



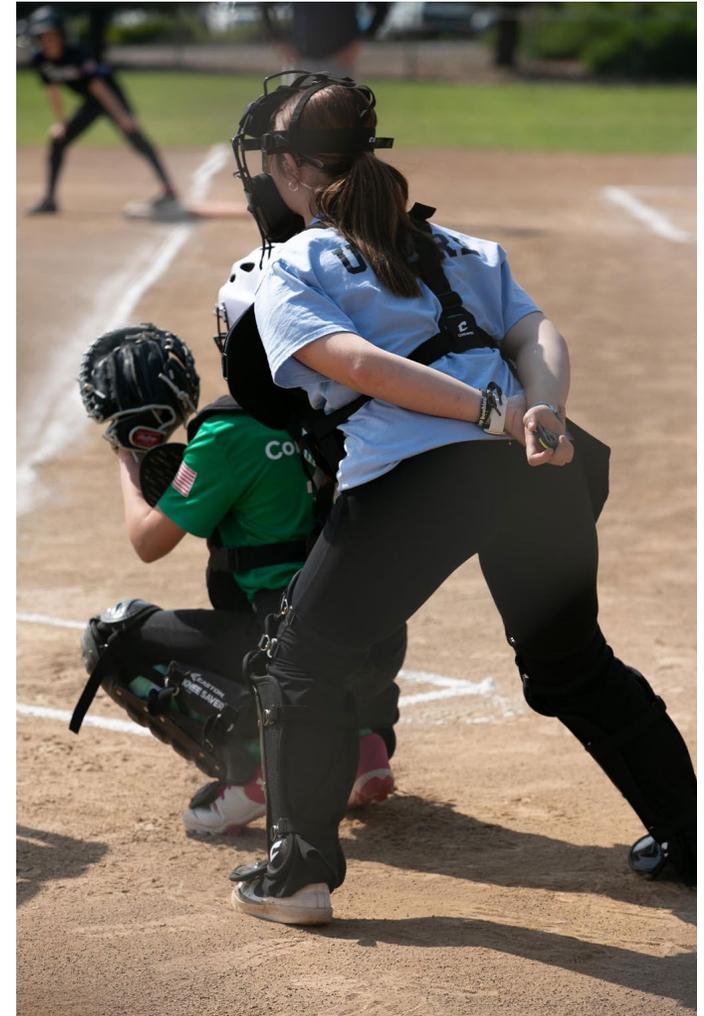
2026 Umpire Program

Umpire / Family Orientation Meeting
January 10, 2026



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Program Overview

The Roseville Girls Softball Umpire Program is open to all youth 10 years old (as of December 31st 2025) or older. The umpire program is an educational program designed to teach life skills to all participants. Consistent with our recreational philosophy, the umpires in this program are part of the League's efforts to support youth development. Most of our youth umpires are current and/or former players in the League, many of whom are currently playing at the high school level.



Training & Certification Dates

Training Dates

- January 10: Umpire Orientation & Training (Session 1)
- January 17: Umpire Training (Session 2)
- January 24: Umpire Training (Session 3)
- January 31: Umpire Training (Session 4)
- February 7: Umpire Training (Session 5)
- February 14: Umpire Training (Session 6)
- February 21: Umpire Training (Session 7)

Certification Date(s)

- February 28: Umpire Certification

Practice Games

- March 7: Practice Games



Training & Certification Process

Skills Overview

Training Sessions

Training Rubric

Certification

Study Tips & Resources



Season Info

The Spring season runs from February through May with games scheduled from March through May.

Notable dates include:

- March 7: Practice games (required as part of certification)
- March 9 – May 16: Regular season games
- April 10-12 : 10u Mid-Season Tournament
- April 18-19: 12u & 14/16u Mid-Season Tournaments



Equipment

Indicator

Umpires will need to purchase their own indicator. These can be found at any sporting goods store or online retailer.

Timer

Umpires should purchase their own timer (timer should be a basic stove timer that times down and alerts once time has expired) and carry it with them at all times. *It is difficult to use your cell phone or a watch if it does not have a clock down with an alarm at expiration.*

Umpire T-Shirt

Umpire tee shirts are **required**. If you don't have one, you can purchase one on the RGS website.

Sweatshirt (optional)

Umpire sweatshirts are available for purchase on the RGS website. An umpire sweatshirt is the only outer clothing allowed to be worn OVER your umpire shirt; otherwise, your umpire shirt will have to go over your non-umpire sweatshirt when working games.

Safety Equipment (league supplied)

Safety equipment (chest plate, face mask, etc) will be supplied by RGS. This equipment is stored in the equipment boxes onsite at all RGS fields.

