



International Softball Federation Regional Coordinators. Meeting, Plant City, USA – 9-10 June 2012.

Present: Chair: Director of Umpires: Robert Stanton (ISF), Regional Coordinators: Marlies Struyve (Europe), Wayne Saunders (Oceania), Santos Vasquez (Latin America), Teboho Vincent Maoeng (Africa).



In Part: ISF President: Don Porter, Director General: Toma Malikoff.

Acronyms: *DOU (ISF Director of Umpires), RUC (Regional Umpire Coordinator), NF (National Federation), IUS (ISF International Umpire Staff)*

1	Introductions	<u>Action</u>
1.1	DOU Bob Stanton welcomed those Regional Umpire Coordinators who could make the meeting. Bob indicated that due to funding restraints, not all Committee members could be invited to the meeting.	Noted
1.2	<p>ISF President Mr. Porter was invited to address the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Porter also advised that due to the budget constraints, reduced numbers were invited to this meeting. • Mr. Porter stressed the importance of umpiring with respect to the image of our sport on the international stage. He thought that softball was fortunate to have a robust umpiring programme that serves the sport well • Mr Porter expressed concerns that National Federations will experience budget issues in the future and this may impact their ability to send teams to World Championships. The ISF and member Federations must continually seek alternate revenue streams. • 2020 Olympic Program – Softball is on the short list of 8 sports under consideration. Softball and Baseball are pursuing joint presentation and are meeting with IOC next week to clarify the combined bid as to what is expected in terms of a combined sport with two divisions. The message from the IOC seems to be that there needs to be a commitment from Major League baseball. – Next Steps <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. July – IOC monitors World Women’s ii. September, 2012 – Report to IOC iii. December, 2012 – Presentation to IOC iv. February, 2013 - IOC makes decision if 1 of 26 sports comes out v. September – 2013 – IOC makes decision on who gets in. • Mr Porter reminded the meeting that the ISF is continually reviewing changes that make the sport attractive to media coverage. Initiatives to complete games within a 2 hour time period should be encouraged. • The game of softball has a long history and a well established culture. This should be reflected when considering change. • The ISF calendar for upcoming events was tabled by Director General: Toma Malikoff. A copy is attached. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Attached</p>
1.2	Pre meeting: Minutes of the RUC meeting of 2009 were circulated.	

2.0	Reports	
2.1	<p>Regional Coordinators Reports - RUC gave highlights of their reports verbally. Written reports are attached along with the DOU's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oceania RUC report was filed and is attached • European RUC report was filed and is attached • North American Report was given verbally by Bob Stanton. Written report to be filed and will be attached to the minutes • African RUC report was filed and is attached • Latin American report was filed and is attached • Special Project Coordinator's report was filed and is attached 	Attached
2.2	<p>The Olympic and World Championship Umpire Crew Photograph Project</p> <p>Steady progress has been made in obtaining copies of crew photograph and the naming of the individuals. Copies from the following championships are still outstanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's World Championships -1965, 1979 and 1982. • Men's World Championships – 1966, 1968 and 1972. <p>The completed albums will be published by the ISF following a peer review.</p>	Wayne
2.3	<p>UmpSchool -Bob reported that UmpSchool has 204 registered umpires. Upload of new data base of questions is almost ready. Will up load revised mechanics and plate position as well as Technical bulletins and revised case book.</p>	
3.0	<p>Selection Process for World Championships</p> <p>There was a good discussion around clarifying the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for Nomination to go out 7 months prior to the event, sent on 1st day of the 7th month. Deadline will be the last day of the 7th Month. • Reminders to be send on the 15th of the Month and 1 week before deadline. • Announcement will be made 3 to 4 weeks after the deadline. Strive to pick 16 – 18 umpires per event. • Consideration as set out in Technical Code. Most important consideration is quality. Deadline extension, if given, will apply to all Federations. RUC commentary to be considered. • Bob to revise the Nomination form with clear statement that Federations are responsible for the travel costs for any umpire selected. • Wayne to revise template for CV form that will be sent with Call for Nomination. Federation will be asked to submit a completed CV form for their nominated umpire along with any current evaluations (last 5 years). • Umpires to be Recertified or Certified in current rule period. Evaluations from ISF Cups and Regional Championships can be considered when assessing an umpire's experience. 	Wayne
4.0	<p>Review of 2, 3 and 4 Umpire Mechanics</p> <p>Wayne advised the ISF 3/4 Mechanics had been reviewed and updated with changes highlighted similar to the way changes are shown in the rulebook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated April 2012 issue to be posted to UmpSchool. • Required reissues to be on a two yearly cycle. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanic changes between issues will be issued by the DOU by way of Technical Bulletins. • Reports have been received from Australia and New Zealand on the trailing of an alternate starting position for U2 with runners on 2nd or 2nd and 3rd. Other Federations will report following the upcoming northern hemisphere season. • 2 umpire mechanics - Start position of the base umpire in fastpitch with a runner on 1st was discussed. There was a divided view on the merits of a starting position closer to 2nd base (3/4 the way from 1st base) for an emphasis on the tag play at 2nd verses a starting position halfway between 1st and 2nd to equally cover plays at both bases. It was agreed that the base umpire, in both these cases, should adjust his position prior to the pitch dependant on possible play back or steal situations and the infielder's positions. • Addition of the ISF 5/6 umpire mechanics to be considered. 	
5.0	<p>ISF Certification Seminars</p> <p>Bob advised that the last two seminars have moved from a lecture format to an interactive delivery model. The idea is to introduce a topic, give some general guidance and have the participants work through the issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus of the Seminar will be to test and measure the participant's competences. • More on-field drills as part of seminar. • Case plays and Mechanic plays to continue as part of the scoring as would on-field evaluation. • Pass mark to be reviewed. • Plate mechanics to be a drill but not necessarily a scored test. Marlies to revise the evaluation form accordingly. • Pre-qualification through obtaining a rule examination pass mark. Time limit and maximum number of times the examination can be sat on-line within a set time frame to be confirmed with UmpSchool. Alternate provision required to sit off-line. • The standard of competition for field evaluations has to be at a high level, Men's and/or Women's competitive. • Development of Slow Pitch seminar to continue. • Successful seminar in Canada in 2011. • Seminars scheduled in Japan October 2012; North America 2013 and Oceania February 2014. Europe seminar to be confirmed 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Marlies</p>
6.0	<p>Umpire evaluations</p> <p>Why do we do evaluations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly to measure the level of performance of umpires. It is noted that teaching instructions should have been received from member Federations. • The present seminar evaluation should reflect ISF high standards more. Marlies will revise the form accordingly. Commentary on scoring system to be included. • For the World Championship ideas were exchanged about the form in use by Canada. Bob will try to get a non web-based version and send it to Marlies to see possibilities for the ISF. • Provision for improvement opportunities should be included on the form. 	<p>Marlies</p> <p>Bob</p>
7.0	<p>Technical Bulletins</p> <p>These will continue to be issued as required by the DOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be posted to UmpShool and on the ISF website. • Issues to include rule interpretations, case-play interpretations and mechanic 	

