



# The Relief Pitcher

## Presidents Message

We are in the full swing of the season now. The Assignor is putting assignments out so that we can cover games. The Treasurer is collecting assessment fees. The Secretary is fielding phone calls and is in touch with NJSIAA. The Vice-President is in touch with the head of the committees.

The SJUA is working very hard to cover the games and service our schools so that the players can do what they do best, play the game. It is great to get out on field and officiate the sport.

Let's hope that the weather cooperates and we can get the games in!

-Gerry Malamisura

## Treasurer's Report

Here is the Treasurer's Report:

For the month of March:

**Opening Balance:** \$8,492.81

**Money in:**

Interest Paid \$0.46

Dues and Assessments-\$3,782.00

**Money Out:**

**No money went out this month**

**End-of-Month Balance:** \$12,275.27

The first wave of assessments will go out in the first week of May.

I am continuing to collect assigner fee deposits and dues.

SJUA will accept the following forms of payment for 2024.

VENMO - @John-Henderson-3.  
Please label as dues or assigner fees

ZELLE - the phone # is 267-978-5708

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## Sunshine Committee

It has come to my knowledge that one of our retired umpires is currently having health issues: Donald Rucker. I am sure he would like to hear from some of us.

I received the following email from the wife of one of our past umpire who recently died:

Hello,

This is Don Proebstle's wife Liz. I want to tell you some sad news that Don passed away on March 6th.

He had every intention of returning to umpiring this year and I wanted you to know why he did not return.

Thank you for the time he did have as he loved baseball

Liz Proebstle

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IMPORTANT  
SJUA  
DATES

Nominations of  
Officers: 4/24/2024

NJSIAA Playoffs  
Begin: 5/22/2024

GVA A Tournament  
Begins: 5/23/2024

FROM THE  
DESK OF  
THE  
SUPERVISOR  
OF  
OFFICIALS



Treasurer Report: (Continued)

CHECK - accepted in person at meetings or  
mailed to my address

John Henderson  
605 Linden Ave.  
Riverton, NJ 08077

CASH - accepted in person only

Please reach out to me if there are any questions  
or concerns

John Henderson - SJUA Treasurer  
267 978-5708  
[hendersonj263@gmail.com](mailto:hendersonj263@gmail.com)

-John Henderson

The 2024 season is on its way with two weeks into the season. Unfortunately, more games have been canceled than played due to inclement weather.

At our last meeting we discussed any strange plays or incidents. A discussion was held regarding a “pitcher conference” should a coach want to see his pitcher after a potential injury. Allow the conference but walk to the pitcher with the coach. The only discussion should be about the injury, not game situation or strategy! If the coach properly conducts his review about the injury and no baseball is discussed, no conference is charged.

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### Supervisor of Officials (Continued from Page 2)

As a reminder, do not enter the field with any odors on your breath such as alcoholic beverages or smoking residue. The first impression is everlasting. Make it a “fresh” start to the game.

If you have an incident to eject a player or coach, please contact me or our Secretary, Gary “Doc” Schmitt immediately.

**Cadet Class:** The cadets are well on their way. Please help them with their respective mechanics. Remember, you were in their shoes at one time!

**UNIFORMS:** Please ensure your uniforms and equipment are clean and ready to go for the games.

**ASSIGNMENTS:** Cooperate with our Assignor and block out your dates ASAP. This will save him double duty work. Accept your respective assignments in a timely manner.

Please don't hesitate to provide any recommendations you feel would be beneficial. Good luck and best wishes to all for a successful 2024 baseball season!

George T. Joo



Call The Schools!  
CALL YOUR  
PARTNER!

# Assignor's Korner:

The season is under way. Mother nature has not been so cooperative. The SJUA appreciates your flexibility as schedules get juggled due to rescheduled games. This is a challenge for us as the AD's shift game locations, times and in some cases to neutral sites.

