



Policy Statement – New Members

1. Any umpire wishing to become a member of the Pa. District 22 Umpires Association must be recommended by a Crew Chief or a Member of the Association's Administrative Staff.
 - a. The Administrative Staff consists of :
 - i. The Umpire Association Administrator
 - ii. The Umpire Association Development Coordinator (Also known as the Assistant to the Umpire Association Administrator)
 - iii. The District Administrator
 - iv. The ADA / Tournament Director
2. The person recommending a candidate (see above for those qualified to recommend) must submit a written or email recommendation letter to the Umpire Association Administrator with a copy sent to his/her Assistant. The recommendation letter must include the following:
 - a. The full name, address and contact information (including a telephone number) of the candidate
 - b. The name and position of the person recommending such candidate
 - c. Reasons why this candidate should be accepted as a member. (minimum of 2)
3. The Umpire Association Administrator or the Assistant Administrator will personally interview all candidates to assess the candidates' desire to participate along with the Association's expectations of its members.
 - a. If the candidate is approved by the Umpire Administrator, he/she will submit the candidate's information to the District Administrator. The District Administrator will mail the candidate an Umpire Profile Form and Volunteer Application. The candidate will be asked to complete both forms and return them to the District Administrator.
 - b. Upon successful completion of a background check (the nature of which is approved by Little League Inc.), the candidate will be accepted as an Associate Member of the Umpire Association.
 - i. Minimum Requirements
 1. The Associate member must attend a minimum of 1 District sponsored umpire clinic prior to Tournament season
 2. The Associate member must attend 1 of the District Sponsored Tournament Rule Meetings prior to umpiring a tournament.
 3. The Associate member must umpire in District Tournament games
 4. The Associate member is not eligible for any "thank you" items provided by the District Administrator and the District Administrator (exceptions will only be made based on an exceptionally high level of participation during that year)
 - c. After the Tournament, the Association Administrator will review the records of the Associate Members. Upon consultation with the assigned Crew Chief and the District Administration:
 - i. The Association Administrator may approve the Associate Member to become a Regular Member.
 - ii. The Association Administrator may elect to have the Associate Member continue to be an Associate Member
 - iii. The Association Administrator may elect not to maintain the Associate Member in the Association
 - d. Note: It is recommended that during this review, that the Association Administrator personally contact the Associate Member to assess/re-assess the Association Member's continued desire to participate as well as the umpire's skill sets.

