

ARTICLE 19 – UMPIRES

19.1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 19.1.1. Only umpires currently registered and in good standing with Softball BC, may vote on their respective District Umpire-in-Chief position.
- 19.1.2. The designated Umpire-in-Chief of all Minor 'A' Provincial Championships shall not umpire in the Tournament.
- 19.1.3. The designated BC Board representative shall not umpire in the Provincial tournament.
- 19.1.4. The designated Tournament Umpire-in-Chief of all Men's and Women's, Fastpitch and Slo Pitch Provincial Championships, shall not umpire in the Tournament, except under unusual circumstances.
- 19.1.5. Umpire procedures and duties shall conform to Rule 10 of the Softball Canada Rulebook.
- 19.1.6. In all Softball BC Championships, Western Canadian Championships (hosted in BC), international tournaments or international tours hosted in BC, requiring Softball BC and / or Softball Canada sanction, the Softball BC Provincial Umpire-in-Chief or his appointed representative, shall select and oversee the assignment of all game officials. International tournaments or international tours shall be defined as "A tournament or tour which has teams from outside North America or national teams from North American countries." All World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) sanctioned events held in BC will be administered by the Softball Canada National Director of Umpires (NDU). The Softball Canada NDU may appoint the Softball BC UIC or his designate to UIC these events.
- 19.1.7. Softball BC shall recognize only one Amateur Umpire Association in BC, that to be the Association that is presently affiliated with BCA.S.A.
- 19.1.8. No District Umpire-in-Chief and/or designate shall receive remuneration for allocating District or BC Championship umpires.
- 19.1.9. All District Umpires-in-Chief must make the Provincial Championship(s) in their District their first priority over invitational tournaments.

- 19.2. **UMPIRE REGISTRATION AND CLINIC FEES** A recognized Softball BC umpire's clinic is mandatory for any BC umpire registering with Softball Canada
- 19.2.1. Level 1 (Cost \$110.00) – This clinic is designed for the umpire who has never taken a certification clinic. The clinic will give you the basic positioning for the one and two umpires system as well as some basic rule information. You will receive the Level I Certification Manual and the current Softball Canada Rule Book. This clinic will allow you to officiate local minor and Men's and Women's recreational softball.
- 19.2.2. Level 1R (Cost \$95.00) – This is the new designation for the Minor Refresher and will be presented in conjunction with the Level 1 clinic. The clinic is a review of all the materials presented at the Level 1 clinic with emphasis on drills. You will receive the current Softball Canada Rule Book.
- 19.2.3. Level 2 (Cost: \$125.00) – This clinic is the next step in the certification program and builds on the skills learned at the Level 1 clinic, with further rules discussion and on-field drills. You will receive the Level 2 Certification Manual and the current Softball Canada Rule Book. This clinic will allow you to officiate local and provincial/territorial minor level and/or local Men's and Women's softball and consideration for selection as a secondary selection to a U15 or U17 Canadian Championship.
- 19.2.4. Level 2R (Cost: \$110.00) – This is the new designation for the Minor Refresher and will be presented in conjunction with the Level 2 clinic. The clinic is a review of all the materials presented at the Level 2 clinic with emphasis on drills. You will receive the current Softball Canada Rule Book.
- 19.2.5. Level 3 (Cost: \$155.00) – For this clinic you need the recommendation of your DUIC or PODC and is by invitation only. The clinic builds on the previous clinics and introduces the umpire to the three and four umpire systems. It also discusses philosophy of officiating and handling of coaches in more detail. You will receive the Level 3 Certification Manual and the current Softball Canada Rule Book. This clinic allows you to Officiate provincial/territorial minor and Men's and Women's softball and qualifies you to officiate U19, U23, Women FP, and Masters.
- 19.2.6. Level 3R (Cost: \$125.00) -- This is the Senior Refresher for all fully certified Level 3 and 3T umpires who do not conduct or assist at a clinic.
- 19.2.7. Level 4 (Cost \$110.00) -- Only offered by Softball Canada and requires the permission of the Provincial Umpire-in-Chief. The registration fee is for all fully certified Level 4 and 4T umpires.

