



Southern Massachusetts Umpires Association

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Please read carefully & keep this letter in a safe place for future reference.

New Umpire Classes: Will start on January 8, 2026, at the Arnone School in the Cafetorium (door 11). All classes will start @ 6:30 PM and will run for approximately 2 hours. Classes will continue 1/8, 1/12, 1/15, 1/22, 1/26, 1/28, 2/5, 2/9, 2/12. Final Exam (mandatory) is on 2/12/2026. Snow Dates: 2/26/2026. Mandatory Field Mechanics Clinic is TBD. The cost for adults is \$175.00, & Juniors \$100.00, the fee includes the candidate's first year dues, classroom material and exam Fee. If you have an interested person, please have them contact the secretary at smuasecretary@gmail.com or call or text @ 508-789-7383. or go to our website at smuaump.org

Information Update Forms: The 2026 Information update form has been included in this mailing. We request that all members: Including Active, Juniors, Inactive, Honorary and Retired Members complete this form and return it as soon as possible. We are attempting to make the directory as accurate as possible. Please include your Date of Birth, your COUNTY (not country) I hope all of you live in the USA. We are asking if you are not planning on returning to this association to please check off the retired/resigned box and we will remove you from our contact lists. Any Honorary Member that still desires to umpire please check off both the Honorary/Active box. Please note: if you are a returning Junior Member you need a signed waiver by your legal guardian. The Registration form needs to be returned by the first meeting on February 02, 2026.

Association Meetings: **All Active members are required to attend a minimum of 4 meetings.**

Day	Date	Location	Room	Time	Agenda
Monday	*February 02, 2026.	Arnone School	Cafetorium	7:00 PM	NFHS Rule Changes
Monday	**February 23, 2026.	Arnone School	Cafetorium	7:00 PM	Nominations
Monday	March 09, 2026.	Vets Club 88 Cottage	St. Bridgewater	6:00 PM	Dinner/Elections
Monday	**March 23, 2026	Arnone School	Cafetorium	7:00 PM	Assignor's Night
Monday	**April 06, 2026.	Arnone School	Cafetorium	7:00 PM	MBUA Night
Monday	April 27, 2026.	Arnone School	Cafetorium	7:00 PM	Business/Pizza Metting

*Mandatory Meeting: no meeting excuses will be issued. ** Zoom Meetings

Annual Membership Dues: All Membership dues are due at our first membership meeting. Your annual dues are due by Monday, 2/02/2026. If your dues are not paid by the due date fines will start on Monday, 2/23/2026 at \$5.00 per week till paid. If you do not pay your annual dues by Monday March 09, 2026, and you have not contacted either the Secretary or Treasurer, we will consider you as resigned and will remove you from our rosters.

<u>S.M.U.A. Dues for 2026:</u>			
Active Members	\$75.00	Officers & Directors	\$0.00
Junior Members	\$45.00	Honorary Members	\$0.00
Inactive Members	\$35.00	Active Military (inactive)	\$0.00

The association requests that all members pay the dues by either cash, check or money order. No Venmo, PayPal or other cash-apps payments will be accepted, and Dues are Non-refundable.

Inactive Membership: If you do not umpire for the entire 2026 baseball season, but wish to keep your certification current, you may go inactive for the entire 2026 season. Please fill out your registration form check off the Inactive box, submit your dues of \$35.00 no later than Monday February 02, 2026. If you are inactive per the SMUA Constitution you are not permitted to umpire any baseball games at any level while wearing any MBUA or SMUA insignia. If you are caught umpiring while patched, you will be suspended immediately and may face further actions. If you are planning to reactivate your membership and have been inactive for more than 3 years per the S.M.U.A. Constitution you are required to pass the annual state baseball umpire's exam before active status is granted.

Meeting Excuses: If you cannot attend a membership meeting you must notify the secretary by email in advance of the said meeting is held. As the first meeting of the year is a mandatory meeting no excuses will be issued. The secretary's email address is smuasecretary@gmail.com If you are umpiring a game on said night, it must be confirmed by assignor of the game. We have 6 scheduled meetings and 4 of them are before the season starts, so there should be no conflicts with games.

Junior Members Meeting Attendance: As per the SMUA Constitution, Junior members are only required to attend 1 meeting per year. Junior members are permitted to attend as many meetings as they can, as long as it does not interfere with their schoolwork or school activities.

Adult Members Meeting Attendance: Per the SMUA Constitution: Any Active Adult Member in good standing, that is still in high school or is attending college, trade school or a police or firefighting academy. shall only be required to attend one (1) meeting per season. Adult members are permitted to attend as many meetings as they can, as long as it does not interfere with their schoolwork or school activities.

