

A low-angle photograph of two baseball umpires in dark uniforms and masks on a field. One umpire is in a crouched position, ready to catch a ball, while the other stands behind him with his right arm raised in a fist. A chain-link fence and a clear blue sky are in the background.

UMPIRE CLINIC

INFORMATION BOOKLET



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Dear Baseball Alberta Association,

Thank you for applying to host an NUCP Umpire training clinic. We know that your association will benefit from hosting this clinic. This document will be your guide to help you understand some of the many different things that will challenge you as you prepare to host an NUCP clinic.

Now that you've applied, your clinic application will be processed and we will get to work on ensuring that your clinic has an instructor team assigned to you. Once we have made that contact and the assignment has been accepted, the lead instructor will be in touch with you to ensure the whole clinic experience will be as positive as we can make it.

The lead instructor will be your main contact for any questions you may have pertaining to the clinic. If they can't resolve any issue you may have, please feel free to contact me so we can get things sorted out quickly.

Good luck! I wish your association all the best in this upcoming season.

Yours in umpiring,

Brandon Strocki

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Baseball Alberta Supervisor of Umpires



HOW DO I REQUEST A CLINIC?

- You can request a clinic by going to <http://www.baseballalberta.com/content/nucp-clinics>
- To host an umpire clinic in your association or area, complete the clinic application below and email the completed form to programs@baseballalberta.com.
- The Deadline to submit an application will be March 1st, 2020

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER OUR ASSOCIATION APPLIES FOR A CLINIC?

- Your application will be received by the Baseball Alberta office and then forwarded to the Clinic Coordinator from the Baseball Alberta Umpire's Committee.
- After reviewing your application, the Clinic Coordinator will then touch base with you to inform you if your application will be accepted.

SOME THINGS THAT THE COORDINATOR IS GOING TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION AND REVIEW WHEN AN APPLICATION IS RECEIVED:

- Are there other clinics in the area that are already being organized on the same date? If so, are there opportunities to attend that clinic this year?
- Some dates will not be approved.
 - Easter weekend
 - The weekend the Level 4/5 clinic is being held. That date is generally decided upon in January and is dependent upon the local organizing committee and facility availability. The reason behind this is that all instructors attend this mandatory clinic.
- How many participants are planning on attending? If there are only a few participants, the organization may be asked to have students attend another clinic in another nearby location.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO HOST A CLINIC?

- Generally, April is Clinic month for Baseball Alberta. Clinics are planned on weekends. Generally, if an association applies for clinics in March, they generally have no issues being approved because not as many clinics are requested during that time.
- May is also acceptable; however, most leagues have already started so it becomes more of a challenge to find open weekends.



WHAT IS EXPECTED OF OUR ASSOCIATION WHEN WE REQUEST A CLINIC?

- *There are several things that your association will be responsible for when you host an NUCP Umpire Clinic.*
- *Promote/Recruit – it is the association's responsibility to promote the clinic to local prospective umpires as well as contact existing local umpires. Your association should have an individual who is a leader in the area in umpiring and they are a key figure in helping in this process. Your clinic will be posted on the Baseball Alberta website.*
- *Secure a location – a classroom(s) should be provided for classroom work. Having access to a laptop and projector is ideal. A gymnasium is also required to be able to conduct field training.*
- *Provide instructional materials – baseball bats, bases, balls, home plates and gloves are all nice to have provided for the clinic for any field instructions.*
- *The host is responsible for collecting participant registration fees as well as collect participant registration forms. Some associations cover these costs for their umpires, but not all associations do this. This is an individual association choice.*
- *It is expected that the local association collect fees from the participants and provide the lead instructor with **one cheque** made payable to Baseball Alberta.*

HOW MUCH GYM TIME DO YOU NEED?

- *Generally, half of the clinic is dedicated to gym time. This can be done either in the morning or afternoon.*
- *Please inform the lead instructor if there are any limitations in using the gymnasium during the clinic.*

WHAT IS THE MINIMUM PARTICIPANT ATTENDANCE FOR A CLINIC?

- *The minimum requirement for participants is 12. If you do not have that number, you may be asked to have your participants attend another nearby clinic. Call the Baseball Alberta Office if you require more information.*



WHAT TIME DOES A CLINIC START?

- *Access to the facility should be available at 8am.*
- *Registrations usually start around 8:30am. Clinic instruction starts at 9am and run until 4-4:30pm with a lunch break scheduled.*
- *This is something you should discuss with the lead instructor when they contact you prior to the clinic.*
- *Lunch is usually between 12pm and 1pm. However, depending upon the group, it may be preferable have a shorter lunch break to be able to end earlier.*

WHO IS MY MAIN CONTACT ABOUT ORGANIZING OUR CLINIC?

- *The individual who is listed on the application form shall be the main clinic contact.*

WHO WILL BE INSTRUCTING OUR CLINIC?

- *The Baseball Alberta Umpire Committee has a group of instructors that they assign to instruct to clinics in the province.*
- *You will have 2 instructors oversee your NUCP clinic. Once an instructor team has been assigned to your clinic, the lead instructor will get in touch with your clinic contact listed on the application form that was submitted to discuss things such as clinic location, what facilities you have, if you have a projector and other relevant information.*

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- *ANYONE AND EVERYONE! We know that that's not going to happen, but it would be nice!*
- *Players, Coaches and parents benefit from taking an NUCP training clinic.*

WHAT COSTS SHOULD I EXPECT BY HOSTING A CLINIC?

- *Clinic costs are covered by participant registration fees. Costs include instructor honorariums, mileage costs, facility rentals are covered by Baseball Alberta.*



CAN STUDENTS ATTEND THE CLINIC ON BOTH DAYS?

- As of 2016, all provincial associations were required to adopt the new NUCP program. The newly developed program was revised to provide umpires with a consistent training program throughout the country, and a program that provided a solid foundation for new umpires.

The new program is outlined as follows:

Level 1 is a two-year program

Year 1 – Offense

Year 2 – Defense

Level 2 is a 3-year program

Year 1– Offense

Year 2 – Defense

Year 3 – Game Management.

- *Students are now required to attend 2 years at level 1 and 3 years at level 2.*
- *It is expected that students attend each session in each level prior to advancing to level 3.*
- *A student can only take one level in any calendar year.*
- *If you need to ask for an exception, you will need to contact the Baseball Alberta office.*

I HAVE UMPIRES WHO WISH TO TAKE THEIR LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATION. WHAT SHOULD I TELL THEM?

- *Anyone wishing to attend a level 3 clinic must be Level 2 Fully Certified (either grandfathered or taken Level 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3) for a minimum of 1 year*
- *In 2020, umpires wishing to take the level 3 exam must register online, write Level 3 Exam and obtain 80% or more on exam. Once completed umpires , must also register for the on-field Level 3 Clinic planned for Fall 2020*
- *Eligible to officiate all provincial baseball.*
- *Must be at least 18 years of age during current year to officiate at the major level.*

