



## Southern California ASA

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To All Southern California ASA Umpires:

We are beginning the 2010 season with the knowledge that it's going to be a very busy year. We begin in February with the National Umpire School in Southern California (Moorpark High School), and end our summer season with the 18U "A" national championship.

If you wish to umpire championship play, you must attend a rules clinic, a mechanics clinic and pass the ASA rules exam. The exam will be available at all clinics, and may be completed "open book." Certification for fast and slow pitch is available at all mechanics clinics.

Instead of attending a mechanics clinic, umpires may choose to attend the National Umpire School or the Fast-Pitch camp for fast-pitch umpires or the Slow-Pitch camp for slow pitch umpires. Umpires attending the Fast-Pitch or Slow-Pitch Camp are excused from attending local clinics and taking the ASA rules exam during the year of attendance. Umpires attending the National Umpire School must still attend a rules clinic and complete the ASA rules exam. Contact your District UIC if you wish to attend a national school or camp.

Once again, we have three rules clinics, and six mechanics clinics. We encourage all umpires to attend a rules clinic and mechanics clinic, even if you are not certifying for championship play. The clinics will help you become a better umpire. Clinic dates may be found on the reverse side of this letter.

Early registration is critical to our success. The staff is extremely busy from the middle of January to the end of February. Beside their regular jobs, they give up several weekends to ensure the success of the umpire program. If we can register umpires early, this will relieve one of the many jobs we have during the training portion of the year. For this reason, we are going to begin imposing a \$10.00 late registration fee for any adult registration postmarked after January 16, 2010 if mailed, or received after January 16, 2010 if hand delivered.

If received prior to January 16, 2010, there is no registration fee increase for 2010. However, there is a \$3.00 fee increase for the optional insurance. For \$25.00, the optional insurance is still the best buy you can make to protect yourself and your family.

Adult umpires need to complete the Notice of Background Check form included in this packet. A photo-copy of your driver's license or passport **MUST** be included with the Notice of Background Check.

Scheduling activities at the beginning of the year is difficult. Plan ahead to attend the training clinics and certify for our exciting summer tournaments. If you have any questions, please contact your District UIC.

Best wishes for a fabulous 2010 season.

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