	<p>amendments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Bulletin to be issued – Plate mechanic set-up diagram. 	
8.0	<p>Rule interpretations</p> <p>All requests sent to DOU will be copied to the appropriate RUC. If sent to an RUC the DOU will be copied in reply. Communication is important. Interpretation to be published on website and UmpSchool (see item 7.0 above).</p>	
9.0	<p>Recertification</p> <p>Recertify on-line every rule period if wish to be considered for selection to a World Championships. On field evaluation and CV (activity report) will also be required to be filed. Effective date – January 1, 2014. Alternate provision required to sit off-line.</p>	
10.0	<p>Calendar of Events</p> <p>A calendar of events directly affecting the Regional Coordinators is to be compiled and issued. Consideration will also be given to trialling Outlook reminder notices.</p>	Wayne
11.0	<p>Strategic Plan</p> <p>Over the past 3 years plans were made for the umpire program. However, results were limited. Reason the plans exceeded the power of the RUCs. Therefore Marlies will transform the present strategic plan into an Operation Manual for ISF umpire staff.</p>	Marlies
12.0	<p>RUC Recommended Duties</p> <p>Vincent presented a draft document outlining the proposed duties of the RUC's for discussion. Amendments were discussed and noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An additional group reference to be added. ISF International Umpire Staff (IUS). Members of this group included ISF Director of Umpires, ISF Regional Coordinators, Special Project personnel and others that may be designated by the ISF. • This document to be updated and issued as part of the Operation manual referred to in item 11.0 above. 	Vincent
13.0	<p>Rule Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule changes are expected for slow pitch from the ASA, Ireland and Great Britain. • IUS rule change recommendations may be presented via the ISF board. Possible changes included: dealing with contradictions, dealt with in technical bulletins, speed up rules like (i.e. - replacement catchers and use of 1 min clock in between innings). • Coaches' interference. Penalty considered too severe, the batter should be out. • Deadline for submitting to board is 31/12/2012. All RUCs will, during this year forward proposed changes to Marlies. • At the next ISF congress an attempt will be made to get on the agenda the simplification of the rules. This is expected to be a 5 year project that may see a logical rewrite of the rulebook to make it easier to read. 	Marlies
14.0	<p>Bats</p> <p>Bats will be tested at the managers and coaches meeting before the start of all world championships. For a bat to be approved for use at the world championship it must be on the</p>	Noted

	<p>current ISF bat list, be physically machine tested and uniquely labelled as “approved for use”.</p> <p>Additional bats that have not been tested or a bat that loses an approved label maybe presented to the Chief Umpire for approval.</p>	
15.0	<p>Uniform modification options.</p> <p>There was positive discussion on the introduction of change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umpire uniform is covered by Rule 10. Currently a change of uniform requires a change to Rule 10. • There was consensus that the umpire’s uniform code need not be part of the rulebook but was better included in the technical code under umpiring. This would allow more flexibility. • There was support for the continuance of the light blue shirt and navy blue trousers as the default umpire uniform. There was also good support for an alternate of a dark blue shirt and grey trousers. It was noted that the use of grey trousers with an alternate coloured shirt is not uncommon. • Other associated changes had good support. They include: navy blue T-shirts, grey masks and ball-bags, shoes with white trim and shorts for slow pitch umpires. • The introduction of an alternate uniform code at World Championships would be subject to arrangement with sponsors 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Bob</p>

Reports Attached

- ISF Africa RUC Report June 2012
- ISF European RUC Report June 2012
- ISF Latin America RUC Report June 2012
- ISF Oceania RUC Report June 2012
- ISF Umpire Administration Report June 2012
- ISF Calendar 2012_2015

2012			
Event	Start Date	End Date	Location
ISF Coed and ISF/ISSA Masters/Seniors International Tournament of Champions	26-Jan-12	29-Jan-12	Plant City, FL, USA
NCAA Women's College World Series	31-May-12	6-Jun-12	Oklahoma City, OK USA
World Cup of Softball VII	28-Jun-12	2-Jul-12	Oklahoma City, OK USA
2012 Canadian Open International Fast Pitch Championship	30-Jun-12	9-Jul-12	Softball City, Surry BC, Canada
13th ISF Women's World Championship	13-Jul-12	22-Jul-12	Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada
11th European Men's Championship	23-Jun-12	28-Jun-12	Amstelveen, NED
World Firefighters Games (M,W)	19-Oct-12	28-Oct-12	Sydney, Australia
9th Asian Men's Championship (Qualifier)	24-Oct-12	28-Oct-12	Nimi City, Okayama, Japan
9th Junior Men's World Championship	1– Nov–12	10–Nov-12	Parana, Argentina
World Games Qualifier - ENG Speaking	29-Nov-12	3-Dec-12	Belize
Americas Qualifier - 2013 Men's World Championship	15-Sep-12	23-Sep-12	Medellin, Colombia
IOC Program Commission	19-Dec-12	20-Dec-12	Lausaune, Switzerland
SCA Congress	Dec	Dec	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2013			
Event	Start Date	End Date	Location
13th ISF Men's World Championship	1-Mar-13	10-Mar-13	North Shore City, New Zealand
XVI Central American Games	5-Mar-13	18-Mar-13	San Jose, Costa Rica
IOC World Conference Sport for All	24-Apr-13	27-Apr-13	Lima, Peru
17th Mediterranean Games	24-Jun-13	13-Jul-13	Mersin, Turkey
Asian Junior Women's World Championship	June/July	June/July	Singapore
10th Junior Women's World Championship	1-Jul-13	7-Jul-13	Brampton, ONT. Canada
12th European Youth Olympic Festival	14-Jul-13	19-Jul-13	Utrecht, Netherlands
19th World Maccabiah Games	16-Jul-13	30-Jul-13	Israel
World Games	25-Jul-13	4-Aug-13	Cali, Colombia
8th World Masters Games (M,W)	2-Aug-13	11-Aug-13	Torino (Turin) Italy
26th ISF Congress	TBD	TBD	Cartegena, Colombia
Bolivarian Games (M,W)	Oct	Oct	Trujillo, Lima and Chiclayo Peru
Special Asian Qualifier - Women	1-Dec-13	1-Dec-13	Nantou, Taiwan
ESF Congress	TBD	TBD	TBD

