

## Elite Umpire Program



Oregon ASA is proud to have 5 umpires who have been selected into ASA's Elite Umpire Program. This reward program, launched in 2003, is the highest honor an ASA umpire can obtain other than selection to the ASA Hall of Fame. There are currently 360 qualified umpires that have been selected for the Elite Program. Members who are approved as Elite Umpires can apply for their international certification (ISF) and are the only umpires eligible to work the National Championship Series (SP) and the Armed Forces Slow Pitch Championships.

To become eligible for this program, an umpire must have been an ASA registered umpire for at least seven (7) years and a current member in good standing. The umpire must have participated in at least four (4) national championships, and umpired in two (2) in the same category of play and from the championships listed below:

**Fast Pitch:** Men's Major, Women's Major, Men's Master 40-Over, Girls 18-U Gold, Men's "A" or Women's "A".

**Slow Pitch:** Men's Major, Women's Open (previously Major or "A"), Men's Major Industrial, Men's "A", Men's 16" Major, CO-ED Major, Men's Masters 35-Over, Men's or Women's Armed Forces, or the Championship Series.

**Modified Pitch:** Men's or Women's 9-Player (previously Major and "A"), or Men's 10-Player.

The ASA/USA Elite Umpire application fee is \$40.00. All applications will be voted on by the ASA National Umpire Staff. If approved, the ASA Elite Umpire will receive a lapel pin, a navy ASA/USA "Elite" cap, membership card, framed certificate and name listed in the ASA Hall of Fame. In Oregon ASA, the umpire will be awarded a trophy in front of his/her peers. You may also see a list of all ASA Elite umpires on the ASA Web Site. If you are an Oregon ASA umpire who meets the above qualifications, download the ASA Elite Umpire Application Form.

The Oregon ASA umpires who have achieved this honor are as follows:

Don Alexander	Prospect, OR	Fast Pitch	Oregon ASA
John Garrett	Keizer, OR	Fast Pitch	Oregon ASA
Benjie Hedgecock	Dayton, OR	Fast Pitch	Oregon ASA
Suni Miani	Portland, OR	Fast Pitch	Oregon ASA
Robert Thor	Portland, OR	Slow Pitch	Oregon ASA