



Southern Massachusetts Umpires Association

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Please read carefully & keep this letter in a safe place for future reference.

New Umpire Classes: Will start on January 4, 2024, at the Brockton High school in room Red-224/525. All classes will start @ 6:15 PM and run for approximately 2 hours. Classes will continue 1/9, 1/11, 1/16, 1/18, 1/23, 1/26, 1/30, 2/1, 2/6, 2/8. Final Exam (mandatory) is on 2/8/2024. Snow Dates: 2/13 & 2/15/2024. Mandatory Field Mechanics Clinic 3/2 & 3/3/2024. The cost for adults is \$140.00, & Juniors \$85.00, the fee includes the candidate's first year dues, classroom material and exam Fee. If you have an interested person, please have them contact the secretary @ smuasecretary@gmail.com or call or text @ 508-789-7383.

Information Update Forms: The 2024 Information update form has been included in this mailing. We request that all members: Including Active, Juniors, Inactive, Honorary and Retired Members complete this form and return it as soon as possible. We are attempting to make the directory as accurate as possible. Please include your Date of Birth, your COUNTY (not country) I hope all of you live in the USA. We are asking if you are not planning on returning to this association to please check off the retired/resigned box and we will remove you from our contact lists. Any Honorary Member that still desires to umpire please check off both the Honorary/Active box. Please note: if you are a returning Junior Member you need a signed waiver by your legal guardian. The Registration form needs to be returned by the first meeting on January 29, 2024.

Association Meetings: All Active members are required to attend a minimum of 4 meetings.

Day	Date	Location	Room	Time	Agenda
Monday	*January 29, 2024.	Arnone School	Theater	7:00 PM	NFSH Rule Changes
Monday	February 12, 2024,	Arnone School	Theater	7:00 PM	Nominations
Monday	February 26, 2024,	Arnone School	Theater	7:00 PM	Elections
Monday	March 04, 2024 .	Arnone School	Theater	7:00 PM	General Meeting
Monday	March 25, 2024.	TBD	TBD	6:00 PM	Dinner Meeting/Raffle
Monday	April 08, 2024,	Arnone School	Theater	7:30 PM	Assignor's Night
Monday	April 22, 2024.	Arnone School	Cafeteria	7:30 PM	Business/Pizza Meeting
Monday	May 06, 2024	Arnone School	Theater	7:30 PM	If Need Meeting

*Mandatory Meeting, No meeting excuses will be issued.

Dinner Meeting: We are pleased to announce the Executive Board & the Boar of Directors have voted the return of the spring Dinner meeting. On Monday March 25, 2024, is the date we are planning for this event.

Annual Membership Dues: All Membership dues are due at our first membership meeting. Your annual dues are due by Monday, 2/13/2023 If your dues are not paid by the due date fines will start on Tuesday, 2/28/2023 at \$5.00 per week till paid. If you do not pay your annual dues by Monday March 27, 2023, and you have not contacted either the Secretary or Treasurer, we will consider you as resigned and will remove you from our rosters.

S.M.U.A. Dues for 2023:	Active Members	\$60.00	Officers & Directors	\$0.00
	Junior Members	\$35.00	Honorary Members	\$0.00
	Inactive Members	\$25.00	Active Military (inactive)	\$0.00

The association requests that all members pay the dues by either check or money order. No Cash payments will be accepted, and Dues are Non-refundable.

Inactive Membership: If you do not umpire for the entire 2024 baseball season, but wish to keep your certification current, you may go inactive for the entire 2024 season. Please fill out your registration form check off the Inactive box, submit your dues of \$25.00 no later than Monday January 29, 2024. If you are inactive per the SMUA Constitution you are not allowed to umpire any baseball games at any level while wearing any MBUA or SMUA insignias. If you are caught umpiring while patched, you will be suspended immediately and may face further actions. If you are planning to reactivate your membership and have been inactive for more than 3 years per the S.M.U.A. Constitution you are required to pass the annual state baseball umpire's exam before active status is granted.

Meeting Excuses: If you cannot attend a membership meeting you must notify the secretary by email in advance of the said meeting is held. As the first meeting of the year is a mandatory meeting no excuses will be issued. The secretary's email address is smuasecretary@gmail.com If you are umpiring a game on said night, it must be confirmed by assignor of the game. We have 8 scheduled meetings and 5 of them are before the season starts, so there should be no conflicts we games.