2014			
Event	Start Date	End Date	Location
ISF Coed and ISF/ISSA Masters/Seniors International Tournament of Champions	TBD	TBD	Plant City, FL, USA
Central American Games (M,W)	3-Mar-14	15-Mar-14	San Jose, Costa Rica
Asian Junior Men's World Championship	April/November	April/November	Thailand
10th ISF Junior Men's World Championship	TBD June/July - 14	TBD June/July - 14	Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada
22nd Central American & Caribbean Sports Games (M,W)	18-Jul-14	1-Aug-14	Veracruz, Mexico
14th ISF Women's World Championship	13-Aug-14	23-Aug-14	Haarlem, Netherlands
South American Games (W)	25-Oct-14	8-Nov-14	Santiago, Chile
Special Asian Qualifier - Men	1-Dec-14	1-Dec-14	Philippines
SCA Congress	Dec	Dec	Nantou, Taiwan
2015			
Event	Start Date	End Date	Location
14th ISF Men's World Championship	TBD Summer - 15	TBD Summer - 15	Saskatoon, Sask., Canada
17th Pan American Games	10-Jul-15	26-Jul-15	Toronto, Canada
11th Junior Women's World Championship	7-Aug-15	16-Aug-16	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma USA
ESF Congress	TBD	TBD	TBD

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Director of Umpires Report

2011 saw three Certification seminars held, Plant City, Florida; Redlands, Australia and London, Canada.

The IX Junior Women's World Championship was held in Cape Town, South Africa. The quality of umpiring was very good and after a few days of challenging field conditions the Championship proceed smoothly.

The Regional Umpire Coordinators did not attend the Congress in Oklahoma City in November. A number of changes to the Code were recommended and adopted by the Board, including metal cleats for youth (Junior), grandfathering of bats (5-years), bat testing as a criteria at World Championships and the rosin embedded cloths were approved.

Much work was done by the Regional Umpire Coordinators and their teams of volunteers. Under Wayne Saunders, revisions were made to the 3 & 4 Umpire system diagrams. Under Vincent Maoeng a revised data base of questions for UmpSchool was created. Margo was able to revise various forms including the Request to Host a Seminar, the Application to attend a Seminar and the Nomination to Umpire a World Event. Margo also updated the Umpire roster as much as possible based on the information received from the Federations. Wayne continues to amass the World Umpire Crew pictures and has made much progress on the project.

Articles have been provided to the World Softball Magazine on a quarterly basis. UmpSchool has about 210 registered users and continues to provide resources to umpires around the world. UmpSchool is available in English and Spanish. Updates will be loaded up in early 2012. The Casebook has been updated, as has the 3&4 Umpire diagrams. The Plate Stance will be added and the new data base will implemented in 2012. We will continue to offer pre-qualification exam and recertification exams.

We will be challenged with 2 World Championships per year in terms of administration. Federations will be challenged financially in sending umpires. The Umpire Program will face financial challenges as will the ISF and the member Federations. We have to seek out new methods of communication and distributing information.

In all, the past year was a busy one that saw many improvements to our materials and products. Thank you to everyone who contributed and I look forward to another successful year.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Stanton



OCEANIA REGION UMPIRE ACTIVITY REPORT

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By Regional Umpire Coordinator Wayne Saunders

Executive Summary

Oceania is geographically spread over both the Northern and Southern hemispheres and has no regular historic regional competition. With more frequent ISF Championships there is a realistic opportunity for more regular international competition. However with the restriction of appointing only currently ISF certified umpires to ISF Championships there is little opportunity for umpires outside of Australia and New Zealand to be assigned. In Oceania there is a real need to revert back to allowing competing National Federations the right to select a suitably capable umpire to be assigned to ISF regional competitions.

The 2011 ISF Pitching Video Points of Emphasis was successfully disseminated to coaches, players and umpires. The change to the ISF pitching regulations has been widely accepted and pitching rule compliance has significantly improved. This is well supported by the following extract from New Zealand.

"The last two seasons I have mentioned how well our sport has embraced the recently amended pitching regulations. The benefits of working together are best illustrated by comparing illegal pitching statistics from the 2010 Men's Open when 131 illegal pitches were called to 2012 Men's Open when only 30 were required to be called. Again the responsible attitude of players and coaches towards the new regulations is highly commendable."

Umpire clinics were recently held in Kosrae, Pohnpei, Yap and Nauru bringing to seven the number of umpire development clinics held in the Island Nations of Oceania in the last four years.

Extracts from Oceania Region Umpire Activity report to the 2011 ISF Congress, Oklahoma, USA

Communications

- ◆ With such a widely dispersed membership there is much reliance on electronic communications and access to training material available through ISF UmpSchool. The identification of an Umpire-in-Chief in more National Federations has provided the opportunity to increase direct communications with and between umpiring programmes.
- ◆ SKYPE video conferencing - Bob Stanton participated in the pitching presentation to the 2010 SNZ National Umpire Staff meeting and again at the 2011 meeting where current ISF umpiring matters were discussed with both the New Zealand and Australian National Umpiring Staff's.
- ◆ Activity reports were received from Australia, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand and are attached.

Donation of Umpire Equipment to PNG many thanks to Softball Australia and in particular Andrew and Scott Rindfleish for their efforts in the collection of umpire equipment for PNG and the ISF for the payment of the \$750 shipping cost. Andrew and Scott facilitated the 2008 Umpires Clinic in PNG.

Pacific Games

Softball was not included in the 2011 Pacific Games held in New Caledonia. The 2015 games to be hosted by Papua New Guinea will see a strong push by the hosts for softball to be reinstated.

Regional Exchanges

- ◆ The Trans Tasman umpire exchange between Australia and New Zealand continues. The first exchanges were in 1993. Participants in 2010 were Jason Carter (Aus) and Richard Gale (NZ) and 2011 Stacey Loveridge and David Casey (Aus) and Mark Porteous (NZ).



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- ◆ International Friendship Series, Australia – in addition to umpires from Australian and New Zealand, Peter Chalapan (PNG) and Tony Simitap (PNG) participated in 2010.

2010 ISF Beginner Umpire Clinic, Palau.

Held in-conjunction with the 7th Micronesia Games.

Convenor: Baklai Temengil (Manager PNOC).

Facilitator: Kevin Broomhall (State Director of Umpires, Victoria, Australia).



The Oceania Umpire Grading System was adopted and grading certificates were presented as follows:

Level 4: Tobias Marbou (Palau). **Level 3:** Millan Isack and Leo Teriong (Palau); Simon Pinaula (Guam).

Level 2: Rosendo Skang, Johnson Joshua and Alvino Kenty (Palau); Glen Santos (Guam).

Level 1: Grace Ongalibang and Dwight Ngiraibai (Palau); Rebel John (Republic of the Marshal Islands).

