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UMPIRE NEWS

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We need help. Taking a look at our current umpire staffing throughout the state, we are starting to see our leadership numbers dwindle. This is statewide in all 28 counties and 9 Districts. We've had umpires retire, pass away and just move on. (Something about playing golf and spending time with family and grandkids.)

Now is the time to start building this core group of umpires up again. If you have any desire to take an active role helping run your Association and making our umpires better in all they do, let us know. It takes a lot of different hands to make an Association work, grow and flow smoothly. Are you a Computer Nerd, a Rules/Mechanics Instructor, a Scheduler, a Bookkeeper / Accountant, a Clinician or Classroom Leader? We need all of these positions filled. This is your chance to have a positive effect on the new young umpires coming up the ladder.

***The Leaders of tomorrow
start with you today!***



TRAINING

Current Nor Cal known Clinic dates and locations are:

Sunday April 3rd 10AM
Santa Rosa Junior College
Sunday April 10 1PM
Santa Rosa Junior College
POC is Kevin Hager, 415-671-5242,
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The Nor Cal Youth Umpires program has caught on fire. District 1, 2 and 5 UIC's are training new Youth Umpires every month. They are building a solid foundation for the future of Nor Cal umpiring.



SUGGESTIONS

This Newsletter is also a venue for you to voice your suggestions and concerns or identify any problems you might come across UMPIRING IN Nor Cal.

Don't be afraid to let me know. Nothing but time on my hands.

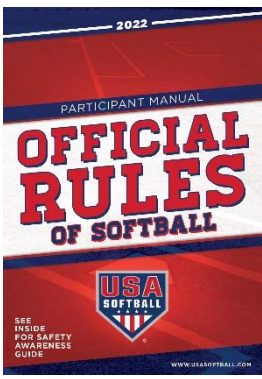
REGISTRATION

Register Now!

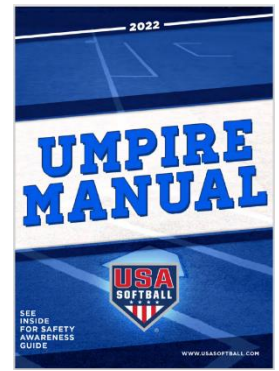
All Nor Cal Umpires including Youth Umpires, have to be Registered with USA Softball and Nor Cal every year. If you don't get Registered, you can't work any Nor Cal Sanctioned games, Leagues, Tournaments or Championships. What does this mean for you? Simple, don't Register, don't work. We now have **315** USA Softball Registered Umpires but still have a long way to go. UIC's, verify all your umpires are Registered for 2022. If not, help them log into Register USA Softball Online, pay for their Background Check, pay our cheap Nor Cal Annual Dues, complete their Safe Sport Training and we are all covered and good to go. If you need help, see your UIC or give me a call/email.



Don't forget Safe Sport. Sport's Governing Bodies (USA Softball for one) must follow these guidelines to ensure the athletes safety. This is mandated by Federal Law so it is a USA Softball requirement and definitely not a standalone Nor Cal mandate. So, in Nor Cal, we all go on-line, (safesporttrained.org) do the training, cover ourselves and have a great time on the ball field. If you have any questions just ask your UIC or email me and I'll answer them.



KNOW THE RULES!



If you have successfully registered with Nor Cal you should have your 2022 hard back copy of the Participant Manual by now. If not, get with your Association UIC, District Commissioner if you don't belong to an Association, or me and we will get you one. For those registered: The 2022 Participant Manual (<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball/Umpires/Official-Rulebook>) and the 2022 Umpire Manual (<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball/Umpires/Umpire-Manual>) are both online and working. Just paste either URL in your browser for your copy of either Book or Manual. The Umpire Tests are also available online but in Nor Cal, how you take the test will depend on your local Association's policies/procedures. For individual umpires, take the test and send the answer sheet to your District UIC or me. We will grade it and send it right back to you. Remember, to be a member in good standing in Nor Cal, you must successfully pass the test each year.

**RULES == STUDY THEM == PRACTICE THEM
MASTER THEM**



PETE BREWER

Pete has been a USA Softball umpire since 2018. In those five years Pete has progressed immensely as an umpire. Pete recently completed the USA Softball National Umpire School to better his skills and looks to advance himself to do higher quality tournaments both locally and out of the area. He is always willing to help out others and learn as much as he can. Pete has currently been submitted as a Blue Medals recipient.

