

## South Jersey Umpires Association

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Greetings from the SJUA Executive Board!

Cadets, SJUA 2008 baseball and softball season is just around the corner. At this time of the preseason, one of our most important functions is the training of new officials. We are providing some basic information:

Our baseball classes will meet for the first time on February 5 th, 2008 at Rancocas Valley Regional High School, in Mt Holly, room C-219. The remaining classes will be held on February 12, 19, and 26, all in the same room and time. Starting time is 7:00 p.m. and your instructor, will be Bruce Lazaruk, Cadet Supervisor and Supervisor of Officials. Bruce can be contacted at 856.461.4144 and by email at brucelazaruk@yahoo.com.

Over those four training weeks, you will learn rules, application of rules, and on-field mechanics of the game. In terms of outdoor field experience, weather permitting, we will have between one and three sessions at various area high schools beginning in March and you will be expected to work, getting repetitions as a plate and base umpire, while learning from our experienced mentors and veterans.

Your assignor, Brad Smith, will begin assigning games March 1, utilizing the Arbiter “software program.”

High School scrimmages start Friday, March 14.

**As Cadets, you will assessed \$85, with 25 going to NJSIAA for state dues and rulebooks, and \$60 going to SJUA dues. These dues must be paid by our first meeting on 3/4/08.**

In case of inclement weather, the evening school closing number for RVRHS is 664. In the event of extremely bad weather listen to KYW for the number, go to <http://www.rancocasvalley.k12.nj.us/> or call Bruce. We cannot use the school for our classes if RVRHS has been closed due to bad weather or other emergencies.

Welcome to SJUA, where officials strive for excellence in umpiring!

Yours truly,

Executive Board