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*Providing formal, supervised training for students to qualify for umpire positions in professional, college, high school, independent professional, and youth baseball.*

To My Fellow Umpire and Potential Student:

I want to take a moment to thank you for your interest in attending our school. We have prepared more umpires to move into professional baseball, and more umpires to move into the Major Leagues, than all other programs in history, combined! I am very happy to hear that you are interested in becoming one of our next success stories. Whether your aspirations in umpiring are to become a Big League umpire, or just to improve your skills at the amateur level, our training program is designed for you.

Our program was designed to accommodate students at every experience level. We employ comprehensive training methods, designed to instruct and evaluate umpires in every area of umpiring. Students are put through drills regularly in order to emphasize the proper mechanics and positioning through repetition. Students are also sent through the cages on a constant basis in order to develop consistent and accurate strike zones. We put our students through control situations, with an instructor holding the bat and setting up specific plays and situations in every area of the game. Our students will also participate in camp games, played and umpired by the students. However, **we are the only** umpire training program that includes live games, played by high school and college teams, in the curriculum. This not only offers live game, real time experience on the field, but also better prepares our students for the PBUC placement camp. This ten-day camp is held to determine league and level our students will begin their careers in, and where students are evaluated solely on the performance during live games. Offering students the experience of live games during their training best prepares them for gaining higher placement at the placement course.

Our training methods aren't the only thing that sets us apart. Our staff is comprised of umpires from every area of professional baseball. It is a staff comprised of both experienced Major League umpires and umpires from every level of Minor League Baseball. Because your first years in the game will be in the Minor Leagues, it is important to have instructors who were recently in your position. But because your ultimate goal is to reach the Major Leagues, we also provide a number of Major League umpires on staff. They can offer you the experience and instruction necessary to move to the highest level. No other program provides the number of Major League umpires on staff that I do.

Again, I want to thank you for the time you've taken to explore what our program has to offer you, and look forward to providing you with an amazing experience at the Harry Wendelstedt School for Umpires. If there is anything that my staff or I can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact us at 1-800-818-1690. You may also reach us at [admin@umpireschool.com](mailto:admin@umpireschool.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hunter Wendelstedt". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Hunter Wendelstedt  
MLB #21

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## School History and Introduction



The Harry Wendelstedt School for Umpires has been in existence since the mid-1930's, changed from the Al Somers Umpire School in 1977. Harry Wendelstedt owned and operated the school from 1975 until his death in 2012. Harry Wendelstedt was trained by Al Somers and served as Chief Instructor at the Al Somers Umpire School for seventeen years. Wendelstedt was regarded by baseball people as one of the games most competent officials in history and won worldwide acclaim for his work in five World Series, five All Star Games and eleven Championship playoffs. He was honored by the nations top sports banquets five times as the Major Leagues top umpire. He served four terms as President of the Major League Umpire Association. Among his honors, Sports Illustrated released a poll of major league ball players naming Harry Wendelstedt the best ball and strike umpire in the National League, and the best rated umpire several times by a Major League Baseball poll. Harry was presented with many prestigious honors from the city where he resided, including the naming of The Ormond Beach Sports Complex to the newly named Harry H. Wendelstedt, Jr. Sports Complex. His good friend and baseball writer, Dr. John McCollister, recently nominated Harry for induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame. His nomination was seconded by Hall of Fame manager and lifelong friend (and sometimes on field combatant), Tommy LaSorda. In 1998 Wendelstedt retired after 33 years as a National league umpire. He dedicated himself to professional and amateur umpire training until his death.

His son and current Major League veteran, Harry Wendelstedt, III (Hunter), has since taken the reins of the program, and continues the long tradition of training and promoting umpires for placement in professional baseball. Following in his father's footsteps, Hunter is regarded as a highly qualified umpire and educator. Outside of his training during the Professional Baseball Umpiring Course, he travels around the country during the off-season to host local amateur clinics all over the world.

