

# Official Volunteer Positions & Duties (7.24.20)

Every scrimmage needs a number of adult volunteers oversee the game & keep players safe. Parents are asked to PLEASE volunteer for these positions when asked by their team's coach. The positions are very important &, besides the umpire positions, do not require any special BB/SB knowledge. Note: All coaches & official volunteers must also abide by all "WMLL Requirements for Spectators & Volunteers" (see separate document).

**REQUIRED** = scrimmages can NOT be held without these volunteers:

- Base Coaches/Base Umpires (2 per scrimmage) *Note: 2 per squad is recommended*
- Plate Umpire (1 per scrimmage)
- Bench Monitor (1 per squad)

**RECOMMENDED** = scrimmages will go more smoothly with more game play with these volunteers:

- Bench / Off-Field Coach (at least one per squad)
- Plate Monitor (1 per scrimmage in Rookie, Minor & Major Leagues)
- Squad Coordinator (1 per squad) *Note: When a squad does not have a squad coordinator, the bench monitor must fulfill these duties.*

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## BENCH / OFF-FIELD COACH

*Recommended - Every SQUAD should have at least one bench / off-field coach*

**Duties:**

- Understand Summer 2020 Rules of Play & other requirements
- Keep at least six feet from others at all times
- Wear a face covering/mask when within ten feet of a player & remain within the squad-only zone which extends three feet out from the dugout entrance
- Special Circumstances
  - Wear a face covering/mask at all times when on the field to pitch per WMLL local rules.
  - Wear a face covering/mask at all times when on the field to visit a pitcher per WMLL local rules.
  - Wear a face covering/mask at all times when assisting an injured player.

*Note: Whenever possible, an injured player's parent/guardian should attend to the injury after play has stopped. If an injured player's parent/guardian is not in attendance, the minimum number of adults wearing face coverings/masks necessary will assist the injured player & the parent/guardian will be contacted by the squad coordinator. All players and any coaches not involved in treating the injury must keep at least six feet away.*

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## BASE COACH / BASE UMPIRE

*Required - Every SCRIMMAGE must have TWO base coach / base umpires (two per SQUAD is recommended)*

**Duties:**

- Wear a face covering/mask at all times & keep at least six feet from others at all times
- Understand Summer 2020 Rules of Play & other requirements
- Help offensive and defensive players remember physical distancing requirements & modified game rules
- Perform typical base coaching tasks
- Call plays at first or third base (the base nearest them)
- Call dead ball safety stops as needed

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## PLATE UMPIRE

*Required - Every SCRIMMAGE must have ONE plate umpire.*

**Duties:**

- Wear a face covering/mask at all times & keep at least six feet from others at all times
- Understand Summer 2020 Rules of Play & other requirements

- Be positioned in a safe location behind the pitcher's mound with movements around the infield as needed.
  - Help players remember physical distancing requirements & modified game rules
  - Call balls and strikes
  - Call plays at second base & home plate
  - Call dead ball safety stops as needed.
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## PLATE MONITOR

*Recommended - Every Rookie, Minor & Major Lg SCRIMMAGE should have ONE plate monitor.*

**Duties:** *Note: the plate monitor/retriever is NOT an umpire*

- Wear a face covering/mask anytime you are within ten feet of a player & keep at least six feet from others at all times
  - Understand Summer 2020 Rules of Play & other requirements
  - When the scrimmage is underway, wear a mitt & be positioned in a safe location near the backstop on the side of the batter's back
  - Help players remember physical distancing requirements & modified game rules
  - Retrieve balls & return them to the pitcher – either individually or after a quantity is collected
  - Collect bats & place them in a safe location on the backstop until they can be collected by the player owners
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## BENCH MONITOR

*Required - Every SQUAD must have ONE bench monitor.*

**Duties:** *Note: If the bench monitor is a coach, that coach must focus solely on being the bench monitor & cannot perform any coaching duties.*

- Wear a face covering/mask & keep at least six feet from others at all times
  - Understand extended dugout / player drop spot rules & requirements
  - Help players & coaches maintain physical distancing at all times - including when taking & leaving the field
  - Remind players & coaches to sanitize their hands once every inning of play as well as before & after using a shared bat
  - Ensure that players are staying at their assigned "player drop" spot
  - Make sure that players are aware of their position in the batting order & move to the dugout when they are on-deck in Rookie, Minor & Major BB & SB or in the hole in Junior & Senior BB.
  - Keep anyone that is not a player, coach or approved volunteer out of the squad-only zone
  - Assist coaches with getting & distributing player snack packs
  - If there is no squad coordinator, perform squad coordinator duties (see below).
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## SQUAD COORDINATOR

*Recommended - Every SQUAD should have ONE adult designated as squad coordinator.*

**Duties:** *Note: When a squad does not have a squad coordinator, the bench monitor must fulfill these duties.*

- Wear a face covering/mask & keep at least six feet from others at all times
  - Understand extended dugout / player drop spot rules & requirements
  - Help players move between the player drop-off/pick-up zone & the playing field
  - Handle any urgent communications (including player injuries) between coaches / players & team parents (via text or phone when the parents are not in attendance or verbally when the parents are in attendance but outside of the squad-only zone per requirements)
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