



AIA Baseball ABSOLUTES

1. Crew members will contact each other to confirm their assignments 48 hours prior to the game. Crew members will contact the Home School to confirm assignment.
2. Crew members will arrive to the game site a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start of the game.
3. All crew members will arrive together to the field 10 minutes prior to scheduled start time. Crew members will leave the field together when the game is finished.
4. A Pregame conference must take place 5 minutes prior to the start of the game that includes the umpires and both head coaches from the respective teams. This conference will cover the ground rules and lineup cards will be taken.
5. All Head Coaches will verbally confirm to the UIC that all their players are properly and legally equipped, prior to starting any game.
6. Each umpire will utilize and follow the approved mechanics for AIA and shall not deviate from them. The Plate Umpire will be the UIC for the game.
7. Player safety is foremost in our game and as such each umpire will strive to err on the side of safety.
8. All umpires will enforce the dugout rule, keeping players and coaches in the dugout as defined by NFHS rules.
9. Verbal and visual communications will be given prior to each new rotation or situation.
10. Interaction with players and coaches will always be in a positive and professional manner. Umpires will NEVER use profane language.
11. No umpire shall openly criticize or negatively comment on his crew member's judgment call. No umpire shall attempt to overturn or override any judgment call by his partner UNLESS asked for help by the calling official.
12. Anytime an NFHS or AIA baseball rule is being applied incorrectly it the responsibility of ANY / ALL umpire(s) to bring it t the attention of the UIC.
13. Every game will have an umpire behind the plate to officiate balls and strikes. All members of the crew assigned to the game shall bring gear to work the plate.
14. The Plate Umpire will rule on all issues regarding the batter.
15. All baseball umpires will wear the correct uniform as outlined by AIA.
16. All games assigned by AIA will be officiated using the current NFHS rules and AIA addendums . No Exceptions to any rule for any game.
17. All umpires will follow the AIA / AZBOA ejection protocol. All ejections will be reported via telephone immediately after the game and the Ejection Report will be filed by 8 AM the next day.

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