

Thank you for contacting us.

The comments below give you more information about our group, so you have a fair chance to review what the Red Deer Softball Umpires Association does.

After you read the letter, and visit our website, you can decide if you still wish to join up for the season. If you do, then get back to me and we will be happy to have you attend the clinic.

When you reply, could you also include [Chris Harper](#) our assignor so he knows you are coming as he organizes the supplies.

<p style="text-align: center;">2016 Clinic</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Red Deer Central School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 23 & 24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 a.m. start time</p>

Good Day,

We are a group of about 60 umpires ranging in age from about 13 years old to people in their 70's, and we work with a wide group of leagues and associations within Central Alberta.

As the next step, I would direct you to our website at <http://furniturefixers.ca/Softball/red-deer-4/> which will give you some indication of what is involved in becoming an umpire. I would suggest you have a stroll around the rest of our site to become familiar with the information.

We also have a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RDSUA/> that you are welcome to join. We use this to report cancelled games and for discussions.

Please be aware that there are registration fees involved. If you are under 18 years of age and are prepared to do games for your local minor softball association, then those associations will **usually** pay your registration fee if you work a minimum number of games for them as well as their local association's tournament. Check with your local group for their response.

Additionally, you will be required to secure a proper uniform and equipment to work in the Red Deer Softball Umpires Association (RDSUA). This can be had for approximately \$300, and will last you several years.

Your registration fee includes; registration in Softball Canada, Softball Alberta and our Zone 4 Umpire Association along with liability insurance which you need should someone be hurt in any of your games.

If you were to work games and are not a "certified official" registered with the governing body for any sport in Canada then you could be sued personally should something happen before,

during or after games. Softball Canada umpires are insured as soon as they get in vehicle to come to the event.

Games that we cover (dependent upon your age and ability)

- Girls minor softball (10 years and up, many communities in Central Alberta)
- Ladies senior league (primarily in Red Deer, Stettler and possibly Lacombe)
- Men's highway 21 league
- Weekend tournaments (you could make \$200 or more working a weekend)
- Provincial championships.

We assign games on our website in advance and you will **only receive assignments that match your ability**, so rookies who are 13 years old are not going to be assigned to adult leagues!

We also offer mentors who will come out and work with you during games to help you pick up the skills you need to progress within the sport.

"We are primarily a fastpitch umpire association associated with Softball Canada. Softball Canada is the National body responsible for "the Blue Crew" umpires for fastpitch and slow pitch in Canada.

SPN and NSA umpire slow pitch softball but are not registered under the Softball Canada umbrella / banner and do not offer the same training and development programs that Softball Canada created years ago which set the standard for umpire development in Canada.

Our clinic will take place at Central Middle School in Red Deer at Central Middle School, 5121 48 Avenue, Red Deer, AB T4N 6X3,

We start on April 23rd at 9 a.m. on Saturday and run until 4 or 5 p.m. Sunday start time depends on how far we get on Saturday.

You must register in advance for the clinic so we know how many packages are required.

Enter the school through the parking lot on the east side, and use the door at the south end of the building.

Please bring a pencil or pen, and sneakers and a warm jacket as we will either be in a gym or outside dependent on the weather.

If you have any questions, please contact me or our assignor, Chris Harper by e-mail as shown below.

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“Baseball is a game where a curve is an optical illusion, a screwball can be a pitch or a person, stealing is legal and you can spit anywhere you like except in the umpire's eye or on the ball.” Jim Murray