



2010 ASA National Fast Pitch Umpire Camp

Cincinnati, Ohio - June 15 – 21, 2010

Mid-America Ballyard and Rumpke Park

Howard Johnson Inn – Cincinnati North/Springdale

The ASA National Fast Pitch Umpire Camp is the only advanced school in the country offered to fast pitch umpires. The Fast Pitch Camp is an opportunity for you to:

Improve your umpiring skills

Prepare you for higher level competition

Work on your “Elite Umpire” qualifications

Information, Registration and Housing Coordinator –

Dee Fick 513-563-2755 or asauc@fuse.net

Who should attend?

This camp is an advanced program for umpires looking to build on past training. The typical participant will either have prior experience working ASA National Championship play and/or have training obtained at an ASA National Umpire School or other program sponsored by their local association. **Enrollment is absolutely limited to the first sixty accepted participants.**

Camp Highlights

- The FP Camp is designed to help bring out the best in your umpiring ability – a way to jump start your umpire career and “be the best you can be.”
- The camp places an emphasis on mechanics and umpire techniques. Key items covered will include:

Improved ASA Plate Mechanics

Calling Balls and Strikes

Strike Zone –Zone Master Equipment

ASA Base Umpire Mechanics

Three Umpire System

Video of games and drills to further assist you in your development

ASA’s Expectations of National Championship Umpires

- 2010 Rules Changes, key FP Rules, and Case Book Plays will also be covered.
- A chance to meet and work with other ASA umpires who have the same aspirations and lofty goals that you do.
- A three day evaluation and observation tournament using the three umpire system.

General Information

- Instructional Staff – All instructors are assigned from the ASA National Staff on an approximate ratio of 1 per 10 participants. The instructional staff is expected to include:

Craig Cress - Director of Membership Services/Director of Umpires

Kevin Ryan – Supervisor of Umpires

Malcolm Boyles – Deputy Supervisor of Umpires – West Territory

Jim Craig – Deputy Supervisor of Umpires – East Territory

Julie Johnson - – Deputy Supervisor of Umpires – North Territory

Dave Epperson – Mid America Region Umpire In Chief

Jerry Fick – East Central Region Umpire In Chief

- Local Staff – Your hosts will be the Metro Cincinnati ASA Umpire Staff. We look forward to making your visit to Cincinnati and the camp a successful and pleasant experience.
- Fees – Camp Fee of \$400 per participant includes all camp instruction and materials, Advanced SP Camp shirt, meals (Wednesday – Sunday noon), hospitality events, and transportation to and from the Cincinnati Airport. Early registration is encouraged – class size is absolutely limited to the first sixty approved applicants.
- Hotel – Howard Johnson Inn – Cincinnati North is located at 400 Glen Springs Drive in Springdale. This is in the Tri-County area at the intersection of I-275 and State Route 4. A block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate of \$59 plus tax. **You must make your hotel reservation directly with Cincinnati ASA when registering for the school.** Please indicate on your registration form if you would like your own room, to share a room with another specific umpire, or if you would like us to assign an umpire to room with you. Umpires sharing a room will pay only \$29.50 per night plus tax. The room rate includes a continental breakfast. All rooms have microwave, small refrigerator, iron and ironing board. There is an onsite coin laundry and outdoor pool. *Out of town umpires must use only this hotel as several camp related activities will be held here.*
- Meals – A complimentary continental breakfast is provided for umpires staying at the Howard Johnson Inn. Other meals and hospitality events are provided as part of your registration. If there are special dietary requirements please notify us.
- Transportation – Use of personal vehicles is preferred. For umpires flying to Cincinnati we can arrange to have a staff member pick you up at the airport terminal. Please email your flight plans to asauc@fuse.net by June 1, 2010. See Travel Information section below for additional information.
- Games – Participants will umpire a National Championship qualifying tournament on June 19, 20 & 21. The instructional staff will observe participants in these games and many games will be videotaped for your review. A stipend will be paid for these games and the amount will depend on the number of umpires working.
- Uniforms – Upon arrival you will receive school shirt. Additional shirts will be available for purchase. Game uniform will be Gray Pants, ASA lettered Light Blue Pullover Shirt, Blue or Black Socks, ASA lettered cap, Black Belt, and Navy Blue ASA Logo Ball Bag. You may bring an ASA jacket – plan to dress as you would for an ASA National Championship. Class uniform will be Gray Pants and school shirt or ASA Light Blue Pullover Shirt. An ASA uniform dealer will be on site to provide you with items needed.
- Classes will start at 7PM on Tuesday, June 15. The tournament will conclude on Sunday, June 20 with the time dependent on weather and other conditions. Participants

