

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 umpired 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 championships listed below:

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

SLOW PITCH: Men's Super, Men's Major, Women's Open, Men's A, Men's B, Men's Major Industrial, Men's 16" Major, Coed Major, Coed Open, Men's 40-0, Men's 35-Over.

MODIFIED PITCH: Men's or Women's 9 Player or Men's 10 Player.

B. CERTIFICATION/QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be a registered ASA Umpire.
2. The applicant must have attended an ASA National Umpire School or Advanced Camp within 5 years of applying.
3. An umpire may apply for all categories, fast, slow, or modified, but can only be approved for one category per application.
4. As of 2006 applicants must have received an overall rating of Excellent in the Qualifying National Championship for the category they are applying to be considered.
5. Must have umpired in a National Championship within the past 5 years.
6. Application does not guarantee 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:

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 name listed in the ASA Hall of Fame.

E. ISF CERTIFIED UMPIRES:

Umpires ISF certified as of 2002 had until the end of 2005 to apply for elite status. Effective 2005, ISF umpires can no longer be grandfathered into the Elite Program.

F. PROBATIONARY STATUS:

1. A rating of less than excellent in two consecutive Championships in the category the umpire has reached Elite status will place that umpire in an inactive category and must re-apply to regain Elite status.
2. 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 or placed on probationary status.

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G. ASSIGNMENTS:

An Elite Umpire can only be assigned to National Championships in the category in which they are approved. Current assignments for elite approved umpires only 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 the regional UIC. Applications are also available on our website: www.asasoftball.com. Please use the most recent form dated 01/04/2012 as they are the only form that will be accepted.
2. Applications which do not have the required signatures or do not meet the qualifications outlined under experience will be returned with the application fee.
3. The application must be accompanied by a \$40.00 fee.

I. PHOTOS:

Applications must include three (3) passport size photos.

J. DEADLINES:

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