



Southern Massachusetts Umpires Association

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Candidate's Course: Will be held at **Brockton High School**, in the Red Building 3rd floor Lecture Hall (**3R-325**) from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. The Date for the classes is as follows, **January 04, 09, 11, 18, 23, 25, 30, February 01, 06, 08, 13, 15, 2012**. The Written **Exam is February 13, 2012**. Make up Exam will be February 15. The Field Mechanics Clinic will be held @ Strong Field East Bridgewater, on March 30 & April 01, 2012 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This Field Mechanics Clinic is **Mandatory** for all new members. All Candidates must attend at least 1 of the available dates. Full uniform & equipment is required to attend the field mechanics clinic. There is a fee of One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars for adults, & Sixty (\$60.00) dollars for Juniors. This is a **Nonrefundable** fee. If you know anyone that is interested in becoming a certified umpire, Please have them visit our web site @ **smuaump.com** or call David Quimby @ 508-583-8301

Information Update Forms: An information update form has been included in this mailing. We request that all members, including Inactive Members, & Honorary Members to complete these forms and return them as soon as possible. Some of our members have not filled one out in years and we like to keep all the directory information current. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the form, and we supply the return envelope. We also ask any member that has decided not to return to the association to return the form with just your name and proper box checked off. Any Honorary member that wishes to continue umpire games please check off both Active, & Honorary boxes. Please note any returning Junior member must have a signed waiver by either the parents or legal Guardian and return to the Association secretary by March 12, 2012. Any member that does not return an update form, and pay their dues by March 31, 2012 will be considered as a resignation from the Association. This includes Inactive members Junior members and Active members.

Association Meetings: All active members MUST attend a minimum of four (4) meetings & (1) Clinic Date.

Date	Location	Room	Time	Agenda
March 12, 2012*	Arnone Elementary School	Theater	7:00 PM	Rule Changes
March 19, 2012	Arnone Elementary School	Theater	7:00 PM	Nominations
March 31, & April 1, 2012*	Strong Field	E. Bridgewater	12:00 PM	Field Mechanics
April 09, 2012**	E. Bridgewater Commercial Club	1 Neilson Drive	6:00 PM	Elections, Dinner
April 23, 2012	Arnone Elementary School	Theater	8:00 PM	Film Night
April 30, 2012	Arnone Elementary School	Theater	8:00 PM	Assignor's Night
May 07, 2012	Arnone Elementary School	Theater	8:00 PM	Business Meeting

*Mandatory meeting – no excuse waivers will be issued for these dates ** Free Buffet, Cash Bar, and Raffle.

Snow Postponement: a meeting postponement will be issued in the case where the city of Brockton has either canceled day classes, and/or evening classes for the day due to inclement weather. No postponement will be issued for the April 9, 2012 meeting at the East Bridgewater Commercial Club. Please note meetings will be postponed not canceled. The postponement will usually be the following Monday of the postponed meeting.

Any postponement will be posted to our web site @ smuaump.com

DUES: The S.M.U.A. dues for 2012 are will remain at current levels. Forty five (**\$45.00**) dollars for active members, Thirty- five (**\$35.00**) juniors, and Twenty-five (**\$25.00**) dollars for inactive members. Honorary members & Executive Board members are exempt from paying annual dues. Dues must be paid by the first meeting (per constitution) First meeting date is **March 12, 2012 @ 7:00 PM.** Please pay your dues by Check, or Money Order, **No cash will be accepted, and dues are nonrefundable.** You may return it with your update form to the Association's Post office box in the envelope supplied **@ S.M.U.A. Post Office Box 1782 Brockton, Ma. 02303-1782.** You may Mail it directly to the Treasurer @ SMUA Treasurer **200 Carl Road, Raynham, Ma. 02767-1506.** Please note there are 2 deadlines to pay your dues. Monday, February 27, 2012 if you need to be registered with the M.I.A.A., or Monday, March 12, 2012 if you are just umpiring youth baseball. Any dues paid late will result in a late fee to be added to your dues at a rate of \$5.00 per week.

Mandatory Field Mechanics Clinic: The Executive board voted to hold the clinics on field mechanics again in 2012. We have secured Strong Baseball Field in East Bridgewater on Saturday March 31, & Sunday April 01, 2012. The clinics will run from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM on both days. All members should attend at least 1 of the clinic dates. Any member with 3 years or less of service to the S.M.U.A. this clinic is **Mandatory.** Each member that attends will receive a meeting credit for attending 1 of the clinics. If you attend both days you still will only receive 1 meeting credit. Those of you that attend other association's Field Mechanics clinics you may receive credit for attending it with written verification from that association's secretary.

