



## SOUTH DAKOTA BASEBALL UMPIRE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 28, 2021

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the 2021 Winter Meeting was cancelled. Officer elections (VP and Secretary) have been deferred until the 2022 Winter Meeting.

### Announcements:

1. 265 Paid Members for 2020. 39 new members in 2019.
2. 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees:
  - A. Victor Sosa, Rapid City
  - B. Honorary: John Sayles, Rapid City
  - C. Hall of Fame Committee: Gene Bierle, Duane Miller, Rock Rockafellow, John Witcraft.
3. 2020 SDUA Dick Ruddell Scholarship Winner:
  - A. Michael Drotzmann, Yankton. He is attending South Dakota State University.
  - B. Scholarship Committee: Bert Ready, Joe Schlimgen, Mike Carda.
4. 2020 State Champions:
  - A. Amateur: Alexandria (B), Sioux Falls Brewers (A)
  - B. VFW: Dakota Valley (19UB), Tyndall (16UB), Beresford (16UA)
5. Wade Stobbs and Jason Vaith were awarded Umpire shirts for their first State Amateur Tournament selection.
6. 2021 State Tournaments:
  - A. Amateur – Mitchell: August 4-15, 2021
  - B. "A" Sr. Legion – Brandon: July 23-27, 2021
  - C. "B" Sr. Legion – Groton: July 30-Aug 3, 2021
  - D. "A" Jr. Legion – Pierre: July 23-27, 2021
  - E. "B" Jr. Legion – Redfield: August 6-8, 2021
  - F. "A" High School – Sioux Falls: May 29, 2021
  - G. "B" High School – Sioux Falls: May 31-June 1, 2021
7. American Legion Central Plains Regional Tournament: Sioux Falls Stadium: August 4-8, 2021.
8. SDUA annual dues for the 2021 season will remain at \$30. Deadline is April 15.
9. Joe Schlimgen has been appointed the SD Amateur Baseball State Tournament Umpire-in-Chief.
10. PayPal is still an option for paying Membership Dues. 124 members used PayPal to pay dues in 2020.
  - A. Usage Fee: 2.9% + \$0.30 per transaction  
(Dues:  $\$30 \times 2.9\% = \$0.87 + \$0.30 = \$1.17$ ).
  - B. Checks and cash still OK.
11. High School Rulebooks (NFHS): The 2020 NFHS Rulebooks will be used for the 2021 season. No additional books were ordered. Members who previously received a 2020 rulebook are asked not to request a new book as copies are limited. Contact the SDUA secretary if you need a NFHS Rulebook.
12. MLB Rulebooks were not purchased for the 2020 season. MLB did not release the 2020 Rulebook to the publisher until June. We were not scheduled to receive our copies until late June, so we decided not to purchase them for the last 3-4 weeks of the season. 2021 Rulebooks will be ordered and sent to all members.
13. A "motion" was sent out to all members regarding liability insurance for the SDUA members for the 2021 season. The motion passed 115-2.
14. If you would like to be considered for selection to the State Amateur and/or State Legion Senior tournaments, the application is on our website. Deadline is April 1.
15. If you would like to be considered for selection to the State High School Tournaments, the application is on our website. Deadline is April 15. Please note that you must complete both applications for each respective tournament.

**2021 District Clinic Schedule:**

| <b>Date</b>    | <b>District</b> | <b>Location</b>                                     | <b>City</b>      | <b>Time</b> | <b>Contact</b>   |
|----------------|-----------------|---|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| March 10, 2021 | 3               | American Legion                                     | Winner           | 7:00        | Austin Richey    |
| March 13, 2021 | 5               | Huron Community Campus Fine Arts Building, Room 223 | Huron            | 9:30        | Mike Carda       |
| March 14, 2021 | 6               | Blarney's Pub                                       | Mitchell         | 12:30       | Joe Schlimgen    |
| March 17, 2021 | 4               | Aberdeen Parks and Rec Building                     | Aberdeen         | 7:00        | Ace Boschee      |
| March 20, 2021 | 1               | Rapid City Post 320 Hitting Shed                    | Rapid City       | 10:00       | John Witcraft    |
| March 21, 2021 | 7               | Watertown City Auditorium                           | Watertown        | 3:00        | Dan Lund         |
| March 28, 2021 | 2               | SDHSAA Office                                       | Pierre           | 1:00        | John Krogstrand  |
| March 28, 2021 | 8               | To be determined                                    | Brookings Area   | TBD         | Jesse Devine     |
| TBD            | 10              | To be determined                                    | Gayville Area    | TBD         | Connor Singhisen |
| TBD            | 9               | To be determined                                    | Sioux Falls Area | TBD         | Al Hansen        |