



CHANDLER NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE

UMPIRING FOR THE FALL SEASON

The fall season is a developmental season for players to enhance their skills as they move to the next level of competition. We use this season for developing umpires also. And many of the more veteran umpires use this season to sharpen their skills and keep in shape.

Some facts about the Fall Season:

- The season runs from early September until the middle of November
- There are the same levels of competition as with the Spring season. Rookie (T-Ball), "A" (Coach Pitch), AA, AAA, Majors and Juniors.
- CNLL umpires will umpire at the four higher divisions.

What does it take to be an umpire?

- Minimum age is 13 years-old as of the first day of the season (Sept. 5).
- Every new umpire must complete a 4-hour Mechanics Clinic that will be held in early August. Umpires who completed the Mechanics Clinic for the Spring season do not need to repeat for Fall Season.
- Every umpire must annually pass (90%) a written rules test administered by the Umpire-in-Chief (UIC). It is an open book test using the Little League rule book. Again, not required for Fall Season if the umpire passed the umpire rules test prior to the Spring season.
- Game assignments are administered by the UIC using an on-line program. PC literacy is extremely important. An email account is required and use of Google Chrome is strongly recommended.
- Adult umpires are subject to a background check.
- Most of our Fall Season umpires stay on to work the Spring Season also.
- CNLL sells the necessary supplies to umpire: T-shirt, cap, ball bag, plate brush, indicator and rule book. Total package costs \$36. We also supply shin guards, chest protector and mask for shared use for those who do not have their own equipment.

So if you are interested in joining the CNLL Umpire Staff, please contact Umpire-in-Chief Bill Siebler at cnlluic@cox.net.