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NSA CANADA UMPIRES GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

The following are the national guidelines and regulations for the governance of NSA Canada sanctioned umpires and their associations:

1. No umpire that works for an association in which he or she is not a member shall have to pay fees to that association. This includes, but is not limited to, any umpires assigned by NSA Canada's head office and all umpires that are loaned from one association to another for the purpose of covering tournaments. This does not include any fees that are levied for crew chief duties or any assigning fees that are associated with the event in question.
2. If NSA umpires are required to attend an event in a location where no local umpire association exists, then NSA Canada's head office is solely responsible for the selection and assignment of umpires for that tournament. NSA Canada's head office reserves the right to assign any and all sanctioned umpires at their discretion.
3. All bat banning shall be solely at the discretion of NSA Canada's head office. All approved bats shall be listed on NSA Canada's web site (www.nsacanada.ca) and this shall be the sole official list for approved bats within Canada. It is the responsibility of all umpire associations to check this list on a regular basis and inform its members of all changes on this list.
4. NSA Canada's head office reserves the sole right to sanction any and all umpires within Canada and also reserves the right to revoke any umpire's sanctioning at any time.
5. Discipline of umpires for minor infractions is the purview of the local association to which the umpire in question belongs. Major infractions fall solely under the jurisdiction of NSA Canada's head office and the NSAU National Board. Major infractions are defined as those that involve possible legal action against the umpire in question, NSA Canada, any of its officers or regional offices.
6. All NSA umpires must write and pass the nationally certified examination to qualify for NSA Canada sanctioning. Creation and distribution of the examination is the sole right of NSA Canada's head office and all associations are required to provide final examination grades for all umpires that request sanctioning.
7. The official NSA Canada Rule Book will be issued by NSA Canada and shall be the sole source for all official examinations (refer to point 6) and for all major events within Canada. Any and all changes to this official rule book are solely the responsibility of NSA Canada and shall be distributed nation wide by NSA Canada only. The NSA Canada Rules Committee, the NSA Canada Board of Directors and the NSA Canada Annual General Meeting must approve changes or additions to this official rule book for them to be implemented.
8. The official NSA Canada umpire's dress code shall be stated by NSA Canada's head office and shall be made available on the NSA Canada website and in the NSA Canada rulebook. There must be three official logos (two for ladies who do not have to wear a cap) visible at all times when on the diamond. These are to be located on the ball bag, cap and the left side of the chest. All of these official items are available from NSA Canada and order forms shall be sent out to all associations and placed on the NSA Canada website.
9. All official umpire sanctioning cards shall be produced and distributed solely by NSA Canada's head office. These shall be the only sanctioning cards issued to NSA Canada umpires.
10. NSA Canada and the NSAU National Board reserve the sole right to determine the number of positions available to each association for any and all major events to which NSA Canada sanctioned umpires are invited. The NSAU National Board also reserves the right to refuse any umpire designated for assignment to a major event; such refusal must be in writing and be accompanied with a complete explanation.

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WELCOME NEW AND SEASONED UMPIRES:

Welcome to the 2009 Campaign for NSA Canada Slo-Pitch:

Rod Phillips and I are looking forward to another great year of ball and more importantly, an increasing level of professionalism from our crew of officials. To the new officials and as a reminder to the vets, here is a list of guidelines I always review at the beginning of a new season. These guidelines are a list of the Do's and Don'ts, the Rights and the Wrongs of our foundation and philosophy, and about your conduct and mannerisms on how you handle yourself as an NSA Official:

SIX C'S:

- Consistency
- Character
- Courage
- Coverage
- Communication
- Control

CONTROL TAKES:

Compliance	Knowledge of the rules
On Time	15 minutes before game time
Neatness	Proper uniform and equipment
Tact	Co-operation rather than confrontation
Reasonable	Listen to questions and give answers
On the play	Mentally and physically
Loud	Clear and concise

COMMUNICATION: How to Communicate with aggressive players:

Enlighten	Don't debate
Explain	Don't argue
Converse	Don't make a speech
Talk	Don't pontificate
Listen	Don't ignore
Speak Calmly	Don't shout back
Be Positive	Don't alienate
Be Friendly	Not pompous, overbearing
Be Confident	Not meek
Be Tolerant	Not tenacious

Your purpose as an official is to enforce the rules of the game and allow all players to participate equally and fairly in the game. Remember this information when you are on the field it will assist your game in running smoothly.

We would like to remind all umpires of our NSA Canada World Series Events. The Men's and Women's World Series are being held in Hamilton, Ontario and last year's event in Oshawa was an impressive tournament. We are sure this year will be as successful for both ball players and the officials.

Our World Series Co-ed Tournament is being held in Calgary, Alberta and we would like to remind all local and provincial UIC's that your members are eligible to attend these events. Please forward a list of qualified candidates to myself at umpscott@nsacanada.ca.

In closing, we would like to thank each official for taking the time to promote NSA Canada and at the end of the day remember, you are there to officiate the game not to influence its outcome and have fun out there. This should be fun for you just like it is for the players.

Scott Surridge
National Director of Umpires for NSA Canada

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