

II. Basic Principles

There are certain basic and essential qualities, skills, abilities, and bodies of knowledge that all umpires on this board must possess and exhibit at all times, including:

Integrity and Impartiality

Professionalism

Dignity

Maturity

Respect for other umpires, managers, coaches and players

Interpersonal skills

Concentration

Effort

Hustle

Consistency

Professional appearance, grooming and bearing

Thorough and complete knowledge of the rules applicable to all assigned games

Timely arrival and proper game management

Wisdom and discretion

Umpires should be vigilant in promoting safety. Especially on warm days, be sure to stay hydrated. Be aware of all injuries. In the event of an injury, do not touch the player or administer any treatment unless you are licensed to do so. Summon professional medical and/or law enforcement assistance when reasonably necessary.

Umpires should also be vigilant about dangerous conditions, including, but not limited to, darkness, weather conditions, field conditions, equipment, conduct and condition of players, managers, coaches, spectators and other persons in the general area. Lightning is an exceptionally dangerous condition. When in doubt, err on the side of safety. Follow the lightning guidelines of the league.