

SOFTBALL UMPIRES – **PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY!!!!** I will begin work on regional softball tournament umpire assignments on Wednesday, June 22. Regional assignments will be released in multiple batches between June 27 - 29. If you wish to be considered for assignment as an umpire in the regional and/or state tournament, please ensure that you read, understand, and meet the requirements described below.

Regional tournament dates: July 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12

State tournament dates: July 18 - 22

To be considered to umpire in the 2016 REGIONAL/STATE softball tournament you must complete the following:

- 2015-16 Softball Umpire Registration
- 2015-16 Softball Umpire Rules Meeting
- 2015-16 Softball Umpire Exam with a score of 75% or better
- Have attended an IGHSAU-sponsored softball clinic in 2014, 2015, or 2016
- Ensure your BLOCKS calendar is up to date for the regional tournament dates
- Complete the following Arbiter Custom Fields:
 - o List your regular umpiring partner(s)
 - o How many varsity softball games are you working this season?
 - o List any schools you should not work in the girls' regional/state softball tournament series







To check your eligibility, please do the following:

Login to your account on Arbiter. On the IGHSAU Officials "Central Hub," click on ELIGIBILITY on the menu bar in the upper left corner of the screen. You will see the softball eligibility periods listed. Depending on which requirements you have completed, these eligibility periods will either be listed under "Started" or "Completed." If you have unmet requirements - other than attending a clinic in the last three years or completing the 2016 exam or rules meeting – a link will display for you to click and subsequently complete the requirement. A green check mark indicates a completed requirement. A grey checkmark indicates an incomplete requirement. An example is shown below. **DO NOT LEAVE THE CUSTOM FIELDS BLANK!** For example, if you do not have a regular softball umpiring partner, enter "NA" rather than leaving the field blank. The system will not recognize you as tournament eligible if you leave one of the custom fields blank.

Started

2016 Tournament Eligible Softball

4 of 6 Requirements Completed

-  2016 Softball Umpire Rule Mtg Completed 04/27/2016
-  2016 IGHSAU Softball Umpire Exam Completed 05/16/2016
-  3 Year Clinics Attendance - Softball
-  How many varsity softball games are you working this season? [Edit Custom Field](#)
-  List any schools you should not work in the regional/state tournament series [Edit Custom Field](#)
-  List your regular umpiring partner(s) [Edit Custom Field](#)

Completed

2016 Non-Varsity Softball

2 of 2 Requirements Completed

- ✔ 2016 Softball Umpire Rule Mtg Completed 04/27/2016
- ✔ 2015-16 Softball Umpire Registration Completed 01/15/2016

2016 Varsity Softball

3 of 3 Requirements Completed

- ✔ 2016 Softball Umpire Rule Mtg Completed 04/27/2016
- ✔ 2016 IGSAU Softball Umpire Exam Completed 05/16/2016
- ✔ 2015-16 Softball Umpire Registration Completed 01/15/2016

Lastly, one final reminder to MAKE SURE YOUR BLOCKS CALENDAR IN YOUR IGSAU “OFFICIAL” ACCOUNT ON ARBITER IS CURRENT! Nothing is more frustrating than receiving a game turnback because an official showed as open on his/her blocks calendar, was assigned a game, and then declines the game because he/she already had a game or was “busy.” Please take a few minutes to ensure your blocks calendar is up to date.

Thank you for your efforts all season!!!

Best,

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