

Western Maine Baseball Umpires Association

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President's Corner

SUMMER Meeting Announcement

The Executive Committee met on May 28, 2020 to discuss the potential start of the 2020 baseball season. The committee has also set the date for the **Summer Business Meeting – June 28, 2020 starting at 6:00 PM**. In compliance with the COVID-19 guidelines put out by Governor Mills and the Maine CDC, effective June 1, 2020, gatherings are permitted but limited to 50 people. Since the meeting has the potential to exceed 50 members, the Executive Committee as decided this meeting will again be done through ZOOM.

Date:	May 28, 2020
Time:	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Place:	ZOOM Meeting– See below

To participate in this meeting, WMBUA will use “Zoom” meeting. The meeting ID is: **811 7356 1330**. [CLICK HERE](#) to join the meeting.

Interpreter's Corner

New Member (1st year) Field Clinic

June 7, 2020 – 5:00 PM
OOB Ball Park

If any member ordered uniform items, they will be available for pick up (full payment required if you did not pay in full) at this time.

Single Umpire Mechanics

During the Summer Business Meeting (June 28, 2020) the mechanics and guidance for single umpire (working from behind the pitcher) will be discussed. *All members that wish to be assigned games while under the COVID-19 period should attend however the is **NOT** a mandatory requirement.*

Assigner's Corner

All members are reminded to block out days on Arbiter for dates you are unavailable. During this COVID-19 period, it would be extremely helpful if you would shoot Duke an [email](#) indicating you do not wish to be scheduled for game assignments. If you do this, you will not have to update your availability on Arbiter.

*Reminder: All WMBUA umpires may at their choosing elect to **NOT** umpire during the 2020 summer season in-part or throughout without penalty or prejudices.*

WMBUA COVID-19 Supplemental Rules & Guidance

- (1) All WMBUA umpires may at their choosing elect to **NOT** umpire during the 2020 season in-part or throughout without penalty or prejudices.
 - a. Further, WMBUA umpires may at any time ask to be removed from their assignment again without penalty or prejudices.
 - i. WMBUA umpire should NOT officiate any game(s) if feeling ill or have a fever
- (2) All summer league games with WMBUA will consist of ONE umpire who will position themselves at an appropriate distance **BEHIND** the pitcher
- (3) WMBUA umpires while in the infield shall wear a solid dark mask covering nose and mouth.
 - a. During between inning warmups the umpire should move to the sidelines in foul territory and may remove their mask providing social distancing is possible,
 - b. It is recommended that hand sanitizer be used for pre-cautionary measures between innings.
 - c. Any discussion between umpire and coach shall be done with no less than a 10-foot separation.
- (4) WMBUA umpire will at no time handle a baseball.
 - a. The defensive team is always required to supply their pitcher with a legal and sanitized baseball,
 - b. The umpire shall at any time be permitted to request from the defensive team a replacement ball should it become necessary because of suspected damage (i.e. foul ball hitting the dugout or backstop) or several players handled the ball in the act of a play.
- (5) Game Fee for the **2020 summer baseball** season were modified as follows:
 - a. Youth leagues - \$100/7 inning & \$90/6 inning
 - b. College leagues - \$125.00/9 inning & \$100.00/7 inning
 - c. Men's leagues - \$100/game
 - d. The fee penalties for game cancellations are waived
- (6) Fingerprinting requirement is in effect. Any WMBUA member that has not complied with the Executive Committee rule will not be eligible for game assignments

Fingerprinting

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, all members should have at a minimum started the process for fingerprinting. You have had over a year to have this requirement completed.

If you have started the process, you should have received acknowledgement that DOE has accepted your application and you have paid the \$15.00 application fee and/or you received confirmation that you paid the \$55.00 fingerprinting fee.