2011 Oceania ISF Certification Seminar was held at Redlands, Brisbane in conjunction with the Australian Men's and Women's Open Championships. I am pleased to again report that all thirteen candidates obtained certification. Congratulations to Australians Jason Carter, Ian Frame, Ron Houison, Yvonne Kahler, Stacey Loveridge, Helen Strauss, Phil Waller, Howard Watt and Amanda Houison; and New Zealanders Jeremy England, Mark Porteous, David Shedlock and Riki Tourangi.

Family connections added another dimension to the success of the candidates. Ron and Amanda are husband and wife, Phil follows the ISF umpire path of wife Dianne, Jeremy in the ISF umpire path of father David, while Stacy is the third generation ISF umpire in her family following in the footsteps of father Leigh and grandmother Betty McGuire.



Above: ISF Director of Umpires Bob Stanton and Oceania Regional Umpire Coordinator Wayne Saunders with the assistance of members of the SA National Staff discuss some of the finer points with the candidates.

2010/2011 Major International Activities involving Oceania umpires (notified records)

- ◆ Trans Tasman Exchange between Australia and New Zealand
- ◆ International Friendship Series involving Australia, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand
- ◆ XIIth Women's ISF Women's World Championship, Venezuela (*Nicola Ogier, Scott Rindfleish, Darren Sibraa*)
- ◆ U19 Men's International Test Series, Sydney, Australia.
- ◆ International Women's Challenge Series, Sydney, Australia
- ◆ ISC/SNZ Exchange - Randy McLamb (USA), Wiremu Tamaki (NZL)
- ◆ International Men's Fastpitch Test Series, Canberra, Australia



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- ◆ Gillies Shield Tournaments and Aussie Spirit/NZ White Sox Test Series, Australia
- ◆ Micronesian Games, Palau.
- ◆ Asia Pacific Softball Regional Championship tournament, Guam.

2010/2011 Umpire Reports from Australia, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand are available on request

Oceania2011/2012

The next Oceania ISF Certification Seminar has been deferred to February 2014. The clinic is scheduled to be held in New Zealand in association with the Men's and Women's National Fastpitch Tournament. Details will be finalized after regional consultation and confirmation by the ISF Director of Umpires Bob Stanton. Candidate preparation for this event is already underway in Australia, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand.

ISF Accredited Umpires - A total number of 122 have been accredited and recognised since the first World Championship held in Australia in 1965. An updated schedule is attached to this report.

2011 ISF Beginner Umpire Clinic, Micronesia – FSM

A fastpitch/slowpitch beginner's umpire clinics were held in Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap in October. The clinic facilitator was Scott Rindfleish (State Director of Umpires, NSW, Australia). The Oceania Umpire Grading System was adopted and grading certificates were presented as follows:



Kosrae Umpire Clinic

Level 3: Alikru Kilfwakun, Eterny Edwin, Jackson Albert, Jacob Ned, Nimos Salik, Rolphy Mongkeya

Level 2: Fred Taulung, Grant Jonas, Likiaksa Elesha

Level 1: Burt Esau, Donald Mongkeya, Jimmy Jack, Tulensa Skilling



Pohnpei Umpire Clinic

Level 3: Charley Charley, Jose Joab, Kingston Anson, Maxon Loyola, Patterson Anson, Rodney Loyola, Strickson Anson

Level 2: Dannis Ramirez, Keeper Pertin,

Level 1: Cassidy Shoniber, Harvin Dakanno, Jessy Elias, Nailly Luther, Nimrod Half, Romeo P Walter, Simson Simon



Yap Umpire Clinic

Level 3: Steven Chonmon

Level 2: James Rikrik

Level 1: David Tamannalon Dinom Giltamag, Frank Lifang, Grace Guswel, Joan Mary Falmngar, John Guswel, Jonathon Guswel, Mary Giyew, Peter Garangmau, Timothy Fulbuw, Tina Guswel, Victor Moonfel



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2011 ISF Men's World Championship – Oceania Qualifier.



Held at Hawker International Softball Grounds, Canberra, Australia in December. Teams from Australia, Samoa and Papua New Guinea completed in a double round robin competition for two berths at the 2013 Championship to be held in New Zealand. Wayne Saunders the ISF Delegate and Umpire-in-Chief was assisted by Patricia Sibraa the SAL Technical Delegate/Competition Manager. Six ISF certified umpires officiated. Leigh Evans, Darren Sibraa, Scott Rindfleish and Debbie Grove (AUS), Glen Nalepa and Mark Porteous (NZL).

2012 Basic Umpire and Coaching Clinic – Nauru

Maurice Paraha facilitated this Softball Australia funded clinic in March as part of the rebuilding program for softball in Nauru. The twenty-five participants each received the SAL "Rules in Pictures" booklet, worked their way through the SAL basic umpires exam so they that could understand and comprehend the intention of the rules.



2011/2012 Major International Activities involving Oceania umpires (notified records)

- ◆ 2011 ISF Junior Women's World Series, South Africa (*Helen Strauss, Yvonne Kahler, Dave Shedlock*)
- ◆ ISF Oceania Men's World Series Qualifier, Canberra, Australia
- ◆ Gillies Shield Tournaments and Aussie Spirit/NZ White Sox Test Series, Australia
- ◆ Trans Tasman Exchange between Australia and New Zealand
- ◆ Japan/Australia International Women's Test Series, Canberra, Australia
- ◆ International Youth Series, Australia

Future events

- ◆ ISF XIII Women's World Series, Whitehorse, Canada (*Debbie Grove, Diane Waller, Nicola Ogier*)
- ◆ ISC/SNZ Exchange – Jay Hart (CAN), Mark McFarlane (NZL)
- ◆ Black Sox North America Tour (Wiremu Tamaki)
- ◆ ISF IX Junior Men's World Series, Parana, Argentina (*Jeremy England, Mark Porteous, Kevin Broomhall*)

ISF Sub-committees - listed are Oceania ISF umpires and the sub-committees they service. Mechanics: Wayne Saunders (chair), Kevin Broomhall and Leigh Evans. Standards: Nicky Ogier, Darren Sibraa and Leigh Evans. Social Media: Warren Duff. Administration: Margo Koskelainen and Wayne Saunders.

Wayne Saunders

**ISF RUC - Oceania
New Zealand**

Attached: Umpire Reports from Australia, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand. Updated Oceania ISF umpire list



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1.0 Introduction

The report basically provides a brief on the National Softball Championships held from the 6 to 9 March in the town of Madang on the northern coast on mainland of PNG. Due to hire transport costs umpires were invited other major towns from the Highlands and Momase Regions who travelled in by road transport except for Port Moresby umpires and one from Kavieng who travelled in by air. No other events or trainings were held apart from the National Championships.