Junior Members Meeting Attendance: As per the SMUA Constitution, Junior members are only required to attend 1 meeting per year. Junior members are permitted to attend as many meetings as they can, as long as it does not interfere with their schoolwork or school activities.

Elections 2024: Nominations for the 2024 elections will be held on 2/12/2024 with the election being held on 2/26/2024. Offices that are open for 2024 elections are 3 Director positions (2-year terms each). All Directors elected shall take office on September 01, 2024, for the 2025 season.

Per the S.M.U.A. Constitution to be a member of the Board of Directors, all candidates must have been an active member of this association for a minimum of four (4) years (active since 2020). Must be a member in good standing. Shall not be on any type of probation. Shall not be a Junior, Retired Honorary, or Inactive member. Shall have an active Membership in the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO).

Nominations for 2024: Any person interested in running for office, must be nominated & seconded by a member in good standing. All nominations will be placed on a ballot. If only 1 person is nominated for office, only the secretary will cast a vote and the online election will be cancelled.

Rule Books: The SMUA will Not be purchasing MLB rule books for the 2024 season, we do have copies of the 2022 MLB rule book available. All umpires that are registered with the MIAA and are on the SMUA Arbiter will receive the 2024 NFHS baseball rule and case book.

NASO Insurance: the Association is offering a group rate (we need 25 people to qualify) on NASO insurance. The 2024 rate will be \$92.00 per person and that will cover you for all sports at all levels for the year. It also gives you a 1-year subscription to Referee magazine. If interested in purchasing the NASO Insurance, please check off yes on the registration form, once we have 25 members interested, we will request the discounted rate. This rate will be 92.00 and is a separate payment from your dues.

M.I.A.A. Enrollment: As we all know by now any official that does high school sports must pass a Background Check (\$35.00) and pass the Concussion Course. If you have already passed the background check then you are ok for 3 years from when you first passed. But you still need to annually register (\$10.00 per sport) with the MIAA for each sport you officiate and Pass the Concussion Course. To apply for your Background Check, register with the MIAA & take the Concussion Course go to the MIAA website @ MIAA.net then click on the OFFICIALS tab, then on the Arbitersports tab. This will bring you to all 3 sections you need.

New Officials (first time officials & officials from the original) Background check and registration.

Returning Officials Registration Only/Previously completed background check.

On the right side you will see the NFHS Concussion Course. This is a free course but is only appears that you must pay. Make sure you print out your certificate and keep it with you. There are some schools that will ask to see it. The Background check also covers the AAU baseball that Skip assigns.

High School Assignments: Don Fredericks is the assignor at the Varsity level for the Tri-Valley, Patriot, Mayflower, Hockomock, Bay State, and South Shore leagues, plus Brockton High, Bridgewater/Raynham RHS, Archbishop Williams, Cardinal Spellman, Bishop Stang, Bishop Feehan, & South Shore Christian Academy. He also assigns all of Zones 6 Senior Legion and Junior Legion baseball. Don also runs his own Arbitersports assigning page at a cost of \$20.00 per official. Please contact Don @ 508-344-8475 or 508-965-9957. His email is rookiecoach1972@gmail.com

Sub-Varsity assignments: if you would like to umpire middle school, freshmen, or junior varsity games please talk to Don Fredericks and he can tell you which sub assignor to contact.

Skip Crossman's Arbiter: Skip will be assigning his youth games through his own arbiter. Skip's arbiter is \$25.00 for the Spring, Summer and Fall youth baseball. Please contact Skip at 508-269-0750 or skipcrossmanbaseball@yahoo.com

Additional Assignors: Erik Williams, Eric Nugent, Paul Chiarolanza, Brian Swier, Terry Neville & Bob Goodwin are not using an Arbiter. Keith O'Brien uses Dom DiMare's Arbiter.

Rocco Holmes & Brian Andrade have retired from assigning.

Brian Swiers over in Easton Youth Baseball.

MBUA Patches & SMUA Directories: The MBUA has raised the cost of the patches to \$3.00 per patch. If you need to purchase MBUA patches, please indicate on your registration form (line 14) how many you need. MBUA patches are \$3.00 each at the meetings, \$4.00 each if mailed. Please send a separate check for the patches made payable to the SMUA.

If you would like a copy of the 2024 SMUA directory, please indicate on your registration form (line 11). The directory will be shipped to you free of charge. Directories are only available to Active, Honorary, and Junior S.M.U.A. Members in good standing.

Yours in Baseball.

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S.M.U.A. Secretary