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UMPIRE NEWS

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It's Hot Hot
Hot!!



Men's Class A&B Slow Pitch National Championships

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

SEPT. 02 - 05, 2022



This month we have our Elite Slow Pitch Umpire Spencer Schulz heading to Oklahoma to work this prestigious Championship. We wish him well and know that he will do a great job.



TRAINING

USA Softball Biennial Umpiring Clinic

Just got word that registrations are now open online. The dates are next February 2nd-5th, 2023 at the Sheraton Hotel in OK City, Oklahoma. You can sign up on your own but if you're going let me know and I'll fill you in on all the details.

COMMISSIONER UPDATE



Nor Cal Commissioner interviews were held the last week of August. Three applicants were interviewed by the Executive Board. The names and results were reviewed and discussed by the Acting Commissioner, the past Commissioner and the Region 10 President. The results will be submitted to Oklahoma City for final approval. We should have a new Commissioner by the 15th of this month.



QUESTIONS OF THE MONTH

WHY DO UMPIRES WORK 8 HOURS A DAY FAITHFULLY AT A JOB THAT PAYS LESS THAN \$50 AN HOUR, BUT FEEL THAT TO WORK A SOFTBALL GAME FOR \$50 AN HOUR IS NOT ENOUGH?

DO YOU THINK \$60 PER UMPIRE PER GAME IS A GOOD FEE FOR FAST PITCH SOFTBALL GAMES?

Let me know your thoughts.



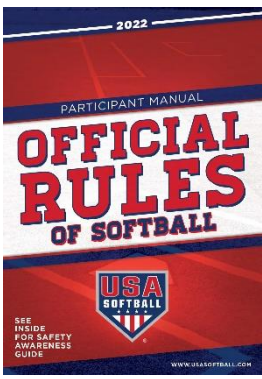
Safe Sport is alive and well and it's not going anywhere. Like it or not, everyone is beginning to finally accept this Federally Mandated Program. Remember, if you need help, just ask. My Staff and I will help you get it done.



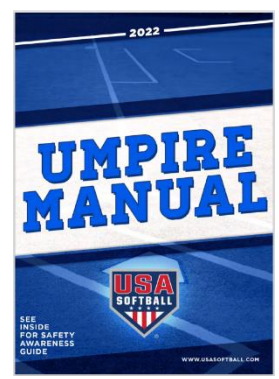
PLAY: With R1 on first, B2 singles to right. R1 attempts to go to third and F9 throws the ball wildly to third. The ball ends up rolling towards the dugout and hits a bucket the pitching coach was sitting on and the ball is prevented from entering the dugout.

RULING: The ball is blocked once it hits the bucket and is ruled dead. The runners are awarded two bases from their location at the time of the release of the throw by F9. R1 who had already advanced beyond second, would be awarded home. B2 would be awarded second unless she had already reached first before the release which she would be awarded third base.

JUSTIFICATION: Rule 1 Blocked Ball, Rule 8-5G, Eff 1 & 2



KNOW THE RULES!



UNDER PRESSURE?

HOW DO YOU REACT?

PRESSURE

- An oppressive condition of physical, mental, social, or economic distress
- An urgent claim or demand or series of urgent claims or demands
- A burdensome condition that is hard to bear
- The stress or urgency of matters demanding attention
- To force (someone) toward a particular end

INFLUENCE YOU

HANDLING PRESSURE

- **PREPARE**
 - Know Your Rules
 - These are the laws of the game
 - You cannot maintain control if you don't know the rules
 - Know Your Mechanics
 - Understand what the Mechanics Manual teaches and why
 - Be where you need to be to see what you need to see
- **PLAN**
 - Know the teams / coaches / fans / facilities
 - Know your partners
 - Pre-Game With Partners
 - Make it real
 - Ask specific questions
 - Get specific answers

- **FOCUS**
 - **On Every Pitch**
 - Work pitch-by-pitch
 - Any pitch can light the fuse to chaos
 - It deserves 100% of your attention
 - **On Every Play**
 - No distractions, no dwelling on the past
 - No play is routine
 - Any play can be the start of Armageddon
 - Know your areas of responsibility
- **ACT**
 - Follow the play
 - Apply the proper rules
 - Sell the call
 - If you see something out of your area or your partners miss something (Call in your area, see in all areas)
 - Make the call?
 - Let your partners know?

ADDING FUEL TO THE FIRE

- **INACTION!!**
 - Perception Is:
 - You weren't paying attention
 - You were out of position
 - You don't know the rules
 - You were intimidated by the other coaches
 - You are out of your skill level

IMMUNITY TO PRESSURE

- **WHO IS IMMUNE?**
 - No one
 - Rookie / World Series Veteran
- **HOW WE HANDLE IT**
 - Sends a clear message
 - Sets the foundation for all future situations
 - Can make or break your career

DEFINES WHO WE ARE



All plays are for USA Softball. What is the correct result of the play and what is your Rule Reference / Justification?