2.0 National Softball Championships

The Annual Championships was staged from Friday 6 to 9 March 2012 which attracted a total of 14 Men's and 10 Women's Teams from associations across the country. Two associations withdrew in the eleventh hour due to logistical problems getting into Madang whilst others did not nominate to participate. This was the only domestic national event held in the first half of the year apart from association competitions which ran from September 2011 to March 2012 during the transition of other major sports competitions. No international competitions are planned for this year including development of umpires.

3.0 Umpires Assignment

A total of 14 umpires comprising 12 male and 2 female were assigned to officiate at the Championships. The team of technical officials of umpires and scorers assembled in Madang 3 days before the commencement of the competitions and undertook refresher on rules interpretations, applications and 2 and 3 umpire rotations for the benefit of the novice.

Due to limited availability of umpires, the 2 men umpire was used in the round games except for semi finals and grand finals with 3 men umpire.

4.0 Monitoring Performance

During the Championships, the UIC provided supervision and mentoring role to umpires in the four allocated diamonds which were in three different locations in town. Other logistical support was also provided with movement of umpires and refreshment. Boroko Motors as a co-sponsor should be commended highly for hire of 4 vehicles including a 15 seater bus assigned to technical officials (umpires and scorers) for the duration of the event. This provided a smooth flow of movement of technical officials except for the wet weather that affected some games which were rescheduled.

The umpires in respective associations will be monitored by relevant association technical committees on their on-diamond and off-diamond performance. This will provide a feedback from association to the Umpire In Chief in relation to commitment and progress in development of umpires and the challenges faced.

5.0 Distribution of Umpire Equipment

The donated umpire equipment from Softball Australia was used by umpires that did not have appropriate equipment to officiate. The equipment were later distributed to umpires of softball associations for use in their local competitions. Andrew and Scott Rindfleish and Chet Grey should be commended for the initiative and we extend a very special thank you to umpires, coaches and administrators in Australia for their generosity in donating the umpire equipment to umpires in PNG.

6.0 Championships Finals

The semi finals and grand finals were played on Monday 9 March. In the men's semi finals, Port Moresby defeated the host Madang Kings and Lae Red defeated Kara. Lae Red defeated Port Moresby in the grand final.

In the women's semi finals, Lae Red defeated Goroka whilst Port Moresby defeated Mt Hagen. Port Moresby retained the crown as champions defeating Lae Red in the grand final (Scores not available).

7.0 Conclusion

The report provided a brief on the conduct of 2012 National Softball Championships and the engagement of umpires. The event was successfully staged over four days despite the wet weather. The umpires worked tirelessly in ensuring that the competition flowed smoothly with the finals on the last day of event. The support of sponsors was a great boost particularly with provision of a hired 15 seater bus to the technical officials.

Peter Chalapan
Umpire In Chief
Papua New Guinea

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International competitions (ISF or National Federations)

Helen Strauss (Queensland) and Yvonne Kahler (Queensland) were appointed to the the IX World Junior Women's Championship that were held in Cape Town, South Africa in December 2011. Helen was the plate umpire on the Gold Medal game.

2011 Oceania Men's Qualifier was conducted at Hawker International Softball Grounds, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory in December, 2011 with Australia, Papua New Guinea and Samoa competing. Patricia Sibraa was the SAL Technical Delegate/Competition Manager and Deputy Umpire-in Chief. Australian umpires Leigh Evans (Victoria), Debbie Grove Victoria), Darren Sibraa (Queensland) and Scott Rindfleish (New South Wales) were appointed to the Qualifier.

In March of 2012 the Australian women's team played a test series against Japan and conducted at Hawker International Softball Grounds, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory. Margo Koskelainen was the Technical Delegate, while Leigh Evans (Victoria) was the Umpire-in Chief. Warren Duff (Western Australia), Darrell Shephard, Howard Watt (New South Wales), Phil Waller and Jason Carter (Victoria) were appointed to the test series.

Future International competitions

Debbie Grove and Diane Waller (Victoria) have been appointed to the ISF XII Open Women's Worlds Championship in Yukon, Canada in July 2012. Kevin Broomhall has been appointed to the 2012 IX Junior Men's World Championship to be held in Parana, Argentina from November 1 -10, 2012

International umpire exchange programmes

Australia and New Zealand participate in the Trans-Tasman Umpire Exchange program – Softball Australia sent Trevor Murphy (Victoria) to the New Zealand Open Men's Club Championships and Leanne Gearside (New South Wales) attended the New Zealand Open Women's Club Championship in March, 2012.

Membership and grading system

Softball Australia's Umpire Accreditation program consists of eight levels.

Levels 1 to 4 are managed by the eight (8) State entry level. Each level comprises a rules exam, theory and practical components along with undertaken umpiring courses specially designed for each level.

Levels 5 and 6 are managed by the national umpire program with umpire assessments carried out at our national underage and open championships.

Levels 7 and 8 are recognition for umpires who have attended world championships and by assisting with the training of umpires and the promotion and development of umpires' throughout Australia.

Nine (9) National Championships are held from October 2011 to February 2012, with 108 umpire appointments and eleven (11) umpires presented for their next level of accreditation.

Australia has developed two versions of national umpires' exam to provide flexible delivery and testing of rule theory. A basic exam is used for beginner umpires and those umpires whose main reason to sit the currency at level 1 or 2 while it is also used as the theory component for umpires to be assessed for level 1 and 2 umpires. This exam may be sat in different ways which facilitates rule clinic presentations which facilities flexible delivery.

The other format is an open exam which is sat by level 3 and above umpires and is conducted on the last Monday in May. The theory result from this exam is a requirement for umpires to attend national

championships for the second year umpires unable to attend the exam have been able to apply for a supplementary exam under conditions set by the National Umpiring Committee.

Umpire training programmes

On behalf of ISF, Scott Rindfleish conducted three softball fastpitch umpire course for the Federated States of Micronesia in October 2011. The clinics were conducted at Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap with forty-three participants. The clinic included class room and on diamond practice sessions and umpires were assess during clinic drills and simulated or competition games.

Maurice Paraha travelled to Nauru from 19th – 28th March, 2012 where he conducted basic umpire and coaching programs as part of the rebuilding program for softball in Nauru. The twenty-five participants each received the SAL Rules in Pictures” booklet, worked their way through the SAL basic umpires exam so they that could understand and comprehend the intention of the rules. This allowed Maurice to explain softball terminology and sport specific jargon.



Maurice conducting classroom clinic

Australia have produced a level 3-4 and advanced umpire manual consisting of participants and presenters manuals and powerpoints. We have also developed a Tournament Chief Umpire manual which will be utilized by management crews for national championships. The information pertained in this manual can easily be modified to assist our eight states develop their umpires to manage championships in their States and Territories.

