



Capital District

# SOFTBALL UMPIRES



## GUIDELINES FOR TOURNAMENTS

1. Arrival time: Officials should plan to arrive at the tournament site at least 15 minutes (optimum 30 minutes) before game time. This will allow sufficient time to meet w/UIC for pre-tournament instructions and to conduct the pre-game inspections w/your partner.
2. Uniforms should be properly worn from the time the umpire leaves his/her vehicle to officiate the game until returning to parking lot after the game. Exiting the field with cap on backwards, shirt hanging out, etc. is improper.
3. Attire between non-consecutive games: Articles of the uniform with identifying logos (e.g. shirt, hat, ballbag, etc.) are NOT to be worn between games when not officiating. Modest apparel is to be displayed between games (e.g. no bathing suits, no skintight compression shorts worn as outer garment, etc.).
4. Pre-game inspections: It is **imperative** that equipment be inspected before **every** game: equipment does break, crack or wear out; several players who are not at every game bring their own equipment; equipment inspected before the first game a team plays may not be the same equipment used in every game. Any unsafe or illegal equipment should be given to the Tournament Director. Be **sure** to check the field for hazardous conditions.
5. Only currently registered ASA umpires may officiate ASA-sanctioned games; NYSSO-registered in all others.
6. Do not fraternize with players & coaches of teams at tournaments, especially at locations where an umpire normally works regular season games.
7. Do not spend more time than necessary at the snack bar when purchasing food or beverage.
8. Do not **abuse** the offers of free food/drink offered by some leagues. Do not assume/expect that these gratuities are part of your compensation for servicing the leagues/tournaments.
9. When the need for telephone usage arises, do not just walk into the snack bar and use the phone - respectfully request permission from league/tournament officials.
10. Whenever taking medication (e.g. orally or through injection), do so in an area not frequented by players, coaches, fans, etc.