

Welcome to Home Plate!

Welcome to the 2023-24 season! The Home Plate Central Hub provides a common national platform where we can gather for mutual growth and improvement, as we strive to improve the game of Women's College Softball. Below you will find eligibility requirements, important dates and background check information for the 2023-24 season.

Registration for Home Plate opened August 29, 2023. Please go to refquest.com to register. Information on the NCAA's Officiating Background Check Program, which can be completed during registration, is available [here](#).

Please visit the Home Plate Central Hub frequently to stay current on the latest softball officiating news and information. On the central hub, you'll be able to read the latest rules interpretations from the secretary-rules editor and bulletins from the national coordinator, complete requirements to be considered for postseason assignment, and review training videos. Since this is a rules-change year, there likely will be increased communication as we prepare for the season and the Home Plate will keep you updated on clarifications and interpretations during the season.

On behalf of all the SUP staff, thanks again for being an integral part of NCAA Softball.

Hope you have a great season!

Steve McCown
National Coordinator of Softball Umpires

Eligibility Requirements:

In order to be eligible for NCAA postseason consideration, you must complete the following criteria:

- Register on RQ+ (refquest.com);
- Consent to a background check;
- Pass Rules Test
 - Must score 90% or better
 - 2 attempts;
- Complete the postseason availability form and submit current season's schedule (when requested); and
- View the regional clinic and/or attend regional clinic in-person (required in-person once every three years for Division I assignment).

Note: NCAA softball committee may add additional eligibility items.

Important Dates:

- Rules test open date is set for January 3, 2024.
- Rules test close date is set for February 5, 2024.
- Regional in-person clinic is tentatively scheduled for January 13. A recording will be made available within a week after the clinic. More details to follow.

Welcome packet:

To reduce the cost of registration, an official may “opt out” of receiving a hard copy of the rules book. Please note you will automatically receive a hard copy of the 2023-24 CCA Softball Umpires Manual. Digital versions of the rules book and CCA manual will be available under “Publications” on Home Plate.

If you choose to receive a hard copy of the rules book, it will be shipped with the CCA manual via UPS. The tracking information will be emailed to you at the email address you provide during registration. If you “opt out” of receiving the rule book, the CCA manual will be shipped USPS.

General Liability, Professional Liability, and Accident/Medical Insurance:

All officials will receive general liability, professional liability, and accident/medical insurance coverage as a part of NCAA softball registration. Significant depth has been added to the coverage, which includes:

- \$6,000,000 per incident (\$1,000,000 General Liability and \$5,000,000 Excess)
 - *Includes personal and advertising injury, bodily injury and property damage, damage to premises, abuse and molestation (domestic and international)*
- \$1,000,000 per occurrence for Professional Liability coverage
 - *Includes errors and omissions, coordinators/supervisors, game graders, evaluators (domestic and international)*
- \$15,000 Accident/Medical per occurrence
 - *Includes accidental death and dismemberment, excess accident/medical beyond existing coverage*
- Option to expand coverage GL/PL coverage for all non-intercollegiate events
 - Ability to extend coverage for officiating high school and other sanctioned contests

Additional details on the insurance coverage will be available on the Home Plate central hub.

Registration Fees:

The registration fees for 2023-24 are as follows:

Division I: \$200

Division II: \$125*

Division III: \$125*

*The \$125 registration fee for Division II and Division III officials will remain the same through 2024-25.