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To All Southern California ASA Umpires:

As we prepare for the 2012 season, we would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Southern California ASA umpire staff. Once again they have made Southern California ASA the best umpire teaching program in the world.

We would like to start by acknowledging Debby Ahrenstein as she moves from her position as District UIC, South San Diego, to a more global role of sharing, with Chris Drumm and I, the responsibility of managing the overall program. We welcome Rick Hausvik as the new District UIC for South San Diego. We would like to recognize Faye Fayson as the new District UIC for North San Diego. In the East District, Glenn Waggoner is taking over as UIC. Jim Sanderson will remain and help us develop the overall instructional program. Also, we welcome Hal Van Ryswyk as Assistant UIC in the Northeast District and Steve Rodriguez as Assistant UIC in the LA/SB District. We would also like to recognize and thank Bob Engstrom and Mike Swelnis for their years of service to Southern California ASA, and wish them well as they move forward with their umpiring careers.

We also must recognize the heartfelt loss of Dan Brown, Assistant District UIC LA/SB. His premature passing was a tragedy for everyone.

We begin 2012 facing the same problems we do in our day-to-day lives. The cost of living is increasing in every facet of our lives. We have been notified the basic insurance coverage which comes with our ASA registration has increased \$5.00. Also, the cost to run activities has increased everywhere. Facilities we used to have access to for free are now costing hundreds of dollars. If we want to continue to provide the best clinics and the best opportunities for our umpires, we must increase umpire registration fees.

The good news is that registration fees are still less than any contemporary organization including local associations. Also, the registration fees still provide outstanding insurance coverage for sanctioned ASA events.

Our 2012 season will begin quite differently. First, we are sending registration materials to you via e-mail attachments. Along with this letter, you received the registration form, background check form, information concerning the optional insurance program, and information concerning the rules and mechanics clinics for 2012. These forms and informational items can be found at the Southern California ASA website (www.socal-asa.org). To register, you will need to print and complete the forms. Adult umpires (umpires who are 18yrs old or older) **MUST** complete the **Registration Form** and **Notice of Background Check form**. A legible photo-copy of your driver's license or passport **MUST** be included. Youth umpires (umpires who are 17 yrs old and younger) should complete the **Registration Form**. Youth umpires **DO NOT** complete **Background Check** forms. It helps if a photo-copy of student ID accompanies the registration, but it is not mandatory.

If you wish to umpire championship play, or you simply want to sharpen your knowledge and skill as an umpire, you should take the time to review the CLINICS attachment to this e-mail.

Early registration is an immeasurable help with one our most time consuming tasks. Save \$10.00 by registering on or before January 15, 2012. Please read the information concerning Optional Insurance before sending in your registration.

If you have any questions, I invite you to contact your District UIC.

Best wishes for a terrific 2012 season.

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