2023 USA Softball of CT Umpire Leaders Meeting

Sat. Feb. 18, 2023

Middletown Elks #771

44 Maynard St. Middletown, CT 06457

1. Call to order

Hank Koritkoski called to order the regular meeting of the CT Umpire Leaders at 10:01 on Sat. Feb. 18, 2023 at Middletown Elks #771.

1. Roll call

Attendance sheet will be sent out separately.

1. Welcome: Hank Koritkoski.
2. Intro Brad Sanchez as Interim UIC and update of USA Softball of CT profile
3. Welcome and introductions: Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was held in memory of: John Moffitt, Kelly Hubbard, Frank Begen, Carl Swan, Dick Raymond. Hank K is going in for surgery, so keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
4. Official rulebook is digital
	1. Hit Umpire Tab -Rules – Manual – Exam
5. Official Gear as of April 1st – Uniforms and apparel will be restocked.
6. New business
	1. New Rules: [C:\Users\mdsan\Downloads\Rule Changes w Comments 1123.pdf](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cmdsan%5CDownloads%5CRule%20Changes%20w%20Comments%201123.pdf)
	2. How to register umpires: Register umpires to Stan Capp using Excel sheet to (ctusaumpire@gmail.com) or mail to 45 Morningside Terrace, Wallingford, Ct. 06492. $45 per umpire to register. Background checks and Safe Sport: For FP umpires only. IT help line 405-425-3492 (itregsupport@usasoftball.com).
	3. Team Registration: Register teams to Dave Reno using USA registration form. $40 per team (dtreno33@aol.com) or mail to 85 High Drive, Bethany, CT 06524
	4. Independent Leagues: Make sure the leagues are registered USA and all umpires are registered USA. Any questions: Contact Stan Capp for umpires and Dave Reno for teams for verification. Should anything happen, you are not insured if leagues are not USA sanctioned.
	5. Finances: Jessica Caro obtained a sponsorship from Dick’s Sporting Goods for $4000.
	6. Umpires needed: Nelson Dones is looking for umpires for the modified League in Bridgeport for Saturdays and Sunday. Please contact him if interested: 203-382-4130 or email: (rcotsl@gmail.com)
	7. National Federation is addressing sportsmanship. Proposing fans or families not to attend games. Plan on having site managers or directors and managers to be responsible for managing unsportsmanlike conduct from fans or parents. Umpires are not to engage with fans or family. More information coming on “Know Your Role”
	8. Insurance: Does not cover travel to and from games. You are covered when on the field. We do provide teams, players, umpires and field owners coverage. Teams can also purchase accident insurance. Liability is covered with your $40 registration.
	9. Umpire Shortage: Dave Reno is running new candidate clinic for SP umpires to cover rules, mechanics, and signals at the Sports Plex starting on February 21, 2023 on Tuesdays, for three weeks. It is free from 6:30 -9:00 pm.
	10. Clinic: A state clinic will be held for fast pitch and slow pitch umpires on Sunday March 19th at the Meriden Boys/Girls Club – 15 Lincoln Street, Meriden, CT. 06451. From 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Cost is $10 to cover expenses and lunch will be provided. Clinic will cover lecture sessions and on field instruction in a gym. Bring a chair and dress in your umpire uniform. FP umpires should bring a mask for live pitching. Contact Hank Korikowski if planning to attend or for additional information. 860-803-3012 – email: (hank.donnak@comcast.net)
	11. Uniform: Hank Koritkoski is your state contact for official gear. Default uniform for the state of CT is Powder blue shirt and heather grey pants with black shoes, with the understanding that you are matching your partner when doing games.
	12. Umpire Goals: When returning to association, ask umpires what their goals are for their future in umpiring. Help them achieve their goals so that they can be the best that they can be.
	13. Technology: In today’s world we see Phones video taping our games, be cognizant of your surroundings, be careful what you say and do, we don’t want you to end up on a YouTube video. On another hand we can use technology when helping new umpires officiate a game, by using a Bluetooth device to talk to them while they do their game.
	14. Special Olympics: Robert Signor is contact for Special Olympics in the state. This years’ Olympics will be held at Pratt Whitney Fields in East Hartford on September 9 and 10, 2023, and umpires are needed. His contact information is: 203-804-0998. There will also be “divisioning” play the same weekend as our Adult State Tournaments.
	15. Tournaments: Go to usasoftballne.com to look for tournaments in the state. FP umpires are paid $70 per game and SP umpires are paid $40 per game. Contact Dave Reno for SP tournaments and Jessica Caro/ Cliff LaRose for FP tournaments if interested. The National Tournament in our region will be held Labor Day weekend September 2-4 for the class “C”, “D”, “E” in Salem/Roanoke Va. Contact Hank Koritkoski, Cliff or Brad Sanchez if interested.
7. Adjournment

Hank Koritkoski adjourned the meeting at 11:35am.

Minutes submitted by: Brad Sanchez

Minutes approved by: Hank Koritkoski