

Western Maine Baseball Umpires Association

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Website Updates

The website is undergoing some changes. Initial changes have been made to the member's only page. To access this page click on the *Member Only* link:



This will bring you to a sign in page. If you have signed up back in 2014 your log-in should still work, however if it does not simply sign up again for access.



Membership Sign-Up

Sign Up below to become a member

Name

Email

Password

Sign Up Now

Membership Log-In

Log in to your account below

Email

Password

Log In

[Forgot password?](#)

Once you have signed up or have logged in you will have access to the “MEMBER FORUM” as well as access to the section containing “IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS” By signing up to have access into the FORUM or the IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS, you have agreed you will not share any of the information with anyone outside our association. Over the next several weeks, the Member Forum will be reviewed and updated - stay tuned. More information will be provided in the March Newsletter.



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Our website is occasionally accessed by baseball coaches, players, athletic directors, parents, and fans, and we're happy to be able to share with them much of what our association does, how we train, and even information on how to become a WMBUA member.

However, our website must also contain information which we all must consider private, and confidential. Therefore we have placed that content behind a firewall that can only be accessed by WMBUA members. Please do not share any information contained within the "Members Only" section with anyone outside our association.



In the IMPORTANT DOCUMENT section you will find the Member Meeting Agendas and minutes as well as the Treasurer's reports



IMPORTANT DATES (2017)
 WMBUA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
 ASSOCIATION BYLAWS
 DRESS CODE

Member Meeting Agendas

May 15, 2016
 September 11, 2016
 March 19, 2017

Member Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2016
 May 15, 2016
 September 11, 2016



Treasurer's Report

May 15, 2016
 September 11, 2016
 March 19, 2017

W-9 (IRS) form

WMBUA is now on Twitter

All members that use Tweeter are invited to follow our Tweets at:
https://twitter.com/WMBUA_secretary

Or scan the QR Code below



Mandatory Clinics

(All members must attend both)

Site: Gorham Middle School

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

Exam for ALL returning members

- March 12, 2017 – 7:00pm to 8:00pm

***Make-up date for returning member's
Exam, Mechanics Clinic & Rules
Clinic***

***April 2, 2017 – 10:00am – 1:00pm
(Gorham Middle School)***

***This is only for returning member's
excused from attending the March 12th
session by the Executive Committee.***

Plate Clinics

Kevin has once again made arrangements with the Edge Academy to offer WMBUA members (second and third year guys are encouraged) an opportunity to sharpen our plate mechanics. There are still dates available for these clinics: Feb. 15 and 22, and March 1 and 8. 1st pitch is at 7:30pm so plan to arrive with your equipment by 7:00pm.

Please [email Kevin](#) with your available dates so we don't have lopsided attendances.

10 Ways to ruin your reputation

1. Don't be high maintenance
2. Not know the Rules
3. Be all about the money
4. Don't talk to much
5. Don't fraternize
6. Create off the field problems
7. Look good on the field
8. Treat people right
9. Don't be arrogant and unapproachable
10. Have Fun – remember it's a game

Getting Ready for the Season

1. Get your uniform ready
2. Get your equipment ready
3. Attend required meeting and clinics
4. Respond to game assignments
5. Be physically and mentally fit for the season
6. Study – Practice and repeat often

A message from our Assigner

It looks like the earliest date for exhibition games is April 1st as of now. We have received the SMAA and middle school schedules for the SMSSAC conferences and the Western Maine Conference is supposed to vote on theirs Thursday. After I get those games in the Arbiter I will start assigning games by the end of the month. It looks like we will have more 4:30 starts this year due to schools starting later in the morning.

Please get your closed dates in the arbiter over the next week or so. You can also have partial blocks on days but are required to put in times you are not available. I know it is early and most of you are not thinking about baseball yet, but it is right around the corner. I want to have school ball assigned before March .I do not want to be like other assignors and schedule all games every other week and you have no idea whether a game is coming your way or not. Of course there will be plenty of AAU and other leagues we have to assign as the games come in so assignments will be coming at a rapid pace and at the last minute with these latter groups. It is my job to get games for you to do and put extra money in your pockets, when games come in at the last minute I look at the availability list before I give them an answer. If we have names on that list I take the games. Last year I had to tell teams to cancel doubleheaders because the people available did not accept them. This does not look good and is the reason why we ask you close the dates and keep up to date.

On another note 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, year umps please get with Kevin and sign up for a plate clinic. The groups we had last Wednesday was exceptional and demonstrated they are ready to receive higher level games. Veterans who are unhappy with the schedule you are receiving, this is a great opportunity for you to prove the assignors are wrong and get better games throughout the year. All it does is cost you a couple of hours on a Wednesday night and lets us see your abilities. It would also be appreciated if veteran umpires could come help evaluate and give some input and hear a different voice other than Kevin and myself. The best thing about last week was there were at least twelve high school coaches there for a meeting last week and they were totally impressed with umpires taking the time in the middle of winter to hone their skills.

One last thing, if anyone you know is interested in becoming an umpire please have them get in touch with Rick or Kevin. New person classes begin this Sunday. We can always use more people especially if they are quality individuals like yourself. I hear all the horror stories from other groups, and am very appreciative of every one of you and am looking forward to another great season. During school vacation week I will probably heading down to New Jersey to check in on family members so if you e mail me during that time it might take me a few days to get back to you.

Thanks for everything and let me know if there is anything I can do to make your season more enjoyable.

Duke