really have a mechanism to pay homage to great careers on the field. An obvious name for such an award is the Hall of Fame, but I'm not sure that is what we will call it. Regardless of the name, we should be finding ways of recognizing the accomplishments of our umpires on the field.

Another thing we will be looking at is a recognition mechanism for our longest serving members. We are thankful for having such a loyal membership, particularly those who have long standing service with this organization. The BCBUA thanks those of you who have been members on a continual basis. We hope we can more formally recognize you in the future.

Finally, the 2009 baseball season will be the 35th season that BCBUA has existed. The actual 35th anniversary date is not for about 16 months yet, but we will be recognizing our association's special anniversary next year. The BCBUA was started in time for the 1975 season by our 10 original members - Doug Hudlin (President), Howard Chapman (Supervisor), George Connelly (BC Amateur Baseball Association Chair) Richard Christie, Chuck Blaikie, Bill Murphy, Ed Jantzen, Jaime Mould, Leo Burns, and Al Lewis. BC is one of the few provinces where we have a strong provincial umpire association. Most provinces umpire programs are dictated by the sports governing body. So we should be eternally thankful to these gentlemen for having the foresight to create such an association to benefit umpires around the province.

-Steve Boutang

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## ***Proposal for New Evaluation System***

**Richard Christie, Provincial Supervisor**

I propose that we do away with "evaluating supervisors" at tournaments, and the associated expense involved. Evaluations can still be done at tournaments, but they would be done under the new system at no cost to the BCBUA. Under the new system, any umpire who requires, or desires, to have a field rating done will apply to the level 3 coordinator by a specified cut off date. They will attach a cheque made out to BCBUA for \$50. Any member can request a field rating regardless of current level, status or need. (Level 2 umpires can apply) Umpires who apply by the deadline will be guaranteed a field evaluation during the current year. Umpires who request field evaluations after the cut off date will be accommodated only if it can be arranged that year. Otherwise their evaluation will be done the following year.

The second part of the proposal is meant to address the various levels of baseball. My proposal is to have 4 categories on the field evaluation form. These 4 categories would be 1) Pee Wee, 2) Bantam, 3) Midget and 4) Senior. An umpire can choose to be evaluated in whatever category they want, or whatever level of baseball is available to them. The category will always be the level of baseball being played at the time the evaluation is done. The evaluation will indicate the age category of the games that were umpired during the evaluation. A pass will carry with it the appropriate status (eg. Level 3 Bantam). A future evaluation at a higher level will provide an opportunity to achieve a higher level, but a failure at a higher level will not affect their current status. (unless 3 years has passed). An umpire's achieved level would qualify them for provincials at that level and any level below. It would not automatically qualify them for a higher rated provincial, and selection to such would be at the sole discretion of the provincials committee. And finally, I propose that the membership rate for Level 3 be reduced to \$50 per year.

## **DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT**

This summer there were 4 complaints made against BCBUA members which were deemed to be legitimate and which resulted in investigations taking place. Two complaints were made by coaches against umpires. The umpires were from the Lower Mainland East. In one case the complaint was thrown out for lack of evidence. In the other instance, the coach was satisfied that a counselling session with the umpire would be sufficient for him to withdraw his complaint. It is important to note that, in this case, the umpire was not deemed to have made any improper actions that would have warranted Discipline anyway. It was important, however, for both the coach and the umpire to look at the situation in a different light, and so it was a positive outcome for all parties concerned.

The other 2 complaints were made by members of the BCBUA supervisory staff against umpires under their jurisdiction at BCBUA allocated tournaments. These are very difficult situations to investigate for a number of reasons. Firstly, it is difficult to understand why an umpire would perform in such a fashion that a supervisor would feel like he had to report an umpire to the Discipline Committee for poor conduct. Secondly, it is disturbing to me personally that an umpire would disregard the direction of a supervisor at a BCBUA allocated tournament to begin with. The complaints were levied against umpires from the North Island in one instance. And the second complaint was levied against an umpire from Lower Mainland West who was working at a tournament at Vancouver Island South. In both situations it was determined that umpire performance was lacking, although no Formal Discipline took place.

I must remind all umpires that when a supervisor gives a direction to an umpire, there is no acceptable excuse for disregarding it. The supervisors are placed in these positions for a reason. Their decisions are to be respected and adhered to in all cases.