Schedules going into the first week of May will be released soon. As always, keep your availability up to date. That means blocking out your work times and days. Occasionally you may see a call for help to cover assignments for mutual aid or for our local games. If you can finagle a way to help, it is appreciated. Also, don't panic if you see you are moved around a bit. This is because of the dynamic nature of the schedule.

Games for Maple Shade Babe Ruth are in and right now some of the SJBL (Medford) are in. I am awaiting schedules from them and from GVAA tournament. BTW, we will have the GVAA tournament to do and the Medford tournament this year as well. The Medford one is tentatively scheduled for June 8 and 9. I will confirm the dates to be sure. We are looking at about 70 games or so (Give or take).

To date, we have not had to cancel any games due to lack of umpires. We have only had to one man sub varsity 8 times (As of this writing). I take this as a positive for a good number of reasons. Our recruiting effort this year, our training effort this year, your cooperation in being flexible, your willingness to help when needed.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for what you do.

-Joe Rosenberg

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*(If you know of anyone who has lost a family member or knows of an upcoming birth of a child, or any other sunshine worthy event, please text or email Gary Schmitt to be added to the newsletter)*

## Secretary Report:

State Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 sports year on the NJSIAA website.

Log in to [www.njsiaa.org](http://www.njsiaa.org) go to:  
"OFFICIALS"  
"REGISTER FOR 2024-2025"  
"ADD NEW REGISTRATION"

### Registration Fees:

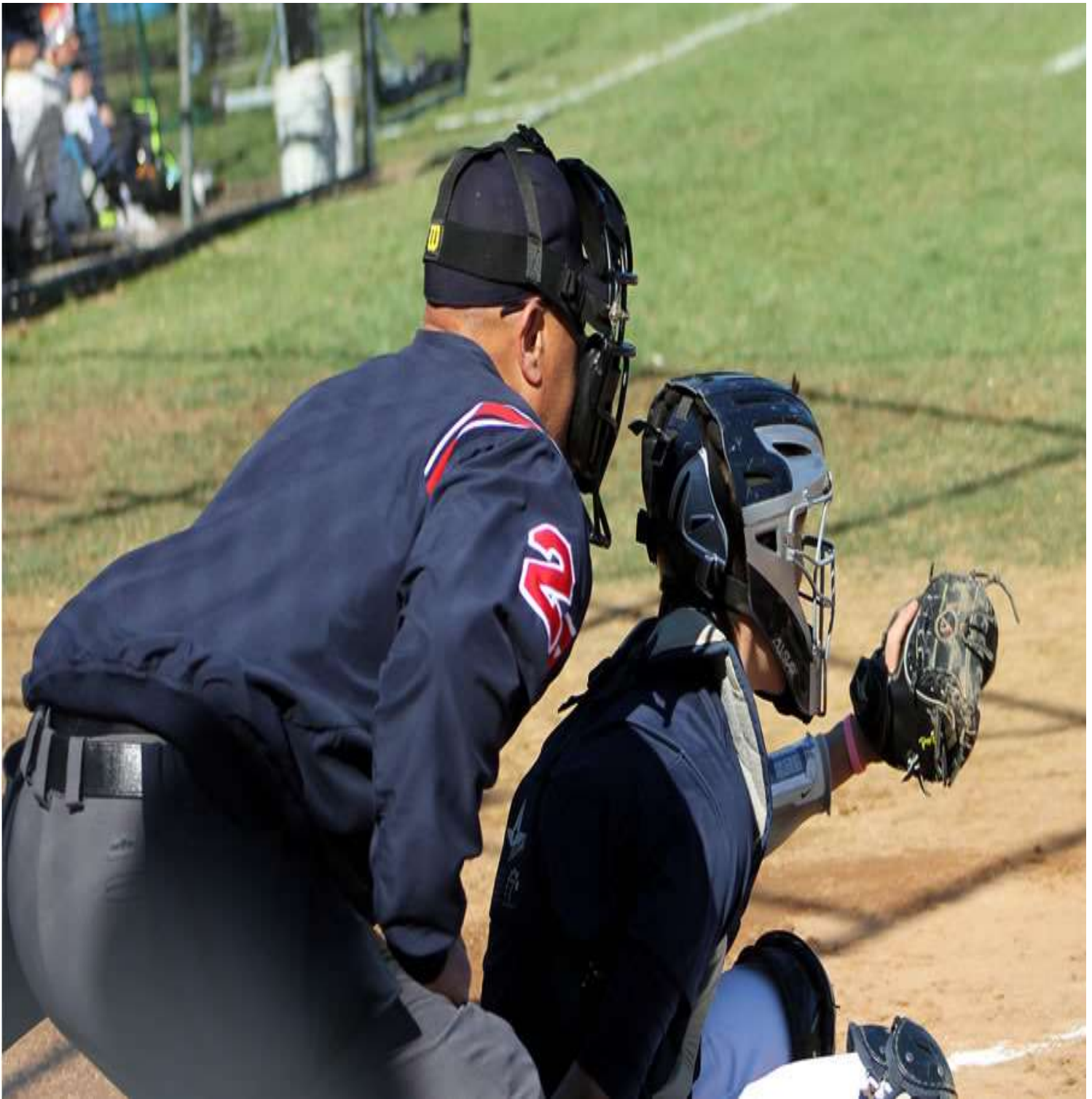
First Sport = \$60 Registration = \$50 Background Check = \$10

