

SAZSUA MENTOR-MENTEE PROGRAM

Our role is to build NOT ONLY the local So. AZ SB program, but also Umpiring at all levels & organizations. Let's spend this season making sure our Mentors and Mentees are working together and communicating with each other.

- Who should have a Mentor: **EVERYONE!!!**
 - A new umpire
 - A second-year umpire
 - A Level 2 on edge of growing into a Level 1/Certified
 - But really, ALL level 2's and 3's!

Let US know you if want a mentor!

- If you have chosen a mentor, let us know who that is...
- If you want a mentor, and have not chosen one, let us know and we will share with you some ideas & options, in order to help YOU find/choose your mentor. Keep in mind, SOONER is better than later!
- The Mentor should be the person you turn to so that you get **consistent** guidance, feedback and responses to any and all question you (SHOULD) have. It's OK and expected that you have questions about BOTH Rules and Mechanics!
- The Mentor-Mentee combo should try to work several games during the regular season, as well as ideally even do some club softball together, if that is an option. Most if not ALL Club Softball has a foundation in High School (NFHS/USA SB) Rules. If possible, at least one in the beginning of the season, and then another later in the season before the move up meeting in April to demonstrate progress...
- HOW TO SCHEDULE WORKING TOGETHER:
 - I gave my Mentee a list of schools that a level 3 could possibly be assigned to umpire a varsity game.
 - I asked my Mentee to go through the AIA online schedules and pick 10-15 games (the more, the better odds of both schedules aligning) they could work.
 - I then matched those 15 games with the 4 dates that I could work (2 in March and 2 in April) and sent it all in an email to Dave Whatton.
 - That same day, my Mentee and I were given pending assignments on our AIA Dashboard for those games.
 - EASY!!!!!! It's a little work for the mentee, but it really can be that easy.

We are here to help you enjoy the season and become better umpires!

Your SAZSUA Mentor Subcommittee: Mr Bill - Len Gerken - Aaron Cooper (2,3,5 Rep)