

GLBUA 2026 Newsletter

This email update is to all members of the Greater Lawrence Baseball Umpires Association. Please read the entire newsletter, as there is important information enclosed. Thanks- President Jose Brito

Coming off the 2025 Season we saw a lot of positive things.

GLBUA's continued recruitment of new umpires was at an all-time high.

GLBUA offered the "Back to Work Program" where umpires that have let their dues lapse were brought back to work after fulfillment of certain requirements.

The online training program was expanded

The Executive Board and our training group of Scott Young, Ron Annand, and Steve Martinelli are looking forward to the challenges of 2026.

Annual dues – The GLBUA E-Board has voted to increase dues for the first time since 2019. Dues have been increased by \$10. The total fees are:

\$60 if paid by December 31, 2025

\$70 if paid by January 31, 2026

\$80 if paid by March 5, 2026

You can mail your check to the GLBUA at PO Box 701 Methuen, MA 01844. Another option is to pay online using your Paypal account, which you can access on the GLBUA website by clicking on the PayPal link on the Member page at glbua.org. See item #4 for

the password. **You can also mail directly to Ken Gabriel at 20 Tammy Street, Salem, NH, 03079.**

Business meeting – March 5, 2026

Our Business Meeting will be held Thursday March 5, 2026 at Salvatore's in Lawrence, MA. This has been a great location the last two years and we look forward to hosting a great business meeting this year.

REMINDER: per the GLBUA constitution, each member is required to attend the business meeting to be a member in good standing. If you are **unable** to attend, you **MUST** contact Vice President Jacob Beaudoin (beaudy26@gmail.com) and Secretary Rob Rossi (rossi.ump123@gmail.com). Please state the reason you cannot attend. Since this is a mandatory meeting, please try to block this night off on your calendar today.

The Arbiter – The GLBUA E-Board has voted to approve moving the official GLBUA arbiter to Walter Bentson's arbiter (CBUAO-CacBen NEW). What does this mean for our members”?

- There will be no GLBUA arbiter moving forward. All games previously assigned on GLBUA will be assigned on CBUAo-CacBen NEW. Fred Simm, Jacob Beaudoin, John Shaheen, and Tony Barbaro will continue to assign their respective leagues.
- GLBUA members will not have to pay to be on this arbiter. We will cover the fee for umpires to be on the arbiter just like we did for the GLBUA arbiter.
- Umpires will have the opportunity to work a variety of leagues including Perfect Game, AAU, High School (if you complete the MIAA registration), and more!

Greater Lawrence Baseball Umpires Association website – the address for our website was changed in 2018 and is now www.glbua.org. Check out the new look put in by our webmaster David Toto! Same great stuff, just a more modern look. You can also pay your dues from the Member section. The generic username and password is Login: **umpire** Password: **umpire123**. Please write that down somewhere.

Pre-season exam – all GLBUA members will be required to take the 50-question preseason exam that will be posted on the GLBUA website sometime in January. Look for a separate email soon announcing the Due date for completion will be APRIL 15th, when the exam will be discussed at our rules meeting (see #7 below). There will be review sessions in February TBD in person and virtual via zoom.

New Umpire Class – The Greater Lawrence Baseball Umpires Association is once again excited to offer training for anyone interested in becoming a MBLA “patched” Baseball Umpire! Successful completion of this course and associated training qualifies an umpire to work amateur baseball games from Little League up to and including mens baseball leagues as well as membership in the GLBUA, and MBLA (for umpires over the age of 18). This course is open to all candidates over the age of 17. Umpires over the age of 18 are also eligible to work high school baseball in Massachusetts.

WHEN? Monday evenings beginning 1/26 from 6:00pm-730pm at St. Michael’s School, 80 Maple Ave in North Andover.

Cost: \$140 payable by check or cash at first class session

Class Dates: 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23

Exam Date: 3/2

Online Course - The GLBUA offers an online training course to become certified. The course covers the same material as the in-person course. Candidates move through the course readings, slideshows, videos, quizzes, and final exam at their own pace. This course is ideal for high school and college students who can not commit to the in person course. The course will launch on January 1. Anyone interested should email Jacob Beaudoin at beaudy26@gmail.com

Meetings and Clinics – we have a very busy slate of meetings and clinics coming up in March and April. All meeting dates and locations are TBD right now and will be finalized in January. The GLBUA constitution states that each member must attend the Business Meeting and at least one clinic annually, but we encourage you to come to as many as you can. The schedule will be posted on the Meetings & Clinics page on our website as soon as possible.

- Rules Clinic
- Small Diamond Clinic
- MBUA Clinic

We will look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting, clinics, and of course on the field.