



providing Softball opportunities for all Canadians

BENEFITS OF BECOMING AN UMPIRE

Softball Canada links its members to the “world of softball”. Joining our program as an umpire will open up that world to you. Let us examine the immediate opportunities and benefits of becoming an umpire:

ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS

Umpiring will provide you with the opportunity to develop some “life skills” that you can take with you throughout your journey in life.

Umpiring provides you with the opportunities to exercise social skills such as communication, anger management, and conflict resolution. The interaction with other umpires, players, coaches and administrators will help you become more socially competent.

Problem-solving and decision-making skills are probably the most important skills that an umpire must develop. The ability to make good, logical decisions and to solve problems can make up for deficits in other social skills. As an umpire you will be challenged to make decisions during the course of a game and throughout your career.

Umpiring can be a great part-time summer job. It will introduce you to many work-related responsibilities such as attending clinics, learning to be on-time for assignments and following rules and regulations.

Because umpires are compensated for their skills, you will develop some basic money management skills as well.

It is a great way to keep active. Officiating provides you with the opportunity to exercise and keep fit while you are gaining these other life skills.

Umpiring provides you with a concept of team work because you will have the opportunity to work with partners. You will be challenged as individuals and as a team and it is important that you work together to officiate the game in a fair and unbiased manner for all participants.

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TRAVEL

During your advancement through your umpiring career you will be given the opportunity to participate in provincial, national and international assignments. The amount of travel will be determined by your level of interest in the program and most importantly your performance as an umpire.

Test your knowledge and see how much you actually know about umpiring softball and we are sure that you will want to pursue it further. We would love to see you become an umpire.

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