

SOFTBALL ONTARIO



FAST PITCH

UMPIRE EVALUATION

Umpire Name: _____ Umpire email address: _____
Event: _____ Dates: _____ Province/Territory: _____ Zone: _____

GAMES WORKED Plates: _____ Bases: _____ Total: _____

1. Pre-Game, Dress, Post Game Conduct

I A G E

Appearance (uniform/grooming) Y N. Pre-Tournament Responsibilities (forms, communication, meeting, prepared) Y N. Pre-Game Duties (crew discussion, field, bat and helmet check, managers' meeting) Y N. Off field conduct (personal presentation, teamwork) Y N.

2. Game Control - attitude, approachability, confidence, pressure

I A G E

Attitude (with teams, fellow officials, fans) Y N. Confidence (situations handled calmly and efficiently, under control, with no visible frustration) Y N.

3. Hustle - into position, players

I A G E

Hustles players on and off field in a firm but courteous manner Y N. Alert and anticipates what play could occur without predicting play Y N. Gets into position, ahead of play (base and fly ball coverage) Y N. Mental/physical reaction and position (overthrows, dead ball situations, pick-off, etc.) Y N.

4. Judgment - fair/foul, safe/out, infield fly, obstruction, interference

I A G E

Judgment and enforcement on fair/foul, safe/out, catch/no catch, check swing appeal Y N. Judgment and enforcement on infield fly, obstruction, interference, pitching rule Y N.

5. Mechanics - visible signals, audible signals, reaction, rotation

I A G E

Umpire to umpire signals (acknowledgements, requests, verbal communication, team work) Y N. Visible signals (proper delay or timing, decisive call, steps into call using body language) Y N. Audible calls (tonal voice control to fit closeness of play) Y N. Proper words used in unusual situations (e.g. "Tag. Out!") Y N. Umpire rotation - two, three or four system (communication, correct movement) Y N.

Plate

I A G E

Comfortable, wide, square to slightly staggered stance Y N. Working inside slot area between batters and catcher with eyes level to top of strike zone Y N. Stays down on ball call Y N. Strike zone is consistent with calibre of ball and for both teams Y N. Following batter-runner to first Y N. Follows catcher to ball on pop up close to plate or screen Y N. Tracks pitch through the strike zone with slight head turn Y N. Moves out in front of plate to track hit balls Y N.

Base

I A G E

Fundamental principle of ball out/umpire in, ball in/umpire out Y N. Angle, distance and position (90° angle) for play Y N. Opening up to the play keeping ball, runners and defensive players in front Y N. Position (start in the proper position with runners on base) Y N. Delay between play and call/signal Y N. Set position for play, proper timing - not too quick or overly delayed Y N. Selling close plays with extra flare using a stronger mechanic Y N. Uses Leading Edge position Y N.

6. Rules - Knowledge, Application, Enforcement

I A G E

Basic knowledge of the rules (immediately explain option plays to coach) Y N. Enforces rules and applies proper penalty in all situations (without hesitation or confusion) Y N.

Current Level (please check appropriate box below):

Level: _____ Recommendation: _____

Note: Recommended level does not take effect until approved by PUIC.

7. Needs to work on: a) _____
b) _____
c) _____

UmpireComments: _____

Umpire in Chief _____ Deputy UIC _____ Umpire _____

CLEAR FORM

Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Softball Ontario carded. • Must have previously attended Level 1 Certification Clinic. • Demonstrates mechanics at a level consistent with those instructed at Level 1 Clinic. • Demonstrates an interest in the game and in developing as an official. • Attempted to adopt any recommendations made during the evaluation process.
Level 2B	<p>FB Only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have previously attended a Level 2 Certification Clinic <p>FP and SP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates mechanics at a level consistent with those instructed at a Level 2 Certification Clinic. • Some areas of performance are below acceptable level but improvements were noted. • Clinic materials require review and evaluation suggestions need to be implemented.
Level 2A	<p>SP Only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have previously attended a Level 2 Certification Clinic <p>FP and SP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates more consistency of Level 2 mechanics than a 2B umpire. • Willing to accept constructive criticism and adopt evaluation recommendations. • Most areas of performance are at an acceptable level but some areas require improvement.
Level 3B	<p>FP Only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have previously attended a Level 3 Certification Clinic. <p>FP and SP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates mechanics and rules knowledge consistent with those instructed at Level 3 Certification Clinic. • Demonstrates more consistency than a Level 2 umpire. • A few areas of officiating skills require instruction and improvement. • May only be granted by ZUIC/PUIC/DUIC/Umpire Committee Members of SC Level D evaluator. • May only be granted at U19 Rep FP or higher, Adult Competitive SP.
Level 3A	<p>FP and SP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have previously attended a Level 3 Certification Clinic and received a 3B OFE. • Clearly surpasses expected requirements and has no major deficiencies. • Mechanics are demonstrated consistently in all game situations. • Could be Level 4 umpire with some polishing of mechanics. • May only be granted by PUIC/DUIC. • May only be granted at U19 Rep FP or higher, Adult Competitive SP. • In SP may only be granted in 2/3 umpire system (not single umpire).
Level 4B	<p>SP Only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have previously attended Level 4 Certification Clinic. • Evaluation by Softball Ontario SP PUIC/DUIC. • Performs all mechanics and makes rule interpretation consistent with provincial and National standards. • A positive influence on the field demonstrating strong game control skills. • Demonstrates greater on diamond “polish and consistency than a 3A official.
Level 4	May only be granted by Softball Canada.
Level 5	May only be granted by Softball Canada.
Notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Softball Ontario Level is based on the lower of the OFE and Clinic Certification Level. 2. All evaluations which indicate a change in OFE require approval of the PUIC and Umpire Committee. 3. All changes in OFE level are recorded by the Softball Ontario office at the end of the season. New cards will not be issued to reflect OFE changes until the following season.

INSTRUCTIONS

The calibre of ball being officiated during the evaluation will be a major factor in determining the level of competency of the umpire.

Check the letter (**I** **A** **G** **E**) which best rates the performance of the umpire in each category.

LEVELS

I = Improvement Needed

Umpire Performance Falls Below Expected Certification Standards.
Extensive Review Of Rule Book, Certification Clinic Materials, Case Book and Evaluation Is Recommended.

A = Acceptable

Umpire Performance Meets Expected Certification Standards Most Times But Falls Short Occasionally.
Finer Points In The Rule Book, Certification Clinic Materials, Case Book and Evaluation Require Review.

G = Good

Umpire Performance Meets Expected Certification Standards On A Consistent Basis.
Umpire Demonstrates Knowledge And Skills Matching Their Certification Level

E = Excellent

Umpire Performance Exceeds Expected Certification Standards On A Consistent Basis.
Umpire Demonstrates Knowledge And Skills Exceeding Their Certification Level

All elements have a **Y** **N** box available where (Y) would indicate successfully demonstrated and (N) would indicate not successfully demonstrated. No box flagged would indicate not observed or evaluated.

Comments need to be specific and offer suggestions for improvement and the further development of the official.

The evaluation form should be completed as it relates to the particular calibre of softball that is being officiated and will represent the umpire's ability for only that calibre of softball. The levels checked on this evaluation form cannot be used to compare with the abilities of umpires with similar levels who have been evaluated at different levels (calibre) of softball.

IMPORTANT

Ensure to do a **SAVE AS** with the name of the umpire and email to the umpires.