



The Vermont High School Softball Umpires Association (VHSSUA) Bylaws, Article 3, Section 1, state that to be eligible for membership, a person must maintain National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) insurance. The Vermont Principals Association (VPA) has also notified VHSSUA that NASO (National Association of Sports Officials) insurance is also acceptable and will meet this requirement.

NFHS Insurance may be obtained individually from NFHS for \$30 per year, or through an organization (such as VHSSUA) at the group rate of \$25. NASO insurance may be obtained directly from that organization. For further details, please visit www.NASO.org, click on the Member Benefits tab and choose Insurance.

Providing evidence of insurance to the VHSSUA is essential. Until evidence is provided that you are insured through the end of the spring season, your name will appear on the Restricted Umpire list. Evidence may be provided by way of several options. First (1), the VHSSUA will request from NFHS a report of Vermont insured officials the Friday following the third Sunday in March. If you are insured for the entire spring season, you won't have to do anything else. Second (2), you may photocopy your insurance card after receiving it from NFHS or NASO and mail it to the board secretary/treasurer. The issue with this is that you won't get your card until about a month after you obtain insurance. Third (3), you may call NFHS and have them email your expiration date to the VHSSUA secretary/treasurer. The fourth (4), easiest, and best option, is to include an additional \$25 when you register and pay your annual dues. VHSSUA will buy your NFHS insurance for you. You won't have to do anything else. If you reside out of state, you must use either options 2, 3, or 4, as you will not appear on the VT insured list generated by NFHS.

When paying the additional \$25 to VHSSUA for VHSSUA to obtain insurance for you, you will need to provide your birth date.

As per NFHS, the VHSSUA needs 50 paying members, exclusive of members paying through other organizations, in order for them to consider us an organization. We have easily exceeded this number. In the past, when we did not achieve 50 members, we approached the VT Baseball Alliance and requested to piggy-back on them. They were gracious enough to allow this, for which we thank them.