

2026 NSA / BAASC Umpire Registration

The relationship between a registered / Sanctioned Umpire and the NSA/BAASC is that of an "Independent Contractor". A Sanctioned Umpire understands & acknowledges that the NSA/BAASC is not his/her employer and therefore is not responsible for withholding Federal, State or local Taxes and the Umpire/Contractor is not entitled to Workers Compensation coverage. In consideration for receiving & accepting the opportunities presented by the NSA/BAASC, the undersigned agrees to be bound by the rules & bylaws of the NSA/BAASC, including but not limited to conduct on or off the field, Social media, job performance, and all other disciplinary procedures levied by the NSA/BAASC.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING RELEASE/WAIVER AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES & BYLAWS OF THE NSA/BAASC.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

NSA Umpire Sanction Fee - \$45

All Umpires are required to register at www.PLAYNSA.com



PLEASE PRINT

Umpire name _____ Yrs Exp _____

address _____ City _____ State _____

D.O.B. _____ Current age _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____

Email: _____ @ _____

Shirt Size _____



Broken Arrow Adult Softball Club

Umpire Code of Ethics

1. Study and understand the rules of the game, observe the work of other umpires and make an attempt to improve at all times.
2. Know and master the mechanics of umpiring
3. Be prepared both physically and mentally to administer the game of softball in a professional manner at all times.
4. Dress and maintain your appearance in a manner befitting the dignity of Broken Arrow adult Softball.
5. Honor all contracts and assignments regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss.
6. Enforce the rules of the game being fair and unbiased in all your decisions. Render the rules without regard to the score or to a particular incident that may have risen during the game.
7. Remember that while your work as an umpire, that you conduct yourself in a manner that keeps the game, players, and yourself under control.
8. Exhibit proper and ethical behavior while interacting with players, coaches and spectators.
9. Be firm but never overbearing, courteous but not ungrateful, positive but never rude, dignified but never cocky, friendly but not companionable, and be calm by always staying alert.
10. Give your complete cooperation and loyalty to the Broken Arrow Adult Softball Club
11. Cooperate and be professional in your association with your fellow umpires, doing nothing to cause them public embarrassment.
12. Make sure you are in good position with good angles making sure that all the plays that occur are covered properly by you and your partner.
13. Do not smoke, use foul language, or use a cell phone while on the field.
14. Use your knowledge and judgment to become the most consistent umpire that you can be.
15. Always meet your partner on the first base line between innings to communicate rules, mechanics, game situations and mental support. Always leave the field together.

2026 National Softball Association

OFFICIAL B.A. ADULT SOFTBALL UMPIRE UNIFORM

When you look Professional, you will cultivate a sense of refined professional authority over the Game. Be neat in your appearance. Shirts tucked in, Umpire hats worn correctly, wear a belt with pants or shorts, and wear black shoes. The first appearance makes a big impression to everyone at the park. Being tactful, courteous, and knowing the rules of the Game encourages Respect and a cooperative attitude from the Coaches & Players.

- 1) **Official League Umpire Shirt - \$35 (Black or White NSA Shirts)**
- 2) **Official League Umpire hat is All Black NSA or Challenger Logo - \$25**
- 3) **Official Umpire Pullover Jacket – Black/Gray - \$40**
- 4) Black trousers or Black shorts. (Professional looking)
 - a. **Trousers do NOT include jeans, sweatpants, jogging pants or leggings.**
 - b. **Shorts do NOT include Jeans, Cargo shorts, basketball or jogging shorts.**
- 5) Black Belt only
- 6) Black Socks. Crew socks or ankle length socks
- 7) Black Tennis, Turf or Umpire Shoes. Shoes bearing a white logo with trademark/ manufacturers name is allowed.
 - a. **Note: Shoes do NOT include Boots, Sandals, Loafers, Hey Dudes or Heels.**

Please turn in your registration during the Umpire Clinic.

Read & study the Code of Ethics, Rules & Techniques of the game for both League and tournament play. Read and Understand the Guidelines on Social Media. Please take the test and turn in today or mail back to:

BA Adult Softball

PO Box 141405

Broken Arrow, OK 74014

All Umpires will go to PLAYNSA.com and Register for your Sanction number.

We will then add you to the HORIZON WEBREF APP where you will accept or decline Game assignments throughout the year.

