



Umpire UPDATE

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National Umpire School

Metro Detroit ASA will host a National Umpire School, in Oxford, Michigan April 10-11. This umpire educational event is a unique opportunity for you to receive training in the fundamentals of the umpiring profession from three of the best instructors on the national umpire staff. Members of the Detroit and Michigan ASA umpire staffs will also be a part of the instructional team. The agenda for the weekend school will emphasize the two and three umpire systems, positioning, correct signals, plate and base mechanics for the fast pitch and the slow pitch games, discussions on game management and sessions covering softball rules.

Under the new ASA tournament program Detroit and Michigan will be hosting Northern National Tournaments annually. Umpires selected to work these tournaments must have attended a national umpire school within the last five years. We have many fine umpires in our association who can be considered to work in these elite tournaments if they are eligible. Take advantage of this opportunity and sign up for this National Umpire School. A registration form was mailed to you or can be obtained on line at www.metrodetroitasa.com.

The \$80 registration fee includes two days of instruction, lunch both days, a school shirt and a hospitality room on Friday and Saturday evening. The Hospitality events will be held at the Best Western Palace Inn and will include refreshments and the chance to mingle with the other school participants and the instructors in a relaxed social setting. The Best Western also offers a special room rate for those who choose to stay in close proximity to the school. Check the registration form for details. We also intend to offer an optional buffet supper on Saturday evening at, Mr. G's Restaurant, adjacent to the hotel.

We're having an umpire party and we want you to be a part of the fun. You will have a good time and we will make sure that you learn the latest in ASA softball umpiring.

Girls 18-Under Class A Northern Nationals coming to town in 2010!

Detroit ASA and the Novi Recreation Department will host the Girls 18-Under Class A Northern Nationals August 5-8, 2010. Detroit will have several umpire selections for this tournament. Participation in a national umpire school is a requirement for umpires who want to be considered for national assignments. The new ASA tournament program will allow us to host other fast and slow pitch northern national tournaments on an annual basis.



Awards Breakfast

Our annual awards breakfast will be held Sunday March 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Each association head is encouraged to recommend umpires from their group to receive recognition. We will also present years of service pins to NIF umpires and identify those who have earned National Indicator Fraternity or Elite Umpire status. Contact a staff member for additional information.

Golf Outing

The Detroit Umpire Staff will host their annual golf outing on Sunday June 6, at the Green Oak golf course in Ypsilanti. The fee will include golf, riding cart, lunch and prizes. We welcome foursomes, threesomes, pairs and individual players.



Everyone is welcome to play, golf skill is not a necessity and we will make sure that you enjoy the outing. Save the date and plan to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Dates to Remember

- Sunday March 7, Umpire Awards Breakfast, Plymouth
- Saturday and Sunday April 10 and 11, National Umpire School, Oxford
- Monday April 12, Rules Seminar, Sterling Heights
- Monday April 19, Rules Seminar, West Bloomfield
- Sunday June 6, Golf Outing, Green Oak Golf Course, Ypsilanti

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Insurance

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WE NEED YOU! Sign up for the National Umpire School, participate in our golf outing, wear your "Blue" uniform and be proud of your association with ASA!