

TAKING THE NEXT STEP!

Thank you for your inquiring about the District Staff Umpire Program. California District 62 "STAFF" was formed in 1991 to provide Little League Baseball rules education combined with on-field mechanics training for all of District 62's volunteer Little League Umpires. We recognize that the key to improving the quality of baseball officiating within our district requires an educated Staff dedicated to the recruitment, training and development of new Little League volunteer umpires.

D62 STAFF provides annual trainings in the two, three and four man systems for Regular Season, TOC and Tournament play. Our instructional staff is made up of current and former Little League World Series, Divisional and Regional Assigned officials, many who continue to volunteer their services to the Little League community long after their own children have completed the program. Staff members take great pride in providing support for umpire growth and development in the Little League Majors, Juniors, Seniors and Big league divisions in and around Southern California. Our membership is dedicated to principles of community supported volunteerism by delivering the highest quality training programs on and off field, to the betterment of the game of Little League baseball!

D62 maintains a high standard for admittance to its District Umpire Staff. We take great pride in being recognized worldwide as one of the best educated and trained volunteer umpire organizations in the nation! Staff members are highly committed to the program and each has a deep un-abiding passion for the game of baseball.

We invite you to become part of the fraternity, and join a brotherhood that's bonded in Deep Blue!

Guiding principals of a Staff Umpire:

I shall always first and foremost regard the safety of all players as paramount!

I shall continue to educate yourself and learn the rules of the game and there interpretations.

I shall always seek (when necessary) to kindly explain calls to young players or new Managers in an effort to educate.

I shall endeavor (to the best of my ability) to not develop a negative attitude even if adults and players do.

I shall always show respect to my uniform and present myself in a positive manor.

I shall always officiate games with great integrity and pride.

I shall hold in the highest regard my position as a district 62 staff member.

I shall always seek to preserve and respect the integrity of the game of baseball.

I shall always endeavor to educate and support those who seek to improve their skills as umpires.

And I must always remember to try to keep Little League Baseball fun for everyone.

Most candidates seeking admittance to staff will have multiple years of volunteer umpiring experience and will have demonstrated both a passion for the game with a desire to master the skills required. We consider the following the "Basic Standards" for Staff consideration:

- Complete the D62 Umpire Certification program a minimum of two times.
- You should have officiated a minimum of one hundred games (be a "Centurion")
- Have a positive mental attitude and exude a level of confidence on the baseball field.
- Have a solid working knowledge of both the rules and field mechanics (60 & 90 foot)
- Work a minimum of 20 to 25 little league games each season.
- Show respect for the uniform and present yourself as a positive role model.
- Submit an annual Little League Volunteer Application. (must pass a background check)
- Complete the District 62 Staff Application.
- You must seek the support and sponsorship of a current Staff Member
- Have undergone a minimum of four Staff game evaluations (two 60ft two 90 ft)
- Pass a Sr. Staff review

We hope that if you (like us) have a passion for the game, then you will make the commitment to join the best group of little league volunteers in the nation.

Why join?

"Because the integrity of the game rests in the hands of the Umpire!"