Please direct all communications to Harry Wendelstedt School for Umpires (Temporary Mailing Address) PO Box 1021, Battle Creek, MI 49016. Ph. (800) 818-1690. FAX (888) 881-9801. e-mail: [admin@umpireschool.com](mailto:admin@umpireschool.com).

**LEGAL OWNERSHIP AND GOVERNING BODY**  
(This school is owned and governed by Harry Wendelstedt)

Governing officers are:

Harry Wendelstedt, III, President  
Brent Rice, Administrative Director

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This school is not owned or operated by Major League Baseball

## Course Overview

Our umpire school will convene January 2, 2019 and conclude February 3, 2019. The school is located in Daytona Beach, Florida and travel arrangements should be made to Daytona Beach or Orlando. The school is a 10-minute cab ride from the Daytona International Airport or bus terminals, and a quick shuttle ride from the Orlando International Airport. If you choose to fly into Orlando, and need a ride to our resort, we suggest that you utilize the services of DOTS Shuttle Service. This can be found at [www.dots-daytonabeach.com](http://www.dots-daytonabeach.com).

The school living quarters for students will be the Best Western Castillo Del Sol on beautiful Daytona Beach. There will be two students assigned to one large room. This hotel has all the facilities you need to make your stay on the beach a pleasant one while attending the school. Each room is equipped with color T. V., telephone, two large beds, and microwave and refrigerator. Each student will be held responsible for towels, linens, blankets, or other items taken from the hotel, costs of same to be charged to the student. This is the agreement between the student and the school. The student is personally responsible for any damage to hotel facilities, however, all costs for internet, parking, local phone calls, etc. will be waived while in attendance. Students having guest, or that request a single room will pay for the single room rate. Reservations must be made through the umpire school. Your address while in attendance will be:

**205 S. Atlantic Ave., Ormond Beach, FL 32176**

Do not be confused by our temporary mailing address at PO Box 1021, Battle Creek, MI 49016. This is the Harry Wendelstedt School for Umpires office mailing address.

### ***Course Materials, Training, and Program Details***

All materials necessary for the completion of the Professional Baseball Umpiring Course will be supplied by the Harry Wendelstedt School for Umpires, and are included in the cost of tuition. An optional course text is available for purchase through the school office. This is not mandatory, however, many students find it useful during the course of the program.

### **Admission Requirements**

Students must be 18 years or older by January 2, 2019. Students must be in adequate health and physical condition to participate in normal umpire activities including light calisthenics; some stretching, bending, squatting; occasional jogging and short sprints; and standing for an extended period of time.

No prior experience in umpiring, playing, or coaching professional baseball is required or necessary.

## Professional Baseball Umpiring Course

### **Course Transferability**

The transferability of credit is at the discretion of the accepting institution, and it is the student's responsibility to confirm whether or not credits will be accepted by another institution of the student's choice. The Wendelstedt Umpire School will not accept or transfer any previous credit from any other institution, except where outlined by addendum to this catalog and agreement.

### **Training Facilities**

Classroom training and field work will take place at the Harry Wendelstedt Jr. Fields and Recreation Area. The classroom includes lecture, diagram, and audio/visual training. Our world class complex also includes eight fields and four cages. The school will provide all training and playing equipment including pitching machines, bats, baseballs, gloves, helmets, pitching machines. See *What to Bring* (p. 7) for individual umpire equipment required for student attendance.

### **Course Composition**

The course in Professional Baseball Umpiring by the Harry Wendelstedt Umpire School consists of a number of courses that are composed of 245 total hours of instruction and evaluation. They are outlined below. An accumulative score on the written testing of the course is expected to be a minimum "C" (or 70%) (or 2.0) in order to qualify for a position in professional baseball, and an overall GPA of 2.0. This score, however, is not required in order to successfully complete the course with other recommendations.

