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2012

A.S.A Slow Pitch Softball Advanced Umpire Camp

May 17th thru May 20th

In Lincoln, Nebraska – at the University Of Nebraska-Lincoln



For more information please go to Nebraska ASA website

www.nebraskasoftball.org

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2012 ASA NATIONAL SLOW PITCH UMPIRE CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

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Mail this form to: 4103 Osborne Drive East, Hastings, NE 68537 or fax 402-461-3297

For more information call 800-965-2896

Payment Received: Check Money Order Credit Card

Amount Received: _____ Balance due: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone _____ Other Phone (s) _____

Gender _____ Age _____

T-shirt size Sm Med Lg XL 2XL 3XL

Number of Years Umpiring _____

Number of National Championships & Year that you umpired

Number of games umpired with 3- man crew?

5-10 games 10-20 games over 20 games



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The ASA National Slow Pitch Umpire Camp is the only advanced school in the country offered specifically to slow pitch umpires. After several years in Ohio & Texas, the camp now comes to Lincoln, NE for 2012. The camp will be held at the UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA – LINCOLN campus – held at state-of-the-art facilities, Henzlik Hall (classroom sessions) and Fleming Fields & Cook Pavilion (weather permitting). These facilities are some of the best facilities in the nation!

The Slow Pitch camp is an opportunity for you to:

Improve your umpiring skills

Prepare you for HIGHER LEVEL COMPETITION

Work on your “ELITE UMPIRE” qualifications

Camp Highlights

- The Slow Pitch 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 instructional part of the camp (classroom and drills) will be conducted on Thursday night & all day Friday. Saturday & Sunday umpires will umpire a tournament. The tournament will conclude by 4pm on Sunday.
- The camp places an emphasis on mechanics and umpire techniques. Key items that are covered will include the following :
 1. 2012 Rule Changes, Case Book Plays & 2012 advanced exam will be covered
 2. Improved ASA Plate Mechanics
 - Set Position prior to the pitch
 - Judging pitch height
 - Judging strike zone with enhanced equipment
 - Enhancements to ASA base umpire mechanics
 - Detailed study of the 2-man & 3-man umpire system
 - National Championship Umpire expectations
 3. A chance to meet and work with other ASA umpires who have the same aspirations and lofty goals that you do. Also, meet some of the best instructors in the country.

General Information

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

Craig Cress – Director of Membership Services/Director of Umpires, Oklahoma City, OK

Kevin Ryan – Supervisor of Umpires, Stanley, NC

Larry Montgomery – Deputy Supervisor of Umpires, Tupelo, MS

Dave Epperson – Region 12 UIC, Topeka, KS

Mark Ingrao – Region 3 UIC, Falls Church, VA

Steve Riswold – Region 11 UIC, Sioux Falls, SD

Local Staff – Your local hosts will be the Nebraska ASA Umpire Staff. All of us look forward to making your visit to Lincoln, NE and the Advanced Slow Pitch camp

Fees – Camp fee of \$400 per participant includes all camp instruction and materials, Advanced SP Camp shirt, meals, hospitality events, and transportation to and from the airport (Omaha or Lincoln). Early registration is encouraged and payment plan options are available. Class size is limited to the first 60 participants. Payment plans are available to assist umpires in payment of the camp and can be spread out over the course of several months. Please speak to Tim Watts about this procedure at 402-432-0396. A Payment of check, money order, or credit cards is acceptable. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is needed to reserve a spot at the camp. Umpires can make up to four (4) payments spread out over the course of the winter, but payment in full is needed by April 30, 2012. Payment program can be worked out with Juanita from the Nebraska ASA office.

Hotel Information – [Quality Inn](#) (NE085)

3200 NW 12th Street, Lincoln, NE, US, 68521

- Phone: (402) 475-9541
- Fax: (402) 475-6024

<http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel-lincoln-nebraska-NE085?promo=gqlocal>

Rate for each night would be - \$60.00 per night – double occupancy. When booking your hotel room, please ask for Margaret (hotel manager – tell her you are an ASA umpire to receive this price). All hotel rates do not include the 16% hotel tax and all hotel rooms will need a credit card payment at time of the check-in. Any charges or damages to the room will be the responsibility of the umpire(s). Margaret, the hotel manager will try and work with umpires not having a roommate, if they desire, to find a roommate to keep price down.

Umpires would need to be in for the camp on Thursday by 5pm. So, umpires would need to have a room for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Arrangements can be made for umpires from out-of-town, that they can have a late checkout on Sunday afternoon or a discounted room on Sunday night if they want to leave on Monday morning.

