

Volunteer Role Description – Softball Ulster Chief Umpire

Role title	Softball Ulster Chief Umpire
Duration of the role	2 years fixed term.
Purpose of the role	The Chief Umpire provides leadership to the umpires in the Ulster region, taking the lead on the recruitment, training, development and scheduling of umpires, as well as the purchase of equipment to support umpires in their role.
What you will be doing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking part in monthly Softball Ulster Council meetings, reporting on the training and development of umpires in the Ulster region, and updating the Council on anticipated rule changes from Softball Ireland or the WBSC. • Working directly with the Softball Ulster Council to implement the rules of softball and ensure the bylaws and league rules are up to date and accurate and communicate these with umpires in the Ulster region. • Promoting the valuable role of umpire, developing umpire training days and supporting new umpires as they begin officiating in tournaments and league games. • Working closely with the Treasurer to budget for umpire training courses and equipment purchases to support them in their professional role. • Working closely with the Competitions Officer to prepare a schedule of umpire cover for tournaments and league games during the upcoming season. • Taking the lead on developing policies and guidelines ensuring the suitability and safety of facilities used by teams for home games and training. • Developing and maintaining a ‘match record card’ and collecting these from umpires after every game to ensure an accurate record of the season. • Leading any disciplinary matters, on behalf of the Softball Ulster Council, that arise during the season. • Supporting the Council in developing the sport of softball across the region of Ulster.
Skills, experience, and qualities needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of good leadership skills, including the ability to teach others technical skills. • Excellent written and verbal communication skills are essential, with an understanding of the importance of mediation and the ability to deescalate difficult conversations being additional desirable qualities. • Good organisational skills and the confidence to work well in a team and alone is desirable. • An understanding of the need for confidentiality and GDPR would be advantageous.

When and where	The role is home based with monthly committee meetings which will take place face-to-face or virtually. As the role is home based, candidates will need access to suitable devices to carry out the responsibilities of the role.
Support offered	The Chief Umpire will oversee the recruitment and training of Softball Ulster umpires, but support may be available through contacts within the membership and training where available and relevant to the candidate's needs and role.
What you could get out of it	This is an excellent opportunity to utilise and further develop skills while supporting an important sporting and community resource that seeks to grow the development of softball across the Ulster region and enhance their professionalism. Your commitment and enthusiasm can contribute to the success of Softball Ulster and enable us to meet our objectives.
Other relevant information	This appointment will be on a voluntary basis and is subject to a nomination process and election at the AGM or will be co-opted onto the current Council by elected members if the position is to be filled at other times. Softball Ulster aims to reflect the diverse and inclusive softball community, and a desire to improve on these areas throughout your work is desirable.
What to do if you're interested	If you would like to be considered for the role of Softball Ulster Chief Umpire, please email secretary@softballulster.com . We will then contact you to discuss further. Your nomination will need to be seconded by another registered member of Softball Ulster and emailed to the Softball Ulster Secretary. If you would like more information and to discuss the role, please email at the same address.

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