



Springfield-Greene County Park Board
1923 North Weller
Springfield, MO 65803

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Dear Softball Umpire:

Thank you for playing such an important part in making the Springfield-Greene County Park Board Softball Program a success in 2009. The 2010 season is quickly approaching, and with your participation we plan to make this year even better than last year!

We will be scheduling for both the youth and adult slow pitch and fast pitch softball leagues. We need your help in recruiting new umpires for softball.

Missouri ASA umpire registration for 2010 is \$43.00.

We have enclosed an employee questionnaire to be completed and mailed (1923 N. Weller Springfield, MO 65803), or faxed (837-5829) back to me as soon as possible. Please call me at 837-5817 ext. 12, and let me know if you are coming back to work, so I can determine how many new umpires we will need for this upcoming season.

New rules for 2010:

TIME LIMITS & RUN RULES:

The ball must be delivered with a perceptible arc and reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground while not exceeding a height of 10 feet from the ground.

The pitching distance for Junior Olympic Girls Fast Pitch 18U A/B and 16U A/B classifications will be 43 feet.

OFFICIAL BALL:

TWO BALL REQUIRED FOR COED: Women use an 11-inch white cover or optic yellow cover **RED** stitched softball with a COR of .44, with a ball compression of 375.0 lbs or under, and an ASA Emblem on it and men will use the 12-inch ball.

I look forward to seeing you back again this year.

Sincerely,

Mark Nelson

Mark Nelson
Community Recreation Supervisor
ASA District Commissioner

Employee Questions

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Day Phone: _____ Night Phone: _____

SS #: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ # of Years Umpiring: _____

SEASON DATES: Adult softball: April 5 - July 24, 2010
Youth softball: June 1 – August 6, 2010

Which location would you prefer working?

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What days of the week can you work?

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Which do you prefer to work?

Adult Fast Pitch Adult Slow Pitch Both
 Youth Girls Fast Youth Girls Slow Both

Can you begin the season April 5?

Yes No, I can begin: _____

Do you have any conflict dates (vacation, etc.)? No Yes _____

Tournaments for 2010. Check the tournaments you would like to work?

- Adult Slow Pitch Tune-Up Tournament (March 27) USSSA 16U & 18U GFP Tournament (April 10-11)
- Youth Softball Tune-Up (May 15) USSSA 12U & 14U GFP Tournament (May 22-23)
- Southwest Seniors Slow Pitch Tournament (April 24-25)
- Annual Coca-Cola Heart of the Ozarks GFP 12U "A" USA/ASA National Qualifier (June 5-6)
- Annual Summer Classic GFP 18U "A" ASA National & Hall of Fame Qualifier (June 12-13)
- MO ASA GFP 12U "A" & 14U "B" State Championships (June 26-27)
- Men's, Seniors and Coed Open Tournament (July 17) MO ASA MSP "B", "C" & "E" State Championship (August 7-8)

Don't forget the Fall Leagues for 2010:

Would you be interested in working the fall leagues beginning August 16? Yes No

HOW TO BECOME A 2010 SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY PARK BOARD SOFTBALL UMPIRE

1. Pay Umpire Registration Fee of \$43.00. Make checks payable to the Missouri A.S.A.
2. Complete the A.S.A. registration form. Pick up the A.S.A. rulebook and take home exam. Complete and return the exam. Must make 80% or better on the exam.
3. Attend the required umpire clinics and/or tune-up tournament.
4. Complete and return the umpire contract, Park Board Agreement, W-9 form and background check.
5. **Must have or purchase the following equipment.** (Minimum league requirement for slow-pitch)
 - a. A.S.A Umpire Cap and Navy Blue or Gray Shorts, Pants, or sweatpants
 - b. Light Blue or navy blue **(not button up style)** collared umpire shirt with A.S.A Emblem
ASA T-shirts are not allowed, must be a pullover-collared shirt.
 - c. Ball bag, navy or gray
 - d. Ball, Strike, Out Indicator, Plate Brush, Flipping Coin
 - e. White Socks and Black shoes or cleats
 - f. **Small kitchen timer for your game if needed when scoreboard is down**

2010 UMPIRE CLINIC SCHEDULE

All clinics will be held at the Roger G. Killian Softball Complex, 2141 E. Pythian.

Monday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Required for all umpires. A look at the A.S.A. rules changes for 2010, what is new with ASA umpiring, your required equipment, and your required registration forms for ASA and the Park Board employment forms. Information about the 2010 softball tournaments in Springfield.

Monday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Required for all umpires. Your A.S.A. registration should be completed prior to this meeting. Also: local rules and exceptions for slow pitch softball. This night will include an on-the-field mechanics clinic, video and discussions.

Sunday, May 2 at 12:30 p.m.

Required for all youth softball umpires. A look at the A.S.A. rules changes for 2010, what is new with ASA umpiring, your required equipment, Also: local rules and exceptions for youth softball. This day will include an on-the-field mechanics clinic, and a mechanics video.

UMPIRE PAY PLAN

This pay plan assumes each umpire: A.S.A. registration; proper uniform; professional attitude; assistance with younger umpires and true desire to improve. A season or year of experience is generally based on at least 20 nights worked or 75 or more games total.

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| LEVEL 1 | \$13.00 Slow Pitch/ \$20.00 Girl's and Women's Fast Pitch
New umpires with no previous experience. A.S.A. registration required with an 80% grade or better on the A.S.A. test. Attendance at all required clinics. |
| LEVEL 2 | \$14.00 Slow Pitch/ \$21.00 Girl's and Women's Fast Pitch
Beginning second year with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board softball leagues. |
| LEVEL 3 | \$15.00 Slow Pitch/ \$22.00 Girl's and Women's Fast Pitch
Beginning third year with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board softball leagues. |