

## Dave Torrez



Hello Members of SNOA,

My name is David Torrez and I am running for Board Member at Large. I have been an SNOA baseball umpire since 2013 and have served as the instructor for the past 2 seasons. I am currently a 17+ year high school educator with CCSD and have coached various sports including baseball, football, and flag football for a combined 21 seasons.

For too long, the relationship between coaches and officials has been a contentious and adversarial one. It does not have to be like this. As a Board Member at Large, I will rely upon my experience as an official, coach, and educator to bridge the gap between coaches and officials in all sports. I have already begun to do this in baseball and we have seen a positive response from all parties involved. Coaches need to understand the importance of modeling positive behavior and sportsmanship at all times, especially in the face of perceived injustice. By the

same token, officials must do everything they can to project a professional, competent, and approachable demeanor when interacting with all participants during a contest.

Southern Nevada is a region with elite talent and a hotbed for future professional athletes. As officials, we owe it to SNOA and our community to be the best versions of ourselves on the field of play. If you choose to elect me, I will work side by side with members of the board to make sure officials continue to be respected, properly compensated, and valued in Southern Nevada.

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