

**Subject:** FYI: Huff-N-Puffers Umpires -- "View From Behind The Plate" Issue 2 -- Opening Day

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Sent to all Umpires -- FYI

Division Directors -- help me with your Managers?

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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:

#### CLINICS

Well more than two-thirds of you attended one or both (with several out-of-town, etc). Thank you for the comments that you found them helpful.

#### SCHEDULING UMPIRES

I fill slots based on--

-- restrictions you gave me

-- vacations/injuries

-- who's playing on which diamond

-- down the list from the top then back up from the bottom

which you will notice does NOT give me the luxury of "how many games has Joe worked" -- so if you haven't been scheduled lately, it's not intentional, reach out to me!

#### PANTS

Weeks ago I messaged Managers: ~ Rule 2.4 will be enforced, so get your players in black or dark blue.

At the Clinics, we stressed this.

Please don't wait til game time -- scan guys warming up. If necessary, alert the Manager.

#### UNIFORMS

Speaking of:

Shirts --

-- if you need one, send me your size?

-- if your powder blue one is faded to white, send me your size!

-- you look SO GOOD when yours is tucked in!!

Hats --

-- have only been on backorder since 18 minutes after The Ark hit solid ground. Don't ask.

-- if you need one, send me a message.

## RULES

You heard me at the Clinics say that just applying the Rule makes life simpler. Let's?

To facilitate that:

-- each diamond's net bag has a complete set of our Local Rules (the D1 and 2 "Guide" and the D3 "Supplement").

    If a Manager needs them, pull them out.

    Then put them back!

-- a 60-page excerpt of the 222-page USA Softball Rule Book is hanging in the Equipment Room.

    If the situation can be simplified by consulting it, send a runner to fetch it.

    After: IMMEDIATELY have it run back to the Equipment Room (not after the game, now).

And work to keep them dry?

Now, get ready to yell "Play Ball". Let's have some fun.

With respect and appreciation, Peter

Huff-N-Puffers Umpire-In-Chief

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