

Maryland Association of Softball Officials

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDEPENDENT STATUS

1. The purpose of joining the **Maryland Association of Softball Officials, Inc. (MASO)** is to officiate softball games and to promote the game of softball.
2. **MASO's** main purpose is to provide umpires for softball games (leagues and tournaments) for properly sanctioned teams to participate in the game of softball.
3. The undersigned **understands and acknowledges** that **MASO** is not his/her employer and therefore is not responsible for withholding federal and/or state income taxes or Social Security, etc. The undersigned **is not entitled** to receive Worker's Compensation coverage, or unemployment insurance and that his/her relationship with **MASO** is that of an **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**.
4. **ACCIDENT & LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES** are the sole responsibility of the undersigned. Officials that submit their MPSSAA Umpire Registration fee **ARE** provided with the Accident and Liability Insurance Policies provided by the National Federation of State High School Associations for umpires registered with the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association.
5. In consideration for receiving and accepting the opportunities presented by **MASO**, the undersigned **agrees to be bound by the policies of MASO**, including, but not limited to, official's conduct on and off the field, job performance, and all disciplinary procedures administered by **MASO**.

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(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Middle Initial)	
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(Street Address)			(Home Phone Number)
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(City, State, & ZIP Code)			(Work Phone Number)
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(E-mail address - Please print carefully)			(Cell Phone Number)

I Hereby Acknowledge reading and ratify the **“ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDEPENDENT STATUS”** as printed above.

_____ (Signature) _____ (Date)