

# 2011 CPLL UMPIRES PROGRAM FAQ

## INTRODUCTION:

Cranbury Plainsboro Little League (CPLL) provides an opportunity for interested and qualified individuals (adults, teens, parents, coaches, and CPLL alumni) to participate and contribute to the CPLL experience.

## SCHEDULING:

CPLL will be utilizing Umpire Center, an on-line assignment service ([www.umpirecenter.com](http://www.umpirecenter.com)) during the 2011 season. This service should allow for effective and equitable scheduling of game officials in addition to facilitate reconciling compensation and rescheduling issues. A thorough orientation and tutorial of this service will be provided to attendees at a **MANDATORY CPLL Umpires Clinic** to be held Saturday, March 26, 2011.

Details posted: <http://www.cpll.org/umpires2011.htm>).

## OFFICIATING GAMES:

CPLL will be scheduling umpires for both Baseball and Softball games during the 2011 season.

League	Division	# Umpires/Game
Baseball	Majors	2
	AAA	2
	AA	1
Softball	Majors	2
	Minors	1

All CPLL games requiring an umpire will have at least one (1) umpire with two (2) or more years of experience. Umpires with less than 2 years of experience will be assigned to games with a more experienced umpire. Additionally, Little League International mandates that an adult ( $\geq$  18 years) umpire be present at every game. For CPLL games where there is not an adult present, the home team will provide an adult “umpire” to sit at the field, and call the game in the event of rain and/or lightning.

## WEATHER:

Please check the website ([www.cpll.org](http://www.cpll.org)) for the latest game time status. In the absence of an announced cancellation, umpires are responsible for arriving at the field 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.

## EQUIPMENT:

CPLL umpires are welcome to utilize their own equipment for game use. However, the league also provides equipment for its umpires including a mask, chest protector, and leg guards in the equipment sheds at each field. Please ask a manager or coach to open the shed for you if it is locked.

## DRESS:

Umpires should wear CPLL umpire shirt, hat (if in field), and khaki pants or shorts. Shirt should be tucked in.

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### FEES:

CPLL pays its umpires based on experience. There is no distinction between working home plate or the field.

Years Experience	Game Pay
0	\$15
1	\$20
2-3	\$30
4 and up	\$35

Although CPLL pays its umpires, adult ( $\geq 18$  years old) umpires are considered volunteers and are required by Little League International to complete a 2011 Volunteer Application ([HERE](#)) and provide a copy of a valid driver's license. In lieu of a background check through CPLL, current umpire certification via another organization will be accepted.

### PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY:

In addition to a basic knowledge of the rules, correct positioning, proper mechanics, and professional conduct while on the field, CPLL expects its umpires to demonstrate responsible behavior with regard to game scheduling and attendance. An inability to abide by these simple rules will result in an umpire's loss of CPLL officiating privileges.

### CONDUCT:

CPLL is proud to partner with Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) and National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS) in an effort to provide our parents, coaches, and managers with proper training concerning appropriate decorum and how best to conduct themselves during all games. As a result, CPLL exercises a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy concerning behavior towards our umpires.

### FIELDS:

Cranbury Village Park (C1 and C2)  
Millstone Park (MS)  
Morris Davison Park (MD)  
Plainsboro Community Park (PC1, PC2, PC3, and PC4)  
Plainsboro Park (P1 and P3)  
Town Center School (TC)

Directions to our fields can be found at:

<http://www.cpll.org/>

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