

OSAA Softball SRI Bulletin # 1

Welcome to the 2019 softball season.

Players, coaches, and officials alike are already getting to work on the softball fields throughout the state. Games started as of March 11, 2019

I hope you have been busy 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 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. Be prepared.
3. Make sure to validate a meeting place with your partners before the contest. This will help with your ability to pre-game umpiring responsibilities for the contest you're about to officiate.
4. Be a great partner to your fellow officials by being on time to your meeting place.
5. Be a professional in everything you do as an official. Respect the participating schools and the student athletes involved.
6. Show excellent game management and communicate with coaches, players, and fellow officials with respect.
7. Make every effort to get in the best position to make your calls. Hustle, hustle, hustle.

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. Please check on the web-site for the dates and times of a clinic nearest you.

Thank you for umpiring and have a great 2019 season!

-John Christensen, OSAA Softball State Rules Interpreter