

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 two (2) of which must have been in the same category of play and from the national championship listed below. Attendance at an advanced school can be substituted for a National Championship.

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, Men's Major Industrial, Men's 16" Major, COED Major, Men's Masters 35-Over.

MODIFIED PITCH: Men's or Women's 9 Player 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.
2. The applicant must have attended an ASA National Umpire School.
3. An umpire may apply for all categories, fast, slow, or modified but must be active in the category they apply for
4. Beginning in 2006 applicants must receive an overall rating of excellent in the same category to be considered for approval
5. Applying does not guarantee any applicant will be approved for Elite Status.

C. VERIFICATION:

1. The Local Association Commissioner and Umpire-in-Chief, where the applicant is registered must sign the application.
2. Verification will be made by the Regional Umpire-in-Chief.

D. APPLICATION FEE:

1. The ASA/USA "Elite" umpire application fee is a non refundable \$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:

Umpires ISF certified as of 2002 have until the end of 2005 to apply for Elite status. They must be an active ASA umpire. After 2005 ISF approved umpires, as of 2002, will no longer be grandfathered in as Elite.

F. PROBATIONARY STATUS:

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 removed from Elite status by a 2/3 vote of the National Umpire Staff or being placed on probationary status.

G. ASSIGNMENTS:

An Elite Umpire can only be assigned to National Championship games in the category they are approved. Current assignments for only elite approved umpires in Slow pitch include ASA / USA Championship Series and the Armed Forces Championships.

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 dated January 1st, 2005 will be accepted.
3. Incomplete applications will be returned.
4. The application must be accompanied with a \$40 fee.

I. PHOTOS:

Applications must include three (3) passport size photos attached.

J. DEADLINES:

1. Applications will be accepted until October 1 each year.
2. Notification of approval or rejection will be made by January 1st of the following year through your Regional UIC.