Uniforms

Shirts

- RGS umpire program shirt (can be purchased through RGS)
- RGS umpire program sweatshirt (optional)
- All umpires **MUST** wear their RGS umpire shirt sweatshirt. Uniforms are to be clean, free of stains, rips, or tears.

Pants/Bottoms

- ***Plate Umpires:*** Pants must fall below the knee and must be gray, black, or navy blue. NO jeans, softball pants, or leggings or other tight-fitting bottoms may be worn. Plate umpires are not permitted to wear shorts for their assignments.
- ***Base Umpires:*** may wear shorts that are knee length or pants. If shorts are shorter than knee length, leggings or other such bottoms may be worn underneath to reach or fall below the knee.
- Note: RGS recommends umpires bring pants to all games in case of a change in assignment.

Shoes

- Dark colored, closed-toed shoes with good tread.
- Vans, slippers, flip flops or other such footwear is inappropriate for umpiring.
- Molded or rubber cleats are allowed.

Roles & Responsibilities

Umpire-in-Chief (UIC)

Assistant Umpire-in-Chief (AUIC)

Trainers

Senior

Mid-Senior

Junior



*Note: Designations are based on **skill level and readiness**, not the length of time you have been in the program.*

Illness & Injury

In the case of an illness, it is ultimately the responsibility of the umpire to secure coverage but always contact the UIC/AUICs immediately.

Coverage

- All replacements or switches are to be reported to the UIC/AUICs.
- Replacements **MUST** be qualified to work that position; the qualifications of each umpire are found on the umpire roster.
- Any non-Senior umpire looking for a replacement cannot give the game to a Senior without approval from the UIC.

Program Expectations

Program Knowledge

Conduct & Behavior (on and off field)

Sportsmanship & Support

Communication & Accountability



Pay Information

Senior Umpires who attend National Umpire School (NUS)	\$65
Adult & Senior Umpire (USA Certified)	\$60
Mid-Senior Umpires (USA Certified)	\$55

Division	With Partner	Solo
14u	\$35	\$70
12u	\$30	\$60
10u	\$25	\$50
8u	\$20	\$40
6u	\$10	n/a

Bonus Program

For non-Senior Umpires, a bonus of \$45 will be given at the end of the season for all junior umpires with a minimum of 10 games worked (excluding tournaments) provided the post-game report was completed for each game.

The bonus is awarded in full for umpires that worked their assigned games and did not have any “no-shows” during the season.

Payroll Schedule

Spring Season Schedule

Payroll is run monthly

- Week 1-4: Pay period end date Sunday, March 29
- Week 5-9: Pay period end date Sunday, April 26
- Week 10-12: Pay period end date Sunday, May 17
- Bonus & Adjustments (if needed): Saturday, May 31

Needed Items

- Completed W9



Scheduling

Online Scheduling: All umpires will need to set up their account in the TeamSideline App

Setting Availability: Umpires block time that they are **not available** to work

Schedules released bi-weekly

*Division contact sheets will be shared with all umpires to find coverage if you cannot work an assignment.



Game Assignments

Umpires are expected to:

- Arrive at the field 15 minutes before the start of the game.
- Wear league-issued shirts and equipment during all games.
- Inspect the field and player equipment to be used in the game (bats, helmets, etc.).
- Conduct a manager/coach meeting at home plate before game time to review local rules and answer any questions.
- Ensure a smooth flow of the game and make all calls and rule interpretations necessary during game play.



Post Game Report

At the end of each game, each umpire is **required to complete a post-game report.**

- Confirms the game was worked (for payroll purposes)
- Report on any issues: ***It's really important to highlight any issues that arise during a game, even if they do not escalate to the point of needing a disciplinary committee. This can include warnings given, parent conduct, etc.***
- REQUIRED for all games to be paid.

Reports are completed in TeamSideline

Guidance to be provided



Incident Reporting

Spectator Conduct

- It is the duty of all individuals associated with RGS to recognize that our umpires are young individuals doing their very best.
- All participants must keep this in mind during games conduct themselves in a positive manner.

RGS members and/or spectators should never approach an umpire after a game to discuss calls.

- It is the responsibility of the team Managers and Coaches to address any unruly conduct during a game and address any issues that might interfere with the enjoyment of the game for others.

How To Address Issues

- If any issues arise, contact the UIC/AUIC's immediately.
- Complete an RGS Incident Report (online)

Questions?

More Info at: www.rosevillegirlssoftball.org

Contact: uic@rosevillegirlssoftball.org

Thank You!