

**DULUTH SOFTBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION** – DSUA primarily umpires youth softball with some adult slow pitch. We are one of the largest officiating groups in Georgia. We are affiliated with the Amateur Softball Association and all of our umpires are registered with ASA.

### **PARKS WHERE WE UMPIRE:**

- Mountain Park, Lilburn
- Pinckneyville, Norcross
- Shorty Howell, Duluth
- Bunten Road, Duluth
- Peachtree Ridge, Suwanee
- George Pierce, Suwanee
- Bogan, Buford
- Buford City, Buford
- North Metro Church, Lawrenceville
- Collins Hill, Lawrenceville
- Rhodes Jordan, Lawrenceville
- Dacula, Dacula
- Bay Creek, Grayson
- Grayson UMC, Grayson
- West Walton, Loganville
- Criswell, Monroe
- Coker, Monroe
- South Walton, Social Circle

**WHEN DO WE UMPIRE** – We have a spring and a fall season with the spring being slightly larger than the fall. In between seasons, we send many umpires to various ASA Tournaments. By the end of the year, we have umpired near 4,000 softball games.

**MENTORING PROGRAM** – Every new umpire is assigned a mentor. During the training season, you should expect to interact with your mentor on a regular basis. When we take our ASA test, you will sit in a group with your mentor. Mentors are made up of our Board members which include:

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## **TRAINING SCHEDULE (all at Bunten Road Park, Duluth, unless otherwise noted):**

- 3PM, Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – Initial organizational meeting.
- 630PM, Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> - Review of softball definitions, Rule Changes, Pre-Game Responsibilities, Do's and Don't's,
- 730PM, Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – Zone 5 UIC Clinic, East Roswell Park
- 9AM, Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – Georgia ASA State Clinic, Emory University
- 630PM, Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – Batting out of Order, Appeals, Charged Conferences, Look back Rule, and other rules.
- 630PM, Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> - Mechanics of making call, Base and Plate Mechanics, both slow pitch and fast pitch.
- 630PM, Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> – Uniform night. If your dues are current, you can purchase uniforms/equipment on a “payroll deduction” plan. On the other hand, if you are in position to pay for your uniforms/equipment upfront, please do so!
- 630PM, Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Interference versus Obstruction, Pitching – Legal versus Illegal.
- 8AM, Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – Georgia ASA Umpire School, Earl O’Neill Softball Complex, Conyers GA. Consider this mandatory for 1<sup>st</sup> year umpires. DSUA will scholarship first year umpires but they still must register.
- 630PM, Monday, March 1st – ASA Test Night
- March 5, 6 and 7, we expect practice games that 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year umpires are required to umpire free of charge.

**ANNUAL DUES** – ASA \$55, DSUA \$40. We prefer a check so both of us will have a written record. Your check should be made payable to The Umpire Shop. Included with ASA Dues is a background check.

**BACKGROUND CHECK** – Payment of ASA Dues will get you a mandatory background check.

**DRESS / UNIFORM** – We require you to wear an approved ASA Uniform. Uniforms and equipment can be purchased through payroll deduction, once all dues are satisfied. One of our Board Members is the ASA Uniform dealer for Georgia, so it is easy for you to get what you need.

**ASA Rule Books** – ASA Rule Books are available individuals who have satisfied dues requirement.

**PAY** – We pay weekly. Assuming you meet the necessary threshold, we will provide you with a 1099 at the end of the year.

### **WHAT WE EXPECT:**

- We expect you to be on time, every time!
- We expect you to dress like a real umpire, i.e. proper uniform, clean and pressed, shoes polished.
- We expect you to study ASA Rules, becoming proficient as you work more games.
- We expect you to review your local rules before every assignment.
- We expect you to interact amiably with the coaches and parents.
- We expect you to act like a professional at all times.

**TOURNAMENTS** – At this point in time, we know of the following tournaments:

- GYSA Travel Tournament, Shorty Howell & Collins Hill Park, February 19, 20 and 21.
- Winder Travel Tournament, Victor Lord Park, March 12, 13 and 14.
- North Gwinnett Bat Buster, George Pierce Park, May/June.
- Pre Tri-County Rec Tournament, George Pierce Park, June 8-12.
- Tri-County Rec Tournament, Dacula Park, June 19-26.
- Showcase Gold Tournament, North Park, June 17-20.
- State Rec Tournament (tentative), Forsyth County, Tentative July 9, 10 and 11.
- High School Summer League, Collins Hill and Central Gwinnett, 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks of June.

### **WHEN DO WE START:**

- Mountain Park – March 13
- Bay Creek – March 20
- Collins Hill – March 6
- Mill Creek – Week of March 1
- Dacula – March 6
- George Pierce – March 8
- Walton County – March 15
- Peachtree Ridge – March 13

If you are interested or have questions, contact Barry Sullivan, [dsuasoftball@bellsouth.net](mailto:dsuasoftball@bellsouth.net), 770-339-3370.

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