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**Welcome to the 2009 Softball Season!** We are looking forward to another great year of softball and are very excited about the many opportunities that this season offers for Iowa ASA Umpires. For those serious about umpiring or those just wanting to get a start in the avocation of softball umpiring, the ASA umpire training is noted as one of the best officiating programs in any sports organization today. Whether plate mechanics, base positioning, signals, working with players and coaches, or just tips in umpiring, the ASA Manual is the most complete training guide available.

Each year we attempt to offer additional training for all umpires that work either high school, collegiate, ASA Championship level and recreational level softball play. Iowa, will again be hosting two state umpire clinics. The State Umpire Clinics will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Nevada SCORE Pavilion and Mt. Mercy College in Cedar Rapids on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The Umpire School Instructors will be members of the Iowa ASA State UIC Staff, bringing back the latest information from the Bi-Annual National UIC Clinic. The State Umpire Clinics, no matter what your experience, are excellent ways to improve your umpiring mechanics and skills, whether you umpire ASA, College Fast Pitch, High School Fast Pitch or the game of Slow Pitch Softball. Please also feel free to visit us on the web at:

<http://www.softball.org/iowa/UmpireHomePage.htm>

This link will take you to the Iowa ASA Umpire Web Page where you can find many registration forms, new rules, equipment lists and much more. Registration Forms, School Flyer, Maps and more are included on this web page. Please feel free to forward this to other umpires in your area. You will be able to complete your National Umpire School registration online in just a few minutes using our website.

For the 7th year ASA also has the **“Officials All-Sport Insurance”** which gives the official coverage for every high school and college sport. Officials are also covered for loss of officiating game fees of up to \$200 per week. In addition the Sports Officials Insurance Plan covers up to a maximum of \$3 million in liability coverage and \$100,000 Excess Accident Benefit with a \$10,000 accidental death policy. The additional coverage can be added for just \$22 on the Iowa ASA Registration Form.

Yes, it pays to be an ASA Umpire! From expert training and being rewarded for individual umpire achievements to offering affordable umpire merchandise, ASA gives each umpire the ability to achieve his/her goal - To Be The Best He/She Can Be! We would like to welcome you to the 2009 season as we work together to bring the players, coaches and spectators the best-officiated game possible in all levels of play!