As June 2011 Australia has a total number of accredited umpires is 1462 broken down as follows:

Umpiring	ACT	NSW	NT	SA	Qld	Tas	Vic	WA
Level 1	22	286	12	58	300	19	240	29
Level 2	8	60	6	27	76	7	46	20
Level 3	9	29	0	13	29	5	14	13
Level 4	1	17	1	5	18	4	5	5
Level 5	2	9	1	1	9	0	5	1
Level 6	1	11	0	3	10	0	9	4
Level 7	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Level 8	1	2	0	4	1	0	3	0
Total	45	414	20	111	442	35	323	72

Preparations for the 2014 ISF Certification Seminar

Thirteen umpires have applied for the 2014 ISF Australian Development Squad. Development Squad umpires are regularly monitored and, where possible, opportunities are offered to them. These squad members have been appointed to the Australian Regional Under 15 Championships and International Youth Cup as assessors and mentors. Other squad members have been involved in writing exam questions for the basic umpires exam and assisting with the writing of new training documents.

Other worthy news

Australia has also appointed Amanda Houison as our Umpire in Chief in charge of Communications. Amanda looks after Blues News on Line and Umpire Shorts which are newsletters produced monthly and bimonthly respectively.

Patricia Sibraa
National Umpire in Chief
Softball Australia

SNZ AGM UMPIRES REPORT 2011

It is my privilege again to report on the activities of your Softball New Zealand umpiring programme. Your National Umpiring Staff continues to be a pleasure to work with, as together we balance the need to grow the “**The Programme**” while making provision for succession planning. ISF certification is a common umpiring goal for many and this season was the start of another three year cycle that leads to the next Oceania ISF Certification Seminar which New Zealand will host in 2014. Our next group of lead-in candidates has been identified and with the assistance of the Level 7 mentoring group our final selection of candidates should be well prepared. The last two seasons I have mentioned how well our sport has embraced the recently amended pitching regulations. The benefits of working together are best illustrated by comparing illegal pitching statistics from the 2010 Men’s Open when 131 illegal pitches were called to 2012 Men’s Open when only 30 were required to be called. Again the responsible attitude of players and coaches towards the new regulations is highly commendable.

ISF rules knowledge and mechanics are the foundations of our “**Mission Statement**” in delivering world’s best practice. These teachings and umpiring culture are shared through regular local and regional clinics. The Rugby World Cup played havoc with last season’s Regional Clinics. However a very successful Central Region clinic was held in Palmerston North, with a wide range of facilitators presenting. This season’s clinics will see an emphasis on the application of rules as we prepare for the new season.



At the 2011 SNZ AGM Lance Brown was named “Umpire of the Year”. Among Lance’s appointments were: Plate Umpire to the Championship game between the Black Sox and Australia Gold in Canberra. Plate on the Final of the Men’s National Fast-pitch Championship and 1st Base on the Grand Finals of the Men’s Open and the Under 19 Boys National Tournament. Lance was also on the crew for the North Island Junior Secondary Schools Tournament. Additionally Lance serves as President Wanganui Softball Association.

I would like to thank the staff at SNZ and especially Eugene Gilbert for their continuing support and assistance with many logistical and planning tasks that make the show run.

Umpire Merchandising

We continue to thank both Ken Sommers and Jennifer Hershbein for their management of our “Schutt” umpire merchandising programme that sees New Zealand umpires amongst the best outfitted in the world. Mark McFarlane is now the NUS point of contact.

NATIONAL UMPIRE STAFF

AGM reports are the main source of recording umpiring history. Your NUS for last season was Wayne Saunders (UIC), Deputy Directors Cass Seeling, Daph Turner and Mark McFarlane. We were joined by Regional Directors; Dawie Sutton (Lower SI), Nicky Ogier (Upper SI), Lindsay Edwards (Central) and Bill Smith (North) along with Wiremu Tamaki (unattached). Notable among our many tasks: Nicky was Rules examiner; Wiremu Website Manager, Mark McFarlane Merchandising, Cass Seeling Clinics and Wayne National Tournament appointments. Lindsay continues as convenor of the Level 7 Advisory Group, whilst Ray Dyason, Dave Beaumont and Denis Smith joined members of the NUS as National Tournament Chief Umpires.

The National Rules refresher is held in October every year and has now been running for over twenty years. This “open book” rules test is available to anyone to sit. Increase rules knowledge benefits all.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

This year’s National Tournaments were fully staffed to meet SNZ staffing expectations. Thank you to Nicky Ogier for stepping at late notice to TCU the Women’s Open. National Staff members were again mainly used as Tournament Chief Umpires. This has provided better consistency with evaluating and reporting. The National Tournament experience is still an ideal environment for umpires to continue to develop to develop their knowledge and learn the culture of umpiring from their more experienced colleagues.

A total of 89 nationally graded umpires worked this year's National Tournaments. This season we played host to Trevor Murphy and Leanne Gearside (Australia - Trans Tasman Exchange).

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND INVITATIONS

Recorded for the record is the following

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| ■ 2011 ISF Junior Women's World Series, South Africa | Dave Shedlock |
| ■ Gilley's Shield & Edebone-Weber Shield R1, Victoria | Darrel Paul |
| ■ Gilley's Shield & Edebone-Weber Shield R 2, Brisbane | Liz Kawana |
| ■ Gilley's Shield R3 & Edebone-Weber Shield Final | Glen Nalepa |
| ■ ISF Oceania Men's World Series Qualifier, Canberra | Glen Nalepa, Mark Porteous, Wayne Saunders (UIC) |
| ■ Trans Tasman Exchange | Gavin Shepherd, |
| ■ ISC Exchange | Mark McFarlane, |
| ■ International Youth Series, Australia | Judy Leaper, Andrew McManus |
| ■ ISF XIII Women's World Series, Whitehorse, Canada | Nicola Ogier |
| ■ Black Sox North America Tour | Wiremu Tamaki |
| ■ ISF IX Junior Men's World Series, Parana, Argentina | Mark Porteous, Jeremy England |

While most International field umpiring assignments have a self-funded component your umpiring programme is grateful of support from SNZ for umpires attending ISF World Championships and our established exchange programmes.

INTERNATIONAL UMPIRING

As the ISF Regional Umpire Coordinator for Oceania it has been another active season. The ISF Congress was held in Oklahoma, USA in October 2011. Selected points of interest from Congress include:

- The development and issuing of the ISF Pitching Points of Emphasis and Video
- Revised three/four umpire mechanics to be uploaded to UmpSchool
- Oceania ISF certification Seminar confirmed for February 2014 in New Zealand
- All active ISF umpire are encouraged to be registered on UmpSchool (www.ruleboxsoftware.com/isf.aspx.)

A Regional Co-ordinators meeting is scheduled in Plant City, USA in June 2012.

GRADING ADJUSTMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS PASSES

As a result of National Tournament evaluations and NUS recommendations the following grading adjustments for the 2011/2012 season are advised.