2012 Umpire's Refresher Exam: the executive board felt that it was good idea to continue to give an annual rules refresher exam. The exam will be made available on the Association's website at www.smuaump.com at the end of January 2012. For those of you that do not have Internet access or cannot download from the site please contact the secretary and he will get one out to you as soon as possible. The exam is to be completed and answer sheets turned in by the first meeting of the year on March 12, 2012. The exam will be gone over and any questions will be answered at the March 19, 2012 meeting. Please remember this exam is to get you to start thinking about the rules of baseball. It has no basis on whether you will receive games or not. This exam is based on MLB rules, with the MIAA high school modifications.

Elections 2012: Offices that are open for 2012 election are President (2 year term) Vice-president (2 year term) Treasurer (3 year term), & 2 Directors (2 year terms each). Officers elected will take office September 1, 2012 for the 2013 season.

M.I.A.A. Enrollment: If you are umpiring any level of school baseball you must be registered with the M.I.A.A. No school assignor can assign you any games if you are not registered. Over the past 10 years the S.M.U.A. has registered all active S.M.U.A. members as part of their dues. We will continue this practice again this year. The M.I.A.A. requires that the enrollment forms be submitted no later than March 1, 2012. If we enroll as an association the cost is only \$6.00 per umpire. The S.M.U.A. enrolled 103 members in 2011 at a cost of \$618.00. This year to meet the M.I.A.A.'s deadline, any active S.M.U.A. member that will be umpiring school baseball must return the information form, and pay their dues by **Monday February 27, 2012.** If your dues are not paid by that date you will have to enroll with the M.I.A.A. as an individual at a cost of \$12.00 to you. For those of you that are members of other associations, you only need to be registered with your primary association. You do not gain anything from being registered by more than 1 association.

Inactive Membership: If you intend on being Inactive for the upcoming 2012 season. Please fill out the enclosed form; Inactive member's dues are Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars. Please return this form to the address listed below, by March 12, 2012. Any inactive member that plans to go active, and has been inactive for 3 or more years, is required per Constitution, to be retested, before active status is granted. Forms must be returned to remain on the rolls.

High School Assignments: Don Fredericks is the assignor @ the VARSITY level for the Patriot, Mayflower, Atlantic Coast, Hockomock, Bay State, South Shore Leagues, Archbishop Williams & Cardinal Spellman. Also assigns @ the sub varsity, & Jr. High level for Thayer Academy, Milton Academy, Derby Academy, & Brockton Public. Call Don for Varsity assignments only 781-344-8475. There is a fee of \$8.00 payable to Don Fredericks to cover the high school Arbiter. The Arbiter is the assigning system that most high school assignors use to assign their games. Don or Bill will notify you if you will be receiving any high school games and if you owe an Arbiter fee.

Sub-varsity assignments: Bill Hess is doing the sub-varsity assigning for Don Fredericks. If you are available at 2:30 PM, and would like to work some game, please contact Bill Hess, at 781-767-4914 as soon as possible. Bill is currently filling up the schedule, as umpires call in. Bill also has morning & early afternoon games the week of April school vacation (4/16/12 – 4/20/12)

Meeting Excuse Requests: If you cannot make a meeting. You must notify the Secretary, **BEFORE** said meeting you plan to be excused from. No credit will be given, if your excuse arrives after the missed meeting has been held. You may make your requests by **Phone, Mail, or E-Mail**. No verbal excuses will be accepted. My E-mail address is smuasecretary@aol.com Please Note that No Excuse Waivers will be given for the first meeting on March 12, 2012. This meeting is mandatory for all members, or any of the field mechanics clinics dates of March 31, & April 01, 2012.

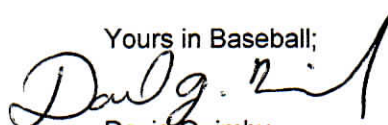
Any member that cannot make any of the meetings due to work, school, or child care may apply for a 1 year attendance waiver. Just write a short letter of excuse, stating the reason for the request, and return it with your update form. If the excuse is accepted you will not be required to attend meeting for that excused year, but you are responsible for picking up any material handed out at any of the meetings (i.e. rule book, directory, gift). If you require this to be mailed to you, it is a cost of \$5.00 for postage.

NASO Insurance: All members of the S.M.U.A. are eligible to receive a discount on their NASO membership. It is strongly recommended that all members are covered by Liability insurance. NASO offers 3 Million in coverage and a 1 year subscription to Referee Magazine for \$97.00/year. This cover you for all sports at all levels.

You can sign up @ NASO.org, The S.M.U.A.'s promo code is M12M94NON

Concussion Certification: As many of you already know, the MIAA is requiring all officials that wish to work in the post season tournaments must receive a Concussion Certificate from the NFHS before they will be considered for such assignments. In the near future a link will be posted on the web site to the NFHS site to take the short 20 minute course (which is free) after you complete the course you will receive a completion code and an option to print out a certificate.

Yours in Baseball;



David Quimby
S.M.U.A. Secretary