



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 9, 2023, at the Brockton High school in room Red-324/325. All classes will start @ 6:30 PM and run for approximately 2 hours. Classes will continue 1/9, 1/12, 1/17, 1/18, 1/23, 1/26, 1/30, 2/1, 2/6, 2/9 & 2/14/2023. Final Exam (mandatory) is on 2/16/2023. Cost is adults \$140.00, & Juniors \$85.00, the fee includes the candidate's first year dues. 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 2023 Information update form has been included in this mailing. We request that all members: Including Active, Juniors, Inactive, Honorary and Retired Members to 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 resign 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 boxes. 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 February 13, 2023.

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

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda</u>
Monday	*February 13, 2023	Arnone School	Theater	7:00 PM	NFSH Rule Changes
Monday	February 27, 2023.	Arnone School	Theater	7:00 PM	Nominations
Monday	March 20, 2023.	Arnone School	Theater	7:00 PM	Elections
Monday	March 27, 2023	Arnone School	Theater	7:00 PM	General Meeting
Monday	April 10, 2023.	Arnone School	Theater	7:30 PM	General Meeting
Monday	April 24, 2023	Arnone School	Cafe	7:30 PM	Business Meeting

*Mandatory Meeting, No meeting excuses will be issued.

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.

<u>S.M.U.A. Dues for 2023:</u>	<u>Active Members</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>	<u>Officers & Directors</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	<u>Junior Members</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>	<u>Honorary Members</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	<u>Inactive Members</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>Active Military (inactive)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

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 2023 baseball season, but wish to keep your certification current, you may go inactive for the entire 2023 season. Please fill out your registration form check off the Inactive box, submit your dues of \$20.00 no later than Monday February 13, 2023. 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 of reactivating 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 will be 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

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 it does not interfere with their schoolwork or school activities.

Elections 2023: Nominations for the 2023 elections will be held on 2/27/2023 with the election being held on 3/20/2023. Offices that are open for 2023 elections are the President (2-year term), Vice-president (2-year term), Secretary (3-year term) and 3 Director positions (2-year terms each). The President, Vice-president, Secretary & all Directors elected shall take office on September 01, 2023, for the 2024 season.

Per the S.M.U.A. Constitution to be a member of the Board of Directors or the Executive Board, all candidates must have been an active member of this association for a minimum of four (4) years. 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 2023: Nominations for office will return to the regular format for the 2022 season. Any person interested in running for office, must be nominated & seconded by a member in good standing. All nominations will be placed on an online 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: This season the SMUA will be purchasing baseball rule books for its paid members. The rule book you receive will be based on the level of baseball you umpire. All umpires that are registered with the MIAA and are on the SMUA Arbiter will receive the 2023 NFHS baseball rule and case book & a 2022 MLB rule book. For those of you who are youth umpires will receive the 2022 (latest available version) MLB rule book. The NFHS rule book & case books are \$6.00 each, the MLB rule book is \$5.00 each.

NASO Insurance: the Association is offering a group rate (we need 25 people to qualify) on the NASO insurance. The 2023 rate will be TBD 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 \$86.00 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 have to pay. Make sure you print out you 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 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 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 though his own arbiter. Skip's arbiter is \$20.00 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, Rocco Holmes & Bob Goodwin are not using an Arbiter. Keith O'Brien uses Dom DiMare's Arbiter.

Dwight Williams, Tom Groh, Joe Feeney & Michael DiMascio have retired from assigning.

Skip Crossman will be taking over all of Tom Groh's leagues & maybe Joe Feeney's league. Erik Williams is taking over for his father Whitey. Paul Chiarolanza is replacing Mike DiMascio. Mae Holmes will be assisting her father Rocco over in Easton.

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 12) 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 2023 SMUA directory, please indicate on your registration form (line 13). The directory will be shipped to you free of charge. Directories are only available to Active, Honorary, and Junior Members in good standing.

Yours in Baseball.

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S.M.U.A. Secretary