

OSAA Softball SRI Bulletin # 1

Welcome to the 2020 softball season.

I hope you are getting through the Oregon State Athletic Association high school registration, and National Federation High School testing process.

Along with completing this process, you must complete the annual OSAA concussion awareness training on-line. This allows your local commissioners to assign you to the 2020 season. The first practice date is March 2nd with contests starting March 16th, 2020.

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 look sharp. 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 they are tested during a game situation. Study the book of rules and mechanics often. We all need reminders from season to season, sport to sport.
3. Make sure to validate a meeting place with your partners before the contest. This will help with your ability to pre-game all umpiring responsibilities.
4. Be a professional in everything you do as an official. Respect the participating schools, student athletes, and coaches involved.
5. Show excellent game management skills by communicating with coaches, players, and fellow officials professionally at all times.
6. Make sure you are hustling on the field of play. Get the best positioning to see the play.
7. Be approachable at all times. Coaches need to ask questions. It's important to listen first, then answer the question with honesty and integrity.
8. Last but not forgotten, have some fun umpiring the games.

I hope you are all focused on umpiring, 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 two OCEP clinics being held this year, dates and times of a clinic's coming soon.

Thank you and have a great 2020 season!