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**Welcome to the 2022 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 USA Softball Umpires. The first thing you may notice is all registration is now online and includes your Background Check, Umpire Insurance, being able to take the umpire exam online and much more!

**Enclosed, please find your:**

- 1) 2022 USA Softball Rule Book**
- 2) Registration/Background Check/SafeSport Certification/Insurance Card**

**You can now take the Umpire exam online by entering the Test Code 1329 on your Registration Umpire Home Page on registerasa.com**

**Insurance for USA Softball umpires is by far the best for any sport or organization** and includes a \$5,000,000 liability policy and accidental injury arising out of the amateur softball activities of the umpire are covered. These include USA Softball sanctioned games, practices, clinics and tournaments. The medical expense benefit is \$100,000, with a **\$500 deductible**, accidental death is \$2,000 and accidental dismemberment is \$4,000. There is a \$25,000 sub limit while traveling directly to and from an event. (including clinics and schools), and games, leagues, and tournaments involving USA Softball registered teams **and when working Scholastic, (Middle school, High School, NFHS) and Collegiate (NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA, etc...) softball events.**

For those serious about umpiring or those just wanting to get a start in the avocation of softball umpiring, the USA Softball 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 USA Softball Manual is the most complete training guide available. **Please note that the Umpire Manual is only available online so that you can access it from your smart phone or print it out yourself in larger print.** The Umpire Manual can be found at: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/umpires/umpire-manual> The USA Softball Rule Book App is also a great resource for your mobile device and is available for purchase online at: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/media/mobile-apps>

**Those umpires 18 years of age and older who umpire Youth Softball (JO – Junior Olympic) are required to take the SafeSport Certification Training Program.** The SafeSport Core Training contains 3 modules: Sexual Misconduct Awareness, Mandatory Reporting, and Emotional & Physical Misconduct. We take protecting our members both on and off the field seriously and are dedicated to building and maintaining a supportive and nurturing environment in which our participants may flourish and grow. We are the leaders in the sport of softball and as such our commitment to athlete safety is unmatched. There is no additional fee to certify.

USA Umpire Merchandise is also for sale to out-fit umpires to help give them that professional look and great first impression. You can find all your umpire equipment and apparel needs, as well as many more umpire resources and information on our umpire home page at: <http://www.asasoftball.com/iowa/UmpireHomePage.htm>

For the 19th year USA Softball also has offered 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 All-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 purchased for just \$25 on the USA Softball of Iowa All-Sports Insurance Form.

Yes, it pays to be an USA Softball Umpire! From expert training and quality insurance and benefits to offering affordable umpire merchandise, USA Softball gives each umpire the ability to achieve his/her goal - To Be The Best He or She Can Be! We would like to welcome you to the 2022 season as we work together to bring the players, coaches and spectators the best-officiated softball game possible each and every game!