



Regional Umpire Training Course

DATE: Saturday, August 29, 2015	TIME: 12-3 pm	Instructor: Beth Sopka
LOCATION: International Badminton Centre 3775 Park Ave, Edison, NJ 08816		

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LOCATION: Boston Badminton Club 169 Flanders Rd, Westborough, MA 01581		

Why become an umpire?

1. You get the best seat in the house for the best badminton matches!
2. You love this sport and you really want to help make more good badminton happen in your area.
3. Improve your own game:
 - a. You will really learn all the rules in detail and understand why, for example, your 'perfect' winning serve gets faulted when there's an umpire on court!
 - b. You will learn what umpires can and cannot do; when and how to ask for an umpire if you have a problem on the court; what to do if you disagree with an umpire's ruling; etc.
4. *You are a parent and your child needs you to travel for tournaments and then you are stuck in a gym and you are driving each other crazy!*
5. Umpires are *totally* cool (well, we like to think so).
6. There are definitely other reasons as well, but these are excellent ones to start. By the way, you likely will never learn the others until you become one 😊

The NJ clinic is being held the week before the start of the IBC Junior Open; the MA clinic is one week prior to the MassBad Nepal Fundraising Doubles Open. On-court umpire training and evaluations will be conducted at these events providing excellent opportunities to develop technical official skills while helping an important events run smoothly.

While junior parents are strongly encouraged to participate in this training, we are looking for others from the broader badminton community to participate as well. Becoming an umpire is one of the very best ways to support the continued growth of our great sport!

Course Instructor will be Beth Sopka, USAB certified National Level III umpire and Referee. Course fee \$25 covers course information packet, official rule book and 'tools of the trade' (stopwatch, clipboard, official warning cards).

More information regarding the course, its prerequisites and an overview of all components of the training program is attached.