Steven Allen

10 National Championships
Men's Major Championship
Women's Major
Championship
4 National Schools
Gold Medals Program Member
Member National Indicator Fraternity
USA Elite Fast Pitch Umpire



Jill Suico

8 National Championships
UIC 2 National Championships
4 USA Special Olympics Championships
8 National Schools
Gold Medals Program Member
Member National Indicator Fraternity
USA Elite Slow Pitch Umpire



***IN
NOR CAL***

Stan Angel

6 National Championships
UIC 2 National Championships
6 National Schools
1 Fast Pitch Camp
Gold Medals Program Member
Member National Indicator Fraternity



Spencer Schulz

14 National Championships
6 National Schools
2 USA Advanced Camps
Gold Medals Program Member
Member National Indicator Fraternity
USA Elite Slow Pitch Umpire

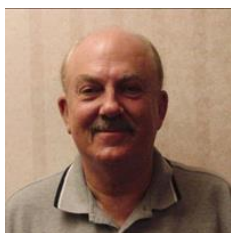


James Bertuzzi

9 National Championships
1 Fast Pitch Camp
3 National School
Gold Medals Program Member
NCAA College World Series

James Cole

4 Junior World Championships
Canadian Junior Worlds Championships
7 National Championships
12 Times USA National Championship UIC
15 USA National Schools
Gold Medals Program Member
Member National Indicator Fraternity
USA Elite Fast Pitch Umpire





STUMP THE UMP!



All plays are for USA Softball. What is the correct result of the play and what is your Rule Reference / Justification?

MARCH 2022

PLAY: With R1 on first and no outs. B2 squares in the batter's box to bunt and holds her bat motionless in the strike zone. The pitch is high and outside and is called a ball by the plate umpire. The coach of the defensive team claims B2 should be charged with a strike for not withdrawing her bat.

RULING: B2 must move her bat toward the ball for a strike to be called. She would be credited with a ball in this situation.

JUSTIFICATION: USA Softball R/S 10

PLAY: R1 is on first base when B2 hits a line drive that is caught by F6. F6 throws the ball to F3 to try to retire B2, who has wandered off the bag on the hit. F6's throw sails over the fence and out of play. F3's head goes over the fence and out of play. R1 was five feet from retouching first base when F6 released the throw and is standing on first when the ball goes out of play.

RULING: R1 is awarded two bases from her position at the time of the throw. R1 is awarded third base.

JUSTIFICATION: USA Softball Rule 8-5g Effect

PLAY: With a 1-1 count on B2, R1 attempts to steal second base on the pitch. B2 swings and misses the pitch and her momentum carries her over the plate. F2's throwing arm makes contact with B2 as she throws the ball to second base, where F6 catches the ball and tags R1 before she reaches the bag.

RULING: Immediate dead ball, B2 is ruled out for interference and R1 is returned to first base.

JUSTIFICATION: USA Softball Rule 7-6r.

APRIL 2022

PLAY: With R2 on second, B1 grounds the ball into the hole between short and third. F5 playing in front of the baseline, dives for the ball, which passes under her glove. The ball hits R2.

RULING:

JUSTIFICATION:

PLAY: With R1 on first and R2 on second, B3 hits a ball to the fence in left field. Both R1 and R2 come around to score. R2 misses third base when coming around to score and after R1 crosses the plate, R2 returns to third to touch it and then comes home again and crosses home plate.

RULING:

JUSTIFICATION:

PLAY: The home team submits a lineup to the home-plate umpire and the plate umpire notices one player is wearing 0 and another one is wearing 00.

RULING:

JUSTIFICATION:

PLAY: R1 is on first base and B2 hits a fair ball (a) down the right field line that rolls into foul territory, or (b) to the left center field gap. In both cases, a spectator picks the ball up and tosses it to the fielder.

RULING:

JUSTIFICATION:

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!



NOR CAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>POC</u>
STATE "A"	17-19 JUNE	TWIN CREEKS, SUNNYVALE	JAMES COLE JIM RODONDI
STATE "B/C"	24-26 JUNE	TWIN CREEKS, SUNNYVALE	STAN ANGEL SEAN BEATON

GET YOUR NAMES INTO ME ASAP SO I CAN GET YOU ON THE AVAILABILITY/ASSIGNMENT ROSTER.



IT'S TIME TO WORK!!

Your Local Associations have finally begun to list their local Tournaments at [TournamentUSA Softball](https://www.tournamentusa.com/softball) under the Nor Cal Website Section. Everything currently going on in Nor Cal and Surrounding Associations is there. Just be sure you are released by your Local Association UIC before you accept another assignment out of your area.



The Alliance is holding their 10/12 Championship in OKC this year. The dates are 7/25/2022 – 7/31/2022. Please review the information below and get back to me as soon as you can. The information we have is as follows: Will use the 2-umpire system.

- Will pay travel, rooms, and game fees.
- If you have umpires interested in attending, please send me their names and email addresses. USA NUS not required for this tournament.
- I will get back to you with the selected nominations from Kevin as soon as the umpire(s) are approved.

This is an excellent opportunity for our 10/12U umpire to work in OKC. Please get to work on names as soon as possible as all the Regions will have input in these slots.

