



Southern Massachusetts Umpires Association

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

Information Update Forms: The 2018 Information update form has been included in this mailing. We request that all members: Including Active, Juniors, Inactive, Honorary and Retired Members to complete this form and return it as soon as possible. We are attempting to make the directory as accurate as possible. We are asking if you are not planning on returning to this association to please check off the resign 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 boxes. Please note if you are a returning Junior Member you need a signed waiver by your legal guardian. This form needs to be returned by the first meeting of the year on March 05, 2018.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda</u>
<u>March 05, 2018*</u>	<u>Arnone School</u>	<u>Theater</u>	<u>7:30 PM</u>	<u>Rule Changes</u>
<u>March 19, 2018</u>	<u>Arnone School</u>	<u>Theater</u>	<u>7:30 PM</u>	<u>Nominations</u>
<u>March 26, 2018**</u>	<u>Emerald Hall</u>	<u>Function Hall</u>	<u>5:30 PM</u>	<u>Dinner/Elections</u>
<u><i>Cocktails @ 5:30 PM, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Meeting @ 7:00 PM, Raffle @ 8:00 PM</i></u>				
<u>April 09, 2018</u>	<u>Arnone School</u>	<u>Theater</u>	<u>7:30 PM</u>	<u>Assignor's Night</u>
<u>April 23, 2018</u>	<u>Arnone School</u>	<u>Theater</u>	<u>7:30 PM</u>	<u>Business Meeting</u>
<u>May 07, 2018</u>	<u>Arnone School</u>	<u>Cafeteria</u>	<u>7:30 PM</u>	<u>Pizza Night</u>

*Mandatory Meeting (No excuse waivers will be issued).

**Cash Bar & Raffle.

S.M.U.A. Meeting Locations:

<u>Brockton High School</u>	<u>New Umpire Classes</u>	<u>470 Forest Ave Brockton, MA. 02301</u>
<u>Arnone School</u>	<u>(5) Regular Meetings</u>	<u>135 Belmont Str Brockton, MA 02301</u>
<u>Emerald Hall</u>	<u>Dinner Meeting</u>	<u>30 Central Street Abington, MA. 02351</u>

Weather Postponements: A meeting postponement will be issued in the case where the City of Brockton has either canceled day classes, and or evening classes for the day due to severe weather conditions. The only meeting that is not affected by the City of Brockton is the Dinner Meeting on March 26, 2018. In the case where the association has postponed a meeting the postponed meeting will be rescheduled at a later date. All members will be notified by E-mail of any postponement, it will also be posted on the website.

Meeting Excuses: any member that cannot make a weekly meet must E-mail the secretary @ smuasecretary@aol.com and state the reason for the request of excuse. No excuses will be issued for the March 5, 2018 meeting or any meeting received after the meeting has been held.

Any member that cannot attend any of the meetings due to work, school, or family care may apply for a 1 year meeting attendance waiver. All you need to do is write a short letter of excuse, stating the reason for the waiver request and please return it with your Registration form no later than March 1, 2018.

Any Member that is currently a full time College or High School student, such member is only required to attend a minimum of 1 meeting. If you fail to attend this minimum you will not be eligible to umpire for the 2018 season.

Annual Membership Dues: All Membership dues are due by the first meeting on March 05, 2018. If your dues are not paid by the 2nd meeting on March 19, 2018, and you have not contacted either the Secretary or Treasurer we will consider you as resigned and will remove you from our rosters.

S.M.U.A. Dues for 2018:

<u>Active Members</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>	<u>Officers & Directors</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Junior Members</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>	<u>Honorary Members</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Inactive Members</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>Retired Members</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

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

Inactive Membership: If you do not intend on umpiring for the entire 2018 baseball season, but wish to keep your certification current, you may go inactive for the entire 2018 season. Please fill out your registration form check off the Inactive box, submit your dues of \$15.00 no later than March 05, 2018. If you are planning of reactivating 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 will be granted.

Elections 2018: Offices that are open for 2018 elections are the President (2-year term), Vice-president (2-year term), Treasurer (3-year term), and 3 Director positions (2-year terms each). The officers and directors elected shall take office on September 01, 2018 for the 2019 season.

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

NASO Insurance: the Association is offering a group rate on the NASO insurance. The 2018 rate will be \$79.00 per person and that will cover you for all sports at all levels for the year. It also gives you a 1 year subscription to Referee magazine. Please contact Ed O'Dell for how to sign up.

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 @ MIAA.net then click on the OFFICIALS tab, then on the Arbitersports tab. This will bring you to all 3 sections you need. On this page you will see **New Officials** (first time officials) Background check and registration. **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 is only appears that you have to pay. Make sure you print out you 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: Don Fredericks is the assignor at the Varsity level for the Patriot, Mayflower, Atlantic Coast, Hockomock, Bay State, and South shore leagues, plus Archbishop Williams and Cardinal Spellman. He also assigns Zone 6B Senior Legion and Zone 6 Junior Legion baseball. Don also runs his own Arbitersports assigning page at a cost of \$10.00 per official. Please contact Don @ 508-344-8475.

Sub-Varsity Assignments: Skip Crossman is the sub-varsity assignor for Don Fredericks, Skip covers the same schools (except the Cape schools) as Don, plus he assigns Brockton Middle schools, Foxboro Regional Charter, Rising Tide Charter, and Derby Academy. Skip also assigns various AAUs, Babe Ruths, Cal Ripkens, and Little leagues. Please Contact Skip @ 508-269-0750.

New Umpire Classes: The classes for new umpires start on Wednesday January 3, 2018 @ Brockton High School in room RED 325. Classes start at 6:00 PM and end around 8:30 PM. The remaining dates are January 8, 10, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31, & February 5, 7, 12, 14, 26, 28. The written exam will either be on February 14 or 28, 2018. The cost of the classes is \$115.00 for Adults (18 as of 4/1/18) & \$75.00 for Juniors (15 by 5/1/18). For more information please visit the web site at smuasecretary@aol.com or text @ 508-789-7383.

Yours in Baseball;

David Quimby
S.M.U.A. Secretary