



Things for Coaches to consider regarding Umpires

- One of the number one complaints at the 2016 PGYBA AGM was lack of umpiring and quality of umpiring
- ***We have begun investing in our umpires and we need your support***
 - **What has PGYBA done?**
 - Promoted the program with young up and coming divisions along with kids outside of baseball (ex. hockey refs).
 - Increased rates for Peewee and Bantam divisions
 - Created a mentorship program for trained adult umpires to umpire alongside first year umpires
 - Bought new equipment to provide better comfort and ensure safety as a top priority
 - Bought a game scheduling program to reduce conflicts between playing and umpiring younger divisions
 - **Result**
 - An increase in Umpire Clinic attendance from 12 in 2016 to **46 in 2017**
 - An increase in total umpires available from 26 in 2016 to **55 in 2017**.
 - **What we need from our coaches**
 - Support our young umpires who will inevitably make mistakes
 - Remember its house baseball not the world series
 - Ensure they hold a plate meeting, introduce yourself, try to make them comfortable.
 - They're kids and they can be intimidated, don't take advantage of that (calling balls and strikes from the dugout, kicking dirt etc.)
 - Discretionary Calls are not debateable (ex. balls, strikes, outs, safe, catch no catch, foul or fair)
 - Rules can be clarified but the umpires interpretation stands, even if you're sure they are wrong
 - Contact me (umpires@pgyba.com) for rule ***interpretations after the game*** and we can clarify for future games, but there is no going back!
 - Provide me with valuable feedback I can give to the kids to make them better. Evaluation forms available on the PGYBA website under the "about PGYBA" tab or just send me an email with things you noticed.
 - I also use these evaluations to help me give priority for tournaments and playoffs