

NATIONAL ASA/USA 'ELITE' UMPIRE APPLICATION

Umpires who meet the requirements below are eligible for national ASA/USA "Elite" Umpire status.

A. EXPERIENCE:

1. Must have participated in at least four (4) national championships, and umpired in two (2) of which must have been in the same category of play and from the national championship listed below:

FAST PITCH: Men's Major, Women's Major, Men's Master 40-Over, Girls 18-Under Gold, Men's "A" or Women's "A".

SLOW PITCH: Men's Major, Men's "A", Women's Open (previously Major or "A"), Men's Major Industrial, Men's 16" Major, COED Major, Men's Masters 35-Over, Men's or Women's Armed Forces, Championship Series.

MODIFIED PITCH: Men's or Women's 9 Player (previously Major and "A"), or Men's 10 Player.

B. CERTIFICATION/QUALIFICATIONS:

1. For Certification as ASA/USA "Elite" Umpire, the applicant MUST have been an ASA registered umpire for at least seven (7) years, and a current member in good standing. (See C-3 for inactive status.)
2. It is recommended that the applicant have attended an ASA National Umpire School. Credit for an advanced school can be substituted for a national championship.
3. An umpire may be approved in more than one (1) category of play (Fast Pitch, Slow Pitch, or Modified Pitch), but must meet the qualifications for each category applied for to be approved. There is a separate fee for each category and each category will receive all items.

C. VERIFICATION:

1. Must be a current registered and active member of the ASA umpire program. Must be in good standing with the location association.
2. The state/metro commissioner and umpire-in-chief, where the umpire is registered, must sign the application.
NOTE: Verification should be made by the commissioner, and regional UIC. Letters of recommendation from both UIC's and the commissioner can accompany the application.
3. Inactive umpires can apply if they were in good standing and verified as so by the commissioner and UIC. This applicant will not be considered for assignments.

D. APPLICATION FEE:

1. The ASA/USA "Elite" umpire application fee is \$40. The umpire will receive a lapel pin, a navy ASA/USA "Elite" cap, membership card, certificate, and names listed in the ASA Hall of Fame.

E. ISF CERTIFIED UMPIRES GRANDFATHERED:

1. All current ISF (as of 2002) "CERTIFIED" umpires will be grandfathered into the ASA/USA "Elite" program. These applicants can pay the \$40 application fee and receive all materials, or pay \$10 which will include only their names in the Hall Of Fame, and the umpire will be considered for future assignments. This includes both active or inactive status.

F. PROBATIONARY STATUS:

1. Any conduct by an umpire unbecoming of the standards of the ASA/USA "Elite" umpire (on or off the field) could result in that individual being placed on probationary status.

G. ASSIGNMENTS:

1. An umpire approved in one category (Fast Pitch, Slow Pitch, or Modified Pitch) at the "Elite" level cannot be assigned to games in any of the other two categories. If approved in two categories the umpire can be assigned in either. Current assignments for Slow Pitch include the ASA/USA Championship Series and Armed Forces Championships.
2. If approved as an inactive umpire, you will not be considered for an assignment.

H. APPLICATION FORM:

1. Application forms may be obtained from the ASA office (2801 N.E. 50th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73111-7203, Tel. 405-425-3446, or your regional UIC. Applications are also available on our website: <http://www.asasoftball.com>.
2. Only current application forms will be accepted.
3. Applications which do not have the required signatures or do not meet the qualifications outlined under experience, will be returned with the application fee.
4. The application must be accompanied with a \$40 fee. This will be refunded if the applicant does not qualify.

I. PHOTOS:

1. Applications must include three (3) passport size photos attached. Inactive umpires who do not want a membership card do not have to include photos.

J. DEADLINES:

1. Applications will be accepted until October 1 each year.
NOTE: In the first year (2003) the initial deadline is January 15 and will be announced at the UIC Clinic, then the October 1 deadline will be followed annually.