

2020 IMPORTANT DATES

Members are subject to a fine of \$5 for the first missed MANDATORY meeting and \$10 for each subsequent meeting missed. All classroom meetings will be held at Walker High School and Kell High School. Mechanics sessions will be held at the East Cobb Baseball Complex.

January 04 - Sat – 10AM - 2PM

1st year Umpires

Mandatory Mechanics Session East Cobb Baseball Complex*

January 06 - Mon – 7PM - 9PM

1st year Umpires

Mandatory Training Meeting Walker HS, Dinning Hall*

January 11 - Sat – 10AM - 2PM

1st and 2nd year Umpires

Mandatory Mechanics Session East Cobb Baseball Complex*

January 14 – Tues

1st and 2nd year Umpires 7PM

Mandatory Training Meeting Walker HS, Dinning Hall

*****DEADLINE TO PAY DUES***

January 18 - Sat – 10AM - 2PM

1st and 2nd year Umpires

Mandatory Mechanics Session East Cobb Baseball Complex*

***** January 20 - February 10 *****

Mandatory GHSA Rules Clinic Online at www.ghsa.net

January 21 – Tues

All Umpires 7PM – 9PM

Mandatory Training Meeting Kell HS, Auditorium*

***** January 22 - February 5 *****

Mandatory GHSA Exam Online at www.ghsa.net

January 27 – Mon

All Umpires 7PM – 9PM

Mandatory Training Meeting Kell HS, Auditorium*

February 02 - Sat – Times TBA

Live Mechanics Session – Time & Location TBA

1st – 3rd year – Crew of 2

4th year + - Crew of 3

February 03 – Mon

All Umpires 7PM – 9PM

Mandatory Training Meeting Kell HS, Auditorium*

February 10- Monday

Season Begins

April 21- Tues - All Officials 5:30 PM

Playoff Meeting Kell HS, Auditorium

April 21- Tues - All Officials 7:00 PM

Mandatory Election Meeting Kell HS, Auditorium

April 18 - Saturday

Season Ends

April 22 - May 18 – State Playoffs

June 2 - Tues - MUA Banquet

Hilton Conference Center – Marietta

5:00 PM – Happy Hour

6:00 PM - Dinner

***** GHSA Varsity Credit Camps *****

\$50 pre-registration, NO WALK-UPS, Registration closes 10 days before each camp start date.

January 04 - Sat - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

GHSA Umpire Camp @ Tift County HS, Tifton, GA

January 11 - Sat - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

GHSA Umpire Camp @ McDonough HS, McDonough, GA

January 18 - Sat - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

GHSA Umpire Camp @ Banks Co HS, Homer, GA

January 25 - Sat - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

GHSA Umpire Camp @ Veterans HS, Kathleen, GA

February 01 - Sat - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

GHSA Umpire Camp @ Richmond Hill HS, Richmond Hill, GA

January 08 - Sat - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

GHSA Umpire Camp @ Blessed Trinity HS, Roswell, GA

MUA 2020 TRAINING SYLLABUS

January 4 **East Cobb Complex - 10:00 AM** **Baseball Field/Cage** (1st yr Officials)

Warm UP - Warm up – Calls: Foul/Fair, He’s Out/Safe, That’s a catch/No Catch, On the Tag/No Tag, Off the Bag, Balk

Plate (Cage Work)

Calls Put Ball In-Play, Balls & Strikes, Foul-Tip, Strike 3 (Caught & Dropped), HBP

Soft Toss **Position:** Slot
Stance: Heal-Toe/Scissors
Mechanics: Head Position & Height, Locked In, Flat Back, Head Still, Ball and Strike mechanics. When to go set / Line of Sight Outside corner @ the knee

Cage Left & Right hitters (5-10 each), Put ball in play, Position/Stance, Track ball w/eyes not head, Timing of Calls, Call Balls Down & Strikes Up, 3rd Strike Call (Caught and Dropped)

Plate (Field Work)

Mechanics Removing Mask / Put ball in play (start of game vs. after foul) Fair/Foul (When & how to call), Foul Tip, Check Swing, Clearing catcher: Foul back, Ground/Fly Ball, Int.Walk – Base On Balls, Catchers Obs./Batter’s Int.

Signals **Signals:** Staying Home, Rotation, Infield Fly, Timing Play, Count?, Outs?, Infield-In, Fly Ball Coverage

Pitching Regulations Wind-Up, Set & Hybrid Position, Clear and Discernable Stop, Pivot Foot, Disengaging Pitcher’s Plate, Dropped Ball, Pick-off Moves, Distance & Direction, Illegal Moves (Knee Pop), Hidden Ball Trick

Wrap UP Practice, practice, practice!
Q&A

January 6 **Walker High School-7:00 PM** **Dinning Hall** (1st yr Officials)

New Members Welcome, Orientation and Pictures

Training:

Introductions / Notebooks
MUA Training Goals
Training Schedule and Expectations Umpire
Signals & Terms

Dress Code / Equipment

Rules:

Rule Myths (Handout) Using
Rule & Case books

Assignments:

Tobacco, Helmet, Jewelry / Int Base on Balls / Thrown Bat /Conferences / Illegal Sub / Courtesy Runner / Designated Hitter / Batting Out of Order / Check Swing (3-2 w/runners on base) / Dropped 3rd Strike (Runner gives up when?) / Dead Ball/Live Ball / Base Awards / Foul Tip / Batters Box/Illegal Slide / Obstruction / Interference / Malicious Contact /Infield Fly / Hit by Pitch / Appeals / Detached Players Equipment