### **Student Services – Placement**

Although placement assistance may be offered, the institution does not guarantee employment implied or indirectly implied. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be advised on their progress throughout the course, and final standing within the class. Assignment and placement details will be discussed at this time. A number of students will be sent for placement in professional baseball (usually between 25 and 35). Many will be afforded positions in independent professional and college leagues all over the country. Several of these independent and college leagues have exclusive agreements with our program regarding the placement of their umpires. Generally, 70% of our enrolled students are recommend for professional positions; much higher than all other similar institutions. In addition, nearly all of our remaining students are placed for positions in amateur baseball when they return home.

### **Satisfactory Academic Progress and Retention Policy – Credential Awarded**

Students will be provided regular verbal progress reports regarding their strengths and deficiencies throughout the course. Additionally, students will receive one-on-one video reviews of their cage (plate) work. Upon completion of the course,

students will receive a face-to-face final evaluation of their work, as well as a report card identifying their letter grades in each of the grade criterion.

A diploma will be provided to every student that completes the course in Good Standing. In order to remain in "Good Standing" with the program, students must continue to show satisfactory progress in the judgment of the Wendelstedt staff, regardless of their status throughout the course. This policy is put in place with the understanding that umpire school students progress at different rates based on previous experience, physical abilities, and training methods. A student's enrollment can be terminated at the discretion of the institution for insufficient academic progress, non-payment of academic costs, or failure to comply with rules and policies established by the institution as outlined in the catalog and this agreement.

The Wendelstedt Umpire School may impose discipline, including dismissal, for the commission or attempted commission (including aiding or abetting in the commission or attempted commission) of the following types of violations by students, as well as other such violations of reasonable conduct for an academic setting. These include, but are not limited to:

- All forms of academic misconduct including but not limited to cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, or facilitating academic dishonesty.
- Other forms of dishonesty including but not limited to fabricating information, furnishing false information, or reporting a false emergency to the school.
- Forgery, alteration, or misuse of any school document, record, key, electronic device, or identification.
- Theft of, conversion of, destruction of, or damage to any property of the school or its occupied premises, or any property of others while on school premises, or possession of any property when the student had knowledge or reasonably should have had knowledge that it was stolen.

Any student dismissed for these reasons shall be afforded a refund in accordance with the refund schedule. An appeal may be afforded to a dismissed student, and such appeal may be reviewed the governing board. Any request for appeal of academic or disciplinary actions, or any complaints regarding any facet of the school must be made in writing to the President or Vice-President of the school, at the school's published mailing address within 30 days from the taken action. (See Complaints and Grievances [p. 6])

If a student is dismissed for not remaining in "Good Standing" due to the lack of satisfactory academic progress, they may re-apply to the program on a probationary basis for the term following that term in which the student was dismissed. Full tuition, including another registration fee, is due in order to re-enroll in subsequent terms.

Sufficient student attendance is required to successfully complete the course for graduation. While extended effort will be made for students to make up missed course material and testing during absences, a student who is determined to have missed 50% of scheduled courses will be dismissed for failure to remain in "Good Standing" as outlined in this catalog.

## Course Numbering System

The course numbers are made up of numbers and letters that represent the name of the program and the sequence of the courses.

Professional Baseball Umpiring Program			
The Professional Baseball Umpiring program is comprised of four weeks of umpire theory and on-field application, introduction to baseball protocol and rules, the mechanics of baseball umpiring, current positioning theory, professional ethics and philosophy, and integrated and simulated, as well as live game, situations.			
Our objective is to train and evaluate umpire candidates for positions in professional, independent professional, college, and local amateur baseball.			

