

**2023 MRPA/MN-USSSA
Umpire Registration Application & Code of Conduct**



UMPIRE INFORMATION (all fields required / please type or print legibly):
UMPIRE REGISTRATION (required to be sanctioned and insured with National USSSA):

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| Applicant (first & last) | | | |
| Mailing Address: | | | |
| City, State, Zip: | | | |
| County: | | | |
| Date of Birth | | Gender: | |
| Home Phone: | | Cell: | |
| Work Phone: | | Email*: | |

UMPIRE CLINICS: *** - Email is required**

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| Main city in which you umpire (list one only): | |
| Years registered USSSA MN | |
| I plan to attend the umpire clinic on (month/day/year): | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Umpire <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Umpire | # Of Years <input type="text"/> |

UMPIRE CONCUSSION TRAINING/CERTIFICATION (separate form - REQUIRED):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am Minnesota Concussion Certified | Copy Required <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am NOT Minnesota Concussion Certified | |
| <i>I recognize that I need to be certified in Minnesota Concussion training in order to officiate USSSA</i> | |

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| MRPA Office Use |
| Date Received |
| |
| Amount Paid |
| \$ |
| Form of Payment |
| Cash -check-credit card |
| Online -mail |
| Print receipt and bring to clinic please |
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| Entered into ISTS by |
| |
| Date: |
| Missing Items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration Form |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Code of Conduct |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MN Concussion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receipt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Payment |
| XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX |
| Mail Application To: |
| MRPA/MN-USSSA |
| 200 Charles Street NE |
| Fridley MN 55432 |
| softball@mnrpa.org |
| XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX |

| MRPA/MN-USSSA REGISTRATION | UMPIRE FEES | AMOUNT REMITTED |
|---|----------------|-----------------|
| Pre-registration (received before the clinic you're attending) | \$85.00 | \$ |
| Registration at the clinic (cash or check only) | \$90.00 | \$ |
| Registration after the last scheduled MRPA/MN-USSSA umpire clinic | \$90.00 | \$ |

Weekend TOURNAMENT AVAILABILITY: Yes _____ No _____

UMPIRE CODE OF CONDUCT (back of this application - REQUIRED):

A check or money order made payable to MRPA must accompany this application OR pay online at www.mnrpa.org. If payment is made online, the registration application and code of conduct must still be submitted.

UMPIRE WAIVER:

I here within make application to register as a United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) umpire with the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) and agree to abide by the established rules and regulations which govern registered officials.

I further understand that all umpires whose services are utilized by the Association shall be deemed as INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS and shall not be considered employees of the Association. I, as a CONTRACTOR, shall keep records and file all appropriate Federal and State taxes according to any current laws.

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| Applicant's Name (Signature) | Applicant's Name (Print) | Date |

2023 MRPA/MN-USSSA UMPIRE CODE OF CONDUCT

I therefore agree:

- 1) Umpires shall be free of obligation to any interest other than the impartial and fair judging of USSSA softball competitions.
- 2) Umpires shall hold and maintain the basic tenets of officiating which include history, integrity, neutrality, respect, sensitivity, professionalism, discretion and tactfulness.
- 3) Umpires shall master rules of the game nationally and locally and mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.
- 4) Umpires shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interactions with athletes, coaches, administrators, and the public.
- 5) Umpires shall display and execute superior communication skills, both verbal and non-verbal.
- 6) Umpires shall recognize that anything that may lead to a conflict of interest, either real or apparent must be avoided. Gifts, favors, special treatment, privileges, employment or a personal relationship with a team that can compromise the perceived impartiality of officiating must be avoided.
- 7) Umpires shall prepare themselves both physically and mentally; shall dress neatly and appropriately to, during and from a contest; and shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.
- 8) Umpires shall work with fellow officials and the Association in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during debate of points or rules at issue. Observe other umpires, and strive to improve your performance at all times. You as an umpire have an obligation to treat other umpires and staff with professional dignity and courtesy and recognize that it is inappropriate to criticize them publicly.
- 9) Umpires shall not smoke or use any form of tobacco on or in the vicinity of the playing area, nor drink any alcoholic beverages or use any drugs while in uniform before, during or after any game(s) you are assigned to work on the day of the contest.
- 10) Umpires shall not; when observing a game, publicly criticize or demean other officials as they officiate a softball contest. Cooperate and be professional in your association with fellow umpires. Do nothing to cause them public embarrassment.
- 11) Umpires shall be punctual and professional in the fulfillment of all contractual obligations.
- 12) Umpires shall resist every temptation and outside pressure to use one's position as an official to benefit oneself.
- 13) Umpires shall never participate in any form of social media, which should be broadly understood for purposes of this policy to include blogs, wikis, microblogs, message boards, chat rooms, electronic newsletters, online forums, social networking sites, and other sites and services that permit users to share information with others in a contemporaneous manner. It is highly recommended that umpires keep USSSA, MRPA, league directors and their communities' related social media accounts separate from personal accounts, if practical. As an umpire you need to consider social media as a public forum at all times. Please be mindful of what you put out there. Act accordingly. Do not use this forum to discuss specifics about your assignments, other officials, tournament directors, umpires-in-chief, coaches, players or any related personnel.
- 14) Umpires shall not try to "out talk" or argue with players and managers. Explain your call, if questioned reasonably, then play ball.
- 15) Umpires shall not let players, managers and spectators become abusive to anyone. Conduct yourself in such a way that spectators' attention is directed to the game and players.
- 16) Umpires shall not go on the field with a chip on his/her shoulder.
- 17) Umpires shall never touch any player or manager. Keep your cool and don't add to a bad situation – keep your temper under control.
- 18) Umpires shall not make false or misleading statements regarding their qualifications, rating, credentials, experience, training or competence.
- 19) Don't listen to everything said on the playing field. React only to those things important to the game itself. Remember be FIRM – not overbearing, be POSITIVE – not rude and be DIGNIFIED – not cocky.
- 20) Umpires shall accept responsibility for all actions taken. Study why bad situations arise and work to correct them.

Keep emotions in check or emotions will rule you.

Any violation of the above Code of Conduct may result in a temporary or permanent banishment from any MRPA/USSSA-sponsored events. I have read and understand that I may be reprimanded/suspended for a violation of the Umpire Code of Conduct.

To be submitted with Umpire Registration Application

Umpire's First and Last Name - Print

Umpire's First and Last Name - Signature

Date