

LCS Umpires Appointed

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Jerry Crawford and Tim Welke to Serve as Crew Chiefs

Major League Baseball has named the two umpiring crews that will work the 2006 American and National League Championship Series, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 11, respectively.

Jerry Crawford will serve as the Crew Chief during the American League Championship Series, extending his record to 12 L.C.S. assignments. Now in his 30th year as a Major League Umpire, the Philadelphia native also has worked four Division Series and five World Series. Crawford's crew will consist of Mike Reilly, Derryl Cousins, Chuck Meriwether, Gary Cederstrom, and Hunter Wendelstedt.

Tim Welke, who is in his 23rd year as a Major League Umpire, will work his sixth League Championship Series. The Michigan native also has worked five Division Series and three Fall Classics. He will lead a crew that features Gary Darling, Jim Joyce, Jerry Layne, Jeff Kellogg and Fieldin Culbreth.

Umpires for the 102nd World Series will be announced when assignments have been made.

2006 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES UMPIRES

American League Championship Series between:

Game One Umpire Previous Postseason Assignments

HP Jerry Crawford (Chief) 4 DS ('81, '00, '02, '04); 11 LCS (1980, '83, '85, '90, '93, '95, '96, '99, '01, '03, '05); WS ('88; '92; '98; '00; '02)

1B Hunter Wendelstedt 1 DS ('03)

2B Derryl Cousins 4 DS ('97, '99, '02, '05); 4 LCS ('85, '89, '95, '03); 3 WS ('88, '99, '05)

3B Chuck Meriwether 6 DS ('98-02, '04); 1 LCS ('03); 1 WS ('04)

LF Gary Cederstrom 4 DS ('00, '03-05); 1 LCS ('01); 1 WS ('05)

RF Mike Reilly 5 DS ('81, '95, '99-00, '02); 7 LCS ('83, '87, '91, '96-97, '01, '03); 3 WS ('84, '92, '02)

National League Championship Series between:

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HP Tim Welke (Chief) 5 DS ('95-96, '99-00, '03); 5 LCS ('91, '98, '01-02, '04); 3 WS ('96, '00, '03)

1B Jim Joyce 6 DS ('95, '98-99, '01-03); 2 LCS ('97, '04); 2 WS ('99, '01)

2B Jerry Layne 5 DS ('95, '98, '01-02, '05); 2 LCS ('97, '99); 1 WS ('05)

3B Fieldin Culbreth 2 DS ('02, '04); 2 LCS ('00, '03)

LF Jeff Kellogg 3 DS ('98, '00, '03); 4 LCS ('99, '01-02, '04); 2 WS ('00, '03)

RF Gary Darling 6 DS ('95, '97-98, '02-03, '05); 2 LCS ('92, '04); 1 WS ('03)