



MEMORANDUM

May 24, 2021

TO: 2021 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship Umpires.

FROM: George M. Drouches  
NCAA National Coordinator of Umpires.

Jeff Altier  
NCAA Division I Baseball Committee Chair.

SUBJECT: 2021 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship Umpires Information.

Congratulations on your assignment to the 2021 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship. You have been selected through a complete evaluation, nomination and selection process and have been approved by the Division I Baseball Committee. No small part of your selection has been based upon your effort, hustle, attitude, ability to handle situations and adherence to NCAA policies. Your accomplishments in these and other areas have led directly to your postseason representation of your profession and the NCAA umpiring program. Our staff has every confidence that you will continue to exhibit this excellence in the 2021 championship.

If you are unable to accept your assignment, you need to notify George Drouches immediately (cell: 612-432-5351). If you have been designated as an alternate you will be notified if a position becomes available. Please note that being selected as an alternate does not guarantee assignment in future years.

Regional competition will be conducted June 4-7. Please note that one regional could possibly begin on June 3 if an institution is selected for the championship that requires a religious accommodation. Site selection for the regionals will be determined on Sunday, May 30 and team selections will occur on Monday, May 31. Super regional competition will be conducted June 11-13 or June 12-14. The Men's College World Series (MCWS) will be conducted June 19-29/30.

ALL selected officials and alternates MUST immediately follow up on EACH of the important items below:

1. **Conflict Information.** Each umpire should email George Drouches immediately ([georgedrouches@gmail.com](mailto:georgedrouches@gmail.com)) with a list of any institutions for which you may have a conflict of interest (e.g., alma mater), or have had any prior conflicts, problems or issues which should be taken into account in making postseason officiating assignments.

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2. **ArbiterPay.** All umpires will receive a flat fee regardless of the number of games worked. Umpires will be paid \$2,431 for regional competition; \$1,737 for super regional competition; and \$6,171 for the MCWS. The payment of all fees will be through the ArbiterSports/ArbiterPay system. If you do not already have a linked ArbiterSports/ArbiterPay account, use the following link on the ArbiterSports website for instructions for creating an account. If you have any problems with the process, please contact the ArbiterSports (ArbiterPay) customer technical support line at 800-311-4060 or [support@arbitersports.com](mailto:support@arbitersports.com).

[ArbiterSports/ArbiterPay Account Set-up Instructions](#)

3. **Expenses.** Your lodging expenses (excluding incidentals) will be reserved by and billed directly to the host institution (Regionals and/or Super Regionals) or the NCAA (MCWS). All umpire game fees, travel and per diem (\$45 each day beginning with arrival date and ending with departure date) will be reimbursed by the NCAA via ArbiterPay. Airline luggage expenses for a maximum of two bags may also be reimbursed. The driving mileage allowance is based on the current NCAA policy (maximum 400 miles one-way).
4. **Travel.** All umpires are required to use the NCAA travel service if air travel is necessary. When you are informed of your championship site, please contact Short's Travel Management at 866-821-8547 to make arrangements.
5. **Clothing Order Form.** Smitty Official's Apparel will supply uniforms for all NCAA Baseball Championship umpires. You are required to order your NCAA apparel via the link below no later than the end of business Wednesday, May 26. All umpires will be required to wear the apparel found on page 42 of the 2021 NCAA Division I Baseball Game Officials Manual. If you have any ordering questions, contact Joe DeRosa at [joe@smittyapparel.com](mailto:joe@smittyapparel.com).

[Smitty Official's Apparel](#)

6. **Championship Materials.** Please bring the following materials to the championship (links available on the ArbiterSports website). It is expected that the policies included in the 2021 NCAA Division I Baseball Game Officials Manual will be followed as written. In addition, please be sure to bring the 2021 CCA Manual and the 2021 and 2022 NCAA Baseball Rules Book. All championship play will use the four-person system described in the CCA Manual.

[2021 NCAA Division I Baseball Game Officials Manual](#)

2021 Crew Chief Checklist for Regionals and Super Regionals

2021 Site Representative Meeting Agenda for Regionals and Super Regionals

2021 Crew Meeting Agenda for Regionals and Super Regionals

[2021 NCAA Baseball Video Review Regulations](#)

7. **Evaluations.** At the end of each regional, super regional or the MCWS, EVERY umpire is responsible for the online completion and submission of a self-evaluation report (due by July 1, 2021). The link is accessible through the ArbiterSports website. In addition, each crew chief and assistant crew chief is responsible for submitting an evaluation form for each member of their umpiring crew. Finally, you will also need to complete any online evaluation and/or survey received from the NCAA National Office.

[2021 Umpire Evaluation Report](#)

8. **2021 Men's College World Series Umpires Only.** You need to arrive in Omaha by 6 p.m. Central time on Thursday, June 17. In addition, use the additional link below to complete the MCWS clothing order form. If applicable, you must submit your Men's College World Series online order form by Wednesday, May 26.

[2021 College World Series Umpire Clothing Order](#)

- a. **Head Shot Photo.** Umpires and alternates should immediately submit an appropriate head shot photo (coat and tie preferred) to Randy L. Buhr ([rlbuhr@ncaa.org](mailto:rlbuhr@ncaa.org)), Michelle Watsky ([mwatsky@ncaa.org](mailto:mwatsky@ncaa.org)), and George Drouches ([georgedrouches@gmail.com](mailto:georgedrouches@gmail.com)) for media use.
- b. **Biographical Information.** Use the link in the ArbiterSports website to immediately complete and submit the online biographical form for media use during the championship.

[2021 Biographical Information Form](#)

9. **Important COVID-19 Information.** Use the link in the ArbiterSports website to read critical information regarding COVID-19. This includes testing requirements for all championship officials. There are also key resources that officials are required to view (NCAA COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols Informational Video) and read (2021 NCAA Championships Participant Code of Conduct).

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Umpires will be notified of their specific crew and site assignments via email from George Drouches on Monday, May 31. Regional crew chiefs will have a conference call that evening (May 31) at 7 p.m. Eastern time. Please note that this meeting most likely will be conducted via Microsoft Teams. If so, a meeting maker will be sent for this meeting. If not, the call-in information is 866-590-5055, and the access code is 4961983. Regional crew members will be contacted by their crew chief by Tuesday, June 1. Any umpire not contacted by that time should contact George Drouches

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immediately. All specific umpire rotations will be made by the National Coordinator of Umpires and announced by your crew chief at the championship site.

Super Regional sites and assignments will be made on Tuesday, June 8 via email from George Drouches. Super Regional Crew Chiefs will have either a Microsoft Teams meeting or a conference call on June 8 at 7 p.m. Eastern time (same call-in information as above).

Congratulations again on your selection and for your outstanding work this season! We all look forward to an outstanding championship and hope you will have a great experience. Please ensure that ALL items in the memorandum have been addressed and completed.

cc: Selected NCAA Staff Members

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