

# Oregon School Activities Association

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Welcome to the 2016 softball season. Players, coaches, and officials alike are already getting to work on the softball fields throughout the state. Games started as of March 14, 2016.

I hope you have been busy getting through the OSAA registration, and NFHS testing process.

Along with completing this process, you must complete the annual OSAA concussion awareness training on-line. This allows your local commissioners and assigners to check the system and validate you're ready for an assignment.

Here are just a few reminders to get started with the season ahead.

1. Check your uniforms and protective equipment. These must be in good working condition to help protect you and to adequately fit for this new season. We always want to put our best foot forward when arriving at a game site. Proper fitting uniform and protective equipment is a great first impression.
2. Know your rules and mechanics before you are tested on the field of play. Study often!
3. Make sure to validate a meeting place with your partners before the contest. This will help with your ability to review pre-game umpiring responsibilities for the contest you're about to officiate.
4. Be a great partner to other officials. Also, be a positive example for the student-athletes and coaches you will be working with. We have an opportunity to positively influence others with our behavior and attitude. Be a professional in everything you do as an official at a school event.
5. Have fun at the art of umpiring. There can be great experiences in each assignment. Getting to do something you enjoy can be fun and exciting. If you're having a good time at what you do, it will show in your game readiness, and on the field game management.

I hope you are all focused on umpiring, and doing the very best job you can as an OSAA umpire. If you are interested in being qualified to umpire in the state playoffs, you must meet the following requirements.

1. Must be registered and passed background check.
2. Must have scored a 90% on your NFHS exam.
3. Must have completed the basic Principals of Officiating course. This can be done on-line or in your local association.
4. Must have completed the OCEP certification clinic. There are three OCEP clinics being held this year. Please check the web-site for the dates and times of a clinic nearest you.

Thank you for umpiring and have a great 2016 season!