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2016/17 REGISTRATION

Get your 2016/17 CCSUA registration form and payment into Kelie Sturgis before August 15, 2016. The registration form and instructions can be found on Arbiter under Forms.

ASSIGNORS MESSAGE

We wish all of you a great summer.

It is important that you register with CCSUA before September 1 as:

- Preliminary D2 assignments will be finishing up in August, but released later.
- Preliminary D3 assignments will begin in September, so those on the Roster will be used to start the process
- And most of all, your NASO liability insurance is effective September 1st and you need to be covered for fall.

When we consider all factors, it's important that we all have the insurance because of:

- The different sports we work;
- The possibility of a complaining parent;
- Or a coach who decides he needs to make a point on a play or after the game.

Schools are moving their start dates forward into August, so plans with family are cut back and everyone needs to re-think their school breaks for the 2016/17 season to accommodate family. These breaks may affect both your work schedule and officiating schedule.

Make it a point to find out the new school year dates so you can plan ahead and start blocking dates in Arbiter (graduation?).

Go in to Arbiter now and block out the other dates you know for sure you cannot work - family birthdays, Valentine's day, Mother's day; annual special days with family, meetings you know always seem to fall on same days each year .etc.

Look at your picture in Arbiter. Update it so the coaches see the professional “you”.

We are getting raises in Community College for the 2017 spring season, so let’s re-make our image starting with the Arbiter picture. When a coach opens a Game Report Form, he/she sees the umpire’s picture. Don’t give them a chance to think twice.

See the August Newsletter for upcoming dates.

See you in September for the start of the new college training season – the monthly quizzes will continue!! Put that on your calendar.

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

TRAINING STAFF INFORMATION



Reminder: 2017 dues are due in July. Arbiter has the Registration Form.

Champions Cup Games/Camp:

CCSUA will be holding a Camp during the ASA Champions Cup in mid-July. If you know of an ASA umpire who may be ready to work college softball, tell that umpire to contact Chris Drumm (rookie94@cox.net).

CCSUA “STAY” Program:

CCSUA is introducing a new program to assist our umpires to stay sharp and prepare for the next college season – the "STAY" program. Think of the program this way - to remain a college umpire you must STAY - Softball Train All Year. It consists of the following elements:

- Read a few pages of the rule book at least once a week
- Read a few pages of the CCA Manual at least once a week
- Go to the Locker Room and watch a video or read an article at least once a week.
- Read the monthly Newsletter **every month**
 - Send the answer to the rule or mechanics question to John Bennett
 - Email only!! NO TEXTS.

- Take the monthly test **every month**
- Work games during the postseason at a level which will challenge you.

There already is help on the **Locker Room** to get you started on the above bullets. Check out the *Training Information* link on the *Resources* tab. You will see two informative articles: *Tips for Studying the Rule Book* and *Tips for Studying the CCA Manual*.

June News & Notes article has been expanded:

If you watched any of the D1 postseason games on TV, you saw quite a few unusual plays. We touched on this briefly on the Locker Room *New & Notes* section in June. Now this article has been expanded with more details. Go back and read the *Notes from the Training Staff – June 2016 (Updated)* article.

John Bennett
CCSUA Chairperson of Education and Training

WHAT'S NEW AT THE SUP?



News and Announcements:

- Notes from the National Coordinator - July 2016

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
July 7 - 10	Elgin, IL
July 8 - 10	Shamong, NJ
July 12 - 14	Starkville, MS
July 13 - 17	Austin, TX
July 15 - 17	Meridan, CT
July 20 - 24	Austin, TX

July 23 - 24		Watertown, NY
September 16 - 17		Martin, TN
September 23 - 25		Phoenix, AZ
October 14 - 16		Overland Park, KS
October 20 - 23		Conroe, TX
October 27 - 30		Conroe, TX

In conjunction with So Cal ASA, an Observation Clinic in Southern California for prospective new college umpires will be held in Irvine during the week of July 14 through 17.

The Observation Clinic in Northern California is scheduled for September 23 - 25, 2016, titled Bay Area Showcase, in San Jose. This Clinic is available to all current and prospective college umpires. The Clinic focuses on two-umpire mechanics. Contact Oscar Segura (segurao@yahoo.com) with your availability, lodging and game fees provided.

For those interested in the Phoenix, AZ camp (The Next Level), the camp information can be found at the following link: <http://www.lpl.arizona.edu/~umpire/camp/camp2016.html>

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 mgkblue@aol.com

