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# UMPIRE NEWS

**February 2022**



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# Meet Your Staff

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The National Championship Selections for Nor Cal will be announced next month. Be sure to check here to see which of your Umpiring friends earned a coveted berth to one of these prestigious Championships. This is our chance to show USA Softball what Nor Cal is all about.

## TRIPLE CROWN PARTNERSHIP

This is an “untapped opportunity” for our USA brand umpires to be seen by different UIC’s and to work some great ball. TCS Teams love to see our USA Umpires on the field with our “Brand” knowing we have the finest officials out there. A great opportunity for all of Region 10 Association Umpires to participate. A great job of negotiating a proposal to TCS with Time Tier Pricing. This pricing is irrespective of whether no new inning or drop-dead time limit.

## GAME FEES

- 1 Hour 30 Minutes: \$60. per umpire
- 1 Hour 30 Minutes to 1 Hour 45 Minutes \$65. per umpire
- 1 Hour 45 Minutes and above, including full 7 innings \$70 per umpire

## UIC FEES:

Every UIC \$200 per day (Goal is 1 UIC per 4 fields) @ 3 Days = \$600

See Page 3 For Pay/Travel/Housing Specifics



# TRAINING

# REGISTRATION

In Nor Cal, Training is something that never stops. If you are ready to up your game, here are the latest Clinic Dates for you:

Santa Clara PAL JO Clinic Central Park  
Saturday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 9-12pm

Saturday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 9AM – 12PM  
Woodside High Redwood City

#### Zoom Clinics Region 1:

POC for login info is Jim Rodondi.

Tuesday February 8 7pm-8pm

Tuesday February 22 7pm-9pm

#### District 2 Umpire Clinics/Registration

Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

10 AM Santa Rosa Junior College

Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>

10 AM Santa Rosa Junior College

All known Nor Cal Clinic dates and locations will be listed on our web site as they become available. If you can't make one of your local Clinics, you can always attend a Clinic with another Association.

All Nor Cal Umpires have to be Registered with USA Softball every year. If you don't get Registered, you can't work any Nor Cal Sanctioned games/leagues or Tournaments. What does this mean for you? Simple,

[Register Now](#)



Pre Covid, we had 750 USA Softball Registered Umpires. Last year we made it to 400 Umpires. So, let's log into Register USA Softball Online, pay for your Background Check, our Nor Cal dues, complete your Safe Sport Training and presto changeo, you're done. Let's get that number over 400 and on its way to 750.



Don't forget Safe Sport. Sport's Governing Bodies (USA Softball for one) must follow these guidelines to ensure the athletes safety. This is a Federal Law, not a USA Softball Law and definitely not a Nor Cal law. So, in Nor Cal, we all go on-line, 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. Still having problems with Safe Sport, go to their web site and follow the step-by-step instructions provided by the National Office and Safe Sport.

## TRIPLE CROWN PARTNERSHIP CONTINUED

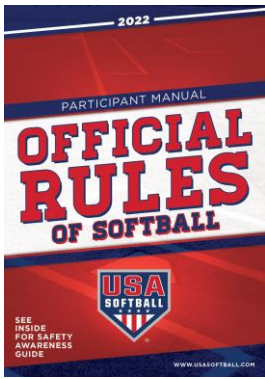
### REIMBURSEMENT FEES:

Such as water, ice, and snacks. Limited to \$20 per day?

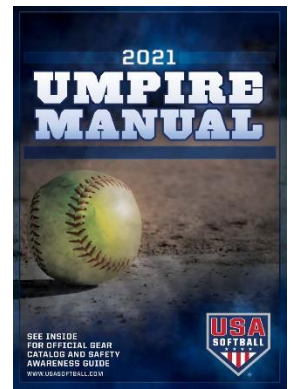
### TRAVEL FEES:

- \$50 if traveling more than 150 miles, one way
- \$100 if traveling between 200-400 miles.
- 150 IF TRAVELING OVER 400 miles

Umpires will not work more than 4 games a day, unless specifically requested. Therefore, an umpire crew of 4 per field is required for a 7 or 8 time slot Showcase. (Results in more umpires assigned.) Accommodations will be provided if the umpires residence is more than 50 miles from the field. Accommodations cannot be more than 20 miles (which could result in 40 minutes) from the respective complex.



**KNOW THE RULES!**



In Softball, there are only 12 Rules listed in the Rule Book, but there are hundreds of situations / scenarios that we must know of. Guess what? No one knows them all. That's why we study and test all year long. The game is constantly changing and we have to be ready for them.

We have not received our new hard copy of the 2022 Rule Book. Once delivered to us, your local UIC will get you your copy. You can also contact me for a book if you are having problems getting one or don't belong to an Association. The complete current Rule Book will always be available online to all Registered USA Umpires for your reference. Along with the Rule Book, the current Umpire's Manual is online also. No one has an excuse for not having access to the current Rules and Mechanics anymore.

### THE USA SOFTBALL UMPIRE TEST

Don't be afraid of it. It is a learning tool. No one is expected to ace this test every year. Take the test depending on your local Association's policies/procedures. Use it as another study guide/tool to make your game better.

