

Amateur and Legion State Tournament Selection Process

The process to be selected to work the South Dakota Amateur Baseball Association State Tournament or the American Legion State Tournament is designed to be fair and give all qualified members of the SD Umpires Association an opportunity to work a state tournament. At a meeting held annually by the District Umpires of the SD Umpires Association a recommended list is prepared for submission to the Commissioners of the SD Amateur Baseball Association and the Commissioners of the South Dakota American Legion Baseball.

From the recommended list, umpires are contacted by the SD Umpires Association secretary to determine if they are available to work the tournament. Forms are completed by the recommended umpires indicating which dates they can work for either the SD Amateur Baseball Association State Tournament or for either the Class B or Class A American Legion State Tournament.

These forms are then submitted to the respective organization for their selection process. The SD Umpires Association secretary is then notified of the choices made by each organization. Each organization also notifies the individuals they have selected as to the dates they will be expected to work.

The following criteria must be met to be recommended by the District Umpires each year:

- a. Must be a registered umpire for at least three consecutive years
- b. Must have paid dues for current year
- c. Must be certified for current year (attend a clinic)
- d. Must be recommended in person or in writing by a South Dakota Baseball Umpires Association District Umpire