

# St. Louis ASA Umpire's – April Newsletter

St. Louis ASA Umpires,

## April is here and so is ASA Softball!!!

**The “Pre-season” part of the year is over!** Umpires should have already submitted their open book exams and passed with an 80% or higher! If you have not submitted your exam, or have not passed with at least an 80%, then you are currently in **“Poor Standing”** with the association, and you will not receive game assignments until you either submit the exam and/or pass with at least an 80%!!!

**One of the very best things you can do during the season is get into the “Manual” portion of the rule book! Talk to other umpires and discuss situations! You will become a much better umpire if you are familiar and practice the items discussed from pages 220 – 275 of the 2012 ASA Rule Book! “Rookies” and “Veterans” alike can benefit from reviewing the topics on these pages!**

**HERE IS LARRY'S “TIP OF THE MONTH!” – THE GAME: FOR UMPIRES!**

**WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? THINGS THE UMPIRE SHOULD DO FOR EACH GAME!**

- **MENTALLY PREPARE – IF YOU HAVE A PARTNER – PREGAME!**
- **KNOW THE FIELD – GROUND RULES – ENTERING/EXITING**
- **PREGAME WITH COACHES – LEAGUE RULES?**
- **END OF GAME PROCEDURES – DO YOU NEED SIGNATURES? RECORDING SCORES? UMPIRE PAPERWORK? INCIDENT REPORTS?**
- **REFLECTION – POST GAME – SELF –OR– PARTNER**

**Umpire Availability: Be sure to contact the scheduler of the leagues you want to umpire this season!**

St. Louis City **Slow Pitch** Leagues: **Roger Berry** – W) 314-289-5378

St. Louis County **Slow Pitch** Leagues:

- **Complete Availability Form – Forms Page On Website & Send To Scheduler**
- **Above Hwy 40/I – 64:** **Chesterfield & Ferguson**
  - **Tom Schomaker** – C) 314-504- 9516 or E) [StLASAD5UIC@gmail.com](mailto:StLASAD5UIC@gmail.com)
- **Below Hwy 40/I – 64:** **Kirkwood & Sunset Hills**
  - **Homer Griffith** – C) 636-399-5057 or E) [StLASAD7UIC@gmail.com](mailto:StLASAD7UIC@gmail.com)

M.A.A. **Fast Pitch** League: Homer Griffith – C) 636-399-5057 or E) [StLASAD7UIC@gmail.com](mailto:StLASAD7UIC@gmail.com)

If you want to umpire Fast Pitch Leagues in Illinois, please contact – Greg Pohl for details!

ASA **Slow Pitch Tournaments**: Contact “Scheduler” listed on Tournament Schedule Form

- Reminders will be sent out 2-4 weeks before tournament begins so you can give your availability!

ASA **Fast Pitch Tournaments**: Contact “Scheduler” listed on Tournament Schedule Form

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**Uniforms**: ASA Uniforms (caps, shirts – S/S and L/S, jackets, ball bags, & brush / indicators) are still available for purchase! If you need something, please email Greg Pohl at: [StLASAUIC@gmail.com](mailto:StLASAUIC@gmail.com) and we can get it to you!

*In addition, we have plain umpire shirts in powder and navy for you to purchase. We can also order you Plain Navy Hats!!! They may be worn in other leagues, or for high school & college. Prices are very reasonable (cheaper than local sporting goods stores - even their “inexpensive” brands)!*

If we do not have something in stock for you, we can order it for you! Take a look at uniform options available to you at: [www.officialgear.com](http://www.officialgear.com). We can save you money on your purchase, and every purchase you make from St. Louis ASA helps put money into our association!

Here is how that works:

- < \$10 Item – purchase from us at cost
- \$10 - \$19 Item – purchase from us at cost, plus \$1.00 Shipping
- \$20 - \$49 Item – purchase from us at cost, plus \$2.00 Shipping
- ≥\$50 Item – purchase from us at cost, plus \$3.00 Shipping

ASA has a red leisure wear shirt that may be worn off the field to honor our Veterans! It is a great way to show your support for our troops, and many businesses promote wearing red on Friday's. **In addition, if you would like to wear this shirt for the Veteran's Slow Pitch Tournament (Only) this summer – that will be allowed!**

Uniform items can be picked up at either my home, or the ASA office, once you have been notified they are in, or other arrangements must be made to get them within two weeks of their arrival. **You must pay for them when you receive them, and Checks Are Preferred! (Make Payable To: St. Louis ASA Umpire Association)**

Finally,

A few people have paid for the optional insurance provided by ASA called the “Sports Officials Insurance Plan for ASA Umpires.” This insurance is in addition to that which is already provided through ASA Registration. The benefits of the plan are:

- Accident and Liability coverage for ASA umpires officiating other sports.
- Game Fee Reimbursement – Up to \$200 per week for lost officiating or umpiring game fees
  - Up to \$2500 maximum reimbursement
  - 7-day waiting period
  - Covers any sport you officiate\*
  - \* **Does not cover non-ASA softball, except High School, Junior College, & College.**

In order for coverage to take place, St. Louis must have at least **3 more umpires** enrolled in the program. If you officiate other sports, or you umpire high school, and/or local colleges, then the insurance is a great deal! If you plan to umpire other association's leagues or tournaments, then the coverage will not cover you for those games. For more details on the coverage's provided, check out our website for details on the Forms Page. If you are planning to get this additional coverage, I must have your payment by the end of April.

*Greg*

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