

NVSUA Umpire-In-Chief
Joe DeFranco

Joe DeFranco has been umpiring and/or coaching fast pitch softball for over 32 years. He is the Umpire-In-Chief (UIC) of the Northern Virginia Softball Umpires Association (NVSUA). Joe has been training umpires for over 25 years and with his unique approach of "hands on" training, many of the umpires trained through NVSUA have continued on to be very successful at the national and collegiate level.

Joe is on the umpire staff for USA Softball of Virginia and has also been the Junior Olympic UIC for Metro DC ASA. He has also coached at the varsity high school and travel level for over 10 years so he knows the game of fast pitch from both the umpire's and coaches' perspective.

Joe is a retired high school math teacher after 30+ years. His wife played softball for one-time Olympic coach Ralph Raymond in High School. His son has been a successful umpire at multiple levels including high school and NCAA. His daughter was a highly talented collegiate softball player.