Course #	Course Title	Description	Clock Hours
WPBU 100	Introduction and History of Professional Baseball Umpiring	A comprehensive introduction to the rules and traditions, including historical references.	5
WPBU 101	Rules of Professional Baseball and Practical Enforcement Procedures	A study of the <i>Official Baseball Rules</i> , including explanations and interpretations.	35
WPBU 102	Professional Ethics and Protocol	Discussion of professional umpire responsibilities and deportment.	5
WPBU 103	Equipment Requirements and Baseball Safety	A detailed examination of proper umpire equipment and apparel. Proper wear and maintenance will be covered.	10
WPBU 104	Fundamentals of Proper Umpire Positioning (Classroom)	A study of the two, three, and four-man umpire systems.	50
WPBU 105	Plate and Base Umpire Positioning (Field Work)	Training conducted through the process of demonstration by Wendelstedt Staff members of proper footwork and positioning.	25
WPBU 106	Proper Signals and Mechanics	Training conducted through the process of demonstration by Wendelstedt Staff members of proper mechanics and signals.	5
WPBU 107	Developing an Accurate and Consistent Strike Zone	Extensive training of plate work through repetitious training using pitching machines.	15
WPBU 108	Drills, Control Games, Camp Games, Live Games	A comprehensive explanation and training of the following criteria: Attitude, Coordination, Instinct, Mobility, Hustle, Timing, Judgment, Positioning, Aggressiveness, Voice, and Rules Interpretations on the field.	55
WPBU 109A	Handling Situations (Classroom)	A study of the <i>Rules of Professional Baseball</i> as they pertain to ejections, weather, and handling other unusual situations.	10
WPBU 109B	Handling Situations (Field Work)	A practical training of the methods of 109A for on-the-field application.	20
WPBU 110	Critiques and Evaluations	Consist of progressive reports throughout the course, as well as a final evaluation conducted by the Harry Wendelstedt Umpire School staff.	10

One clock hour is equal to 50 minutes of instructor led training followed by an appropriate break.

## **Course Grading Scale**

The grading scale is as follows:

Excellent –	90% - 100%
Above Average –	80% - 89.9%
Average –	70% - 79.9%
Below Average –	60% - 69.9%
Poor –	59.9% and below
Incomplete –	n/a

This scale is used to determine proficiency in the following areas:

Attitude	Appearance
Instinct	Plate Fundamentals
Hustle	Base Fundamentals
Mobility and Positioning	Judgment
Coordination	Applies Rules Interpretation
Poise and Demeanor	Written Tests Score

## **Student Services**

Though no direct financial assistance is provided through the school, the Harry Wendelstedt School for Umpires accepts grants, scholarships, and other financial assistance on behalf of enrolled students that is provided through third parties. When this third party is identified at the time of payment as a 501(c)(3) corporation as outlined in the U.S. Tax Code, any refunds made under the cancellation and refund policy will be returned directly to the third party. In all other instances, the refund will be directed in the name of the student.

While reasonable effort will be made to accommodate students with learning disabilities or students whose second language is English, we cannot guarantee any special academic assistance for a group, class, or individual student(s).

## **Complaints and Grievances**

Any complaints with the policies, procedures, or actions of the Harry Wendelstedt School for Umpires should be made in writing, addressed to the President or Vice-President, and delivered by Certified Mail within 30 days from the date of action taken by the school. Upon receipt of the complaint, the school will issue a formal response in writing within 30 days of receipt. In addition, the school will provide each student with a Course/Instructor Evaluation Form to be completed and submitted to the school at the conclusion of the course.

## ***Travel***

Plan to arrive at the Best Western Castillo Del Sol by 3:00 p.m., January 2, 2019. Return travel can be planned to suit the schedule, which follows. Our graduation banquet will be held February 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The expected evaluation day will be February 3<sup>rd</sup>, however, this may change depending on extenuating

circumstances. All students must vacate the hotel premises by noon February 3, 2019. Students may leave at any time after their evaluation on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. At this evaluation students receive word on their work. If students are planning on leaving on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, please, in order that you may attend the evaluation day process, schedule your departures after 3:00 p.m. We pay great attention to every student. We act as your family away from home and we strive to make this school the most rewarding times of your life.

