

## Why Umpire?

### **Flexible Schedule:**

Whether you know it, this is a part time job. Over the spring, summer, and fall months, you can dictate your schedule, your availability for work. You are not locked in to a set schedule.

### **Great Part time Pay:**

Game fees are usually paid as cash at the field and range from \$45.00 to \$75.00. Many officials use their officiating income as extra money to support their hobbies, buy things for the family or the significant other, take vacations, or just enjoy a more relaxed lifestyle.

### **Camaraderie:**

Great friendships have developed through this "Fraternity." You can travel all over the country and umpire anywhere and you have instant friends.

### **Love of the Game:**

It keeps you active in baseball and softball. Many officials once played the game, others have not, but all agree that they love to hear the sound of the bat hitting the baseball and wanted to get involved. If your playing days are over, what better way to stay involved with the game you love. Giving back to the game here is the perfect way to do that.

### **Physical Fitness**

If you umpire, you are getting exercise. You are running, sprinting, squatting, and sweating and you're getting paid for it. Every good umpire realizes that the official of a competitive game needs to be fit emotionally, physically, and psychologically; they must understand the strategies of the game. In addition, it is important that the officials are physically able to be in the right position during games. Responsible umpires maintain their fitness throughout the season and work out during the off-season to keep in shape.

### **Challenge yourself**

Umpires take great delight in the challenge of officiating. When the insanity of a highly contested match reaches a fevered pitch, can the umpire meet the challenge of being calm and rational, and not get too caught up in the emotions of the moment? Good umpires endeavor to meet personal challenges presented by the physical and skilled player.

Another challenge is the clamor that surrounds even the calmest game. Can the umpire face the unruly coach or the uneducated fan with a smile or an understanding comment? When does the umpire stop being understanding and tolerant, and respond with the needed disciplinary action? That personal challenge to his patience, officiating skill, and refusal to fall into emotional traps are what keep him coming back.

### **Tournament Selections**

Varsity certified umpires are selected to officiate in county, regional, and state championship games.

### **Recognition**

Umpires are recognized through achievement awards for their years of service and expertise.

#### Discounts

Umpiring associations generally collaborate with car rental and umpire uniform associations for discounts.

**Yes, it pays to be an SJUA umpire. From offering cadets and veteran umpires trainings to achieving your personal goals, SJUA offers you the opportunity to be a part of a great team of experienced umpires.**