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



### SAFE SPORT / USA UMPIRE REGISTRATION PROCESS

It didn't take long for the number one topic to raise its ugly head -. I've heard from every District UIC and many individual umpires. USA Softball tried to merge their Program and its process with Safe Sport. As everyone is finding out, it's not working as advertised. The National Office will continue to fix all the glitches before next year. Till then, we suffer and are their guinea pigs. Life goes on. Stay in touch with your March comments / concerns / complaints.



# STUMP THE UMP!



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



**PLAY:** With R3 of third and R2 on second and one out, B4 hits a routine fly ball to second base. F4 easily settles under the ball and the notices B4 never leaves the batter's box. F4 intentionally drops the fly ball. Seeing the ball dropped, both R3 and R2 attempt to advance. F4 throws the ball to F2 who easily tags out R3 before reaching the plate.

**RULING:**

**JUSTIFICATION:**

**PLAY:** With R1 on first base and off with the pitch, B2 hits safely to center field. F4 simulates fielding a ground to deceive the runner that she is about to field a batted ball. R1 slides into second base, thinking a play is about to be made on her.

**RULING:**

**JUSTIFICATION:**

**PLAY:** With R1 on first, B2 hits a hard, line drive in the hole between third and short. F6 reaches out with her glove to make a catch, but the force of the ball knocks her glove off the hand and to the ground with the ball still in the pocket of the glove.

**RULING:**

**JUSTIFICATION:**

## MEDALS RECIPIENT



### *Seaira Petrich*

#### Blue Level Recipient

Starting in 2019, Seaira has been Umpiring for the Santa Rosa Girls Softball Program and has continued for the last 3 years.

Seaira has been playing Rec and Travel Ball for USA Softball since 2010.

2021 She Graduated from Montgomery High school in Santa Rosa CA. and is currently attending Santa Rosa Junior College.

Seaira attended the 2022 USA National Umpire School in Roseville this January.

Her immediate goal is this spring to start Umpiring for Northern Coast Official's Association doing High School Softball and then moving up to USA Softball this summer.



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

SOFTBALL



### READY TO WORK YET?

If your Local Association doesn't have anything scheduled for a weekend, check the Nor Cal Website or Tournament USA at [TournamentUSA Softball](http://TournamentUSA Softball). You will find everything that is going on in Nor Cal and surrounding Associations. There is always work, just be sure to check with your Local Association UIC to make sure he can let you go. Below are the first dates that have been posted. Check them out.



Tournament	Date	Facility	Divisions	Cost	
PreQualifier-Jan Macpherson Memorial Tournament	May 27	San Carlos	•8C •8Rec •10BC •12BC •14B •16B	\$575	<input type="button" value="Decline"/> <input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Approve"/>
PreQualifier-Bagby Classic	Jun 10	Cambrian School District	•8C •8Rec •10BC •12BC	\$575	<input type="button" value="Decline"/> <input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Approve"/>
CSA Early Summer Shoot-Out	Jun 11	Al Patch Park	•8C •10B •12B •14B •16B •18B	\$595	<input type="button" value="Decline"/> <input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Approve"/>
PreQualifier-Father's Day Tournament	Jun 17	Petaluma	•8C •10BC •12B •14B	\$575	<input type="button" value="Decline"/> <input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Approve"/>
Carmel Classic	Jul 1	Carmel	•10B •12B •14B	\$675	<input type="button" value="Decline"/> <input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Approve"/>
Rudy and Rita Vera Invitational	Jul 8	Santa Clara	•8C •10BC •12BC •14B	\$575	<input type="button" value="Decline"/> <input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Approve"/>
Rebel Classic	Jul 15	Rohnert Park	•8C •10B •12B	\$550	<input type="button" value="Decline"/> <input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Approve"/>
CSA End of Summer Tournament	Jul 30	Al Patch Park	•8C •10B •12B •14B •16B •18B	\$595	<input type="button" value="Decline"/> <input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Approve"/>



## ***FEELING LUCKY? GOT EVERYTHING COVERED? INDEPENDENTLY WEALTHY?***

IF YOU'RE NOT, HERE'S WHAT REGISTERING AS **A NOR CAL UMPIRE** GETS YOU:

**NOR CAL ADULTS (18 and over): \$65** with a successful Background Check and completed online SafeSport training.

**NOR CAL YOUTH (Under 18) \$40**

### **LIABILITY**

- \$2,000,000 Liability Coverage per occurrence
- \$5,000,000 Liability Coverage aggregate
- \$2,000,000 personal / advertising injury
- \$2,000,000 Sexual Abuse liability per occurrence
- \$1,000,000 damage to premises rented
- \$10,000 med pay to others (non-participants)
- \$0 deductible

### **ACCIDENT**

- \$100,000 accident medical / per claim
- \$2,000 accidental death
- \$4,000 accidental dismemberment
- \$2,500 (\$100 per visit) chiropractic & physical therapy
- \$1,000 durable medical equipment
- \$25,000 travel to/from USA Softball events
- \$500 deductible / 90/10% co-insurance

***BEST DEAL IN TOWN FOR \$65.00.***