



Become an adult softball umpire!

Pay: \$22 per game, plus \$10/hour for any trainings or meetings

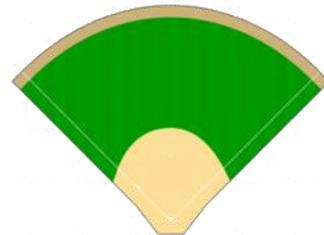
Winona Park & Recreation Umpires typically work 1-2 nights per week, 2-3 games per night. League games are offered multiple nights per week, with multiple levels of play, so there is a league for you! There are additional opportunities outside of Winona Park Rec to ump local tournaments.

Leagues Offered

Co-Rec : Sundays, Wednesdays

Women's: Monday

Men's: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday



Slow pitch softball umpires:

- Maintain standards of the game, ensure Winona Park & Recreation softball rules are followed
- Use appropriate signals and mechanics
- Uphold City safety policies, inspect field conditions and equipment for safety prior to each game
- Have the ability to penalize and diffuse unsportsmanlike behavior
- Maintain a high level of professionalism and customer service
- Previous experience playing and/or officiating slow pitch softball, baseball, or fast pitch required
- Have (or willing to obtain) MSF (Minnesota Sports Federation) certification

To help new umps, Park Rec provides:

- The \$55 MSF certification fee for your first year
- MSF polo and cap, plate brush and clicker (umpire responsible for supplying navy blue shorts and/or heather gray slacks, black shoes to complete the uniform)
- We will walk you through the online, open book certification exam to make sure you pass
- On-field mechanics training to become comfortable with the game
- CPR/ First Aid training at no cost to the employee



Contact Rebecca Schaar at Winona Park & Recreation for more information!

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February 11, 2019

Dear Adult Sports Staff,

We are now planning for the 2019 adult softball season, and below is important info for umpires:

Pay: Umpires will be paid \$22 per game. You will also get paid for trainings and staff meetings. If you know of anyone who might be interested in umping, please connect them to me!!

2019 MSF Certification:

All Park Rec umpires must be MSF (Minnesota Sports Federation) certified by paying their \$55 fees each year. On even years NSF/MSF will host certification clinics, and on odd years an online, open-book test will be taken. **2019 is an online exam year.** Look out for MSF umpire certification info and application in the mail in late February. If you don't receive one, contact the MSF: 651-451-3140, staff@msf1.org, or www.msf1.org.

Please mark your calendars for these important dates:

- **Wednesday, April 24, 6:00pm- 8:00pm:** 2019 Umpires Meeting, Misato Room 3rd floor of City Hall
- **Sunday, April 28**
 - **4:00pm-5:15pm** On-field Umpire Mechanics Training, Bambenek Field 3 (rain location: East Rec)
 - **5:30pm-6:30pm** CPR/AED/First Aid Training, East Recreation Center
- **Sunday, May 5:** First Day of 2019 Season
- No games Sunday, May 26-Monday, May 27; Sunday, June 16 (Steamboat Days); Thursday, July 4

2019 Umpires Meeting: We will discuss local rule modifications and points of emphasis for this season, park rec policies and expectations, fill out employment paperwork, and hand out game schedules. We will go through the MSF exam questions as a group at the end of this meeting for those who wish to, so feel free to wait to submit your exam until you get the answers.

CPR/First Aid Certifications

Park Rec umpires are required to have CPR/First Aid training. According to our records, many of you are due to get re-certified in 2019. This is a valuable certification that will benefit you beyond the softball field, and it will be at no cost to umpires who work Park Rec leagues. We have a new facilitator for Red Cross CPR/ First Aid training, and the format will include an online portion and an in-person portion. The online portion should be completed prior to our meeting on the 28th. Instructions on completing the online part will be sent out closer to the meeting. *If you are not sure whether you are due for CPR/First Aid re-certification this year, please ask.*

On-Field Mechanics Training

This time spent on the field will help newer umpires feel comfortable with mechanics and positioning, and be a great refresher for returning umpires. This is a good time to discuss questions you may have, specific scenarios, etc...

Season Start Dates

Note that the 2019 season will begin one week later than it has in year's past. This is in the hopes to avoid pre-season field condition cancellations and unpredictable April weather. Most leagues should still finish a 12 game season by the end of August. Leagues with an odd number of teams will do a one bye-one double header format to fit everything in.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Winona softball!

Sincerely,
Rebecca Schaar