



ACTION BULLETIN

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To: Member Associations
Independent Teams

CC: Board of Director
District Coordinators and UICs
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Staff

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Executive Director

Subject: Certified Umpire required for all games (including exhibition)

A reminder to club/association leaders to inform their coaches that a **certified umpire is required for all games (including exhibition) above U11C**. Members not adhering to this standard may be subject to sanctions from Softball BC.

Volunteer Umpire for U11C and under only

If a certified umpire is unavailable, the game may proceed with a volunteer umpire, provided they wear full protective gear, including shin guards, a chest protector, and an umpire mask with a throat protector (or a catcher's mask). An infielder face mask or a helmet with a cage does not meet the required safety standards. The volunteer umpire must position themselves behind the plate to call pitches and cannot call balls and strikes from anywhere else on the field. The volunteer umpire must be 16 years of age or older. If no volunteer is available, the game must be cancelled.