

**THE WAY IT SHOULD BE DONE AND THE WAY I WANT IT DONE
OR
HOW TO BE PERFECT EVERY TIME YOU UMPIRE!!**

Arrive on time and be prepared
Always have a pre-game with your partner
Look sharp and dress the part
Always put the ball back in play
Get your butt out from behind the plate
Always hustle
As the base umpire, NEVER leave the infield with runners on base while ball is live
As base umpire, your responsibilities include fair/foul down the line and possible trouble balls from the right fielder towards the foul line with no one on base.
As the base umpire, stop making out calls to center and left field with no one on
Be HUMBLE – never try to “run” the game or coach a player
Be aware the strict and literal interpretation of the rule book not always the same
Use, give, and respond to signals with your partner
NEVER turn your head away from the field when calling balls and strikes
Stop coming in to talk with partner between every half inning
Watch EVERY touch of the bases by the runners
Don't say “Strike three, you're out”
Don't say “Ball four, take your base”
Don't point the runner to first base after a base on balls
Appeal to the base umpire on a check swing by pointing with your left hand
Don't indicate pitch location on called balls
Don't call “time” every time the defense asks for it
Slow down your timing
Work in the slot and keep your chin level with the top of the catcher's head
Keep your head motionless
NEVER make a call on the run
Don't wear a watch
A foul ball is never a foul tip
A foul tip is never a foul ball!
Don't get talked into asking for help on your call after it has been made
NEVER put your hands in your pockets
ALWAYS enter and leave the field with your partner
Leave the field immediately at the conclusion of the game
Don't lay your equipment (mask) on the ground between innings when making changes or hold it by the strap.

**IF THESE ARE NOT YOUR MECHANICS AND NOT THE WAY
YOU CONTROL A GAME, DON'T ASK ME WHY YOU ARE NOT
WORKING AT A HIGHER LEVEL!**