

January 1, 2015

To: St. Louis ASA Umpires
Re: 2015 News & Registration Information



Hello All!

I hope the holidays have been enjoyable and safe for everyone! St. Louis ASA is working to get ready for the upcoming 2015 Softball Season. Attached are some documents that will be referred to in this letter. Please take some time to go through this thoroughly as I'm planning to talk about several items.

Early Bird Registration will be \$60.00 again this year through March 1st. Afterwards, registration will be \$70.00. This is the same as we have done the past three years. Please plan to attend one of our ALL Day Metro Clinics - \$10.00 Clinic Fee Covers Lunch. **RETURNING St. Louis ASA Umpires – please complete the gray highlighted sections of the registration form (at minimum).** **New umpires or those who have taken a year or so off – please complete the entire form.** The attached form can be downloaded, typed using your computer, saved, and then emailed back to me, OR you may print it off and mail to me along with your registration fees. Either is acceptable. If emailing, please bring payment to one of our early ASA Clinics and make payment then.

ALL Fast Pitch umpires, or any umpire desiring to umpire an ASA National Championship, must complete the Back Ground Check Application, sign it (or type your name if emailing), and either email it to me (preferred) or mail it to me ASAP! In addition, if you have a smart phone, please take a photo (directly above) of your license and either text it to me (314) 503-3632, or email it to me as an attachment. This is REQUIRED and must be completed before umpiring any games. Sorry, NO Exceptions! In addition, there is a \$7.00 fee which should accompany your 2015 registration.

Attached is a PDF - 2015 ASA Activity Schedule - Dec 2014 Version which contains several of the upcoming learning opportunities (clinics) hosted by either Roger Berry or myself. It also contains many of the fast pitch tournament schedules for this summer. *This document is just a start, and is subject to change, so please continue to read emails as they are sent, or check out our website for the latest "News."*

Umpires looking to work either Fast Pitch, or Slow Pitch, or Both, attached are two CALANDERS for you to use. You can print as many as needed, complete as directed, and then send it to whomever is scheduling the leagues you desire to work. *This is an AID for the coordinators who schedule, and helps them put their schedule together.* As independent contractors, you may umpire wherever you would like – PROVIDED YOU ARE REGISTERED WITH St Louis ASA. Registration provides umpires the insurance coverage required by all of the ASA Softball Played throughout the country! If you are NOT Registered, you put yourself, your family, the association, and all those you are around in jeopardy. PLEASE be sure to register before umpiring any league or tournament play – Thank you.

ASA National Umpire Schools are held throughout the country and begin very early in the year. The closest NUS to St. Louis this year is in Bowling Green, KY. The dates and contact person is listed below. We will have at least one carload going, maybe more. If you plan to go, please let me know at your earliest convenience so I can help you prepare.

Feb. 27 - March 1, 2015	Bowling Green, KY	Region 10	Brenda Petty	270.779.2689
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The association will be ordering uniform items so that EVERYONE can be in uniform this summer. The ASA Rule Books should arrive by the end of January, and we will ensure EVERYONE who registers gets one! The ASA Exam will still be taken ONLINE using Register ASA, but we will allow those who need to complete the exam on paper the opportunity to do so.

Micky Cohen (314) 496-4304, and I are both available to help with your uniform needs. Should you need something this season, please be sure to contact either one of us and we will work to see you receive it! Micky is also in charge of our fundraising events and Operation Food Search canned goods drive. We collected over 900 lbs of food which was donated to OFS by our association – Thank you to all you that helped! Micky has a SUPER BOWL BOARD that is going strong. Attached are some details on it should you want to participate.

The StLMSUA.com website will be updated before the metro clinics! Many of the questions umpires ask regularly can be found on the site. Some notable changes are – design/content, social media, forms/documents

Have a great 2015 Season!

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