Level 5 to Level 6 – David Beaumont (CB) and Jeff Weber (AK)

Level 4 to Level 5 – Terry Ratu (HV) and Andrew McManus (NH).

Level 4 Badge Examination - the following were successful in the practical NZ Badge examination. Tama Howard (AK), Pip Tuhoro (CB), Keith Marsh (HV), Karoline Sione (NH), Sam Meikle (OG) and Steve Sila (WN).

Level 3 Qualifying Examination - the following were successful in the practical NZ Qualifying examination.

Phil Easdown (CB), Mark Andrell (ML), Neil Forde (ML), Warren Herd (ML), Ben Dyason (MN), Kieran Williams (NH), Simon Lindsay (NH), Steff Chambers (NH), Tristan Hutchinson (NH), Brad Fisher (NN), Johnathon Savage (NN), Lisa Dawson (CM), Reipa Kelly (CM), Robbie Sadgrove (AK) and Cowley Harris (WK).

Level 2 NZ Rules Examination - the following candidates sat the NZ Rules examination and exceeded the minimum pass mark.

Robert Sadgrove (AK), Joeseeph Sampson (AK), Michael Forde (AK), Tai Waru (AK), Alan Pumfleet (AK), Justin Leef (AK), Nicholas Hiku (AK), Megan Farrell (AK), Melanie Gettins (AK), Mere Stokes-McLeod (BP), Phil Easdown (CB), Lisa Dawson (CM), David Taiwhanga (CM), Jack Myers (CM), Reipa Kelly (CM), Joshua Gettins (HB), Neil Forde (ML), Mark Andrell (ML), Warren Herd (ML), Ben Dyason (MN), Mitchell Hutchinson (NH), Tristan Hutchinson (NH), Glen Schmidt (NH), Greg Donaldson (NH), Kelvin Chiles (NH), Kieran Williams (NH), Steff Chambers (NH), Tracey King (NH),

Johnathon Savage (NN), Jarrod Blay (OG), Veronica Wilson (OG), Murray Rei (OG), Jeremy Rei (OG), Andre Walker (WK), Marcus Fletcher (WK) and Tarryn Fletcher (WK)

Grading List Summary - the overall number of graded umpires has remained relatively constant. Made up as follows: **L7** - 15 down from 16, **L6** – 11 unchanged, **L5** – 23 down from 26, **L4** – 42 down from 55, **L3** – 20 up from 11, **L2** – 30 up from 18 and **L1** - 164 up from 159. L1 umpire returns have not been received from all associations and the figure of 164 significantly under reports number of level 1 umpires active throughout New Zealand.

My personal thanks to the National Umpiring Staff. Deputy Director of Umpiring since 2004 Daph Turner did not stand for re-election. Daph's many years of experience, wise counsel and tireless support for women in umpiring will be sorely missed. Lindsay Edwards our Level 7 Group convenor and Regional Director for Central was elected as the incoming Deputy Director along with returning Deputy Director Cass Seeling. Thank you to all who contributed to **"The Programme"**. I hope you enjoyed your umpiring experience enough to return again next season. As long as we have competitive players and coaches there will always be a need for good umpires

Wayne Saunders

Umpire-in-Chief



ISF OCEANIA UMPIRE REGION - List of Officials (Reissued June 2012 (2))



ISF Administrators

Oceania Regional Coordinator	Name
1 1993 to 1996	Margo Koskelainen (F) and Charles Ernest Phillips
2 1997 to 1998	Margo Koskelainen (F) and Wayne William Saunders
3 1999 to 2007	Margo Koskelainen OAM (F) 2007-Present : ISF Special Projects
4 2007 - Present	Wayne William Saunders

Name	Year	ISF Recognition	Current Status	Participation in World Championships and Olympic Competition
American Samoa				
(No ISF Umpires):				
Australia				
1 Arthur Allsopp	1965	By appointment	Deceased	65-SW:
2 Bill McIlvena	1965	By appointment	Retired	65-SW:
3 Brian Wheland	1965	By appointment	Retired	65-SW:
4 Harold Davies	1965	By appointment	Retired	65-SW:
5 Ken Wesslink	1965	By appointment	Retired	65-SW:
6 Lorraine Mildren (F)	1965	By appointment	Retired	UTC-65-SW:
7 Margaret Laing (F)	1965	By appointment	Retired	65-SW:
8 Marjorie N. Dwyer (F)	1965	#094 (1979)	Deceased	65-SW:
9 Vi Harrison (F)	1965	By appointment	Retired	65-SW:
10 Dawn Young (F)	1970	By appointment	Retired	70-SW:
11 Vivienne Kay Triplett (F)	1978	#049	Deceased	74-SW; 78-SW; 81-JM/W; 82-SW:
12 Keryn Ann Heinrich (F)	1979	#081	Retired	NA
13 Felix Henri Benaya Menke	1979	#082	Retired	NA
14 Daniel James McKay	1979	#083	Retired	NA
15 Ronald George Boulton	1979	#085	Retired	NA
16 Margo Koskelainen OAM (F)	1979	#086a	Active Admin	UTC: - 95/99/03/07-OQ(AO), 01-JM; AUC:- 00/08-Olympics, 06-SW;
17 Lynette Bishop (F)	1979	#087	Retired	NA
18 Valerie Ruth Johnston (F)	1979	#088	Deceased	NA
19 Margaret Mae Lally (F)	1979	#089	Deceased	NA
20 Tony (James) Dunn	1979	#090	Retired	NA
21 Benita May Kelly (F)	1979	#091	Retired	NA
22 Betty McGuire (F)	1979	#092	Retired	NA
23 William James Frost	1979	#093	Deceased	NA
24 Reginald Alfred Stabb	1979	#095	Retired	NA
25 Audrey McLaughlin (F)	1979	#096	Retired	NA
26 Michael Palmer	1986	#303	Retired	85-JM/W; 86-SW; 87-JW;
27 Ken Culpitt	1989	#385a	Retired	88-SM; 91-JW; 92-SM; 95 JW; 99-JW; 01-JM:
28 Alan Murray McAuliffe	1990	#509a	Retired	90-SW; 91-JW; 94-SW; 96-Olympics
29 Patricia Joy Sibraa (nee Bichel) (F)	1990	#512a	Active Admin	91-JW
30 Toulou Connolly (F)	1990	#513a	Retired	91-JW; 94-SW; 95-OQ(AO)
31 Denise Culpitt (nee Overton) (F)	1990	#514	Retired	NA
32 Steven Rodney Suckling	1990	#515a	Retired	91-JW; 93-JM;
33 Andrew James Rindleish	1990	#516a	Active	91-JM; 96-SM; 00-SM 01-JM; 03-OQ(AO);
34 John McAuliffe	1990	#517a	Retired	91-JW; 93-JM; 95-OQ(A/O); 96-SM; 00-Olympics; 01-JM
35 Matthew Gowty	1997	#767a	Retired	97-JM; 00-SM; 01-JM; 02-SW:
36 Derrin Clark	1997	#769a	Retired	NA
37 Kerry Franklin (F)	1997	#770a	Retired	98-SW; 99-OQ(Am); 00-Olympics
38 Karen Kuhn (F)	1997	#771a	Retired	NA
39 Neville R. Lawrance	1997	#772a	Active	98-SW; 03-OQ(Am); 04-Olympics; 07-OQ(AO)
40 Lesley Steedman (F)	1997	#773a	Retired	99-JW; 01-JM;
41 Debbie Grove (F)	2000	#867a	Active	01-JM; 03-JW; 06-SW; 07-JW; 08-Olympics; 12-SW
42 Damien L. McCauley	2000	#868a	Active	01-JM; 04-SM;
43 Debbie Keogh (F)	2004	#1005a(FP)	Active	
44 Leigh Evans	2004	#1006a(FP)	Active	05-JM; 09-SM
45 Sue Itzstein (F)	2004	#1007a(FP)	Retired	07-JW
46 David Crowe	2004	#1008a(FP)	Retired	
47 Darrell Shephard	2004	#1009a(FP)	Active	
48 Diane Waller (F)	2004	#1010a(FP)	Active	06-SW; 07-OQ(A/O); 08-Olympics; 12-SW
49 Bruce R. McCahon	2004	#1011a(FP)	Retired	
50 Warren Duff	2006	#1098(FP)	Active	
51 Darren Sibraa	2006	#1099(FP)	Active	08-JM; 10-SW
52 Scott Aaron Rindflesh	2006	#1100(FP)	Active	08-JM; 10-SW
53 Kevin Broomhall	2006	#1101(FP)	Active	12-JM
54 Jason Carter	2011	#1214(FP)	Active	
55 Ian Frame	2011	#1215(FP)	Active	
56 Ron Houison	2011	#1216(FP)	Active	
57 Yvonne Kahler (F)	2011	#1217(FP)	Active	11-JW
58 Stacey Loveridge (F)	2011	#1218(FP)	Active	
59 Helen Strauss (F)	2011	#1219(FP)	Active	11-JW
60 Phil Waller	2011	#1220(FP)	Active	
61 Howard Watt	2011	#1221(FP)	Active	
62 Amanda Houison (F)	2011	#1225(FP)	Active	
Cook Islands				
(No ISF Umpires):				