NATIONAL UMPIRE SLOW PITCH ADVANCED CAMP AGENDA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Thurs 5/17	6:00-6:30PM	30		Introductions and Camp Rules	
Thurs 5/17	6:30-8:00PM	90	lecture	ASA Advanced Slow Pitch Camp Test (closed book)	Twenty-five advanced questions. Test review
Thurs 5/17	8:00-9:00PM	60	Lecture	Equipment	Overview of equipment testing, and possible of illegal equipment
Friday 5/18	8:00-9:30AM	90	Lecture	Plate Mechanics [50m] - Pitching [20m] - Illegal Pitches [20m]	etc. along with all aspects of SP pitching
Friday 5/18	9:30-10:30AM	60	Lecture	2 Umpire System	including button hook, parallel movement, plays at all bases,
Friday 5/18	10:30-11:30AM	60		BREAK-[10m]-Photo-[15m]-Signal Drill-[35m]	15 minutes in large group. 20 minutes in small groups.
Friday 5/18	11:30-12:30PM	60	Lecture	3 Umpire System	including fly ball coverage, button hook, plays at all bases, angles,
Friday 5/18	12:30-1:30PM	60	Lunch	Lunch and move to Drill Stations	
Friday 5/18	1:30-8:00PM	390	Drills	Separate workstations (page two)	50 minute drills, 15 minute break and 45 minute meal
Friday 5/18	8:00-9:00PM	60		Recap and Tournament Rules	Instructors observations and Tourney rules
Saturday 5/19	Games			Video plate games	
Sunday 5/20	Games			Video plate games	

Slow Pitch Advanced Camp Drill Stations		
Station Number 1	Station Number 2	Station Number 3
Plate Mechanics	Plate Movement	Button Hook / Plays at 1B
Calling Balls & Strikes (Double Zone master)	Trailing Batter-runner	Button Hook
Stance / Slot / Set position	Trailing BR then movement to 3B	Parallel movement for DP & calls at 1B
Recognizing and calling illegal pitches	Steal of 3B, Passed balls	Inside / Outside Theory
Count / Game control	Calls at 3B and returning to Plate	R1 on 2B calls at 1B
Station Number 4	Station Number 5	Station Number 6
2 Umpire System	3 Umpire System	Angles and Depth
Fly Ball Coverage	Fly Ball Coverage	Tag plays
Multiple runners	Multiple runners	Timing / See the ball
Reads and Rotations	Reads and Rotations	Movement to correct angle
Starting Position	Starting Position	Steals
Communication Breakdowns	Communication Breakdowns	Pick Off Plays
50 minutes per station with 5 minutes to change stations		

Meals – A complimentary breakfast is provided for umpires staying at the hotel. Other meals and hospitality events are provided as part of your registration. If there are special dietary requirements, please notify us when sending in your registration. Please plan on having lunch and/or dinner each night and hospitality every night.

Transportation – Use of personal vehicles is preferred, however, parking on the campus is limited. When registering and driving own personal vehicle, please include the year, make, model and license plate #, as we will try and get special parking allowances for the camp. For umpires flying into Omaha or Lincoln, we can arrange to have a staff member pick you up at the terminal.



Journey House Travel is the official travel agency for the 2012 ASA Advanced Slow Pitch Umpires Camp. Before trying to book travel to Lincoln, NE, give them a call at 405-463-5800 or email them at aimee@journeyhouse.com. Aimee and the staff can work out details from flights, to car rentals – they can even work out specials for flights & car rentals.

Games – Participants will umpire a regional qualifying tournament on Saturday and Sunday. The tournament on the weekend is expected to have a maximum of 16 regional teams in class C and D. The games will feature a 2-man & 3-man system. A stipend will be paid for these games and the amount will depend on the number of umpires working. Each game will be video-taped for the umpires and a CD will be provided with Staff recommendations for improvement in positioning, mechanics, etc. Tournament games will start around 830am on Saturday and 9am on Sunday. The tournament will probably conclude on Sunday by 3pm, allowing umpires the ability to unwind before heading home.

Uniforms – Upon arrival you will receive a school shirt. Additional shirts could be available for purchase. Game uniform will be NAVY BLUE PANTS, ASA lettered Light Blue Pullover shirt, Blue or Black Socks, ASA lettered cap with USA flag on side, Black Belt, Navy Blue ASA Logo Ball Bag, black shoes and an ASA lettered jacket. Please plan to dress as if you were working an ASA National Championship. ALSO NOTE – that the hotel has offer uniform laundry service to wash umpire shirts and pants for us, so that umpires flying in from out-of-town don't have to bring an extra suitcase with a lot of extra uniforms.

OTHER INFORMATION

About Lincoln, NE – Lincoln is located in the heartland of the country, and in the eastern half of Nebraska. About 55 miles from Omaha, NE, and about 200 miles from Kansas City, MO, Lincoln is home to the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers. In addition to the Cornhuskers, Lincoln also has minor league sports such as the Lincoln Stars (Hockey) and the Lincoln Salt Dogs (Baseball). Interstate 80 runs right through the city connecting the Midwest part of the country to the far west.

Social Events – Nebraska ASA will host a welcome event on Thursday, May 17th and a full banquet on Saturday evening May 19th. Nightly get-togethers will be offered after games and skull sessions.

Family Events – Ager Indoor Play center, Folsom Children's Zoo, and Lincoln's Children Museum

For other events and information please go to: <http://www.lincoln.org/>