

San Diego County Softball Umpires Association

Overview

Our Association has been around since the late 1940's. We have been a cornerstone of officiating in San Diego for over 60 years. Several active members of the association have been working with us for over 35 years. We have an inherent pride in providing "top-shelf" officiating services for Men's, Women's and Co-Ed Adult Softball Leagues within the slo-pitch and three pitch arenas. As a year-end finale we have a Banquet and Guest Speaker with all costs pay for out of dues received. At the Banquet we have several special yearly awards where we recognize members with special contributions.

Structure:

We have an overall President/Coordinator and an all Volunteer board of supervisors. Besides the Supervisors, reporting to the President/Coordinator is the Treasurer and the Assignment Secretary. Each Supervisor is responsible for his or her groups of active members which usually numbers from 5-8 persons. Our Supervisors are directly responsible for communications to their groups whether on an individual or cumulative basis.

Board Responsibilities:

- Assure the effective scheduling of all assignments
- Update, as necessary, all league information and communicate to all members
- Back up any member in an emergency situation
- Assure the resolving of league issues
- Negotiate all fees on behalf of the members
- Order all uniforms on an as needed basis
- Evaluate / Improve all members performance
- Hold a yearly clinic for new officials & provide a path for experienced umpires
- Represent the best interest of the association to all leagues
- Distribute needed information quickly
- Coordinate private tournaments for the association

Member Costs:

Each member is required to pay a yearly dues of \$95.00 to the Association. Members accepted mid year are responsible for paying \$50.00 in dues. Each member is responsible for purchasing and maintaining a full uniform. We will cover what a full uniform consists of as part of your orientation. **Each member must provide liability insurance from NASO or equivalent. There are no exceptions.**

General Member Responsibilities:

- Talley sheets must be received by our treasurer no later then the 8th of each month.
- Verify all assignments with our assignment secretary within the prescribed timeframes.
- Call in availability to assignment secretary no later then Wednesday of each week.

Training:

- New members are considered with and without experience
- We provide "OJT" type of training and also offer a yearly clinic each January.
- Both categories of candidates are required to have reasonable officiating skills before accepted into the association.
- Mira Mar College / Hourglass Community Park – is the "training-grounds" for all new applicants.
- We use the Softball San Diego Adult Program for orientation and training of new officials.

Once Accepted:

- You must immediately declare your availability with our Assignment Secretary.
- As a member in good standing you can work from Alpine to Robb Field and from Chula Vista to Rancho Penasquitos.
- Our assignments are a combination of "single" and "two-man" assignments.
- Assignments range from cash on the field to games on the books with which you will be paid monthly based upon accurate completion of your Talley sheet and timely submission to our Treasurer.

Further questions can be answered on a case by case basis

Thank You for Considering the San Diego County Softball Umpires Association

John Grondona,
President/Coordinator