



providing *Softball* opportunities for all Canadians

## **IT TAKES AN EXTRAORDINARY PERSON TO BE AN OFFICIAL.**

It takes an extraordinary person to be an official; a special person with integrity, courage and good judgment. Officiating can provide some wonderful personal rewards. Officiating is a great way to make new friends, learn important people skills and so much more. Officials can be positive role models for children and adults. Officials must have the ability to make instantaneous decisions, resolve conflicts and deal with stress and pressure. They may have to bring control to chaos, understand fairness, promote safety and encourage good sportsmanship.

## **HOW DO I BECOME AN OFFICIAL?**

There are several organized certification courses provided by your provincial associations. It is very important to learn how to officiate through one of these organized courses. Excellent knowledge of the rules is the foundation required in order to become an excellent official. Excellent rule knowledge not only comes from studying the rule book, but also from on-field training.

Your provincial association conducts Level I to IV training clinics throughout the winter and spring months. It is imperative that you attend as many sessions as possible. Learning signals, positioning and mechanics are the keys to becoming a solid official. Softball Canada provides certification manuals that are up-to-date and continually improved to provide accurate mechanics to help officials excel at officiating.

If you think officiating can be fun, you are right! Umpires have the best view of the game and that's guaranteed! If you are interested in learning how to umpire at any level, know someone who may be interested in umpiring, or would like to attend an umpire clinic, please contact Softball Canada Head office or via email to [dozarko@softball.ca](mailto:dozarko@softball.ca).

## **SEE FOLLOWING LINKS**

1. The Benefits of Becoming an Umpire
2. The Sport of Softball
3. Umpire Certification Program -  
Lessons in Self Improvement
4. How to Become a Softball Canada  
Registered Umpire

