



News for Blues

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE BY RICH KOLLEN

I would like to welcome our new umpires from San Diego. Currently we have 17 new umpires in CCSUA from that area. Working with their assignor, Bruce Helsing, we will now be able to send our umpires into the San Diego area if they desire, and San Diego umpires can come to our area. This is a positive step, improving softball umpiring in California.

Fall ball will continue for the community colleges during October. Some of these games are being used to evaluate umpires.

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ASSIGNORS MESSAGE

Please update your Arbiter. If you would "share", we could look at your locations and see if we can assign you a contest in your area, when it's possible.

Your Assignors,
Joanne, Terry, Jim, Rich, Dale

INSIDER PERSPECTIVE BY JIM SANDERSON

Why Do We Umpire Softball?

If we are honest and do some soul searching the question of the title allows us to check our attitude and motivation. The answer or answers to this question has probably changed over time. Early in umpiring we were probably motivated by the opportunity to make a little extra income to meet our growing needs of education and family. The extra dollars would allow us some of the luxuries of life like a vacation or nicer car.

Later we recognize other important aspects of umpiring that help use fulfill and complete the meaning of our lives. We look forward to the challenge of managing and communicating while we work our games. We get a sense of giving back to a game or sports in general that has taught and provided us a foundation for success in life. Most of us recognize the importance of competition and the life lessons it teaches. Life lessons are a fundamental part of our American culture and they help us understand our inner souls. These lessons allow us to enhance our teamwork as we work together for common goals.

We enjoy the quality of the people that we work with. Our time away from job and family is filled with quality characters that are working towards common goals. It may be our way of therapy as we put ourselves in a different arena of stress. We have common experiences that are fun to share as we build friendships. We are just living good lives.

Umpiring allows us to protect the core values that sports and competition teach our younger generations that will be the caretakers of our future. The games that we officiate often teach that the world is not a perfect place, all is not fair, and there is a system of politics. We need to find the positives, which far outnumber the negatives, in the culture of college softball umpiring. If we only see the bad and negatives a downward spiral of bitterness is created.

Our mad, crazy world is built on pain, revenge and entitlement. As a sports official we must be the shining light on the hill and take the high road of forgiveness rather than revenge. We need to forgive, forget, learn and move on. We will all find what we search for. Are you looking for the positives or the negatives? Do you work as part of the solution to change the negative? Do you only apply the rules that you agree with? Do you honor the game and your partners by having the right and bright attitude?

Find all the opportunities to shine. Are you the umpire that others want to have on their crew? These are the umpires in high demand, the ones that assignors are able to put on any game with confidence. These are the umpires that the coaches, players and fans like to see on their games. These are the umpires that get post-season assignments.

Please take advantage of the Fall season to get your mental attitude ready for a great season. Make it your best and then get better.

Your fan in the stands, there to celebrate good umpiring.

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TRAINING STAFF INFORMATION



Make sure you are doing the proper bat inspection and checking all bats to be used in the Fall Ball games against the current bat list. If you remove bats from a community college or a NAIA team, please submit the *CCCAA & NAIA Incident Report*. It can be found on both the Arbiter and our Locker Room. If you remove a bat from a NCAA team, please submit an incident report on the SUP Central Hub.

Check out the new articles recently posted to the Locker Room:

- *Handling Altercations and Brawls* which has been added to the Misconduct article in the Game Management Corner. A special thanks to Mark Korras, Terry Ching and John Bennett for putting together this article.
- Some more Lost Mechanics have been posted. Go to the Mechanics Corner and select the Lost Mechanics article. The recently posted one have “(NEW)” in front of them.
- At the end of the Lost Mechanics article is a brief history of college mechanics.

Fall ball games are in full swing. How is your Fall season going? Have you set some specific goals to attain? Are you working on these items to improve your game? Are you doing an honest post-game with yourself and your partners?

Vince Price would like to bring your attention to this great article on *5 Traits for Fulfilled People*.
http://www.daveramsey.com/blog/5-traits-of-fulfilled-people?et_cid=5841864&et rid=94857b66b0cc93eb7dde3917066e08fe&linkid=FeatTitle

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE SUP?



News and Announcements:

- Notes from the National Coordinator – September 2016
 - 2017 In Focus Topics
 - 2017 Mechanics Updates

2016 Clinics

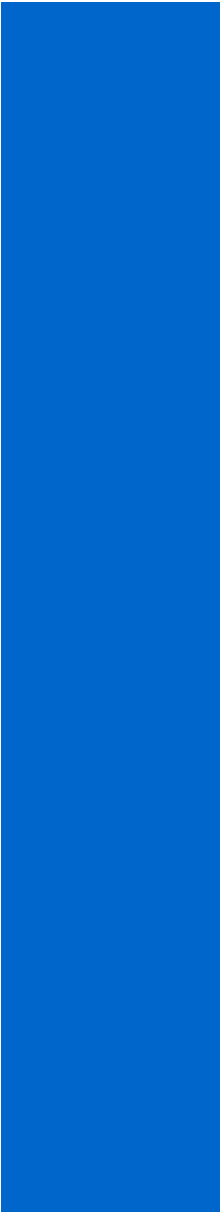
The following softball camps have been listed on the SUP site for 2016. Additional camps are likely to be added and you should review the available camps on a regular basis. The listed camps can be found in the General Umpiring Information section of the NCAA Softball Umpiring Home Plate.

Date	Location
September 30 – October 2	Terre Haute, IN
October 7 - 9	Greensboro, NC
October 8 - 9	Elgin, IL
October 14 - 16	Overland Park, KS
October 20 - 23	Conroe, TX
October 27 - 30	Conroe, TX
October 28 - 30	Houston, TX
December 15 - 18	Tallahassee, FL

We Need Your Help

This is a general request for articles to be included in future newsletters. Let us know what is on your mind. The only requirement for an article is to keep it under 200 words.

Please send photos of our umpires working for inclusion in future newsletters.



Any articles and photos should be sent to mgkorras@gmail.com

