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UMPIRE NEWS

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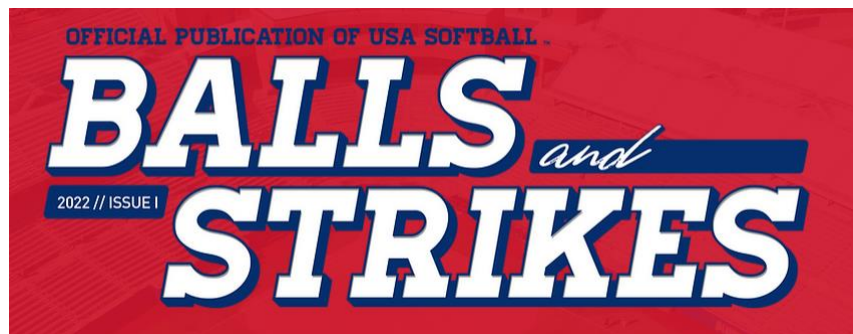
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Head over to the USA Softball web site and you'll see the first issue for 2022. It covers all these things and more.

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Ask your Association UIC to help you reach that goal!!***

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TRAINING

Nor Cal Clinic Dates:

There are no more big Association Training dates scheduled. If you need any type of training, contact your local UIC or Stan Angel. They will help you with your needs.

USA Softball will be holding its Biennial Umpiring Clinic next February 2023. We are waiting on specifics but it will be in OK City, Oklahoma. If you are interested in going let me know and I'll fill you in on the details.



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.

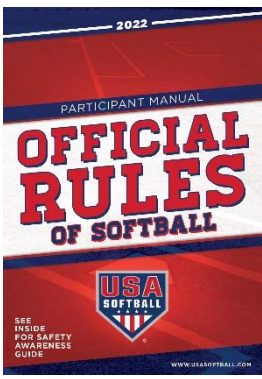
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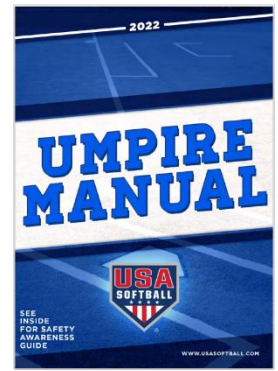
We are making good progress with our umpire registrations. We are now at 432 and shooting for 500. The Youth Umpires are zipping through the process. The Adult Umpires are slowly catching up. They just don't like change but that is something that happens all the time and it's easier and less painful to go with the flow. Remember, if you don't get Registered, you can't work any Nor Cal Sanctioned Games, Leagues, Tournaments or Championships. UIC's are verifying all of their umpires now. 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!



EQUIPMENT = EQUIPMENT = EQUIPMENT



Are you umpiring teams with the latest and greatest equipment and gear? \$200 helmets and gloves, \$500 bats? Every player has to have the best money can buy. Sounds impressive **but are they LEGAL?** One of your main responsibilities is to make sure the teams aren't taking advantage of other teams because they have more money. How do you do that, you start by making sure everyone is using legal USA Softball Equipment. Let's start with **BATS**. Which are good and which are bad?



If you don't know them all by heart, and **NOBODY** does, then it's time to hit the Rule Book, Rule 3, Section 1. If you would like color photos of the current illegal bats, head to the USA Softball web site and print out copies to keep with you.

NON-APPROVED BATS: 2004 and Beyond

[Click here for USA Softball's 1 Page Non Approved Bats with Certification Marks \(2000 and 2004\)](#)

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(current listing, no changes as of 3/22/2017)

Next are the **BALLS** being played with. That's in Rule 3, Section 3. Which one is legal? Are you umpiring League games, Tournament games or Championship play?



Last but not the least are, **GLOVES, HELMETS** and **SHOES**. That's Rule 3, Section 4, Section 5, Section 6. Things change all the time so check for changes /updates every month

Whichever one it is, or brand they use, the Official USA Softball Ball will have these logos on it. Don't see it, Don't use it.



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



STUMP THE UMP!



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

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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: If the umpire judges F6 would have been able to make a play, R2 is out. If F5 had touched (deflected) the ball and it struck R2 (Unintentionally on the part of the runner) the ball would remain live and in play despite the fact another fielder might be in position to field the ball.

JUSTIFICATION: Rule 8-7j, k, l.

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: Once R1 scored, R2 lost the opportunity to return to touch a missed base and the defense may legally appeal the missed touching of third base by R2

JUSTIFICATION: Rule 7-6f Effect

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: Legal. 0 and 00 are considered different numbers and it is legal for the players to have these numbers

JUSTIFICATION: Rule 3-6d

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: In both (a) and (b), the ball is dead immediately at the moment of interference. The umpire will award R1 and B2 the bases they would have reached in the umpire's judgment had there been no interference.

