

Wenatchee Valley Umpire association

And

Apple valley softball association

Men's, women's , jack and jill and church leagues

2023 to 2027

1. The following is a contract agreement between the Wenatchee valley umpire association , hereafter referred to as WVUA and the apple valley softball association, a non- profit Washington state corporation, herein after referred to as softball association.

TERMS

2. This contract agreement establishes the fees to be paid to the WVUA for providing umpires as requested by softball association and setting payment procedures and expectations required of both associations. All other prior agreements of contracts written or oral, between the two associations or their specific leagues shall be considered null and void.
3. The length of this contract is for three years with the option of two more years to be discussed in 2025 if nothing is don't we will work on a new contract in 2026.
4. It is agreed that revisions of this agreement can be made if either the WVUS or softball association deem it necessary , or both parties mutually agree to the revision which must be in writing and approved by the board of directors of both associations. No agreement can be made by separate leagues or umpires.
5. It is understood that the term " league games " refers to all games played by the individual leagues during the season. Tournament games only refer to the men's and women's kick off tournament and the season ending men's, women's and church tournaments. All other tournaments are not included in this agreement.

SERVICES

6. The WVUS agrees to provide all umpire services as requested by softball association if requested at least two week prior to the start of league play and seven days prior to the start of the tournaments. The softball association agrees to request all umpires for men's, women's, jack and jill and church league games from WVUA.

COMPENSATION

7. For all games the softball associations agree to pay the WVUA for each umpire the WVUA provides at the rate of \$32.00 per umpire per game for 2023 and \$33.00 per umpire per game in 2024. In 2025 the rate of \$34.00 per umpire per game with an option of \$35.00 in 2026 and option of \$36.00 in 2027 to be discussed in 2025.
8. WVUA will determine its own administrative costs and will pay each individual umpire at the rate as determined by the WVUA.
9. For league games WVUA will send a detailed invoice to each league treasurer with an additional copy mailed to the softball association treasurer. Bills will be sent at the season mid-point and the end of the season. Bills must provide the following date of game, field and total charge of each game.
10. Bills will be paid and postmarked no later than seven business days after receipt by the softball association treasurer. Unpaid bills will require an additional 5% penalty of the amount billed. Bills remaining unpaid after thirty days will be subject to interest of 18% per annum.
11. Any ejection by an umpire will be reported to the assigning secretary on an ejection report form within 24 hours of the ejection. After reviewing the report, the assigning secretary will forward the report within 24 hours to the WVUA president, AVSA treasurer and the respective softball association board. The ejected player will have 24 hours to file an appeal of the ejection. If the player files an appeal he or she will be required to pay \$20. After the report is forwarded by the assigning secretary, the respective league president, or league rep and the WVUA president will jointly investigate the ejection. They have 3 days to accomplish this. They will decide on an appropriate punishment. The totality of the behavior of the person ejected will be used in helping in that determination. The punishment will include a fine of \$20 to \$50 and a suspension can be included. If the appeal is upheld the \$20 will be returned and no other further action will be required. If the appeal is rejected the punishment will be imposed. The softball association shall notify the WVUA of the discipline imposed within 3 days of the decision. If a player plays in a second league, they must pay the \$20, appeal or not, before they can play in the second league. Example a player plays in d3 on Tuesday and d2 on Wednesday and gets ejected on Tuesday the ejection report won't reach the AVSA until Thursday therefore the player will be required to pay the \$20 before playing d2 Wednesday. Also, if they are ejected during the 6:30 or 7:45 games and they are scheduled for a 9:00 game they can play in that game without having paid the \$20. If an umpire does not report the ejection within 24 hours, he or she incur the \$20 fine the player would have paid.

GAME QUALITY PROVISION

12. The WVUA shall be entitled to have a "non-voting" representative present at any softball association or league player disciplinary hearing. The softball association shall be entitled to a "non-voting" representative at any WVUA disciplinary hearing.
13. All games, all leagues, will be one hour and ten minute time limit. No new inning will start after the hour and ten time limit. Innings must be started prior to the hour and ten time limit and no

new inning shall be started after the hour ten . A new inning can start if the batter is in the box ready or the defense is in the field and set.

Exception: if the score is tied at the end of the seventh inning ,and there is time remaining, extra innings will be played utilizing the Kansas city tiebreaker. If there is no time remaining the game will end in a tie. If the time expires during any extra inning game the game will finish and if the game ends in a tie it is a tie.

14. Any hazardous conditions that effect play on the field i.e. rain, lightening, air quality, waterline burst, fires is made by first the PUD then by softball association board members and then by the senior WVUA official and if no one wants that responsibility call a WVUA board member.
15. No WVUA official can work a game that has a family member specifically, husband, wife, son, daughter, brother or sister.
16. Softball association will provide to WVUA at the beginning of each season one set of softball association rules which cover the specific rules for all the softball association leagues. Said rules may not be inconsistent with the contract.
17. In the event of a dispute over the agreement, the matter shall be settled by a neutral arbitrator, as selected by the chelan county superior court. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on all parties as if the decision were a judgment from the superior court. Each side shall pay their own fees and costs and shall share equally in the costs of the arbitration unless the arbitrator decides differently.

Agreement entered into this 28 day of March, 2023

Signature 

Printed name Mike VanLath

Softball association/ AVSA PRESIDENT

Agreement entered into this 28 day of March 2023

Signature 

Printed name Sam Higgins

Umpire/WVUA PRESIDENT