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Implementation of Team Umpire

Coach / Team Administrator,

Starting March 31, 2023, the USA Softball of Utah Association would like to implement a program that every Tournament Team has 1 "Team Umpire". The intent of this Team Umpire program is to provide the team with tournament playing opportunities that will only be limited by the number of fields available and not by how many Registered Umpires are available for that tournament.

The Team Umpire consists of at least 1 individual per Team, that is a designated and trained **bases only** Umpire. This individual will be provided a thorough but brief training, the details will be communicated individually to the Team Umpire. The Team Umpire will be assigned a minimal number of games by the Tournament UIC, approximately the same number of games that the Team plays in each Tournament entered. The games assigned to the Team Umpire will hopefully not be during any game time that their represented Team plays. The Team Umpire will only officiate in Tournaments that their represented Team is playing in. The Team Umpire will not be required to purchase any umpire equipment or uniform to perform their assignments. The Team Umpire will be paid just like any other Registered Umpire but only 35% of the total game fee for both umpires working together. In 2022 the total fee combined for both umpires was \$70 for each game. As an example, this would mean the Team Umpire would have received \$24.50 per game umpired and the Registered Umpire would receive \$45.50 per game umpired. The total game fee has been increased significantly for the 2023 calendar year.

The Team Umpire will be registered with the Team just like any other Team Coach, only they will use the "Other" type designation instead of the "Coach" designation. The Team Administration will provide the name of the Team Umpire to myself for the proper coordination throughout the season. The only if necessary stipulation with this program, is that teams that have a Team Umpire available will be considered for entry into a tournament before those teams that don't have a Team Umpire available.

Hopefully, with the implementation of the Team Umpire program, we can get back to providing the girls the same or more opportunity of playing in USA Softball of Utah sanctioned tournaments as pre-Covid.

Yours in Softball,

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