Nominations for 2026: Any person interested in running for office must be nominated & seconded by a member in good standing. All nominations will be placed on a ballot. If only 1 person is nominated for office, only the secretary will cast a vote for each uncontested office, in the case of the Secretary, the President will cast the lone vote for the uncontested Secretary's office.

Per the S.M.U.A. Constitution to be a member of the Board of Directors, all candidates must have been an active member of this association for a minimum of four (4) years (active from 2022). Must be a member in good standing. Shall not be on any type of probation. Shall not be a Junior, Retired Honorary, or Inactive member. Shall have an active Membership in the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO)

Elections 2026: Nominations for the 2026 elections will be held on 2/23/2026 with the election being held on 03/09/2026. Offices that are open for 2026 elections are Secretary (3-year term), & 3 Director positions (2-year terms each). All Officers & Directors elected shall take office on September 01, 2026, for the 2027 season.

Rule Books: The SMUA will Not be purchasing MLB rule books for the 2026 season, all umpires that are registered with the MIAA and are on the SMUA Arbiter will receive the 2026 NFHS baseball rule and case book.

NASO Insurance: the Association is offering a group rate (we need 25 people to qualify) on NASO insurance. The 2026 rate is yet to be quoted to us. We will announce the rate at a meeting. Payment are not required until mid-April. Payment may be made by either cash, check or money order. No Venmo, PayPal or other cash-apps payments.

M.I.A.A. Enrollment: As we all know by now any official that does high school sports must pass a Background Check (\$35.00) and pass the Concussion Course. If you have already passed the background check then you are ok for 3 years from when you first passed. But you still need to annually register (\$10.00 per sport) with the MIAA for each sport you officiate and Pass the Concussion Course. To apply for your Background Check, register with the MIAA & take the Concussion Course go to the MIAA website at MIAA.net then click on the OFFICIALS tab, then on the Arbitersports tab. This will bring you to all 3 sections you need.

New Officials (first time officials & officials from the original Background check and registration, unless you are registered in another sport.

Returning Officials Registration Only/Previously completed background check.

On the right side you will see the NFHS Concussion Course. This is a free course but only appears that you must pay. Make sure you print out your certificate and keep it with you. There are some schools that will ask to see it. The Background check also covers the AAU baseball that Skip assigns.

High School Assignments: Dom DiMare is the assignor at the Varsity level for the Patriot, Mayflower, Hockomock, Bay State, and South Shore leagues, plus Brockton High, Bridgewater/Raynham RHS, Archbishop Williams, Cardinal Spellman, Bishop Stang, Bishop Feehan, & South Shore Christian Academy. He also assigns all of Zones 6 Senior Legion and Junior Legion baseball. Dom also runs his own Arbitersports assigning page at a cost of \$25.00 per official. Please contact Dom @ 617-413-3851. His email is ddimare1@gmail.com

Jim McGuinness is the Varsity for the Tri-Valley league, Contact him at: 774-291-6181.

Ed Crowley is the Varsity assignor for the Cape & Island League. Contact hi at: 508-367-4652.

They are both use Dom's arbiter, so you will have to sign up for Dom's arbiter to be scheduled for TVL and Cape high school games.

Sub-Varsity assignments: if you would like to umpire middle school, freshmen, or junior varsity games.

Kieth O'Brien schedules sub-varsity games for Don's Leagues, listed above. Contact him at: 508-400-0213 or keithump@gmail.com

Jim McGuinness Schedules sub-varsity for the Tri-Valley League. Contact him at: Contact him at: 774-291-6181 or jimmcguinness3@gmail.com

Ed Crowley schedules sub-varsity games for the Cape and Islands league. Contact hi at: 508-367-4652 or ewc96@msn.com

Skip Crossman's Arbiter: Skip will be assigning his youth games though his own arbiter. Skip's arbiter is \$25.00 for the Spring, Summer and Fall youth baseball. Please contact Skip at 508-269-0750 or skipcrossmanbaseball@yahoo.com

Additional Assignors: Eric Nugent, Paul Chiarolanza, Terry Neville & Bob Goodwin are not using an Arbiter. Keith O'Brien uses Dom DiMare's Arbiter. Nate Crossman will be assigned under Skip Crossman's Arbiter, & Erik Williams has his own Arbiter.

Nate Crossman has taken over for Easton Youth Baseball.

MBUA Patches & SMUA Directories: The MBUA has raised the cost of the patches to \$2.00 per patch. If you need to purchase MBUA patches, please indicate on your registration form how many you need. MBUA patches are \$2.00 each at the meetings, \$2.50 each if mailed. Please send a separate check for the patches made payable to the SMUA.

If you would like a copy of the 2026 SMUA directory, please indicate on your registration form. The directory will be shipped to you free of charge. Directories are only available to Active, Honorary, and Junior S.M.U.A. Members in good standing.

Yours in Baseball.

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S.M.U.A. Secretary