AUGUST 2022

PLAY: B1 hits a triple and arrives safely at third base. After the ball is returned to the pitching circle and time is called, F1 stands on the pitcher's plate and makes a dead-ball appeal that B1 missed second base. The offensive coach claims F1 committed an illegal pitch and the appeal should be nullified.

RULING: Incorrect. The ball is dead and any coach or infielder may make an appeal. Because the ball is dead, the pitcher is not guilty of committing an illegal pitch.

JUSTIFICATION: Rule 8-7g Eff. 3, R/S 1c-1

PLAY: R2 is on second base and R1 is on first with no outs when B3 hits a declared Infield Fly. The ball deflects off F5's glove in fair territory and then rolls into foul territory and into the third-base dugout.

RULING: B3 is out on the infield fly. R2 is awarded home and R1 is awarded third base as both are awarded two bases as they would be in any other situation where a fair batted ball deflects off a player and goes out of play. Play resumes with one out.

JUSTIFICATION: Rule 1 Infield Fly, Rule 8-5i-2 Eff.

PLAY: With R2 on second and no outs, F1 delivers a pitch to B2. B2 fakes a bunt attempt and intentionally misses the ball as R2 tries to steal third. B2 takes a step back, still remaining in the batter's box, and is hit by F2's attempted throw to third base. The plate umpire rules no interference as the batter remained in the batter's box.

RULING: Incorrect. The batter's box is not a sanctuary when it comes to interference. Since the batter actively interfered with the catcher's throw, interference on the batter is ruled. Immediate dead ball, batter is ruled out for the interference, the runner is returned to second base.

JUSTIFICATION: Rule 7-6t Eff.

SEPTEMBER 2022

PLAY: B1 hits a ground ball in between first and second. F3 fields the ball and tosses it to F1 trying to cover the base. B1 slides headfirst into the first base bag and beats F1 to the bag. B1 overslides the bag and loses contact with first base and is tagged by F1.

RULING:

JUSTIFICATION:

PLAY: During the pregame meeting at the plate, the lineups are reviewed and both coaches state their lineups are official. The plate umpire asks if there are any changes and the home coach says the DP is going to pitch. On that coach's lineup card, the Flex is listed in the 10 spot as the pitcher.

RULING:

JUSTIFICATION:

PLAY: With R2 on second and one out, B3 hits a ball off the fence in left field for a stand up double. R2 scores on the play. The defensive coach asks for time and tells the plate umpire B3 is listed as No. 8 on the lineup card but is wearing No. 83.

RULING:

JUSTIFICATION:

PLAY: B1 singles to left field and collides with F3 while rounding first base. The base umpire calls dead ball and advances B1 to second.

RULING:

JUSTIFICATION:



SOFTBALL



12TH ANNUAL AMIGOS FASTPITCH TOURNAMENT IS COMING BACK TO THE NOR CAL HAYWARD AREA!!



NOR CAL 

12TH
AMIGOS FASTPITCH TOURNAMENT

San Francisco Bay Area
November 5th & 6th, 2022

ENTRY FEE: 600 DLLS

(Made payable to Nor Cal USA Softball)
P.o Box 2829 FairOaks, CA 95628

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The Amigos Tournament is back with a vengeance. This is the top-level Men's Fast Pitch in the Western United States. We will have teams/players from other states and the USA Men's Olympic or the Futures Team will be playing. If you can work this level of ball, get in touch with me ASAP as I am beginning to make room reservations now. If you can't work it, come spend the weekend with us for the best Men's Fast Pitch in the nation.

TournamentUSA Softball

As Of 1 September 2022

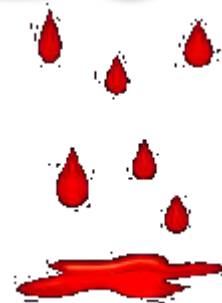
Tournament Administration

7 Tournaments

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Sep 24 - 25 (2022)	Bash 4 Cash	Salinas Sports Complex	•16/18-Open •8Rec •10BC •12BC •14B •16B	\$795	url Edit Duplicate
Oct 8 - 9 (2022)	Jesela's World Memorial	Ocala Sports Complex	•8C •10B •12B •14-Open •16/18-Open	\$550	url Edit Duplicate
Oct 8 - 9 (2022)	CSA October Shootout	Al Patch Park	•8C •10B •12B •14-Open •16/18-Open	\$615	url Edit Duplicate
Oct 14 - 16 (2022)	Eric Padgett & Bob Midgley Strikeout Cancer Memorial Tournament	Sonoma	•8C •10BC •12BC •14B	\$550	url Edit Duplicate
Oct 28 - 30 (2022)	Halloween Spooktacular Tournament	Petaluma	•8C •10BC •12B •10-Open •12-Open •14-Open •16/18-Open	\$625	url Edit Duplicate
Nov 5 - 6 (2022)	Harvest Hoe Down	Salinas Sports Complex	•8C •10B •12B •14-Open •16/18-Open	\$695	url Edit Duplicate

BLUE BLOODS



BONDS FORGED IN BATTLE CAN NEVER BE BROKEN