

Members of NVSUA,

The past week has been fast and furious between phone calls, emails, etc on updates to returning to the field to the point there are too many to appropriately update via email but here are some highlights starting with:

1. **\*\*\*DATE CHANGE\*\*\***: we will have a virtual General Membership meeting on **Monday, Jun 15th @ 7pm**. The Thursday prior you will receive an email from Javier as a reminder with the zoom link to the meeting, all you should have to do is click it and join the meeting. We will try to keep it to an hour.

2. **Safe Sport**: earlier today I received a list of those that have **NOT** completed safe sport to date. If you recall since January we have been asking you to complete it by Apr 15th. The fact we have been impacted by COVID-19 did not eliminate that requirement. I would ask all that have not completed to please take immediate action to complete it, it is federal law in order to work games. Here are those 25 that have yet to take it, if your name is here and you have a certificate of completion then please email that final completion certificate to me so I can get the system corrected..appears we also have some that have not registered, if you are on that list might consider taking the necessary steps to become registered.

- Heidi Ball- needs safesport
- Rush Bishop- needs safesport
- Steven Barbosa- not registered
- Antonio Bravo-needs safesport
- Kyle Breau-needs safesport
- Sharon Buccino- needs safesport
- Paul Burke- hasn't filled out and sent additional info on background check ,I have talked to him twice
- Burless Cappelli- needs safesport
- Mark Dinneen-needs safesport
- Kenneth Duckworth – needs safesport
- Charles Freola- needs safesport
- Shandra Herrod-needs safesport
- Scott Jacobs- not registered
- Del Jones- needs safesport
- Robert Kingsley- Needs safesport
- Jim Kroll- needs safesport
- Mary Matusiewicz- needs safesport

- Bill McIntosh- needs safesport
- Marquis Murden- talked to him he is registering this week
- Dennis Ortiz- needs safesport
- Dan Pease- needs safesport
- Troy Whitehead- needs safesport
- Sonny You- not registered
- Mark Yow- not registered
- Joseph Zaydel – needs safesport

3. **USA Softball:** during the general membership meeting we will outline the plans for all rec leagues which are very promising to say the least. National Tournaments for USA Softball has left the decision to the state/regional/local governments. The Eastern Zone 18U scheduled to be hosted in Loudoun County will now be played in Salem, VA from Aug 6-8. The USA 14U remains in Salem but will also be played from Aug 6-8. All Eastern Zone B scheduled for the Ocean City, MD area will be played as scheduled. I previously shared with you a document published by USA Softball which offers guidelines on mechanics, protocols, etc called Back to the Ballpark, I have attached it again,, the umpire portion starts on page 12. That document is being updated and we will ensure you have a copy once it becomes available. We will discuss this at the general membership meeting as well.

a. **Tournaments:** Per the governor's guidance release today, fields around the commonwealth will start to reopen in the next week for competitive sports with the exception of Northern Virginia and Richmond. The USA Softball of VA State Tournament that is scheduled for Jun 20-21 in Henrico County (Richmond area) will be played as scheduled. On a call earlier today, it is expected to use 18 fields which under normal circumstances would require 54 umpires....we don't see much of a deviation from that at this time. Joe and I are scheduled to be the UICs, not much more is known as of this email...it is literally press off the "press" so to speak, more off the phone. If you are interested in working that please let me know sooner than later.

4. **Liability Waiver Requirement:** USA Softball has mandated every umpire working games **MUST** sign the attached liability waiver. Please sign and return to me ASAP, We are required to maintain that on file locally and be able to provide a copy to any authority that requests it. This will be discussed during the general membership meeting as well.

5. **Interview with NASO President:** in the course of my day job, I can across the June issue of a magazine for Compliance and Ethics Officers. In it was an interview with the President of NASO, Barry Mano which I found interesting as he drew a correlation between sports officials and compliance officers in the

corporate world. Regardless of your status as an umpire, rookie or 30 years there is some good information in the article that we can apply to what we do every day and every time we step on the field. I've attached a copy of it for your reading pleasure.

So the obvious theme of this is a) fields are opening up, games will be played and soon and more importantly b) we have a lot of important information to pass on at the general membership meeting now on **Monday, Jun 15th @ 7pm** via zoom. As always should you have any questions please let me know via email or phone which is sometimes easier to explain the answer. Thanks