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Attention all Baseball Leagues:

As a result of a continued increase in unwelcomed and unacceptable confrontations with WDBUA umpires outside of the playing field area by coaches, players, fans, parents, etc. following a game, the WDBUA has adopted the following requirements for all tournament / playoff weekend type situations. This would include ball parks with a series of games at a single location and/or of the same league / host / organization being played consecutively. i.e. – Provincial Championships, League Playoff Tournaments, etc.

The intent of this policy is to prevent the unsafe and potentially violent situations resulting when umpires exit the playing field following the completion of a game. Situations involving verbal abuse, physical confrontation and even instances of physical assault by unruly individuals or crowds has been on the rise over the last several seasons. This an unfortunate but necessary requirement for WDBUA to provide our umpires with a safe environment in these highly competitive and emotional charged situations. These requirements shall be the responsibility of the host organization and failure to provide the items below will result in WDBUA umpires discounting their services for any further games until these simple conditions are met.

Requirements

1. Each location will have a private fully enclosed area that will provide the umpiring crew sufficient space to change, isolate themselves from the public and use as means to shelter during confrontational situations. This enclosure must be specifically for the use of the umpires only and not a shared area with coaches, players and/or the public. i.e. - separate locker room, potable trailer, wall tent (with full sides), etc.
2. Following each game, a representative from the host organization / committee whom is not involved with the teams playing, will escort the umpiring crew from the exit point of

the playing field to their designated private area for the purpose of intervening should the umpiring crew be unwelcomely confronted.

We anticipate your cooperation in our goal of maintaining a safe, fun place for everyone to enjoy the great game of baseball. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact either myself or our Executive Board.

Sincerely,

Stephen Gomes

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