

# UMPIRE GAMEDAY CHECKLIST

Be Ready • Be Sharp • Be In Control

## Pre-Game Preparation

- Confirm game time, location and field number
- Verify level of play and rule set
- Check weather forecast and conditions
- Plan arrival time (at least 30-45 minutes early)
- Contact partner to confirm
- Review league-specific rules
- Pack full uniform, including backup shirt if needed
- Inspect gear condition, straps, buckles and shoes
- Clean shoes and uniform
- Pack indicator, brush, lineup card and pen
- Bring water, snacks and towel
- Review positioning and mechanics for your role

## Arrival at Field

- Enter the field with purpose and professionalism
- Walk the entire field, infield and outfield
- Confirm game ball supply and condition
- Check baseballs are legal for the level
- Ensure bases are properly anchored
- Verify game length, time limits and run rules
- Review any local or tournament specific rules
- Identify ground rules and dead ball areas
- Monitor warmups and keep teams on schedule
- Take control of game start, begin on time

### PRO TIP

Most guys do maybe half of this...  
and then wonder why games feel chaotic.  
If you consistently hit even 80 percent of this list:  
• **You look more confident** • **Coaches trust you faster**  
• **The game feels slower and easier**  
**That's the edge.**