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## NEWS RELEASE

### Umpiring Softball Course Released on NFHS Learning Center

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (March 24, 2017) — The NFHS Learning Center has added another online officiating course with the release of “Umpiring Softball” at [www.NFHSLearn.com](http://www.NFHSLearn.com). The “Umpiring Softball” course is part of the original series of sport-specific officiating courses planned for the 2016-17 school year, joining previous courses for volleyball and basketball.

“This is part of our intentional effort to increase professional development opportunities for high school officials,” said Dan Schuster, NFHS director of educational services.

In partnership with USA Softball, “Umpiring Softball” focuses on how to officiate with professionalism and addresses two common issues – interference and obstruction.

“State association administrators recognized these as issues of interest to umpires, therefore, the online course offers a series of scenarios giving umpires the opportunity to identify occurrences of interference and obstruction,” said Sandy Searcy, NFHS director of sports and liaison to the Softball Rules Committee.

Cost of the course is \$20, but members of the NFHS Officials Association can take the course for \$10.

With this addition of the third sport-specific officiating course, [www.NFHSLearn.com](http://www.NFHSLearn.com) now offers 49 online education courses. The NFHS plans to offer four additional sport-specific officiating courses for the 2017-18 school year.

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