By the same token, if a supervisor does not perform in a professional fashion, it is up to the umpire to report this to the Chair of the Provincials committee so that his performance can be addressed. We have enough problems on the field folks. Lets not make problems like this for ourselves off the field.

**-By Steve Boutang**

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## 2008 LEVEL 3 REPORT

Another year gone by with many of the same problems still around, with a major change implemented and, I am excited to report, some fresh ideas. What more could you ask for? How about some genuine participation in policy setting by the members at large!

I will start by rehashing the usual problems with the Level 3 program. Even though we had more members writing the Level 3 exam this year (71) than ever before and good participation at the Advanced Clinics the old bugaboo of Field Evaluations continues to be our major difficulty and as a result we only had about 30 umpires with all 3 of the Level 3 components, not good enough!

Two thirds of our program are working very well. In fact we even lowered the written exam pass mark from 86% to 80% to fall in line with the National Program and we fill all our student slots at our Advanced Clinics but we still struggle with getting our members evaluated on the field. Why, what are the problems?

I think the main problem is availability of evaluators. Although we have about 15 or so and a mentorship program to increase those numbers, sheer numbers don't solve the problem. There are the questions of geography, scheduling and travel. Geography? Travel? Aren't most of the umpires, evaluators and games in the Lower Mainland and South Island? Well, yes, but an hours drive is an hours drive no matter how much distance you cover and with the cost of gas and the lost revenue (if the evaluator is at your game, he is not doing his own) one can only expect so much out of the evaluators. So, how do we fix this? Pay the evaluator.

Red lights flashing all over the place...here comes more cost...what about abuse of the system...are we going to develop professional evaluators? All good questions and legitimate concerns. Sit back and relax and let me explain an idea that Richard Christie put forward a while ago.

A significant portion of the evaluations that are done are on umps who really don't care whether they get evaluated other than the educational value because they are where they want to be, where those that really want one for promotion to or maintenance of Level 3 find it hard to arrange. If we pay the evaluator then they are more inclined to take an evening off to do some evaluations. Pay the evaluator \$50 for a 2 game complete evaluation and then schedule the evaluator to watch a double header with 2 umpires needing evaluations. The umpires get what they want and the evaluator gets some of his expenses and lost game fees back, everybody's happy.

Who pays the \$50 per evaluation? The umpire requesting the evaluation! In order to keep this reasonable we must keep the cost reasonable-so how about this. The evaluation is good for 3 years, so if we no longer charge a premium membership for Level 3 (\$65) only the same membership fee as the Level 2 (\$50) this is a savings of \$15 per year or a total of \$45 over 3 years. That makes the \$50 fee for an evaluation an actual increase in fees of \$1.66 per year for the Level 3 umpire.

Okay, that takes care of the cost, so how would it work? The umpire contacts the Area Rep and requests an evaluation and pays \$50. The AR arranges for an evaluator and sets up the game with (hopefully) a 2nd umpire also needing an evaluation. The evaluator then submits his evaluations to the AR and then gets paid. We may create an evaluation allocator position or something like that. Anyone could get an evaluation at any time it could be arranged but the minimum to maintain Level 3 would still be one every 3 years.

Now, here comes the fun part. I mentioned earlier about a chance for members at large to help set policy. I need some input here. As you can see there are some holes in the mechanics of implementation of this so I would like to hear from as many of you as possible in the next few weeks with your ideas and comments. I will then take those to the Executive meeting prior to the AGM where we will put together a proposal that will be presented to the AGM as part of the fee structure which must be approved by the members at the AGM. True democracy in action!!

If you are a member I need to hear from you. E-mail me at [bipamac@telus.net](mailto:bipamac@telus.net) and be a part of this - I look forward to hearing from all of you.

**Bill MacMillan, Level 3 Chairman**

### **World University Baseball Championships- continued from page 7**

The game was truly a classic. Great pitching and defense – and of course great umpiring.....! I tried hard to enjoy the experience because it is likely that I won't have the chance again in my life. But it was tough. As the game progressed with no score it became apparent that it would come down to the wire. And it did. There was a tremendous amount of pressure on each pitch. 3 hours and 45 minutes later in the 12th inning the United States scored the only run of the game on a broken bat flare behind the shortstop and they won the Gold medal with a 1-0 victory. I can tell you that I was happy it was over. I was exhausted. I was pleased with my performance and so were the people who mattered. I had to collect my emotions in the dressing room prior to accepting the congratulations from my peers.

