



**WBSC**

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**BASEBALL SOFTBALL**  
CONFEDERATION

# **Softball Umpire Mission Statement**

# Mission Statement Umpires Program WBSC Softball Division

To provide comprehensive education and training to WBSC Federation member umpires and to ensure that WBSC Softball Division sanctioned events are staffed with the most competent umpires available.

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## WBSC-SD UMPIRE COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL Jan 23, 2010

In an effort to keep lines of communication open and non-confusing the following procedures are to be followed with respect to communication in relation to the WBSC Softball Division Umpire Program.

### **Part I – Umpire/National Federations/WBSC-SD**

1. National Federations seeking the services of WBSC-SD certified umpires for tournaments, clinics, lectures, etc are to make their request through the WBSC-SD Regional Umpire Coordinator and the WBSC-SD Director of Umpires. The WBSC-SD Director of Umpires will in turn contact the designated National Federation contact, e.g. President, Executive Director or UIC.
2. WBSC Certified Softball Umpires who receive requests directly from any Federation are to refer such requests to their designated National Federation contact.
3. WBSC certified softball umpires, who wish to offer their services to WBSC member Federation or to WBSC-SD events, including to conduct clinics, are to make their interest know to their designated National Federation contact, who in turn will notify the WBSC-SD Regional Umpire Coordinator and the WBSC-SD Director of Umpires of the umpire's name and area of interest.
4. Federations who are contacted directly by an WBSC Certified Softball Umpire offering his/her services, are to refer the umpire to the WBSC-SD Regional Umpire Coordinator and the WBSC-SD Director of Umpires.
5. WBSC Certified Softball Umpires selected will be notified through their designated National Federation contact with the WBSC-SD Regional Coordinator being copied in.
6. A copy of the umpire's evaluation from an WBSC-SD event will be forwarded to the Umpire's designated National Federation contact, the WBSC-SD Regional Umpire Coordinator, the WBSC-SD Director of Umpires and the umpire.

### **Part II – Regional Coordinators/Director of Umpires/Federations/WBSC-SD**

1. WBSC-SD Regional Coordinators are to copy all other WBSC-SD Regional Coordinators on all communications relating to WBSC-SD umpiring between themselves and/or the WBSC-SD Director of Umpires, unless directed otherwise.
2. If a response is required, a deadline for responding must be identified. Request for extensions to the deadline should be granted wherever possible.
3. Within their Region, WBSC-SD Regional Coordinators may communicate directly with the National Federations, WBSC-SD Regional Vice President, Executive Members of Regional Confederations and National Federation designated umpire contact.
4. Within their Region, WBSC-SD Regional Coordinators may contact WBSC Certified Softball Umpires on WBSC-SD umpire business only after receiving the approval of the umpire's National Federation.
5. WBSC-SD Regional Coordinators should contact the WBSC-SD Director of Umpires prior to contacting National Federations or WBSC Certified Softball Umpires outside their Region. The WBSC-SD Director of Umpires will obtain approval from the National Federation concerned before the WBSC-SD Regional Coordinator may make contact.
6. Communications identified as confidential must be kept as such until its wider release is authorized by the author, the WBSC-SD Director of umpires or governing body as the case may be.
7. WBSC-SD Regional Coordinators should consult with the WBSC-SD Director of Umpires prior to contacting the WBSC-SD Executives or staff.
8. If a WBSC-SD Regional Coordinator is contacted directly by a member of the executive or staff of the WBSC, on WBSC-SD umpiring issues, they may respond to that person directly. However, such communication should be brought to the attention of the WBSC-SD Director of Umpires.
9. WBSC-SD Regional Coordinators may communicate directly with any member of any Sub-committee which they lead or on which they participate.

10. Authors are responsible to keep a record of their communications.
11. This protocol applies to the Regional Coordinators and Regional Director of umpires when they are acting on behalf of, representing the WBSC Softball umpiring program or dealing with WBSC-SD umpire issues.