should plan to arrive by late afternoon on Tuesday and should depart as late as possible on Sunday or any time on Monday. We understand the need for some early departures as needed on Sunday to accommodate work schedules, etc.

Other Information

- About Cincinnati USA – Cincinnati is located in the heart of the Midwest and in the center of the Ohio – Kentucky – Indiana Tri-State area. There is plenty to do in Cincinnati USA. Kings Island is twenty minutes from the Howard Johnson Inn. Cincinnati is home to the Reds (tentatively scheduled to be playing the Los Angeles Dodgers at home during the Camp). Casino gambling is available thirty minutes away in SE Indiana. For those who would like to extend their stay the same hotel rate will apply.
- Air Travel to Cincinnati – Delta Airlines has announced advance purchase/leisure fare price reductions to its hub at the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG). Nonstop flights are available from over 100 cities. In addition there are several discount airlines serving major airports in the region – these include Dayton (DAY-50 miles), Columbus (CMH-105 miles), Indianapolis (IND-115 miles), and Louisville (SDF - 120 miles). At times air fares may be less to these other cities.
- Auto Travel to Cincinnati – Cincinnati USA is located within a day's drive of dozens of major cities. I-75, I-71, and I-74 all intersect I-275 (the Circle Freeway) and the Howard Johnson Inn is located on I-275 north of the city and less than fifteen minutes from the other major interstates.
- Social Events – Cincinnati ASA Umpires will host a welcome event after Tuesday night's opening class session. Depending on game schedule and weather a hospitality room will be available at other times as well.
- Family Events – Kings Island, four water parks, and major shopping attractions are located minutes from the Howard Johnson Inn. Visit the website of the Cincinnati USA Regional Tourism Network at www.cincinnatiusa.com for details.

Early registration is encouraged – class size is strictly limited to the first sixty accepted participants.

Mail application form to: Cincinnati ASA Umpires, 3016 Ambler Drive, Cincinnati OH 45241 – include check payable to Cincinnati ASA Umpires in the amount of \$400. Acceptance Notices will be sent by email starting the week of January 24, 2010.



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Application Form

Mail this form to: Cincinnati ASA Umpires, 3016 Ambler Drive, Cincinnati OH 45241 – include check payable to Cincinnati ASA Umpires in the amount of \$400.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Email Address _____ Shirt Size _____

Gender _____ Age _____

Home Phone _____ Other Phone(s) _____

Number of years umpiring _____ *List ASA National Championship Tournament Experience, National Umpire Schools and/or other ASA training on the reverse side of this application.*

Hotel Information – you must complete this section.

_____ I will not need a room.

_____ I would like to reserve a room at \$59 plus tax – checking in on _____ and out on _____

_____ I would like to reserve a room and share it with _____ checking in on _____ and out on _____. Cost with roommate will be \$29.50 plus tax.

_____ I would like to reserve a room and have the host staff assign me a roommate. I will check in on _____ and out on _____. Cost with roommate will be \$29.50 plus tax.

Smoking Room(if available) _____ Nonsmoking room _____ *All hotel rates are per night and do not include 16% tax. Hotel rooms will be paid directly to Howard Johnson Inn by cash or credit card at time of check in.*

