



The Relief Pitcher

Presidents Message

Believe it or not, the NJSIAA playoffs are upon us and the tournament season is here. The SJUA has worked very hard as a group this year and has stepped up to the challenge of covering its games.

Congratulations to those umpires that will be working in the playoffs. Selection to work playoff games acknowledges hard work and dedication to the craft. It is also nice to be recognized for being consistent and doing a good job.

Keep up the standards of officiating the sport that we love. The SJUA is really making positive steps forward.

-Gerry Malamisura

Treasurer's Report

Here is the Treasurer's Report:

For the month of April:

Opening Balance: \$12,275.27

Money in:

Interest Paid \$0.53

Dues and Assessments-\$619.00

Money Out:

No money went out this month

End-of-Month Balance: \$12,894.80

Most assigner fee assessments have been updated. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there are any other issues. I will send out an updated assessment after the GVAA tournament. Please let me know if you are working Killer Bee and would like your umpire fees deducted from that game check. 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

Congratulations to our Treasurer, John Henderson and his wife on the birth of their child. A bouncing baby girl. Good luck to the new parents!

As Memorial Day approaches, let us remember all those who have given their life in the fight for freedom of this country.

Secretary Report:

The 2024-2025 baseball season registration is now open by going to NJSIAA.org and registering.

As my time ends soon as your secretary, I would like to thank you for all your support over the last 18 years. I ask that you support the next secretary the same way as I pursue the assignor's positions.

-Doc



IMPORTANT
SJUA

DATES:

NJSIAA Playoffs
Begin: 5/22/2024

GVA A Tournament
Begins: 5/23/2024

Medford Killer Bee
Tournament Begins:
6/1/2024

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
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-John Henderson

The 2024 high school season is getting near the end with State Tournament games getting ready to play. Continue to improve every game and hopefully you will be selected to officiate a tournament game. Take your learning experiences and skills into the summer season.

As a reminder, some Conference sub-varsity games have a two hour time limit. Do not insist on the time limit; and if the game is tied after seven innings, the game can go extra innings beyond the time limit.

SJUA Policy. If you have an ejection of a player or coach, please contact me or our Secretary, Gary "Doc" Schmitt immediately.

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Supervisor of Officials (Continued from Page 2)

I suggest you read up on the batting out of order rules. It has been brought to my attention that some teams may intentionally bat out of order to have their better hitters have another chance. Although it is not our responsibility to detect, enforce the rules appropriately!

Cadet Class: The cadets continue to be productive members of our Association. 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 continued success in the 2024 baseball season!

Laughter is the Best Medicine: Even Dracula was on a baseball team: He was the Bat Boy!

-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.

The two tournaments (GVAA and Killer Bee/ John Cobb) have been assigned. Please accept your assignments. The GVAA tournament is cash at the field. Directions to get paid and tournament rules are forthcoming. However, the way they are leaning, the tournament will designate a "Pay master." You will need to go to him at the end of your assignments and get paid. The Killer Bee is a charge tournament. The other news here is, we are able to cover both tournaments with the manpower we have.

We have been able to fulfill our obligations for the scholastic season. We have had to, due to manpower issues, to forgo 2 middle school games that could not be covered by John Wajda. We have covered some high school games for another organization.

With the state playoffs starting in a few days, there may be some adjustments to the schedule so I ask that you remain flexible. Also, make sure your availability is up to date.

Again, with the tournaments in the next few weeks one thing everyone needs to be aware of is the weather will go from almost cold to insanely hot. To survive, hydrate. Bring water with you and drink. Start the hydration process a few days before the tournament.

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

-Joe Rosenberg



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 – Candidates Night-Food and Drink served
6/26 - General Membership Meeting-Canceled

(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)
Candidates Night will be on 6/12/2024. Please come out and hear the candidates talk. 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.