

NVSUA has been proudly umpiring in the DC area for over 30 years. Our name is more than an acronym, it tells about our history, our commitment and our experience in the world of fast pitch softball.

### NVSUA (Northern Virginia Softball Umpires Association)

#### NV (Northern Virginia)

Most of our clients and most of our umpires are located in the Northern Virginia area. The high schools we contract with are in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria. However, we umpire many private schools that are located in Washington D.C. Our officials are recognized nationally as some of the best trained and professional umpires in the country. And our officials take advantage of the many opportunities given to them to umpire in other locations when invited. Locally, our members will umpire in Loudon county and Maryland. We also have several opportunities to travel throughout the state of Virginia to work high school regional and state playoffs. Additionally, many umpires have had their expenses paid to travel to Florida, Colorado and other tournaments across the country.

#### S (Softball)

As the sport of fast pitch softball exploded in the late 70's and 80's, our association felt that the young women in the area deserved their own umpires; committed to and trained specifically for their sport. We continue this tradition today. Our training sessions for rookies and veterans only focus on the game of fast pitch softball. Our association name used to be NVFPUA. The "FP" stood for "Fast Pitch". There was a time when our association began to umpire more slow pitch leagues and the "FP" was dropped to just an "S". However, our focus was always on the great game of fast pitch. Currently, the majority of our clients are youth softball leagues. However, the professionalism and expertise that our officials exhibit on the field has drawn the attention of other leagues. In the past, our officials have been contracted to serve slow pitch leagues, kick ball leagues and even umpired the King and His Court when they came to town. Currently, we umpire a local wiffle ball league and the Fairfax County Women's fast pitch league.

#### U (Umpires)

Our umpires range in experience; but are all highly trained by one of the best training programs on the east coast. Our training program has not been a typical classroom setting. Umpires learn by doing; not sitting and listening. We use fast pitch players to demonstrate the rules in real life and have the umpires practice making the calls as they learn the rules. No matter, what the level or age of the players, every game is the most important game and should be officiated by a professional and well trained umpire. Our umpires have worked at various levels

including youth and adult recreational leagues, high school, NCAA, and state, metro, regional and national championships. Every official is evaluated by their ability and not by their years of service to the association. Every member will have the opportunity to umpire at virtually every level from 10-under recreational leagues to high school varsity and postseason tournaments. Whatever level of officiating you aspire to and whenever you want to work is up to you. We do all of our scheduling using a modern and easy to use an electronic scheduling system that enables you to customize your officiating schedule to best match your personal, work and/or family obligations.

### A (Association)

The roots of NVSUA can be traced to Caffi Field in Vienna, VA and Wakefield Forest Elementary in Annandale, VA. These fields hosted many of the games for the Vienna Softball League and the Holy Spirit League. Those fields look different today as Title IX helped initiate better and safer fields for the girl's softball program throughout the area. And the local leagues that hosted the girls fast pitch programs have exploded in the area. But one of the first associations committed to the game of fast pitch was named the Community Umpire Association (CUA). Commissioner Mike Egan and Umpire in Chief (UIC) Tom Oliver were the backbone of that association and their contributions continued to be significant for many years to come. In the late 1980s, CUA was awarded the contract for all of high school softball in the Northern Region. At that time, the Association renamed itself NVFPUA and formed a new board headed by President Rick Bransfield, Vice-President Joe DeFranco, UIC Enio Tapia and Commissioner Mike McGuire. Though there have been mergers and volatile changes with official organizations in the area, NVSUA has continued to be the backbone for the community when competent fast pitch [Softball Umpires](#) are needed. With strong leadership and close to 100 members, our [Association](#) will continue to serve the [Northern Virginia](#) area for years to come.