

# Independent Umpires Association, Inc.

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Greetings:

Preparation for the 2010 baseball and softball season is almost upon us. One of our most important functions is the training of new officials. We have been told that you are interested in our classes. We are providing some basic information and an application in this email.

Our classes will meet for the first time on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the GCIT, Bankbridge Dev. Center @ 550 Salina Rd., Sewell, NJ 08080. Starting time is 6:30 PM. The classes are on Tuesday nights. An hour in the classroom & an hour in the GYM (NO STREET SHOES). There might be 2 Wednesday nights for extra plate & base mechanics. There will be one session at an indoor batting and pitching facility. If weather permits, we will have one session amongst ourselves in March on a regular ball field.

High school practice games begin in early – March and you will be expected to work some of them to experience real game conditions. High school scrimmages start at approximately 3:30 PM on weekdays and 10:00 AM on Saturdays. The same is true for the regular season which begins on April 1<sup>ST</sup>.

Babe Ruth and other independent ball games begin in late April. Weeknight games usually begin at 6:00 PM and weekend games may begin as early as 9:00 AM. The independent season is very active until the middle of July. Some leagues play into August and there is always a possibility of fall ball. We will not know our entire schedule until some time in April.

\$ 100.00 applications fee covers the cost of all rulebooks, all manuals and other costs necessary to run the classes. It also covers our association dues of \$ 30.00 for the first year. It also covers a refresher course that you are expected to attend at the beginning of the second year. Uniforms, equipment and insurance are not covered, but your earnings of the first 10 or 12 games should offset those expenses. Fee non-refundable.

Our Cadet Supervisor and main instructor is Alan Zeidler. His telephone number is 856-769-2084, cell # 215-704-4184. The school closing number for GCIT H.S. is 557. In the event of extremely bad weather listen to KYW for the number or call Alan. We cannot use the school for our classes if the H.S. has been closed due to bad weather or other emergencies. We will extend the course if any session was cancelled.

Yours truly,  
IUA Cadet Committee