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**SOFTBALL UMPIRES EVALUATION FORM**

GAME DATE: \_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ SITE:

TEAMS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) vs\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( )

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| Rating of Officials: Scale 1-5 (Highest) | **PLATE** | **1st** | **3rd** |
| **Officials Name: 🡪** |  |  |  |
| UNIFORM |  |  |  |
| CONDITIONING & APPEARENCE |  |  |  |
| OVERALL FIELD PRESENCE |  |  |  |
| PLATE MECHANICS |  |  |  |
| 1. Stance / Slot |  |  |  |
| 2. Position on fair/foul balls |  |  |  |
| 3. Position on plays /movement |  |  |  |
| 4. Timing and voice |  |  |  |
| 5. Head Position and Tracking |  |  |  |
| 6. Accuracy of strike zone |  |  |  |
| 7. Call 3rd Strike |  |  |  |
| BASE MECHANICS |  |  |  |
| 1. Starting Position with bases empty |  |  |  |
| 2. Starting Position with runners on base |  |  |  |
| 3. Calling Position on plays |  |  |  |
| 4. Steals, pickoffs, chase movements |  |  |  |
| 5. Timing and Voice |  |  |  |
| 6. Executes Inside – Out Theory |  |  |  |
| 7. Signals / Sell Calls |  |  |  |
| ROTATIONS |  |  |  |
| COMMUNICATION WITH PARTNERS |  |  |  |
| HANDLING DIFFICULT SITUATIONS |  |  |  |
| RULES KNOWLEDGE/APPLICATION |  |  |  |
| GAME CONTROL |  |  |  |
| OVERALL JUDGEMENT |  |  |  |
| HUSTLE |  |  |  |
| OVERALL RATING |  |  |  |

**OVERALL CREW RATING:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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- Scale 1-5 (highest) or NA (not applicable)

- “3” is Satisfactory

- Unsatisfactory Ratings (1 or 2) or Outstanding Ratings (5)

need to be accompanied by a comment.

**Scoring Description**

1—Consistently deviates from the standards (unacceptable, needs comment)

2—Occasionally deviates from the standards (below average, needs comment)

3—Adheres at an acceptable level to the standards (average)

4—Seldom deviates from the standards (above average)

5—Never deviates from the standards (outstanding, needs comment)

**Plate Work**

* Establishes “locked in” slot position on every pitch
* Does not drift side to side or up and down with pitch
* Establishes Heel/Toe stance with Good Pelvic Alignment
* Maintains proper spacing from catcher, not to be too close or too far away
* Does not set in an unusually high or deep position that would draw attention or questioning of judgment
* Makes call after the catcher has caught the ball, consistent timing
* Makes the verbal call in the down position, stands tall giving a strong visual signal (hammer)
* Maintains an accurate zone throughout the game for both teams
* Interprets and calls the accurate strike zone to its written limits
* Rotates to first and third base as needed
* Attains the appropriate angle and distance for plays—not too close or too far from the play
* Makes good eye contact with partners between hitters and during developing plays
* Is aware of all that is going on within a game including dugout situations and inter-team developments
* Between inning is in position and is readily available for lineup changes from coaches

**Base Work**

* Attains the appropriate angle and distance for plays—not too close or too far from the play
* Makes good eye contact with partners between hitters and during developing plays
* Adjusts position for poor throws or unusual play
* Allows everything that can happen, to happen, before making decision, not call
* Stationary when making calls, strong safe and out calls
* Uses appropriate voice that is loud enough to be heard but does not draw undue attention
* Rotates in the proper situations and is alert enough to adjust if one of his/her partners misses coverage
* Reads partners and fly balls well on outfield coverage and goes out as needed

**Professionalism**

* Adheres to and applies rules, accepted practices, and interpretations detailed in the NFHS Softball Rule, Case Book and Umpire Manual
* Adheres to all policies and procedures as outlined in the FHSAA Officials Guidebook
* Adheres to all uniform and protective equipment requirements as outlined in the NFHS Umpire Manual and the FHSAA Officials Guidebook
* Moves with purpose during a play to get into proper position to cover plays
* Does not over hustle or draw attention to themselves
* Displays a conscientious and earnest desire to carry out on-field duties
* When difficult situations develop during a game, the umpire exhibits leadership and control of the situation through knowledge and skill
* Exhibits posture that reflects interest in the game
* Avoids excessive, casual, and/or unnecessary conversation with uniformed personnel, athletes and/or spectators during the game