



January 2020 Plays and Clarifications

Comments from the Director of Umpires

As we start a new season in 2020, our program is still the best in the world of umpiring. It is this way because of you, the umpires, working hard every year to get better and support the program. We continue to think of ways to make our program better and to communicate our thoughts with the rank and file umpires. If you have ideas, please share them with your Local Association UIC, your Regional UIC, Deputy Director or me.

The 2020 USA Softball Rule Book is complete and is in the process of being printed. We had several rules changes this year that do affect the games you may umpire. We changed part of the pitching rule for the Junior Olympic Girls Fast Pitch Classification of Play, the effect for an illegal pitch in the Junior Olympic Girls Fast Pitch Classification of Play, the courtesy runner rule in both Coed Slow Pitch and the courtesy runner rule for Adult Slow Pitch. In all cases it appears the USA Softball Council acted in the best interest of these divisions of play. All the new rules changes for 2020 can be found on the USA Softball Website under the Governance tab and the Umpire Tab.

The umpire Manual is getting its final touches and could be posted by the time you see these clarifications. If not, it will be posted shortly after that. It has the video references and drawings to try and help explain our mechanics in a visual way. It also contains our USA Softball Safety Awareness Guide which is updated for this year. If you see any problems with this document, please reach out to us and let us know.

The 2020 Umpire Exam is complete and is in the hands of your Regional UIC, posted on the USA Softball Website, and loaded into Resister USA so you may take it electronically.

2021 UIC Clinic

The finishing touches for the 2021 UIC Clinic are being finalized. The dates will be 2/4/2021 to 2/7/2021. The hotel location appears it will be the same. Make plans for the dates as these are good to go. The balance of information will follow soon.

2020 National Umpire Schools

Date	Location	Region/Type	Coordinator	Phone
January 24th – 26th 2020	Chattanooga TN	3	Ed Rowe	423-355-3002
January 24th – 26th 2020	Clovis CA	10	Wink Winckelmann	559-583-9335
February 21st – 23rd 2020	Stevens Point WI	8	Matt Disher	715-498-8000
February 21st – 23rd 2020	Auburn, WA	9	Greg Forinash	206-227-2346
March 6th – 8th 2020	Massillon OH	2	Warren Jones	419-651-3335
March 20th – 23rd 2020	Auburn ME	1	Dave Mulcahy	207-240-2599
June 18th - 21st 2020	Bowling Green KY	Fast Pitch Camp	Ben Crenshaw	270-210-1223
June 25th - 28th 2020	Portland OR	Slow Pitch Camp	David Waite	503-329-1013