JUSTIFICATION: Rule 8-5l Effect

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PLAY: B1 hits a ground ball to the right side. F3 makes a diving play to stop the ball and then dives toward the bag. F3 has the ball in her glove but touches the base with her (a) bare hand on the dive (b) long hair trying to catch her breath after the dive but before B1 crosses the base.

RULING:

JUSTIFICATION:

PLAY: With one out, R1 on first base and B3 up to bat, R1 tries to steal second but leaves early on the pitch. B3 hits a line drive to first base, where F3 catches it and steps on first base.

RULING:

JUSTIFICATION:

PLAY: With one out and R1 on first, B3 lines a pitch up the middle. The ball ricochets off the pitcher's plate and hits R1 between first and second base. F4 is positioned behind R1 and had a chance to make a play.

RULING:

JUSTIFICATION:

PLAY: With one out and R2 on 2B, B3 hits a fly ball to right field. F9 catches the ball and throws the ball to 3B to try to retire R2, who is legally tagged at 2B and attempted to reach third. F5 catches the ball and attempts to swipe tag R2. As R2 slides into 3B and contacts F5's glove, F5 loses possession of the ball and the ball rolls out of play near the dugout. At the time the ball rolled out of play, R2 was in contact with 3B.

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.



SOFTBALL



BATTER UP = PLAY BALL!!



Nor Cal Softball is just about in full swing. Whether you do Men's Fast Pitch, Slow Pitch, Co-Ed, Seniors, Girl's J.O. or Women's Fast Pitch we have games / leagues for you. There are league games and tournaments almost every weekend. Your Local Associations can help you with those assignments. All Tournaments are posted at TournamentUSA Softball under State Associations – Northern California. 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 local area.



Tournament USA Softball

Jun 3 - 5	Nor Cal PreQualifier-Battle of the Bay	Millbrae Millbrae, CA	•8C •8Rec •10BC •12BC •14B	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	•8C •8Rec •10BC •12-Open •14B •16B	4 Game Guar...
Jun 10 - 12	PreQualifier-Bagby Classic	Bagby Elementary School San Jose, CA	•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 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...
USA SOFTBALL NATIONAL QUALIFIER				
Jul 27 - 31	14U GIRL'S CLASS 'A' WESTERN NATIONAL	Salinas Sports Complex Salinas, CA	•14A	POOL PLAY W...
USA SOFTBALL NATIONAL QUALIFIER				
Jul 27 - 31	18U GIRL'S CLASS 'A' WESTERN NATIONAL	Salinas Sports Complex Salinas, CA	•18A	POOL PLAY W...
USA SOFTBALL NATIONAL QUALIFIER				
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 27 - 28	Santa Rosa Red Barons	Santa Rosa Santa Rosa, CA	•8C •10B •12B •14B	4 Game Guar...
Sep 17 - 18	CSA September Shootout	Al Patch Park Vacaville, CA	•8-Open •10B •12B •14-Open •16/18-Open	
Oct 14 - 16	Eric Padgett & Bob Midgley Strikeout Cancer Memorial Tournament	Sonoma Sonoma, CA	•8C •10BC •12BC	4 Game Guar...

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Personal Liability
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A children's softball coach is speaking out after she was allegedly attacked by a parent at a 12 and under game.

Sport is known to rile up even the calmest of us but it is those who give up their time to volunteer or work in a sport that seem to get the brunt of this outrage, a fact Kristi Moore knows all too well.

Moore claims she was calling a 12-year-old softball game and as is expected at these events, a parent got a bit upset over a call. The situation escalated when the parent allegedly started yelling abuse and profanities from the stands at the umpire for a 12-and-under softball game.

Naturally, Moore did the logical thing and threw the unruly parent out of the game. When they refused to go, Moore told their team's coach that they'd forfeit the game if the parent didn't leave and that seemed to settle the issue. Moore later said that the parent made her a promise, "That she was going to **** me up".

The disgruntled spectator reportedly punched Moore in the face after the game, causing visible damage. The parent, 32-year-old Kiara Thomas apparently waited around for Moore after the game so that she could attack her.

 **Kristi Moore**
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Ssoooo, this is embarrassing if I'm going to be open and honest about it. But, it's real life and it's unfortunate that it has gotten to this place.

The next time you go to a tournament and you only have one umpire on the field...this is why. When you have brand new umpires on the field that may not know everything they should know yet.....this is why. When you don't feel you have the quality of umpires you should....this is why. When the day comes that your kid can't play a ballgame because there are no longer officials to call it....THIS.IS.WHY.

Before you post the next "funny" meme about umpires that suck, or are blind, or have missed calls on their phone or whatever it is, before you post about how an umpire was so awful and terrible and lost the game for you.....why don't you sign up? Get on out there and give it a go.

I got punched coming off a field last night. There is no excuse for this. If you think this is ok, please remove yourself from my friend list.

Umpires are not perfect. We never will be. But guess what? No one is.



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BE NEXT?***

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