### ***Reporting to School***

It is most important that all students report to the Best Western Castillo Del Sol in Ormond Beach, Florida, by 3:00 p.m., January 2, 2019. After checking into the hotel our instructors will direct you to our offices in the hotel for school registration. At our opening meeting at 6:00 p.m., January 2, 2019, we will introduce our staff instructors and then give an outline of our program. Students reporting before January 2, 2019 pay a discounted hotel rate, however, should make their early reservations directly through the hotel. You can do this by contacting the hotel at 386-672-6711.

### ***What to Bring***

Although student must bring a protective cup, shoes, and belt, it is not necessary to purchase an umpire uniform or equipment to attend the school. The school provides all necessary equipment (except personal items) for the training period. Those students wishing to bring their own personal umpiring equipment may do so. All others will be supplied use of our equipment for the school term. School will provide students new combo caps, rulebooks and T-shirts. Students should be sure to purchase their own protective cup. Students should bring a jacket and tie for dress evenings. The students are required to bring with them clothing for warm and cold weather, umpire uniforms if they have them, and some old clothes as they will play many ball games. With four diamonds available at all times, each student will umpire daily in drills, control situations, cages, and LIVE games.

### ***Program Calendar and Course Schedule***

The Professional Baseball Umpiring Program term begins on January 2, 2019 and ends on February 3, 2019. The school does not recognize or observe any state or federal legal holidays during the term. These include, but are not limited to, Robert E. Lee's Birthday (State of Florida) or Martin Luther King Day (National).

Briefly, our program will be as follows: six days per week, 9:00 a.m. daily meetings at the classroom that last approximately ninety minutes. At approximately 10:30 a.m. we report to our playing fields. A period of limbering up and conditioning programs begin. Following the exercises will be drills to teach proper mechanics such as proper stance, voice control, ball and strike, safe and out calls, and proper positions on the field. We will cover the correct method to handle players and

situations and the use of umpire equipment. Every phase of umpiring is covered during our school session. Most days will end around 5:00pm, but some night classes will be held.

## School Costs

Tuition for 5 weeks, Room Rent, Taxes and Insurance, and Course Materials

- \$1875.00

Registration Fee

- \$150.00

Technology Fee

- \$75.00

Umpire School Packet – Equipment Bag, T-Shirts, Rulebooks, Homework, Handouts, and Cap

- \$350.00

Total cost of umpire course is \$2450.00. Students should pay the \$150.00 deposit when making application to the school. Students may then choose to pay the remaining balance of \$2300.00 through a cashier's check payable to "Harry Wendelstedt", or by credit card, which covers your balance due for tuition, room rent, tax and insurance. This amount must be paid on registration day, January 2, 2019. No personal checks on registration day. Some students prefer to pay entire balance when applying; this is permissible. All students will be covered by limited accident and life insurance. Student loans and scholarships are not available from the school.

Students should convert their cash into Travelers Checks or Money Orders. These furnish excellent security for your money and can be converted to cash anywhere. The hotel has a free safe for storage of student valuables. We will not cash personal checks.

All credit or debit card payments will incur a non-refundable 2.9% surcharge of total charged costs.

### ***Room Options***

Students may choose single room occupancy for an additional cost, or off-campus tuition in order to save some money on their total costs. However, students who stay off-campus will be required to find their own lodging, and will still be required to attend all morning classroom sessions located in the hotel conference center.

- Double-Occupancy Room
  - \$900.00
- Single-Occupancy Room
  - \$1800.00

## **Meals**

Breakfast and Dinner Meals - 7 days a week

Lunch Meal Plan - Catered Monday - Saturday

The same catered lunches will be available to those students that do not elect to purchase the lunch program, but will be sold at the full lunch menu price.

