



The Vermont High School Softball Umpires Association (VHSSUA) Bylaws, Article 3, Section 1, state that to be eligible for membership, a person must complete a National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) clinic as required by the Vermont Principals Association (VPA). If a member is unable to attend the Vermont clinic, s/he may attend an approved NFHS clinic in another state. Dates for future approved out of state NFHS clinics will be posted on the website.

A member exercising this option must provide evidence of this attendance in the form of a written note signed by the sponsoring state's leadership, delivered to the VHSSUA Secretary/Treasurer in a timely fashion.

If an Amateur Softball Association of America National Umpire School is held the same weekend as the VHSSUA NFHS clinic, a member may attend this event instead of the NFHS clinic, but must provide proof of attendance.

The Bylaws further state that "Should a prospective member be unable to attend any NFHS clinic, he or she may petition the Board of Directors for a waiver. Such waivers are decided on a case-by-case basis. Failure of a member to attend an NFHS clinic results in that member being ineligible for Varsity games."

Since the VHSSUA rules clinic is always the third Sunday in March, and out of state clinics are posted on the website, it is not likely that the Grievance Committee will consider scheduled vacations as a viable reason for a waiver. The same may likely apply for absences due to work.

Also, every four years all members are required to attend a VHSSUA mechanics clinic.