- 19.2.8. Level 4R (Cost: \$140.00)-- The Senior Refresher for all fully certified Level 4 and 4T umpires who do not conduct or assist at a clinic.
- 19.2.9. Level 5 -- Cost \$120.00
- 19.2.10. Level 5R (Cost: \$150.00) -- The Senior Refresher for all fully certified Level 5 umpires who do not conduct or assist at a clinic.
- 19.2.11. Emeritus (Cost: \$30.00) -- For the umpire who has retired from on field-work and is working in an administrative role such instructing clinics or evaluating.
- Lifetime Membership Fee (One time only) \$10.00
- All umpire clinic and membership registration applications are now processed online only.**
- Softball BC registration includes mandatory insurance coverage and mandatory Softball Canada registration.
- 19.2.12. Three dollars from the sale of each Softball BC Umpire registration fee will be donated to the Gordon McDonald/Margo and Doreen Thoms Bursary Funds.
- 19.2.13. Softball BC umpire registration must be completed online by May 31st of the current year.
- 19.2.14. Umpire membership/registration shall be granted by the District U.I.C. and approved by the Provincial U.I.C.
- 19.2.15. The Provincial U.I.C. may refuse a Softball BC umpire registration for reasons deemed to be characteristic of a member not in good standing. This refusal must be ratified by the full Board of Directors of Softball BC
- 19.2.16. The term of membership shall begin upon affiliation and payment of set fees, and exist until the next affiliation date of January 1st.
- 19.2.17. Softball BC umpires registration / membership shall be granted after January 1st for the current season.
- 19.2.18. Softball BC umpires are required each year to complete the Softball Canada National Umpires Exam on-line for the certification level they hold as of January 1st of that year.
- 19.2.19. Each District Umpire-in-Chief will be responsible to schedule all appropriate clinics to be held in their district, notify the office of the dates to be publicized on the Softball BC website and schedule instructors for each clinic.

19.3. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

- 19.3.1. Softball BC registered umpires must comply with the required Softball BC approved dress code for umpires when umpiring in the province. There will be no exceptions. Umpires assigned to Western and Canadian Championships must comply with the C.A.S.A. dress code. Umpires traveling out of province will be required to follow the C.A.S.A. dress code. Failure to comply with the above dress code requirements may result in disciplinary action.
- 19.3.2. A registered umpire will be expected to comply with all the required protective safety equipment as spelled out in the C.A.S.A. Umpires Certification Manuals.

19.4. EXPENSES - UMPIRES

All umpires expenditures must be submitted in writing, complete with receipts, directly to the Softball BC office. All expenditures will be subject to the approval of the Provincial Umpire-in-Chief. If the expense claim is approved, the expenditure will be submitted for payment.

19.5. UMPIRE TRAVEL PERMITS

- 19.5.1. All umpires who are invited (or wish) to umpire out-of-district must have permission from their home District UIC (or designate)
- 19.5.2. All umpires who are requested to officiate out-of-province must have permission from the Provincial UIC; actions contrary to this may lead to immediate suspension.

19.6. EVALUATIONS AND INTER-PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL TRANSFERS

- 19.6.1. The Softball BC Evaluation Form shall be the only form used for BC Umpires.
- 19.6.2. An incoming umpire shall hold his former C.A.S.A. graded level in BC, until such a time he/she is graded by the Provincial U.I.C. or his appointed representative.

19.7. EJECTION OF COACH FOR BEHAVIOUR OF TEAM

- 19.7.1. The head coach, or in their absence another coach, shall be responsible for the conduct of their team's attendees. If, after a warning regarding the behaviour of a team's attendees from an umpire, the Softball BC Representative, or a Tournament UIC, the umpire may choose to eject the coach from the game and the game will be forfeited.
- 19.7.2. The responsibilities of a coach relative to the team's attendees is in effect prior to the game, during the game, and post-game.