Meal Plan Options: (Must be paid by first day of course)

- Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Plan - \$805.00
- Lunch Only Plan - \$225.00

## **Cancellations and Refunds**

Should a student's enrollment be terminated or cancelled for any reason, all refunds will be made according to the following refund schedule:

1. Cancellation can be made in person or by Certified Mail.
2. Should an applicant be rejected for any reason, a full refund will be made, including all deposit amounts.
3. Cancellation after the payment of deposit, but before registration day, results in a refund of all monies paid, with the exception of the registration fee (not to exceed \$150.00). Registration fee is fully refundable if cancellation is made within three business days in accordance with this policy.
4. Cancellation after attendance has begun, up to a minimum of 40% completion of the program, will result in a Pro Rata refund of tuition costs, room rent, additional room options, taxes and insurance, course materials computed on the number of hours completed to the total program hours.
5. Upon arrival to school the first day of the course, students will not be afforded a refund for the Registration Fee (\$150.00), Umpire School Packet (\$350.00), Technology Fee (\$75.00), or for any selected Meal Plan; except that a student that initially registers with the school within three business days of the program's start will be afforded a full refund of the Registration Fee (\$150.00) if they request a refund within three business days of enrollment.
6. Cancellation after completing more than 40% of the program will result in no refunds whatsoever.
7. Termination Date: In calculating the refund due to a student, the last date of actual attendance or the date of cancellation by the student, whichever the latter, is used in the calculation unless earlier written notice is received.
8. Refunds will be mailed within 30 days of termination of student's enrollment or receipt of Cancellation Notice from student.
9. Under no circumstances will the 2.9% surcharge for online or credit card payments be refunded.

Licensed by the Commission for Independent Education, Florida Department of Education. Additional information regarding this institution may be obtained by contacting the Commission at 325 West Gaines St., Ste. 1414, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400, toll-free telephone number (888) 224-6684.

## Our Staff

Our staff is composed of both Major League and Minor League umpires, as well as umpires in the professional ranks from around the world. The following is a list of our instruction staff:

Hunter Wendelstedt Major Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Dana DeMuth Major Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Jerry Layne Major Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Larry Vanover Major Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Eddie Hickox Major Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Paul Nauert Major Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Sam Holbrook Major Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Greg Gibson Major Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Brian Kennedy Chinese Professional League	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Brian Reilly Minor Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
David Rackley Major Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Mark Ripperger Minor Leagues/Major League Fill-In	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
John Tumpane Minor Leagues/Major League Fill-In	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Cory Blaser Major Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Dan Bellino Major Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Vic Carapazza Major Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS

Tripp Gibson Minor Leagues/Major League Fill-In	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Jordan Baker Major Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Stu Scheurwater Minor Leagues/Major League Fill-In	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Adam Schwartz Minor Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Alex Ortiz Minor Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Alex Ransom Minor Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Ryan Additon Minor Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Jansen Visconti Minor Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Junior Valentine Minor Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Jeremie Rehak Minor Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
John Libka Minor Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
James Rackley Minor Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Jake Wilburn Minor Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Malachi Moore Minor Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Ryan Powers Minor Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Matt Carlyon Minor Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Blake Carnahan Minor Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS
Ronnie Whiting Minor Leagues	Professional Baseball Umpiring	Professional Baseball Umpiring/WUS

## Why You Should Choose Us?

1. We prepare you for professional jobs! We have placed more students in professional baseball than any other program, and more of our students have reached the Major Leagues than all other programs in history, combined!
2. Harry Wendelstedt has trained more Major League Umpires than all of the other umpire instructors. More than 300 former students worked the 1989 through 2018 World Series, Major League Playoffs, and the All Star Games. We are happy to report that 8 of our 15 CURRENT MINOR LEAGUE STAFF MEMBERS were selected to work Major League games this year. No other program can show you the ultimate success rate of students reaching the Major Leagues that we can provide!
3. At our school, you will be trained by some of the top umpires in baseball. Major League umpiring greats like Dana DeMuth, Jerry Layne, Bob Davidson, Doug Eddings, Ron Kulpa, Sam Holbrook, Paul Nauert, Brian Runge, Greg Gibson, Hunter Wendelstedt, Larry Vanover, and Eddie Hickox join Harry in compiling the most experienced Major League staff ever. Because your first few years will be in the Minor Leagues, we are also staffed with many umpires from every level of Minor League baseball. This school guarantees a wide realm of training from all experience levels.
4. We have an excellent umpire training staff! 31 instructors, 14 Major League umpires. No other school can boast staff numbers that has reached the top levels of professional baseball.
5. We are the #1 attended professional umpire school in the United States and we're proud of our record. Perhaps you will be another of our Big League products. Join us today!