Tournament USA Softball

Date	Tournament	Facility	Divisions	Format
Apr 9 - 10	Nor Cal PreQualifier-USA Spring Bash (ALL AMERICAN IDENTIFIER)	Salinas Sports Complex Salinas, CA	•10A •12A •14A	4 Game Guar...
Apr 23 - 24	CSA Spring Shootout - (ALL AMERICAN IDENTIFIER)	Vacaville Vacaville, CA	•10A •12A •14A	4 Game Guar...
May 27 - 30	PreQualifier-Jan Macpherson Memorial Tournament	San Carlos San Carlos, CA	•8C •8Rec •10BC •12BC •14B •16B	4 Game Guar...
May 28 - 29	Nor Cal PreQualifier-Relay For Life	Hayward Sports Park Hayward, CA	•8C •10ABC •12ABC •14AB •16AB •18AB	4 Game Guar...
Jun 4 - 5	Nor Cal PreQualifier-USA Summer Spectacular	Salinas Sports Complex Salinas, CA	•10A •12A •14A •16A •18A	4 Game Guar...
Jun 4 - 5	Twister Classic	San Jose San Jose, CA	•8C •10C •12C •14B	4 Game Guar...
Jun 10 - 12	Nor Cal PreQualifier-Billie Sue Memorial	Burlingame Burlingame, CA	•8Rec •16B	4 Game Guar...
Jun 10 - 12	PreQualifier-Bagby Classic	Bagby Elementary School San Jose, CA	•8C •8Rec •10BC •12BC	4 Game Guar...
Jun 11 - 12	CSA Early Summer Shoot-Out	Al Patch Park Vacaville, CA	•8C •10B •12B •14B •16B •18B	4 Game Guar...
Jun 17 - 19	NOR CAL USA SOFTBALL "A" ASSOC. CHAMPIONSHIP	Twin Creeks/Global Sports Complex Sunnyvale, CA	•12A •14A •16A •18A	3 Game Guar...
Jun 17 - 19	PreQualifier-Father's Day Tournament	Petaluma Petaluma, CA	•8C •10BC •12B •14B	4 Game Guar...
Jun 18 - 19	Nor Cal PreQualifier-USA Father's Day	Salinas Sports Complex Salinas, CA	•10BC •12BC •14B •16B	4 Game Guar...
Jun 18 - 19	NOR CAL USA SOFTBALL "C" ASSOC. CHAMPIONSHIP	Twin Creeks/Global Sports Complex Sunnyvale, CA	•8C	3 Game Guar...
Jun 24 - 26	NOR CAL USA SOFTBALL "B" ASSOC. CHAMPIONSHIP	Twin Creeks/Global Sports Complex Sunnyvale, CA	•10B •12B •14B	3 Game Guar...
Jun 24 - 26	NOR CAL USA SOFTBALL "C" ASSOC. CHAMPIONSHIP	Twin Creeks/Global Sports Complex Sunnyvale, CA	•10C •12C	3 Game Guar...
Jul 1 - 3	Carmel Classic	Carmel Carmel, CA	•10B •12B •14B	4 Game Guar...
Jul 8 - 10	Pleasanton Summer Classic	Pleasanton Pleasanton, CA	•8C •10BC •12BC	4 Game Guar...
Jul 8 - 10	Rudy and Rita Vera Invitational	Santa Clara Santa Clara, CA	•8C •10C •12C •14B	4 Game Guar...
Jul 9 - 10	Del Holson Firecracker	Benicia Benicia, CA	•8C •8Rec •10ABC •12ABC •14AB •16AB	4 Game Guar...
Jul 15 - 17	Bytheal Ratliff's Blast By The Bay	Anna Jean Cummings Park Soquel, CA	•8Rec •10B •12B	4 Game Guar...
Jul 15 - 17	Rebel Classic	Rohnert Park Rohnert Park, CA	•8C •10B •12B	4 Game Guar...
Jul 22 - 24	Bill Bowen Invitational	Sonoma Sonoma, CA	•8C •10BC •12BC	4 Game Guar...
Jul 23 - 24	Strawberry Jam	Pajaro Valley USD CA	•8C •8Rec •10BC •12BC	4 Game Guar...
Jul 27 - 31	14U GIRL'S CLASS 'A' WESTERN NATIONAL	Salinas Sports Complex Salinas, CA	•14A	POOL PLAY W...
Jul 27 - 31	18U GIRL'S CLASS 'A' WESTERN NATIONAL	Salinas Sports Complex Salinas, CA	•18A	POOL PLAY W...
Jul 30 - 31	CSA End of Summer Tournament	Al Patch Park Vacaville, CA	•8C •10B •12B •14B •16B •18B	4 Game Guar...
Aug 13 - 14	Wine Country Classic	Windsor Windsor, CA	•8Rec •10B •12B •14B	4 Game Guar...
Aug 20 - 21	Santa Rosa Red Barons	Santa Rosa Santa Rosa, CA	•8C •10B •12B •14B	4 Game Guar...
Oct 14 - 16	Eric Padgett & Bob Midgley Strikeout Cancer Memorial Tournament	Sonoma Sonoma, CA	•8C •10BC •12BC	4 Game Guar...

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