Umpire Leadership Team Contacts:

NSA State UIC - Bill Osburn - (918) 671.4978

League UIC - Mike Goins - (918) 697.8545

Deputy UIC – Kyle Long – (918) 520-8230

Deputy UIC – Josh Smith – (918) 640-8530

League office – (918) 636-9575 (also the weather line)



Moisture management / anti-microbial technology

100% Polyester
\$40



NSAapparel.com

NSA FLEX FIT MESH COMBO HAT
SM / MED or L / XL
\$25



NSA SUBLIMATED WHITE DRI FIT
UMPIRE SHIRT

\$35



Ultrawick treated for comfort /
Collared
\$45

NSA SUBLIMATED BLACK DRI FIT
UMPIRE SHIRT
\$35

Umpire Techniques

Judgement: Your use of sound judgment in applying the rules to the given situation may even be more important than knowing the rules. Get clear in your mind as the game's enforcer of the rules that it is up to you to handle all the game situations by your interpretation of the rules and ensuring that those interpretations will provide fair competition for the teams involved. Through your experience, exercising self control, and using sound judgment will enable you to manage any situation that occurs enabling you to keep the game moving and on schedule.

Technique: Lack of technique is the difference between the best of amateurs and any professional. The polished umpire is never caught out of position. Umpiring calls for complete attention and energy for the entire game. Hustle in essence is the application of the principles of good umpiring. Technique consists of being in the right place at the right time, making calls effectively, staying out of the way of the players, along with strict attention to detail. You can increase your reputation as a highly respected umpire if you can master where you need to be and hustling to get there. Remember that you cannot make a good call until the play has been completed. Remember, Great umpires come to the ballpark to work and give the teams their best! Great umpires don't watch the game, they CALL the game!

Knowledge of the Rules: A working knowledge of the playing rules is expected of every official. Umpires must devote time to reading and study of the rule book. The more games you work, the more competent you become in interpreting the rules and the given situations.

Pre-Game Umpire Preparation: As you meet with your partner in the pre-game preparation make sure you at least discuss the following: 1) Any Special League or Tournament rules. 2) Go over any special ground rules. 3) Discuss foul/ fair ball coverage and dead ball area coverage. 4) Base coverage; out-safe; tag-up responsibility; leaving base too soon; how appeals will be handled. 5) legal/ illegal bats. 6) Pitching rules. 7) Communication. 8) Discuss signals. 9) Appeal plays.

Pre-Game Managers Meeting: Know your Ballpark. Arrive 30 minutes before the game. Make sure the field is properly marked with bases & pitching distances legal and in proper distance. Both umpires should walk the field and set ground rules together. Discuss coverage and proper tag up calls with your partner. Both umpires need to agree on the signals to be used to assist in making calls. Don't get caught up in just signaling your partner. If a partner does not acknowledge a signal, then VERBALIZE IT! It's far better to attract the attention of your partner by vocalization than to let a play potentially go uncovered. **Remember it is also better to admit to your partner before the game starts that you do not know or are unsure about something or not sure how to rule on a situation during play.**

Then 5 minutes before game time meet with the coaches introducing yourself and your partner. **Making sure you know and remember the first name of the coaches. Calling a coach by his first name puts you on a more personal human level. It can and will help reduce heated confrontations on close calls in a close game.** Next cover ground rules, batting order, official scorebook, starting time and time limits. Make sure to be friendly and answer questions in a professional manner. Make sure the meeting is short & handled professionally. Wish everyone present good luck and let's **PLAY BALL.**

Responsibilities during a Game: Be neat in your appearance on the Ball field. Shirts tucked in, Umpire hats worn correctly, wear a belt with pants or shorts, and wear black shoes. The first appearance makes a big impression to everyone at the park. Don't go out on the field with a chip on your shoulder because you can get more out of a player by being human and civil. A thorough knowledge of the pitching rules is essential. Umpires are to judge plays and to preserve undeviating neutrality toward all the players. Umpires must decide all plays fairly and impartially. **AVOID mingling with the players. Your sole duty is to umpire a ball game and represent Broken Arrow Adult Softball Club at Indian Springs & Challenger Sports Complex.** Keep in mind that your conduct and actions are for settling controversies and NOT starting them. Give rule interpretations quickly and courteously, but refrain from general conversation and discussion of plays and players. You are there to judge plays, NOT players. You are there to advertise and represent yourself, your profession, our softball program and most of all the game of softball.

The Plate Umpire: Will be involved in nearly every play in the game, dictating that you stay alert and hustle on every pitch. Your primary calls will include balls & strikes, illegal pitches, and appeals. Try and develop a rhythm and consistency to the game to keep it moving and exciting.

Don't take any guff from the catcher or the pitcher. Do not call balls & strikes to quickly. Follow the ball at all times. Be sure that 3rd base is covered in a run-down situation and be certain to cover 3rd base when your partner is properly covering 1st & 2nd base.

The Field Umpire: Watch all tag plays. Keep the players hustling at all times. Back up your partner on all rulings of fair or foul balls. Call WITH him on the infield fly. The plate umpire will make the majority of the decisions. Your primary responsibility is 1st & 2nd base. Be close enough on a double play, yet stay out of the players way. Be on your toes at all times, know where the ball is and work your angles on the bases. The proper angle will have the ball, the bag and the runner in view. Watch the tag on a slide, make sure the base is in view. In force outs, let the ball turn you toward the play. Remember, everything starts with the ball.

