

**Expectations of "B" Tier Umpires**

**Basic 2-Man Mechanics**

***Knows & understands rotations*   
o First to third   
o Home to third**

**Knows responsibilities of plate and base umpires   
o Fair / Foul - who has the line   
o Catch / No catch   
o Out / Safe   
o Knows when to go out on a fly ball**

**Umpire Communications   
o Consistently vocalizes balls and strikes   
o Consistently vocalizes safes and outs   
o Consistently vocalizes catch and no catch (when necessary)   
o Consistently vocalizes foul ball (when necessary)   
o Consistently signals and vocalizes situations with partner**

**Strike Zone Quality   
o Has a good knowledge of strike zone   
o Is beginning to develop strike zone consistency   
o Is beginning to develop consistency in timing**

**Tag Plays   
o Knows responsibility of what to do on tag-up situations   
o Knows responsibility when ball is hit in the air in "the cone"**

**Rules Knowledge   
o Knows rules differences between high school and professional   
o Knows infield fly rule   
o Knows, can identify, and enforce balk rules**

* **Has a good understanding of both the Obstruction & Interference rules/mechanics**

**Uniform   
o Presentable (Every game)   
o Correct uniform   
o Clean hat, shirt, and pants   
o Pressed pants and shirt   
o Shined shoes**

**Punctuality   
o Is on time (arrives 45 minutes before game time)   
o Is prepared to work either position**

**Attitude   
o Knows what comments to ignore and which comments require a response   
o Conducts himself / herself in a professional manner   
o Is able to accept constructive criticism**

**Peer Evaluations**

* **Consistently enters all Peer Evaluation information into Arbiter**
* **Enters PE info within 24 hours of the completion of each game**
* **Signs & dates every Peer Evaluation**
* **Notes game site & level of play on every Peer Evaluation**

**Partner Evaluations**

* **Effectively & timely gives Partner Evaluations to (4) C Tier & (4) Apprentice Tier umpires (and as needed)**