

To: Softball Leinster Team Captains

From: Jonathan Spielberg, Softball Leinster Committee Chairperson

CC: Softball Leinster Committee Members; Paul Peake - Softball Leinster Umpire Crew Chief;
Softball Ireland Council Members

Re: Softball Leinster 2019 Umpire Levy

Due to the poor attendance of a heavily promoted umpire course and following a discussion at the SL captains meeting on the 6th of April 2019, we are forced to enact an Umpire Levy for the 2019 season. We hope that this levy will be for one season, but we realise it might take a few seasons for the beneficial effects of monies raised from this levy to be seen with the umpire development in our region.

The SL Umpire Levy will be in two parts:

Development

Each team must participate in one of the umpire development courses. A €50 Development fee will be charged for every team that does not send an umpire to a training course either as an instructor, senior umpire assessor or a participant. There has been one beginner course offered already and there will be two more umpire courses scheduled; a beginner course and an Intermediate/refresher course. Part of the beginner course is attending a practical beginner assessment administered by a senior umpire assessor.

Coverage

Each team must have an umpire or umpires on their roster which will cover at least 10 Softball Leinster League games during the season to avoid an umpire coverage charge of €10 per game.

e.g. If an umpire from your team only covers 5 games this season your team will have to pay an umpire coverage levy of $€10 \times 5 = €50$ for the season. If an umpire from your team covers 10 or more games than your Coverage Levy will be €0.

SL will consider coverage and development within a club as a part of the requirements needed to be met by each team. While coverage and development are transferable within a club, the total number of teams in your club will need to meet the required Coverage and Development objective for all of the teams in the club.

e.g. In a three-team club, umpiring coverage for all three teams will be 30 games. If the club has two new or returning umpires that meet the Development requirements, going to two classes and those two umpires then cover 22 games over the course of the season. The club is responsible for €50 development levy for one umpire and 8 games in coverage fees. The total cost to that club is €130.

All monies collected by this levy will go exclusively to umpire development, this includes paying for courses, paying for a second umpire at matches to ensure new umpires are getting the needed experience and anything else that will help improve and enhance our umpire program in the region.

New courses will be announced within the next week with at least two weeks' notice for participants to sign up. Team captains are encouraged to get as many prospective umpires out to these free courses.