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Welcome to the Northern Virginia Softball Umpire's Associations (NVSUA) website! Whether you are a member looking for updated information to prepare for the upcoming season or a potential new umpire looking to see what we offer, I hope you find everything up to date and useful.

If you have umpired for 20 years or just now getting interested in umpiring, we know there are options available as to which association to be a member of. I believe what sets NVSUA apart from others is our adherence to high standards of excellence, continual training and personal commitment of all members to not only knowing and understanding the rules but our ability to accurately explain the application of the rules to coaches, players and others as well how well we work with our partners on the field. As an established association with an over 40 year history, our reputation runs deep locally, regionally and nationally as one of the best in the country.

Our training committee continually refines our training program to benefit potential new umpires regardless of their level of experience with the game of softball. Those interested in being part of a future class should click on the "become an umpire" button on the main page of the website. The class will have the benefit of receiving the latest training material available from the National USA Softball Staff as the UIC and myself attended the Biennial UIC clinic in Oklahoma City in early February.

This year we be associated with a name change, what was formerly known as ASA Softball, effective Jan 1, 2017 has become known as USA Softball. The name change was primarily driven with the interest of getting softball added back as an International Olympic Sport. With that name change, will also come umpire uniform changes. The current uniforms will continue to be worn through attrition, as the new uniforms become available they may also be worn. We do not expect the new uniforms to be mandatory for National Championship play until 2020. Regardless of what name or uniform our members wear, they will continue to arbitrate the rules of the game to the best of their ability as they have in the past.

Sincerely,

Bob Angeli
President, NVSUA