January 11 **East Cobb Complex – 10:00 AM Individual Mechanics** **(1-2yr Officials)**

Warm UP

Warm up: Warm up – Calls: Foul/Fair, He’s Out/Safe, That’s a catch/No Catch, On the Tag/No Tag, Off the Bag, Balk

Base Work

Position A

Ready Position: (10-12’: F3 / 12-15’:1b)

Angle & Distance: (15’-20’/90°) Call Position:

Chest to bag, Turn head in front of ball-Watch foot listen for catch (Eyes closed drill)

Calls: Out/Safe (routine/close play) / Errant throw mechanics – On the tag, He’s Out! / Safe! Safe! No Tag! / Safe! He’s off the bag!

Base Hit/Fly Ball: P-R-R, Go Out or Pivot

Position B/C

Position: Depth, angle and distance

Pick Off Mech: Make the call (routine/close)

Steal Mech: Pitch crosses plate/drop step/ let throw take you to play

Base Hit Fly Ball: Working Area

Pivot Drill

1) Walk thru, 2) Run Thru, 3) Watch touch, 4) Find Ball & See Touch / Repeat

Plate Work

Review from 01/04

Position, stance and mechanics.

Cage Work

Left & Right hitters (5-10 each)

Put ball in play/Position/Stance

Track ball w/eyes not head

Timing of Calls

Call Balls Down & Strikes Up

3rd Strike Call (Caught and Dropped)

Wrap UP

Body Language / Perception is Reality
Q&A

January 14 **Walker High School - 7:00 PM Dinning Hall** **(1-2yr Officials)**

Training:

Q&A

Equipment Review

Crew of 2 Mechanics

Rules:

Tobacco, Helmet, Jewelry / Int Base on Balls /

Thrown Bat /Conferences / Illegal Sub / Courtesy

Runner/ Batting out of Order

Assignments:

Crew of 2 Mechanics

Warm UP All

Warm up: Warm up – Calls: Foul/Fair, He's Out/Safe, That's a catch/No Catch, On the Tag/No Tag, Off the Bag, Balk

Crew of 2 No Runners On

PU/Base - Position A

Fair or Foul Coverage
Fly Ball/Pop Up Coverage Base Hit
Ground Ball

Drills Ground

Ball

Fly Ball/Base Hit

Fly Ball – BU goes out / Fair or Foul

Runner on 1st

PU/Base - Position B

Fair or Foul Coverage
Fly Ball/Pop Up Coverage
Base Hit - Rotation (Also-1st & 2nd < 2 outs)
Ground Ball
Pick Off & Steal/Rundown

Drills

Double Play Pick Off/ Steal Base

Hit (Rotation)

Pitching Rules

Wind Up Position
Set Position
Balks & Illegal Pitches

Plate Work

Cage Work
Review from 01/07-14

Strike Zone (Keys and Techniques)
Position, stance and mechanics. *(As needed)*
Left & Right hitters (10-15 each) Put
ball in play/Position/Stance Track ball
w/eyes not head Timing of Calls
Call Balls Down & Strikes Up
3rd Strike Call (Caught and Dropped)

Jan 20 - Feb 10	Various Schools & Times	SCRIMMAGES
January 25	Veteran's HS – 8:00 AM	GHSA CAMP
February 08	Blessed Trinity HS - 8:00 AM	GHSA CAMP
April 21	Kell High School – 5:30 PM	PLAYOFF MEETING <i>(Playoff Umpires)</i>
*April 21	Kell High School – 7:00 PM	ELECTION MEETING <i>(All Umpires)</i>
June 2	Hilton Marietta Conference Center - 6:00 PM	MUA BANQUET

***Mandatory Meeting**



2020 Baseball Rule Changes

3-1-4

Designated Hitter (DH) can be used in two ways. The DH can be listed as the tenth starter replacing one of the other nine players when it is their turn to bat. The other method is that any one of the starting defensive players can be their own DH (in effect having two positions) within the confines of the rule requirements.

Rationale: This rule change assists coaches with an alternative to keep their better players in the game to contribute to the offensive output of the team and give another player a chance to participate on defense. In addition, considering the pitch count rules, this change would help pitchers to keep their bat in the game, but can come out of the game defensively to protect their arms from overuse.

2020 BASEBALL EDITORIAL CHANGES

1-3-2b1, 3-1-1, 4-1-3b, 4-2-4, 5-1-1f5, 7-4-1, 8-3-3c, Dead Ball and Delayed Dead Ball Table, Baserunning Awards Table and Rules by State Association Adoption

1-5-3

The catcher shall wear, in addition to a head protector, a mask with a throat protector, body/chest protector that meets the NOCSAE standard at the time of manufacture (Effective January 1, 2020), protective cup (male only), and baseball protective shin guard.

Rationale: A NOCSAE standard has been developed to protect the heart and the cardiac silhouette from commotio cordis. The NOCSAE standard could be included in a product that is either a separate device/apparel or a device constructed into a traditional chest protector. This proposal is recommended and endorsed by the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) to minimize risk.



2020 Points of Emphasis

1. **Game Ending Procedures**
2. **Player/Designated Hitter**
3. **Proper Pitching Positions**
4. **Force Play Slide Rule**
5. **Enforcement of NFHS Jewelry Rule**
6. **Compliance of Player's Equipment**