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Newsletter

February 13, 2012

UPCOMING DEADLINE

All Paperwork Due
February 15, 2012

Presidents Message

Ok guys, we are moving into the home stretch in our preparations for the upcoming 2012 season. We have a promising group of new umpires who are currently in training, as well as a well-rounded core of more veteran members to provide the necessary leadership.

We have a few remaining dates for classroom training and field mechanics clinics before the final Certification Test. Check the Upcoming Calendar of Events to ensure that you do not miss any important activities. The CIF Certification Test will take place mid-February. It's going to be electronic this year. Instructions will follow.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Frank Rios, our UDP for 2012 for his diligent and enthusiastic efforts to install the most effective umpire training regime possible. Also, an acknowledgement to his able staff of seasoned trainers, including Darren Alcalay, Ron Ragan, Hank Bradley, Jack Archer, Ralph Cripe, Mike Fernandez, and many more guys. There is little doubt that because of your efforts, Pacific will

continue to be viewed as putting the best umpires available on the field each week.

As a reminder, you have to complete and turn-in all of your paperwork before you can be assigned games. All members are required to sign and turn in your "2012 Required Documents" signoff sheet and Proof of Insurance and assignor fees before February 15, 2012. In addition, you need to complete and submit a W-9 to Sal Gambino (Treasurer) by that date as well.

Arbiter's Custom Fields are being constantly updated with all the documents that have been received. Please check your Custom Fields to make sure we have received all of your necessary forms. Plus, don't forget to upload your picture into Arbiter.

When doing your availability schedule calendar for the upcoming season remember that day light saving is a month earlier this year starting March 11, 2012. Most all the games will start at 3:30 pm during the week-day games.

Pacific Classic is 28 teams strong this year and with 14 teams in each division and that is the same week as is the Lions Tournament April 2 – April 7. So again we will ask everybody to open their availability that week so we can cover all the games.

Tim Fillmore
President

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UMPIRES



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wed 2/8 Classroom Training
7-9pm Rancho Bernardo HS

Sat 2/11 Field Training
Groups A, B & C 9-1pm
Canyon Crest Academy

Wed 2/15 Classroom Training
7-9pm Rancho Bernardo HS

Sat 2/18 Field Training
Groups A, B, C Live Games TBA

Wed 2/22 Classroom Training
7-9pm Rancho Bernardo HS

Sat 2/25 Field Training
Group A, B, C & D Live Games TBA

Tips From a Veteran

Each time you step on the field, you have another chance to make a good first impression, or a less than good impression.

We have high expectations for your visual appearance and the impression you leave with the high school players, coaches and administrators. Now is the time of year for you to take a close look at your gear and umpire clothing and replace what you can afford to replace. Your priorities should include:

- Replace black shirts and jacket that have faded or been damaged
- add a light blue or cream shirt, if you don't have them
- replace any light heather gray pants with the darker gray
- add a combo or plate pant to your wardrobe
- add a "Pacific" logo cap (minimum of 1)



The Pacific Umpire Look
(Clean Uniform, Well Groomed, Confident, Professional)

Tips For Looking Your Best

- Keep your uniforms cleaned, pressed and hung up properly at all times. No wrinkles!
- Wash dark colors in cold water. Turn your shirts inside out before washing.
- Hang your shirts up inside-out to avoid shoulder bumps.
- If you leave your uniforms hanging in the car, cover them with a clothing bag or large towel to prevent fading.
- Carry your shoe cleaning and polishing gear in your car at all times.

Rule Quiz

True or False: No runners on, batter singles to right field. Right fielder comes up with the ball quickly and attempts throw to 1st though batter/runner had passed 1st at time of throw, but overthrows and ball goes into the dugout. Ruling is dead ball and batter/runner is awarded 2nd base.

[answer at end of newsletter]

Good 2-Man Mechanics Reminder

No runners on, extra base hit into the gap, U1 enters the infield with a pivot and prepares for all plays on the batter/runner at first, second and third base. PU observes the play and returns to home plate for any play there.

UDP Update



Umpire Uniformity

(not only good for you, but good for the Association)
p.s THIS is proper "time out" / "foul" calls

In accordance with NFHS rules: Rule 4, section 1, article 3b (and penalty) - "...the Umpire shall receive verification (verbal) from each head coach that his participants are properly equipped....." AND "...are using only legal equipment....". No need to physically check equipment before the game. However, you **MUST ALL** have this conversation....every single game e.g....

Umpire: "Coach... are your players equipped in accordance with CIF rules? Is your team's equipment legal and fit for play, (free of crack/damages)?"



Our Umpires In Action



Rule Quiz Answer

False. Batter runner should be awarded 3rd base, two bases from time of throw.

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