

# Western Maine Baseball Umpires Association

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## Upcoming Clinics in March

**Mandatory Clinics for Members (All members must attend both) – Gorham Middle School**

- March 12, 2017 – 4:00pm to 5:30pm – Mechanics Clinic
- March 12, 2017 – 5:30pm to 7:00pm – Rules Clinic

## Reminder

**Exam for ALL returning members – Gorham Middle School**

- March 12, 2017 – 7:00pm to 8:00pm

## Annual Members Meeting

This is a reminder that on March 19, 2017 the Annual WMBUA Members Meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Gorham Middle School beginning at 10:00am. There are several action items to be undertaken including:

- (1) Elections of Officers and At-Large Members
- (2) Changes to the WMBUA “Bi-Laws”
- (3) Adopt the 2017 Game Fee rates

[Click here](#) for the complete meeting agenda.

## Seeking Member Nominations

In accordance with the BY-LAWS OF THE WESTERN MAINE BASEBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATIONS, *Article 7 Section 3*, “All officers shall be elected at the March Business meeting, take office on the day of election, and serve until the next election, except that the 4 members elected to the Executive Committee serve 2-year terms as follows: two must be elected during odd numbered years and 2 must be elected in the even numbered years.

The following Officer positions are up for elections:

- (1) President
- (2) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- (3) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- (4) Secretary/Treasurer
- (5) Rules Interpreter
- (6) At-Large Member – 2 positions

*If anyone is interested in filling one of these positions or wish to nominate a member please contact Peter Brogan, Nominating Committee Chair by email at: [petebrogan@myfairpoint.net](mailto:petebrogan@myfairpoint.net)*

## 2017 School Ball Game Fees

In accordance with the BY-LAWS OF THE WESTERN MAINE BASEBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATIONS, *Article 8 Section 1*, "Game fees are subject to the contract of the State Board of Maine Baseball with the Maine Principal's Association, referred to as "MPA" except that summer baseball fees are set by the Board. This year the fee for school ball is set to go up \$2.00 for Varsity and \$1.50 for Sub-Varsity. The new fees are as follows:



- Junior High / Freshman / Junior Varsity
  - Plate - \$45.50
  - Bases - \$43.50
- Varsity
  - Plate - \$64.00
  - Bases - \$62.00



*Mileage allowance for school ball = 44¢ per mile for the first 125 miles, then 22¢ per mile in excess of 125 miles. There is no mileage allowance if the total round trip mileage is 10 miles or less.*

### 2017 *Proposed* Summer Ball Game Fees

*No mileage paid for Summer Baseball*

- Senior Little League / Babe Ruth (Under 15)
  - 7 Inning Game:
    - Plate - \$49.00
    - Bases - \$47.00
  - 9 Inning Game:
    - Plate - \$63.00
    - Bases - \$61.00
- Legion / Junior Legion / Senior Babe Ruth / AAU (All ages)
  - 7 Inning Game:
    - Plate - \$64.00
    - Bases - \$62.00
  - 9 Inning Game:
    - Plate - \$76.50
    - Bases - \$74.50
- Twilight League
  - 7 Inning Game:
    - Plate - \$64.00
    - Bases - \$62.00
  - 9 Inning Game:
    - Plate - \$76.50
    - Bases - \$74.50
- Southern Maine Men's Baseball League
  - 9 Inning Game:
    - Plate - \$74.00
    - Bases - \$74.00

### WMBUA is now on Facebook

All members that uses Facebook are invited to follow our NEW FACEBOOK WMBUA page at <https://www.facebook.com/wmbua>.

### WMBUA is now on Twitter

All members that use Tweeter are invited to follow our Tweets at: [https://twitter.com/WMBUA\\_secretary](https://twitter.com/WMBUA_secretary)

Or scan the QR Code below



## Additions to the Website

The Website has been updated to include the 2016 NFHS Rules test and answers as well as the NFHS 2017 Rule Changes. The MPA 2017 Baseball Bulletin will be added as soon as it is published on their website. For direct access to these documents [CLICK HERE](#).

Over the next couple of months, the Summer Ball leagues rules will be updated.

**Reminder: In the members only section you now have access to Member Meeting Agenda's, Minutes from Member Meetings and to the Treasurer's reports.**



## From your Assignor

Please be sure to go into the [Arbiter](#) and verify your profile is correct. It's critical that your email and phone numbers are accurate.

Thank you,  
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## Proposed "Bi-Law" Changes

During the Member Business Meeting on September 11, 2016 the following motion(s) to modify the WMBUA "Bi-Law's" was put forth as follow:

- A. Motion (Ed Charbonneau) to increase the Rule Interpreter stipend from \$450 - \$600 (Second Ben Lowry)
- B. Motion (Ed Charbonneau) to increase the Secretary/Treasurer stipend from \$750 - \$1000 (Second Tony Desjardins)

These Motions' will be put forth to the Members for vote during the March 19 Annual Members Meeting.



## Uniform Orders

Orders for uniform items will be taken on **March 12<sup>th</sup>** before the start of the Mechanics clinic and after the test. This will be the only chance to order uniforms items before the season begins. This is how it will work:

- Download the order form – [Click Here](#)
- Turn in completed order form with a **50% down payment**. *Full payment will be accepted*

**[Download the catalog here](#)**

The order will be place on March 13, 2017 to allow sufficient time to receive the order prior to the first Field Clinic