

What is the Calgary Minor Softball Umpires Association?

Our mandate is to provide qualified umpires for the Calgary Minor Fastpitch Softball community. We also provide umpires for tournaments throughout Alberta, Western Canada and nationally. Our umpires currently cover the Bantam and Midget level games under the auspices of the Calgary Minor Softball Association (CMSA).

We regularly send umpires to the Alberta Summer Games, Alberta Provincial Championships, Western Canadian Championships and Canadian National Championships. Our umpires are respected throughout the country as some of the most qualified and best trained umpires. We have achieved this respect because we believe in training, training and more training. We send new umpires to their early season games with an experienced and qualified umpire who acts as their mentor and trainer. Our new officials say they enjoy the benefit of the mentoring program which assists them in becoming more confident and qualified on the diamond.

What Do We Stand For?

Above all, we stand for fair play. It is our goal that every player has an opportunity to perform to the best of their ability within the limits of the rules. By knowing the rules, applying the rules correctly and using the proper umpire mechanics, we give every participant an equal opportunity to play the game of softball.

We stand for trained officials. Our umpires are trained to be the best they can be and to give their full attention and energy to every game.

Free Loaner Equipment to New Umpires!

New umpires will be provided with quality umpiring equipment from our loaner pool at no cost to them on a first come first served basis. This includes a face mask, chest protector, shin guards, ball bag, indicator and brush. We will also pay your first year fees to become a member of the Alberta Softball Umpires Association.

These benefits are valued at over \$400 to the new umpire. All we ask in return is that you umpire a reasonable number of games for us, give your best to the game and have fun doing it! We will also pay you \$31 for each game you umpire – even those where you have a trainer by your side. You can get into the Softball Officiating game at no cost to yourself. All we need is your time and attention.

CMSUA Mentoring Program

CMSUA has established an umpire mentoring program. This program is intended to assist the newer umpire with the initial learning of umpiring softball, the rules and the mechanics. It is available to all umpires whether their intent is community softball, local tournaments or Provincial and National events.

The purpose of our mentoring program is to provide a one-on-one relationship between the newer official and the more experienced umpire who can help answer questions and be a source of advice and direction. New officials become exposed to, and get to know, veteran officials. The knowledge of the experienced umpire gets handed down to the next generation of officials. We will teach you to adjust your officiating to be appropriate for the level of play so that the coaches, players and other officials get the most benefit and enjoyment out of the game.

When anyone first begins the process of becoming an umpire, they can be overwhelmed with what needs to be done, how to do it, why to do it, and who to consult for the answers to any questions associated with the process. As they learn just enough to become dangerous to themselves, they are not forgotten and thrown to the wolves; they have a friend – a mentor.

For additional information regarding the CMSUA Mentoring Program, please contact umpirerequest@calgaryminorsoftball.

You Make the Call

Safe?



Out!

Not from
the
stands ...



... But on
the
diamond

Whether you want to
umpire in Calgary ...



... In Alberta ...



... Or across Canada ...



... CMSUA can provide you with the training and support to achieve your goals

Join the Blue Team



Calgary Minor Softball Umpires Association

2014 Umpire Clinic

Open to all Umpire Levels and to CMSA Coaches, Players and Parents

Saturday April 5 and Sunday April 6

Schedule: Saturday 8:30am – 9:00am Registration
9:00am – 4:00pm Technical
Sunday 9:00am – 2:00pm Mechanics

Location: Nexen Building 801 – 7 Avenue S.W. (free underground parking)

Fees*: Adult Umpires \$40.00
Coaches and Parents \$25.00
Minor Aged Umpires Free

*Includes lunch and clinic materials



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