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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	Fast Pitch/Slow Pitch /Modified	List National Championship

NATIONAL UMPIRE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Year	Location	National School or Camp

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Umpire Date

Approved: _____	_____ Director of Umpires	_____ Date
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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, Girls 18-Under ASA/USA Gold, Men's "A" or Women's "A", Men's Open and USA JO CUP NIT. Effective 2016: the Men's Open is a qualifying Championship providing the other championship is a Men's Major, 18 Under Gold or USA JO Cup. **Effective 2019 the Men's Master 40-0 is no longer a qualifying Championship**

**SLOW PITCH:** Men's Super, Men's AA, Men's Major, Women's Open, Men's A, Men's B, Men's C, Coed Major. Effective 2019 the Men's 35-0 is no longer a qualifying Championship.

**MODIFIED PITCH:** Men's 9 or 10 Player or Women'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. Must have umpired in a National Championship within the past 5 years.
5. 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 the Armed Forces Championships.

#### H. APPLICATION FORM:

1. Application forms are available on our website: [www.USASoftball.com](http://www.USASoftball.com). Please use the most recent form dated **1/02/2019** 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:

Electronic Applications must have a digital picture attached or mailed application must have 3 passport photos attached to the application.

#### J Deadlines

1. The Elite Application should be submitted to your Regional Umpire-in-Chief who will submit the application to Debbie at the National Office before the September 15th deadline.
2. Applications will be accepted until September 15th each year.
3. Applicants waiting on an evaluation from the last Slow Pitch Championships of the year they are applying, must submit their application by September 15th.
4. The application shall be held as pending waiting for Evaluations for those Championships.
5. If the application is sent in electronically the fee of \$65.00 should be sent in immediately and must be in the National Office by the September 15th deadline.
6. **Any application received after 15th of September will be returned to the RUIC for them to return to the umpire to be resubmitted the following year.**
7. **If any of the above are not met the application will be returned to the umpire and the Regional Umpire-in-Chief will be contacted to follow up.**
8. Notification of approval or non-approval will be made by January 1 of the following year.