

Subject: Hi First Year NBUA Umpires - How's it Going?

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Conversation: Hi First Year NBUA Umpires - How's it Going?

Hello 2009 First Year Umpires:

As a part of the NBUA Mentor/Mentee program for 2009, we would like to take this opportunity to contact you and ask you how it is going for you thus far this baseball season. Hopefully, you have had the opportunity to umpire a few games and if so, there is little doubt that each one of you has got your feet 'wet' (both literally and figuratively).

Now is the time when the communication between you and your Mentor should be taking place on a regular basis and to be sure that is happening, would you please take a moment to respond to the the following questions for us so that we may ensure that the Mentor / Mentee program is working up to its full potential:

- 1) Have you had the opportunity to talk with your Mentor more than once?
 - a) In person?
 - b) Via e-mail?
 - c) Via telephone?
- 2) Have you had the opportunity to work a game partnered with your Mentor?
- 3) Has your Mentor been responsive to your questions in a timely manner?
- 4) Do you have any suggestions for us about the Mentor / Mentee program that would make it more effective?

If you have not called your Mentor recently and talked with them about any of your games, or about any of your currant needs, or just to say HI - Now is the time for you to do this. It is necessary for an apprentice umpire to be sure that he/she is umpiring the NBUA way. Supervised practice will always get you closer to perfection and communication with your Mentor is what makes this Mentor / Mentee program work.

Please take this opportunity to utilize this program to its fullest for the benefit of both you and the NBUA... You will reap the rewards.

Respectfully,

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