# USA Softball of Connecticut

# Umpires Leaders Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2021

1. Call to order

Hank Koritkoski called to order the USA Softball of Connecticut Umpire’s meeting at 10:03am on February 20, 2021 via ZOOM.

1. Roll call

The following people were present: Patricia Patusky, Henry Koritkoski, Cliff LaRose, Steve Kolitz, Frank Begen, Don Mohr, Anthony Roberto, Tom Allen, Jessica Caro, Jeffrey VanKirk, Walt Faulkner, Pete Miller, Joe Languell, Rick W., Tom Riley, Tom Oliver, Lance Kriss, Jim Santimasso, Tom White, Kevin Gaffney, John J, Kathy T, Stan Capp, Bradley Sanchez.

Excused Absent: Dave Reno, Bill Uluski, Rob Signor

1. Covid 19 Update: (Cliff LaRose)

No new updates on the protocols of Covid 19 from the National. On a side note NCAA protocols have umpires wearing masks all the time.

1. JO Fastpitch: (Cliff LaRose)
   1. To register you must be Safe Sport and Background checked which you can access at registerusasoftball.com website.
   2. No new rule books for 2021. You must use your 2020 book.
   3. Hank has Umpire cards. If you need any, he will mail to you.
   4. JO and Adult tournaments are posted on USAsoftballNE.com use this website to see dates and locations.
   5. District leaders to recommend umpires for tournaments, fast pitch should contact Cliff LaRose, and slow-pitch should contact Dave Reno.
   6. Contact Hank Koritkoski or Cliff LaRose for scorebooks.
   7. Umpire Registration fee is increased from $40 to $43 for 2021; will be $44 in 2022; and $45 in 2023.
2. Registration (Stan Capp):
3. Send registration and payment with Association information on the check. Do NOT make out checks to Stan Capp or ASA. The check should be made out to USA Softball of CT. Venmo Account info: venmo@usasoftballCT. Mail to: Stan Capp 18 Danny’s Way Wallingford, CT 06492
4. Can add umpires all year long with no penalty. Registration is only good for that calendar year.
5. Do NOT contact Stan Capp looking to umpire.
6. 2018: 446 umpires registered; 2019: 413 umpires; 2020 286 umpires registered.
7. Stan’s NEW EMAIL: [ctusaumpire@gmail.com](mailto:ctusaumpire@gmail.com)
8. Deputy UIC Report: (Steve Kolitz)
   * 1. JO tournaments that Jessica Caro is going to organize, will be using a new software like Arbiter to assign umpire for tournaments.
     2. Slow-pitch leagues run their leagues during the week, and tournaments on weekends and this causes issues with a shortage of umpires, because fast pitch plays its leagues and tournaments on weekends.
9. Commissioner’s Report: (Hank Koritkoski)
10. To assign umpires for tournaments, the website that will be used is usasoftballne.com at no cost to us. More info to come.
11. Hank is a dealer for USA softball gear. Spend over $100 or combine orders and shipping is free. Send your orders to Hank to save money. Send your order through email: [hank.donnak@comcast.net](mailto:hank.donnak@comcast.net) once he receives your order, he will get it to you.
12. New item is powder blue, long sleeved shirt, navy short sleeved jacket, 4 stitch hats for Fast pitch – flex and fitted are available. There are four colored shirts available: powder blue, navy, white, and pink.
13. Default uniform is powder blue shirt with grey pants-not pleated.
14. State website is: usasoftballct.com, tournament website is: usasoftballne.com, National website is: usasoftball.com please check out the latest using these websites.
15. JO Commissioner’s Report: (Jessica Caro)

No new news to report on.

1. Deputy UIC Report: (Brad Sanchez)
2. Topic Discussed was How to prepare for a National.
3. Tournament Director’s Report: (Cliff LaRose)

Cliff spoke because Dave Reno was excused from this meeting.

1. Cliff and Hank worked the wood bat states – slow pitch last year and enjoyed themselves immensely.
2. Dave Reno coordinates all the states slow pitch tournaments. Have umpires contact him if interested in doing any tournament at [dtreno33@aol.com](mailto:dtreno33@aol.com) or 203-305-3902
3. At this time, we are not hosting a National in CT this year.
4. The following National tournaments that we can send qualified umpires to are: JO 10, JO 12, JO 14, JO 16, and JO 18; slow pitch is the D and E tournaments. How many umpires needed is unknown at this time.
5. Cliff is looking to design a Connecticut flip coins for you to use or exchange at a national.. Contact Cliff if interested in purchasing the flip coins.

XIV: Adjournment

Hank Koritkoski at 11:05; Pat Patusky seconded.

Minutes submitted by: Bradley Sanchez (Secretary)