**Broken Arrow Adult Softball Club
Challenger & Indian Springs Sports Complex
Umpire Social Media Guidelines**

Social media has become a huge part of our world and is a platform for everyone to voice their opinion, in a positive way, a negative way and a way to find out information in real time. Social media is changing the way we communicate on a daily basis. It certainly has taken the place of sharing information face to face. We should all communicate thru social media with the same values, ethics, and respect as we would if we were talking face to face with friends, co-workers, neighbors and even the people in our community that we may not know.

Broken Arrow Adult Softball Umpires & Directors, as members of any National Governing Body of Softball, should exercise care in setting appropriate boundaries between their personal and very public online behavior, understanding that what is private in the digital world often has the possibility of becoming public, even without their knowledge or consent. Broken Arrow Adult Softball expects all members acting as independent contractors to review the privacy settings on any social media sites they use and exercise caution and good judgment when posting content and information on these social media sites.

BASIC PRINCIPLES

- Integrity is an invaluable quality and must be treated as such: Please avoid writing or posting anything that would embarrass you, this program, the Game and your ability to do your job.
- Assume that your professional life and your personal life will merge online regardless of your care in separating them.
- Assume that everything you write, exchange or receive on a social media site is public.
- Be aware of perceptions when joining groups on one side of a debate.

THE DO'S OF SOCIAL MEDIA

- Think twice before you post. If there is anything in your post that could be construed as a criticism of officials, or officials' decisions, or of leagues, tournaments, teams, directors, coaches or athletes.... it's better left unsent.
- Be very sparing in the sharing of your personal information, including photos, surroundings and settings accordingly. Report fake profiles or posts to the appropriate authorities.

- Do remember to keep things positive if you post information on these sites. If you come home from a game wherein everything went smoothly, it is okay to post about it. You could say "I had a great softball game tonight. Both teams had a great time and showed great sportsmanship!"
- Do use social media as a means for sharing information with members of your local association. This can be a great mechanism for information dissemination and can also be a page for recognition of group members and to give potential members a first look at becoming a softball Umpire.
- Do use social media as a recruitment tool.

THE DON'TS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

- Do not post any disparaging comments about players, coaches, teams, leagues, tournaments, fans or fellow Umpires online. (The administration, Board members, and staff of Broken Arrow Adult Softball is very approachable and available to hear any of your concerns within this program)
- Do not advertise where you are umpiring at any time.
- Avoid posting specifics about your schedule.
- Do not post specifics about your games, whether good or bad.
- Do not start posting online after you have had a rough game. (Talk it out with your partner/ UIC on duty or the park manager after the games are over.)
- Do not post regarding calls made by Umpires in other games, whatever the level. You and other Umpires might debate face to face the call you may have seen, but debating the call on Facebook or twitter is a no-no.
- Do not post any inappropriate pictures, statements or emails of yourself on any social media site.



DIRECTOR or UMPIRE MEDICAL SHEET



NOTE: This sheet is intended for use during current NSA-BPA Tournament Season. DATE: _____
 ALL information is and will remain confidential. We wish to avoid situations that could delay medical treatment if possible,
 In the past, we have had no history or emergency contact info. If you decide to utilize this sheet, you should destroy it after this current season, and
 you will need to fill one out every year. Please update if any of your information changes! We would like to be prepared to assist you in an emergency.

**IF YOU WISH NSA/BPA to have this available to us at tournament sites, please bring a copy in a *SEALED* envelope with
 YOUR NAME & "UMPIRE MEDICAL SHEET" on the front to EACH Tournament you are working.
 Please make sure to inform the UIC or TD and even other umpires if you have this form with you in your umpire bag. Thank you.**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE
		Date of Birth
Address (_____)	City (_____)	State (_____)
Home Phone Number	Work Phone Number	

Please state ANY Medications currently taking - Provide in an attached list if necessary:

Please state ANY Known Allergies:

If you are allergic to Bees/Wasps - Do you carry an EPI Pen with you in your bag? _____

Please state ANY other medical History or issues EMS Teams should be aware of in case of an emergency:

PHYSICIAN NAME: _____

Family Physician's Phone number: (_____) _____

CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: PLEASE PRINT - Please supply more than one person if possible.

Contact Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone (_____) _____ Alternate Phone (_____) _____

Contact Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone (_____) _____ Alternate Phone (_____) _____

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Phone (_____) _____ Alternate Phone (_____) _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION:

Subscriber Name: _____ Insurance Company: _____

Policy/Group/Certification Numbers: _____

Subscriber's SS# (ONLY If applies to insurance numbers) _____