Whenever Major League Umpires send their close one's to an umpire school for the instruction, they send them our way. Some examples include:

Tim Welke	Frank Pulli	Drew Coble
Ed Montegue	Ed, Paul, and Brian Runge	Marvin Hudson
Larry Young	Ed Rapuano	Shag and Jerry Crawford
John and Mark Hirschbeck	Jeff Kellogg	Mike Reilly
Gary Cederstrom	Tom and Brian Gorman	Rich Garcia

Current Major League Supervisors Cris Jones, Rich Reiker, Charlie Reliford, Randy Marsh, and Bruce Froemming were all long-time instructors with the Wendelstedt School before their promotions as supervisors, and will be the people that determine your placement into the Major Leagues.

When they want their friends and family to receive umpire instruction, they send them to our school . . . The Harry Wendelstedt School for Umpires!

**Experienced...**

Our staff includes some of the most experienced MLB umpires in baseball. It is composed of World Series, Playoffs, and All-Star Game umpires. Our owner is a veteran Major League Umpire who has trained thousands of professional and amateur umpires all over the world.

**Recognized...**

We have trained umpires from all over the world, and the countries on that list continue to grow. The first name in umpire education is Wendelstedt, and that is due to our record of developing successful umpires.

**Sought After...**

When the best of the best in the Major Leagues send close ones to umpire school, they send them to us.

**Successful...**

Our students routinely reach higher placements in professional baseball, and the number of former students receiving full-time Major League positions blow our competition away! Many schools have formed and dissolved in our school's history, and we credit this to our staff, our instructional methods, and, mostly, our success!

## F.A.Q.'s

### **I have never umpired before. Do I need experience before I come to school?**

No. We assume that when you arrive, you have no umpiring knowledge or experience. Regardless of your experience level, we start everyone from the basics on the first day. Often times, extensive experience can lead to established bad habits that must be broken first. With limited, or no, experience, you will not have these bad habits to break before learning the "Wendelstedt Way."

### **How big is your class?**

Our class size varies from year to year. Though our class size usually remains around 100 students, we will not know our class size until the start of the course because some enrolled students are unable to report for various reasons, and some students register the last couple of days before the start of school. However, approximately 10%-15% of the students in attendance are looking to gain additional experience to further their amateur umpiring careers and are not looking for positions in professional baseball.

### **What is your student to instructor ratio?**

The ratio varies based on class size, however, we have 30 staff members, 14 of them Major League umpires. We usually have about 100 students attend every year.

### **How many jobs are available?**

We are provided with the number of placements available on the first of February. This number usually ranges between 25 and 35, and we also send an additional 10 on a reserve list. These students are selected throughout the year as positions become available due to injury and retirements.

### **What are the requirements to attend umpire school?**

You must be at least 18 years old to attend umpire school. Candidates must be in adequate physical condition and must submit a copy of medical professional's release for participation and/or a note of indication of good health. Proof of High School Diploma or GED is required for placement in professional baseball positions. Our job is to provide professional baseball with the best possible candidates. When you leave our school, you leave with our label. We place the best students, regardless of age, gender, race, or any other factors. We strive to keep the reputation of providing the best possible product on the field. If you are a top student, we want you to represent the Wendelstedt School.

### **What separates your program from others?**

Though all of the professional umpire programs will offer you the same material as mandated by professional baseball, our school offers you an excellent opportunity to excel in baseball through our unique presentation and exclusive teaching methods. One of the most important of these is through the use of live games. We are the only program that provides you with this opportunity. Our school also provides a terrific facility, location, experienced staff, and most importantly, results!