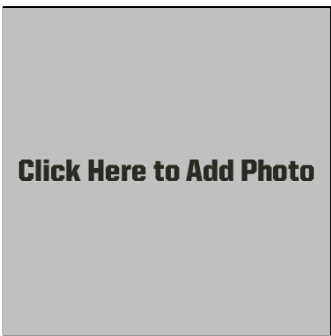




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USA SOFTBALL "ELITE" UMPIRE
 APPLICATION FORM



Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Metro/State Association: _____ Region: _____

Are you a member of National Indicator Fraternity?

Are you a member of Medals Program? If Yes, What level?

I am applying for the category checked (See Item B3 on reverse side):

NATIONAL LEVEL EXPERIENCE
 (LIST MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS FIRST)

Year	Type of Event	Description

NATIONAL UMPIRE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Year	Location	Type

TOTAL NUMBER OF YEARS ACTIVE AS A USA SOFTBALL UMPIRE: _____ YEAR FIRST REGISTERED: _____

_____ is currently an umpire in good standing in this association

Applicant's Name

 Commissioner Date Umpire-in-Chief Date

I, _____ CERTIFY, upon my oath of honor, that the particulars noted on this form are exact and true.

 Signature of Umpire Date

Approved: _____	_____	_____	_____
	Regional UIC	Deputy Director of Umpires	Director of Umpires
			Date

Umpires who meet the requirements below are eligible for national USA Softball "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 GOLD, Men's "A" or Women's "A". USA JO Cup NIT

SLOW PITCH: Men's Super, Men's Major, Women's Open, Men's A, Men's B, Men's C, COED Major, Men's Masters 35-Over.

**Effective 2015: MCSP is a qualifying Championship as long as the other qualifying championship is Men's Super, Men's A or Men's B.*

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

B. CERTIFICATION/QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be a registered USA Softball Umpire.
2. The applicant must have attended a USA Softball 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 last 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 approval for Elite Status.

C. VERIFICATION:

1. The Local Association Commissioner and Umpire-in-Chief, where the applicant is registered must sign the application.
2. Application must be sent to the Regional UIC for their review and signature.
3. Regional UIC will send to their Deputy Director of Umpires for review and signature.

D. APPLICATION FEE:

The USA Softball "Elite" Umpire application fee is \$65.00. The umpire will receive a lapel pin, a navy USA Softball "Elite" cap, membership card, certificate, and name listed in the National Softball Hall of Fame.

E. WBSC CERTIFIED UMPIRES:

Effective 2005, WBSC 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 USA Softball "Elite" umpire, on or off the field, could result in that individual being removed from Elite status or placed on probationary status.

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 USA Softball Championship Series and the Armed Forces Championships.

H. APPLICATION FORM:

1. Application forms are available on our website: www.USASoftball.com. Please use the most recent form dated **10/31/2017** 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 the \$65.00 fee.

I. PHOTOS:

Applications must **have a picture attached or include three (3) passport size photos.**

J. DEADLINES:

1. Applications will be accepted until September 15 each year. Applicants waiting on an evaluation from the last Slow Pitch Championships of the year they are applying, must submit their application by September 15th. The application shall be held as pending waiting for Evaluations for those Championships.
2. Notification of approval or non-approval will be made by January 1 of the following year.