

Q & A: Paying Umpires on the Field

1. **How much do teams pay?** \$12 per team (effective spring 2023)
2. **What if a team “no-shows” or notifies the office of a forfeit?** The team that is there, will NOT pay. The office will pay the umpire.
3. **What if one of the teams doesn’t have the money to pay the umpire?** The game will not begin. The opposing team can implement the 10-minute grace period to allow the team that doesn’t have the \$12 to get the money or they can accept the forfeit. The game will begin once the umpire is paid in full.
4. **When is the payment due?** At the coin flip.
5. **Why are teams responsible to pay the umpire at the field?** The policy was adopted to reduce the cost of the registration fee up front. This also eliminates teams paying for games they are unable to play due to forfeits and “no shows.” You’re only paying for games you’re playing.
6. **How many times can a team not pay the umpire?** If a team doesn’t pay, the result is a forfeit. In the rules manual, if a team forfeits 3 times, they are not allowed in the tournament.
7. **What forms of payment can teams make?** CASH ONLY. No checks or cards. Dollar bills only!
8. **What if the game is called due to rain or lightning?** The umpires will retain the \$24 and all rescheduled games will be paid by the office.
9. **If a game ends in forfeit due to a roster protest or an ejection, does the umpire keep the money?** Yes, the game is considered a complete game and will be recorded as a forfeit. If teams wish to protest a roster during tournament, teams will need a separate \$20 for the protest fee.
10. **What if both teams don’t bring money?** There will be an automatic grace period of 10 minutes to allow teams to get the umpire fees. After the 10 minutes if neither team gets the money, the game is a double forfeit. If one team has the money after 10 minutes and the other does not, the game is considered a forfeit win for the team with the money.
11. **If an umpire is training another umpire on the field, who gets the team’s money?** The trainee will receive the money and the trainer will be paid by the office.