As I reflect on the experience I still wonder if it really happened. I feel humbled and thankful for the opportunity, and I am grateful to those who helped me get there. But most of all I am a believer. I believe that if each young person sets goals in their lives that they can eventually accomplish them, no matter how lofty those goals may seem.

## Level 3 Qualification

**Richard Christie, Provincial Supervisor**

I propose a slight changes in the level 3 qualification system. Currently in order to qualify, an umpire must:

- a) write and pass a level 3 exam
- b) attend a level 3 clinic
- c) be field rated on plate and base.

The (b) and (c) requirements are good for three years, but the exam must be written and passed annually. If an umpire holds a valid field rating and has attended a recent clinic but fails his exam in any given year, he is effectively no longer a level 3 umpire. I think this is confusing and counter productive. My proposal is to have each required element be valid for 3 years. And provided the umpire has all three elements valid within a 3 year span, they would continue to be a level 3 umpire.

So if an umpire writes and passes their level 3 exam in 2008, it is valid until 2011. If they choose to write again in 2009 for their own educational purposes, a failing mark will not affect their current status. They would still be valid until 2011. And if they passed their exam in 2009, they would now be valid until 2012. Similarly, if they are field rated in 2009, it is valid until 2012. Again, if they choose to have another field rating done in 2010 to improve themselves, they cannot lose their current status. And if they pass their field rating in 2010, they would now be valid until 2013. The same thing would apply for a clinic. If they attend a clinic in 2010, they do not have to attend another until 2013. But if they choose to attend one in 2011, their exemption would now be till 2014.

As long as an umpire holds all 3 elements within a three year period, they are level 3. The exam element could be 2008, the clinic element 2009, and the field rating element 2010. And provided that none of the 3 elements is allowed to expire, the level 3 status would be maintained forever.

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# ***Congratulations to all the umpires who were selected to work at a Championship Tournament.***

## **NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

### **Peewee:**

Lisa Brown DELTA

### **Bantam Boys:**

-Andre Jean TERRACE  
-Jim Train WHITE ROCK

### **Bantam Girls:**

Rhonda Pauls ABBOTSFORD

### **Midget:**

Kris Hartley KAMLOOPS

### **Canada Cup:**

-Jeremy Bresler VANCOUVER  
-Matt Lowndes KAMLOOPS

### **Junior Men:**

Troy Carmont SURREY

### **Senior Men:**

Mark Bodwell SURREY

## **PEE WEE WESTERN CANADIAN**

**Working Supervisor: Jerry Tregaskis**

### **Umpires:**

Davis, Cecile VANCOUVER  
Hills, Michael WHITE ROCK  
Pentland, John LADNER  
Smith, George RICHMOND  
Williams, Kyle PORT MOODY

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### **Supervisors:**

**-Abbotsford Eddy Lang**  
**-Nanaimo Chet Masse**  
**-Whalley Howard Chapman**  
**-White Rock Richard Christie**

### **Umpires:**

Chuck Abney KELOWNA  
Rick Antoniak DELTA  
Lisa Brown DELTA  
Richard Christie WHITE ROCK  
Arnie Coones WHITE ROCK  
Cecile Davis VANCOUVER  
Scott Eckhardt VICTORIA  
Erik Eriksson COURTENAY  
Leo Gauthier MAPLE RIDGE  
Patrick Girtas WHITE ROCK  
Michael Hills WHITE ROCK  
David Hoyt DELTA  
Andre Jean TERRACE  
Braden Koslowski ABBOTSFORD  
Eddy Lang PORT MOODY  
Les Maerov VANCOUVER  
Matt McMann SURREY  
Rhonda Pauls ABBOTSFORD  
John Pentland DELTA  
Greg Teasdale COQUITLAM  
Jim Train WHITE ROCK  
Jerry Tregaskis DELTA  
Don Violette COQUITLAM  
Wray Watson DUNCAN  
Gary Webber COQUITLAM

## **PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENTS**

### **Premier League - Senior**

**Working Supervisor: Chet Masse**

### **Umpires:**

Will Hunter COURTENAY  
Ed Berkenstock COURTENAY  
Nick Moore COURTENAY  
Fabian Poulin NANAIMO  
Scott Eckardt VICTORIA

### **Premier League - Junior**

**Working Supervisor: Jerry Tregaskis**

### **Umpires:**

Arnie Coones WHITE ROCK  
Leo Gauthier RIDGE MEADOWS  
Les Maerov VANCOUVER  
Arne Pederson WHITE ROCK  
Eric Toneff COURTENAY  
Jim Train WHITE ROCK  
Brian Wainwright SURREY