Due to COVID-19, the Executive Board approved a modification to this year's requirement. If you can show proof of one of the following, you will be assigned games:

- (1) Proof of payment (\$15.00) from Department of Education (DOE) – Application Fee
- (2) Proof of payment (\$55.00) from Department of Public Safety – Fingerprinting Fee
- (3) Proof of IdentoGO Registration
- (4) Proof of IdentoGo Fingerprinting Appointment

See Samples for examples of documents that indicate you began the fingerprinting process.

Transaction Receipt from Department of Public Safety for \$55.00 (USD)
2 messages

Auto-Receipt <noreply@mail.authorize.net> Thu, Feb 21, 2019 at 12:33 PM
Reply-To: James Woodside <james.a.woodside@maine.gov>
To: Richard Meinking <rick.meinking@gmail.com>

"DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL MESSAGE" IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL
1-855-667-7422

Order Information
Description: Fingerprint Services
Invoice Number: 754221 Registration ID: ZS19014102W

Billing Information Shipping Information
Richard Meinking
23 Hearn Road
Scarborough, ME 04074
United States
rick.meinking@gmail.com
207415-0159

Total: \$55.00 (USD)

IdentoGO Maine

Registration Completed for Richard William Meinking

Application Details

Agency Name : Department of Education
Fingerprint Reason : MDOE Education Personnel - 20-A MRSA 6103
ZS19014102W

Payment Details

Your payment has been received.

Reminders

IdentoGO Maine

Registration Completed for Richard William Meinking

Appointment Details

Location	Appointment
Portland- Lancaster St IdentoGO 175 Lancaster St Suite 213 Portland, ME 04101 United States	Date: 03/15/2019 Time: 08:30 AM Registration ID GT19001013L

If you had your fingerprints taken:

- (1) Go to the:
<https://neo.maine.gov/doe/neo/TeacherCertification/TeacherCertification>
- (2) Fill in “Personal Details” (Last Name, Last 4 Digits of SSN and Date of Birth)
- (3) Click on Submit and you will get your results.

Your results should look like the picture below. Take a snapshot or print screen and send it to WMBUA, 23 Hearn Road, Scarborough, ME or email to: WMBUA@outlook.com

The screenshot shows the 'Department Of Education Educator Lookup' form. The 'Personal Details' section is filled with: Last Name: Meinking, Last 4 Digits of SSN: ****, and Date of Birth: 03/04/1961. The 'Educator ID' field is empty. Below the form are 'Submit' and 'Reset' buttons. The 'Educator Details' section shows: Date Of Report: 12/25/2019, Name: RICHARD MEINKING, and Application: A letter was sent on 03/08/2019. A table titled 'Certificates and Endorsements' contains one entry: CHRC APPROVAL- BIRTH TO 12, with a Valid date of 03/15/2019 and an Expires date of 03/15/2024. A note at the bottom states: 'Note: If last name and SSN do not match exactly to the data in the Certification System, then the correct certification results may not be displayed or may indicate "No Certification Found at this time"'

Type	Class	Level	Endorsements	Valid	Expires
CHRC APPROVAL- BIRTH TO 12				03/15/2019	03/15/2024

COVID-19 Guidance/Reference Information

WMBUA Insurance Agent - K&K recommends following The Center for Disease Control (CDC) Key Concepts for managing COVID-19:

- **Minimize the chance of exposure.** The most common way to catch the virus that causes COVID-19 is from close contact with other people. Avoiding gatherings of people and practicing social distancing can help reduce the chances of exposure to the virus. Make sure to comply with any orders your state has issued about sheltering in place or staying at home.
- **Promote the use of everyday preventive actions.** Some common practices can lower the risk of infection. Clean your hands, cover coughs and sneezes, and follow recommendations or local or state orders for wearing cloth face covering to reduce the spread of infection.
- **Protect high-risk populations.** Certain groups of people have a higher risk of developing serious illness from COVID-19. To keep our families and communities safe and healthy, it is important to take steps to protect older adults, people with underlying health conditions, people facing homelessness, incarcerated or detained people, and people who work in healthcare or other critical infrastructure jobs.