

12. Umpire Suggestions/Hints:

- **DO NOT CHANGE THE RULES!**
- Read the rulebook and umpire manual;
- Always carry weather gear;
- Check bases when they are putting them down;
- Park away from the diamonds; Balls will break car windows!
- 6:30 is game start time - not arrival time;
- Hustle the teams up;
- Know the league rules, there are differences;
- If you are not sure ... ask; team reps are very helpful;
- Know when a game is a complete game; called game and/or suspended game;
- Know what to do when a game is protested;
- Umpire Attitude - be consistent; firm; have fun; treat players like your clients, or like your boss;
- Position - get in proper position; get out from behind the plate;
- Check the score between innings; make sure that the scorekeepers agree;
- Forfeited game - give them some time; main goal is to play the game;

13. Umpire Pre-Game:

- BE EARLY - game start time is 6:30;
- SET-UP; check the field, specially the fence; mark commitment line, safe line, pitching zone; check bases when they are putting them down;
- Introduction - introduce yourself; who is team rep? go over ground rules; out of play;
- Bats - check bats; inform them of new bat rule;
- Line-up - check the line-up; who is keeping score; check score every inning;
- Uniforms (after June 15 deadline) let them know they are out of uniform;

14. RSPA on the Internet

- Check out RSPA Slo-Pitch on the internet at: <http://www.slopitch1.com/rspa/index.htm>
e-mail: accent@slopitch1.com
- Web site includes all info: schedules; results; standings; calendar; rules; maps to parks; etc.
- Scores, results and standings are updated daily;

15. RSPA Social Activities

- RSPA umpires are invites to all RSPA social activities - Volleyball; All-Star; Banquet; etc.
- Other RSPA social activities are proposed for the 2005 season, including:
 - euchre night; poker night; Casino-Rama trip; golf tournament; video golf tournament, etc.

16. Volleyball Night Returns for 2005!

- Scheduled for Friday, July 8, 2005 at Diamond Beach Sports Complex in Etobicoke.

17. All-Star Night Returns for 2005!

R.S.P.A. All-Star Night on Friday, August 12 at Wildwood Park, in Mississauga. The All-Star Night will include an All-Star Game, Home Run Hitting contest, base running contest, games, free barbecue, etc.

18. RSPA Awards Banquet & Dance

Saturday, October 22, 2005 at Westwood Banquet Hall. Tickets are \$20 (reg. \$40) per person for umpires and include open bar (all you can drink) and all-you-can-eat buffet.

19. Game Report Forms:

- “Game Report Forms” (see attached) are available for a team rep to complete and may be submitted by fax, e-mail, or may be handed in to the umpire. Game Report Forms should be completed any time a team is not satisfied with the umpire, the other team’s behaviour, or if they have any comments or suggestions for the League. Game Report Forms may also be used to praise umpires or other teams.

***Looking forward to a great
2005 slo-pitch season!***



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