

Subject: Huff-N-Puffers Umpires -- "View From Behind The Plate" Issue 1

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Sent to all 2022 Umpires -- FYI

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We have the best view of the game.

Here are a couple thoughts to make it even better? Hopefully this helps:

Last year, I sent 12 of these. Given what I've experienced this winter, whoa ya better be ready for more this year!

First -- welcome back.

But, no, even before 'first' -- thank you for what you did last year to help *all the players* enjoy their summer. Because without your volunteering, energy, effort, belief, sweat, commitment (... and much more) games would *not* have gone on.

Second, thanks for all who helped guide, correct, and encourage me in trying to figure out this job. Especially Larry Keating in supporting the transition.

Third, let's do this:

Please tell me you're coming back to work?

Please encourage one of your teammates/buddies to volunteer to ump?

Please watch for the publication of the 2023 Rules Changes? By email to you and then posted on the website. Read. Study. Ask questions. Make suggestions on how best to implement.

Please commit to attending our training? I plan more than sitting around talking, I want to offer on-our-feet coaching by some of our own most-experienced umps to help us learn how to improve even further. Details/timing to come.

Please continue to tell me what you think, what you need, and what will make us all better umps -- and therefore happier on the diamond???

With respect and appreciation, Peter  
Huff-N-Puffers Umpire-In-Chief

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Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail -- but if it makes you a better umpire ...

PS to Dew and Good: gotcha.