
Welcome to HCUA 2019

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Welcome to the 2019 baseball season for Harford County Umpires Association! H.C.U.A is classified as a 501(c)(3) organization under the IRS code meaning that we are a '*not-for-profit organization*'. All members work **at will and are considered independent contractors with no benefits and no unemployment.**

This is the first of many emails that will be sent out in the upcoming weeks regarding the start of the 2019 baseball season. If you received this email and wish to be removed from any future correspondences, please respond to this email asking to be removed accordingly.

The following individuals should be added to your contacts list for future reference:

Board of Directors:

President	Jim Burkins @ (717) 475-3927	james.burkins@zoominternet.net
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The first meeting for the 2019 season will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 9 AM until 11:30 AM at the McFaul Center in Bel Air behind the DMV. Please note that we will promptly start at 9 AM and it is strongly suggested that you arrive early; particularly for parking reasons. There will be lots of information that will be distributed; so please bring a note pad and a writing utensil to take notes. This first meeting will be a business administrative session that will discuss important information regarding the association as well as how future training sessions will be conducted. There is no need to bring any equipment to the first meeting or wear any uniforms.

For those that are new to the umpire profession, there will be a vendor outside of the training room selling umpire uniforms and gear on this day as well as every Saturday in February. If you are a returning member, these items will also

be available to you as well. There will also be an area set up for those who wish to sell "gently" used and in good condition wears. Please make sure to put the sellers name, phone number and the price on the items for sale.

The Board of Directors has again unanimously agreed that the color of pants that the association will be wearing in 2019 to give a consistent look is CHARCOAL grey pants. Heather grey pants will NOT be allowed since they tend to fade. Also pants from a store such as Walmart, regardless of color, and pants with cuffs will **NOT** be acceptable. To help you with obtaining the proper pants, the vendor on Saturday will have charcoal pants for you to purchase. You may also visit a couple of websites that sell umpire equipment such as:

- Honigs.com
- BetweentheLines.com
- theofficialschoice.com
- gerrydavis.com --- Gerry Davis offers H.C.U.A. a 5 percent discount at time of checkout
- ump-attire.com

After you have purchased your pant(s) and shirt(s), the board highly recommends a local seamstress that lives in the Bel Air area near Ring Factory Elementary who does alterations and sewing. Her name is Bev Clark and her number is (410) 838-1621. She is VERY reasonable on her prices and does excellent work. The board highly recommends that you contact Bev instead of going to your local dry cleaner store to save both time and money.

In November 2017, the membership was presented with a new logo/patch at the annual meeting and it was approved for the 2018 season. The Board allowed a one-year phase in of the new patch for all members. For the 2019 season, the new patch is now mandatory on all uniforms. Contact Bev to remove any old patches and have the new ones sewn on in their place. Each member will receive two (2) patches when their 2019 dues are paid, and any additional patches can be purchased for \$2.00 each. The patches will be available at every training session.

Between the color of pants, the newly designed patch, and our training sessions, H.C.U.A. strives to be the best umpire association in the business taking pride in what we do, how we do it and how we look!!

Be sure to mark your 2019 calendar for the five training sessions that will be held at the McFaul Center. The dates are January 26, February 2, 9, 16, and 23 and the times are all 9 AM – 11 AM. There will be two training sessions on mechanics during the month of February. These sessions will be held at the Patterson Mill High School gym and more details will be provided on the 26th.

H.C.U.A. will follow the Harford County Parks and Rec Snow Emergency policy while at the McFaul Center. Cancellations will be announced on WBAL Radio – 1090am, as well as on TV channels 2, 11, 13, and 45.

There will also be two sessions held on March 3 and 10 at location TBD along with outdoor training after our regular meeting, if weather allows, at the Ripken Complex. The times will all be the same from 9 AM to 11 AM. Depending on location, inclement weather may or may not cancel these sessions.

It is required that ALL members attend at least 50 percent of the sessions at the McFaul Center and the last session at location TBD. If this is an issue, you must notify the secretary, Don Myers, in writing either via email or a text or by calling him directly. Attendance is taken from the sign-in sheets; so please make sure you sign in at every meeting.

New members are required to attend both training sessions at the Patterson Mill High School gym and attend at least one session at the Ripken Complex. The gym provides the space for new members to work on mechanics that cannot be addressed in the classroom environment; thus, the importance of attending both sessions.

Some of the administrative topics that will be discussed on the 26th:

- Dues will be \$60.00 if paid by Thursday February 28th. After that, dues will increase to \$65.00
- Background check is \$15.00 and is good for one year. This is a requirement to be a member of H.C.U.A. Please make all checks payable to H.C.U.A. If anyone has any issues, please contact the Treasurer.
- If any member makes changes to their mailing address, email, or phone number, make sure you contact the Treasurer and the Secretary of said changes.
- Head Concussion Certification – Most of the membership is due to renew their training on this topic. The certification is good for three years and all active members must complete this course to work for H.C.U.A.
- 2019 H.C.U.A. application is attached. Bring this and your dues on the 26th.

If you know of anyone that may be interested in joining H.C.U.A. pass this information along to him and/or her. To ensure proper training to all umpires, no **NEW** applicants will be accepted after February 2nd. All transfers of new umpires who have previous experience and complete the application will be reviewed by the board before their application will be accepted for the 2019 season.

Any questions or comments regarding any of these topics, please contact me via text or email. I look forward to seeing you on the 26th!

Don Myers, Secretary – H.C.U.A.

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