

NORTH COAST SECTION
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL UMPIRES GAME ASSIGNMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

Eligible Associations

1. Associations must be accredited by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and have attended the CIF Rule Interpreters Meeting for the current year in order to umpire NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship events.
2. Assignment of first round, second round, semi-final and final games is based upon the percentage of schools serviced by the association (percentage of schools serviced x number of playoff games = number of assignments). The number of assignments is rounded up or down to the nearest whole number as determined by the NCS Coordinator of Officials or by the person designated by the NCS to allocate the assignments. Assignments are on a per-season basis and do not carry forward to other seasons of the same sport during the school year or to the subsequent school year.
3. An association must service at least three schools during the season to receive a semi-final assignment and at least five schools to receive a final assignment.
4. Assignment of final games shall be rotated among eligible associations that service schools in the assigned Classifications. Pursuant to Section 507 of the NCS Constitution & General Bylaws, an association representative must attend all scheduled Baseball/Softball Officials Coordinating Committee Meetings.
5. Baseball Associations shall provide a plate umpire and two base umpires for each game and a plate umpire and three base umpires for the Championship game unless other arrangements are made with the NCS Coordinator of Officials. Softball Associations shall provide a plate umpire and one base umpire for each game and a plate umpire and two base umpires for the Championship game unless other arrangements are made with the NCS Coordinator of Officials.
6. Only nominated officials who meet the minimum criteria may be used in NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship games. The assigner of each association is responsible for avoiding conflicts between officials and the participating teams. Associations assigning non-nominated officials shall lose an assignment the following year in the round the official works. If the assignment is in the finals, and the association is not scheduled for a final assignment the following year, the association shall lose a semi-final assignment.
7. Association assigners must provide the NCS Coordinator of Officials with the names of officials working each game at least 24 hours in advance of the game.

Nominated Officials

1. Each officials association shall post an alphabetical list of their recommended officials on the North Coast Section (NCS) website on or before **Friday, April 16, 2010** (Form A). Only nominated officials may be used in championship events.
2. Each nominated official shall complete and submit the Game Officials Assignment Eligibility Form posted on the NCS website on or before **Monday, May 3, 2010** (Form C).

Game Assignments

1. Umpires may be assigned to more than one tournament game and may be assigned to games by more than one officials association.
2. A plate umpire assigned to a final game, may not be assigned as the plate umpire to a first round, quarterfinal, or semi-final game involving the same division and gender. The NCS does not allow a plate umpire to officiate the same team more than once during the tournament.
3. An umpire assigned to a semifinal game may be assigned to a first round or quarterfinal game involving the same division and gender if the game is in an opposite bracket.
4. An umpire assigned to a second round game may be assigned to a first round game involving the same division and gender if the game is in an opposite bracket.
5. All umpire assignments are subject to the review and approval of the North Coast Section.
6. Umpires may not work a game involving a team where there is a conflict because of past or current employment, school attendance, etc.
7. The assigner of each officials association must avoid assigning umpires to games who have a conflict with one of the participating teams, or to games where one of the participating teams has submitted a form indicating the umpire is unacceptable.
8. The assigner for each officials association is responsible for informing their umpires as to the date, time and location of the assigned game and travel directions for getting to the game site. Directions to the schools can be obtained by logging on to the NCS website and going to "Directions" for the address of the school. Then go to www.mapquest.com for a map to the school/field.

Game Administration

Arrival Time – Umpires are to be at the game site 1 hour prior to the start of the game and are **to check in with the Site Administrator**. The Site Administrator will have game cards that the Plate Umpire should complete and give to each of the participating coaches. The Site Administrator will also have the payment voucher that each umpire must sign.

Sportsmanship Meeting - Prior to the start of each game, a sportsmanship meeting will be held with the administrators-in-charge, coaches, captains of each team and the umpires. The home school administrator will conduct the sportsmanship meeting.

Administrator-In-Charge - Each school must have an Administrator-In-Charge unless a school is traveling more than 150 miles to the game site. The Site Director will contact the NCS Office if a team does not have an Administrator-In-Charge. The umpires shall not begin the game until the Site Director has contacted the NCS Office and thereafter directs the umpires to begin the game.

Warm-up Time – Teams shall be granted a maximum of ten minutes for infield practice. The visiting will take infield first.

Home Team – The home team for first round and quarterfinal games will be the higher seeded team as determined by the Seeding Committee. The home team for semi-finals and finals will be determined by a flip of the coin. The home team will use the third base dugout.

Ground Rules – The Site Director will provide each team and the umpires with a copy of the ground rules.

Starting the Game – The game management is solely responsible for determining whether or not a game will be started. After the game is underway the decision as to whether or not it should be suspended rests solely with the game umpires.

Game Ball – The official ball for the 2010 NCS/Les Schwab Tires Baseball Championships is the Rawlings R-100. The official ball for the 2010 NCS/Les Schwab Tires Softball Championships is the Dudley CFP 12Y NFHS. **The game must be played with an official game ball. No other ball may be used.**

Time Outs – Umpires will be instructed to strictly enforce the limits of three defensive time outs per seven inning game and one offensive time out per inning and to limit pitchers to one minute or five pitches, whichever comes first, between innings.

Tie Game – For softball, the tie breaker rule will begin in the 10th inning.

Game Fee – The umpires in baseball will be paid \$74.00 and the umpires in softball will be paid \$66.00. Mileage is paid at \$0.50 per mile with a reduced game rate of \$52.00 for Baseball and \$46.00 for Softball. Only one mileage over 50 miles round trip will be paid. When a suspended game is resumed, baseball umpires will be paid \$38.00 for the first two innings and \$13.00 for each additional inning required thereafter up to the maximum of the regular game fee. Softball umpires will be paid \$33.00 for the first two innings and \$13.00 for each additional inning required thereafter up to the maximum of the regular game fee. Mileage for the suspended game also applies.

Ejected Players/Coaches - The name and/or number of players and the name of coaches who are ejected from the game must be reported to the **NCS Associate Commissioner (Karen Smith)** within twelve (12) hours of the game. Please leave a message at (925) 866-8400 x20. A written game report must also be submitted.