

# Niagara Falls Umpires Association 2021 Baseball Agreement

\_\_\_\_\_ “The League” and the Niagara Falls Umpires Association “NFUA” hereby agree to the following terms and rates for 2021.

## **RATES**

	Rate
90' 1-Man	\$65.00
90' 2-Man	\$112.00
60' & 70' 1-Man	\$55.00
60' & 70' 2-Man	\$106.00
90' 3-Man^	\$150.00
60' & 70' 3-Man^	\$135.00
Amt/Inning*	\$9.00

^This is available only in special circumstances as approved by the NFUA Board.

\*Amount per extra scheduled inning per umpire for games scheduled more than 7 innings (there is no charge for games tied after 7 innings that go into extra innings.)

## **RULES**

It is understood that the League will provide the NFUA the specific rules for each level that the League is running at least two weeks prior to the first scheduled game to ensure that the umpires have the opportunity to read any special league rules prior to the games they are assigned to work.

Rules will be specific so that there are no variances in interpretation between all parties involved. If there is a mercy rule or a time limit, it shall be stated clearly and concisely, and it will not be at the umpire's discretion, as to leave no questions. If a mercy rule or time limit is to be waived in special circumstances such as championship games it shall be clearly written in the rules.

The NFUA reserves the right to request that special league rules be modified ahead of the first game if they are not clear or pose a conflict with the official rule book.

## **SCHEDULES**

The League will provide the NFUA with the complete schedule of games no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. All requests or changes to schedules after May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 will be honored at a first come first serve basis, and may not be fulfilled if umpires are not available.

## **PAYMENT**

### **CASH PAYMENT**

Payment from the League to the NFUA umpires shall be made in cash prior to the start of the game. All questions from umpires concerning payment shall be handled through the NFUA assignor or NFUA President and the League president or their designee.

### **CHECK PAYMENT**

Payment from the League to the NFUA will occur prior to the start of the season for the first half of the schedule and on July 1<sup>st</sup> for the remaining games. A complete reconciliation of the payments will be provided to the league at the end of the season. Remedy for any outstanding balance will be decided at that point. All questions from umpires concerning payment shall be directed to the NFUA assignor or president and any inquiries to the League shall be handled through the NFUA assignor or NFUA president and the League president or their designee.

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## **GAME ASSIGNMENTS**

All communication for game assignments shall be communicated between the NFUA's summer assignor and the League's president or his designee. Schedules shall be provided to the NFUA at least 2 weeks prior to the first scheduled game. Changes to these schedules for any reason other than inclement weather must be communicated 24 hours in advance to the NFUA. Changes shall be given to the NFUA summer assignor by phone, a complete voice mail message, or a text message, which gives all of the pertinent details of the changes. The summer assignor shall respond in the same methods to confirm the changes. If acknowledgement of the change is not received from the summer assignor within 4 hours, contact the NFUA President with the changes in the same method as noted above. Any special requests shall be handled between these 2 parties and a written report shall be given from the NFUA summer assignor to the NFUA President. Any games that are changed without following the above procedure shall be paid at ½ game fees per umpire.

Games cancelled due to inclement weather shall be postponed with the summer assignor at least 60 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. Games cancelled after this time and prior to the start of the game shall be paid at ½ game fees per umpire. Should the game be started and needs to be stopped due to inclement weather or poor field conditions where the safety of the players are involved the umpires shall be paid the full game fee. Games cancelled less than 24 hours in advance for any reason other than weather will result in ½ game fee, and any game cancelled less than 1 hour prior to the game time for any reason other than weather will be paid a full game fee.

Completion of any incomplete or suspended games shall be paid at a rate of ½ game fees for a game lasting 3½ innings or less or a full game fee for games, which continue on past 3½ innings.

When a game is delayed due to inclement weather, the umpires shall use the HS rules for delays due to thunder or lightning and shall wait for 60 minutes (less if the teams decide to cancel) at the field to determine if the game shall continue. The umpires will also use 60 minutes as the length of time to wait for rain delays unless the teams decide to cancel sooner. If the umpires are asked to stay longer, normally during a tournament, they shall receive ½ game fees for each additional 60 minutes that they wait.

In the event that a NFUA umpire does not show up for a scheduled contest in which the NFUA was properly notified of, the NFUA will pay one game fee back to the League for the missed assignment.

Please note that although the NFUA will make every effort to have 2 umpires available for every assignment when requested, we may be forced to drop down to one during our very busy summer weekend tournament schedule.

## **CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

Any concerns about the actions of NFUA umpires shall be sent in writing or by email to the NFUA President for action before the NFUA Board of Directors.

Any player, coach, parent, or spectator who is ejected from the game is also ejected from the Park and must leave immediately; also, they are forbidden to return to the park for the remainder of the game. Further, if they come in contact with an umpire during any discussion, they will be forbidden to return for the remainder of the season.

The NFUA Board of Directors requires a written ejection report from the umpire whenever any coach or player is ejected and this shall be shared with the League's President within 24 hours of the incident.

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## **GAME ENDING PROCEDURES**

If there is no league rules covering mercy rules or time limit the following shall be used. If a team is winning by 15 or more runs and two hour has passed since the first pitch, the game shall end at the completion of the current inning. Additionally, no new inning shall start after two and a half hours after the first pitch.

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League President

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