### **Senior League**

**Working Supervisor: Howard Chapman**

### **Umpires:**

Mark Bodwell SURREY  
Jeremy Bresler VANCOUVER  
Ossie Chavarria BURNABY  
Matt Lowndes KAMLOOPS  
Patrick Yates KELOWNA

### **Junior League**

**Working Supervisor: Richard Christie**

### **Umpires:**

Ossie Chavarria BURNABY  
Chris Connelly KAMLOOPS  
Ian Lamplugh VICTORIA  
Matt Lowndes KAMLOOPS  
Jim Train WHITE ROCK

### **BC Minor Midget AAA**

**Working Supervisor: Lorne Raymond**

### **Umpires:**

Ed Berkenstock COURTENAY  
Leisha Blais PENTICTON  
Kris Hartley KAMLOOPS  
Kelley Hunter KAMLOOPS  
Andre Jean TERRACE  
Dave Kroschinsky PENTICTON  
Matt Lowndes KAMLOOPS

### **BC Minor Midget AA**

**Working Supervisor: Chet Masse**

### **Umpires:**

Terry McNeill VICTORIA  
Ron Hinkelman VICTORIA  
Bill Roberts VICTORIA  
Tim Strocel SIDNEY  
Scott Eckardt VICTORIA  
Tom Ovanin VICTORIA  
Al Tulloch DUNCAN  
Chuck Blaikie VICTORIA  
Wray Watson DUNCAN

John Berry BURNABY

### **BC Minor Bantam AAA**

**Working Supervisor: Terry Owen**

### **Umpires:**

Cole Crocker COQUITLAM  
Lisa Brown DELTA  
David Hoyt DELTA  
George Smith RICHMOND  
Gary Webber COQUITLAM  
Ted Williams PORT MOODY  
Bryon Willisicroft BURNABY

### **BC Minor Bantam A**

**Working Supervisor: Jerry Tregaskis**

### **Umpires:**

Chuck Abney KELOWNA  
Dennis Fege KELOWNA  
Gerry Huggins KELOWNA  
Syd Kendrick PEACHLAND  
Lee Knox VERNON  
Jim McLaughlin KELOWNA  
Norm Robinson KELOWNA  
Darcey Rysz KELOWNA

### **BC Minor Pee Wee AAA**

**Working Supervisor: Ted Williams**

### **Umpires:**

David Bailey DELTA  
Stephen Bailey DELTA  
Lisa Brown DELTA  
George Smith RICHMOND  
Herb Van Horne SURREY  
Bryon Willisicroft BURNABY  
Gary Weber COQUITLAM

### **BC Summer Games**

**Working Supervisor: Arne Pederson**

**Asst. Supervisor: Brian Cargnelli**

### **Umpires:**

Chuck Abney KELOWNA  
Chuck Bertrand SECHELT  
Robert Gordon RADIUM  
Bob Harkness  
Mike Hills WHITE ROCK  
Ron Hinkelman VICTORIA  
Chris Jarvis  
Rhonda Pauls ABBOTSFORD  
Darcy Rysz KELOWNA  
Herb Van Horne SURREY  
Geoff Weidner

## **PEE WEE GIRLS INVITATIONAL**

**Supervisor: Jerry Tregaskis**

### **Umpires:**

Rick Antoniak DELTA  
Cecile Davis VANCOUVER  
Patrick Girtas WHITE ROCK  
Michael Hills WHITE ROCK  
Rhonda Pauls ABBOTSFORD



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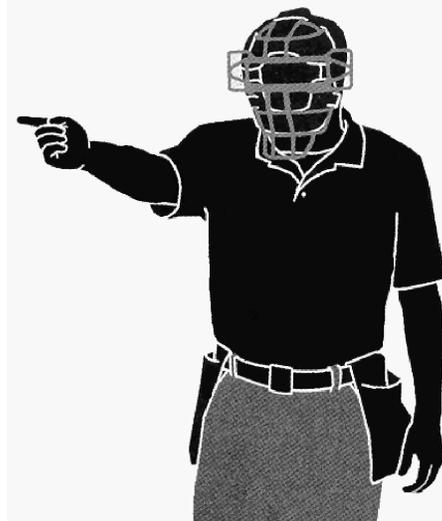
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