Each Additional Sport = \$30 Registration = \$30 Background Check = \$0

If you have any problems logging in call, call the office 609-259-2776 and either Tawanda or Jen can help you reset your password.

-Doc





## Membership Meeting Dates Announced:

Membership Meetings will be held on the following dates. Meetings will be Wednesday evenings starting at 7:15 p.m.

Location - 50 Springside Rd, Westampton, NJ 08060 (Continued on page 6)

2/28 - [All Sports Officials](#) will be on-site for your umpiring equipment needs!!!!  
3/13 - General Membership Meeting  
3/27 - Mandatory Rules Interpretation Meeting  
4/10 - Nominations of Officers for 2025  
4/24 - Nominations of Officers for 2025  
5/8 - General Membership Meeting  
5/22 - General Membership Meeting  
6/12 - General Membership Meeting  
6/26 - General Membership Meeting

(More information to come on specific meeting topics)

## SJUA Gear:

### NEW SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!!!

The SJUA executive board has created new performance wear shirts and they are available to be ordered. The cost is \$20 per shirt. Add \$2 for XXL and \$3 for XXXL. We have blue and black shirts. Money will be due to the Treasurer upon completion of the transaction. If you have any questions, please refer them to SJUA President.

***\*\*\*\*Unfortunately, after gauging interest from the SJUA, the Executive Boards has decided to not pursue a SJUA hat at this time due to cost and interest.***

## Donations:

If you have a donation or have lightly used equipment that you would like to sell to a Cadet, please contact the SJUA president to set up a time and date for the connection.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS :

**Recruitment/Retention Committee:** (Committee Head George Sanders)  
No updates at this time. If anyone has any ideas or would like to join the committee please reach out to George Sanders.

**Grievance Committee:** (Committee Head Ken Shugars)  
No updates at this time. If you need to get in contact with the Judicial Grievance Committee, please contact Ken Shugars.

**Social Media Committee:** (Committee Head Matt Korang)  
The Social Media Committee is in possession of a bunch of new pictures for the website. Keep an eye out for the new picture going up to the website soon. If you need to get in contact with the Social Media Committee, please contact Matt Korang.

**Election Committee:** (Committee Head Tom Wajda)  
It is nomination season for spots on the SJUA Executive Board. If you want to nominate someone, the last opportunity is at the meeting on 4/24/2024. If you need to get in contact with the Election Committee, please contact Tom Wajda.

**Bylaws Committee:** (Committee Head Curt Weller)  
No updates at this time. If you'd like to get in contact with the Bylaws Committee, please contact Curt Weller.