Guam					
1	Jose Guerrero	1972	By appointment	Deceased	72-SM, 76-SM
2	Juan F. Garcia	1978	#020	Deceased	
3	Vincente P. Castro	1978	#021	Deceased	
4	Augusto Cepeda	1979	#080	Active Admin	80-SM
5	Joaquin V.E. Manibusan	1979	#101	Deceased	
6	Juan A. Pangelinan	1982	#206	Deceased	82-SW, 84-SM
Mariana Islands					
(No ISF Umpires):					
Marshall Islands					
(No ISF Umpires):					
Micronesia					
(No ISF Umpires):					
Nauru					
1	Andrew Gibson	1978	#065	Retired**	
2	Michael Patrick Dennehy	1978	#066	Retired**	
3	Peter George Hoiles	1978	#068	Retired**	
4	M. David Costello	1979	#078	Retired**	
New Zealand					
1	Ken Morgan	1965	By appointment	Retired	65-SW:
2	Athol Aitken	1966	By appointment	Deceased	66-SM:
3	Ronald McLaughlan	1968	By appointment	Deceased	68-SM:
4	Jack Allen	1970	By appointment	Deceased	70-SW:
5	Joyce Phillips (F)	1970	By appointment	Deceased	70-SW:
6	Ray Weaver	1972	By appointment	Deceased	72-SM: <i>AUIC-76/80-SM:</i>
7	Merrill Ferguson (F)	1974	By appointment	Retired	74-SW:
8	Michael W. Mulholland	1976	#051(1978)	Retired	76-SM; 78-SW; 86-SW:
9	Donald F. Wilson	1976	#139(1980)	Retired	76-SM; 80-SM:
10	David James England	1976	#264(1984)	Retired	76-SM; 84-SM; 86-SW:
11	Charles Ernest Phillips	1976	#294a(1985)	Deceased	76-SM: <i>AUIC-86-SW; AUIC -93-JM:</i>
12	Don Brewer	1976	By appointment	Retired	76-SM:
13	Murray Jarvis	1976	By appointment	Retired	76-SM:
14	Chan Foo Phooi	1978	#44(MAS)	Retired	NA
15	Hector J. "John" Eagar	1985	#277	Retired	85-JM/W; 86-SW:
16	Elaine Karsten (F)	1985	#286	Retired	86-SW:
17	John Howard Wall	1985	#287	Deceased	86-SW:
18	Wayne William Saunders	1985	#288a	Active Admin	86-SW; 88-SM; 92-SM; 93-JM; 95-JW; 00-SM; 03-OQ(E/A); 04-SM; 04-Olympics:
19	George Parker	1985	#289	Retired	86-SW:
20	Graham McClelland	1985	#290	Deceased	86-SW:
21	Ann McCammon (F)	1985	#291	Retired	86-SW:
22	Edward David James Isaac MBE	1985	#292a	Retired	86-SW; 93-JM; 94-SW; 96-SM:
23	Robert Henry Herewini	1985	#293	Retired	86-SW:
24	Veronica O'Neill (F)	1987	#325	Retired	87-JW:
25	Wayne John Arthurs	1989	#474	Deceased	89-JM:
26	David John Ratu	1990	#573a(1993)	Retired	90-SW; 93-JM:
27	Daphne Turner (*Tesoriero) (F)	1991	#531	Retired	91-JW:
28	Raymond Reihana Samuel	1993	#574a	Retired	93-JM:
29	Robert (Bob) Bargiacchi	1993	#579a	Retired	93-JM; 96-SM; 98-SW; 00-SM:
30	Terry Pope	1994	#609a	Retired	NA
31	Sandra Adams (F)	1996	#717a	Retired	99-JW; 02-SW; 03-OQ(AO):
32	Mark Herrick	1996	#719a	Retired	97-JM:
33	Elizabeth "Likky" Edge (F)	1997	#775a	Retired	NA
34	Lindsey J. Edwards	1998	#806a	Active	01-JM; 04-SM:
35	Chris Commane (F)	1999	#846a	Retired	NA
36	Robin Mason (F)	1999	#847a	Retired	NA
37	William M. Smith	1999	#848a	Active Admin	<i>AUIC-01-JM</i>
38	Lance D. Type	1999	#849a	Active	01-JM; 04-SM;
39	Stuart Hodges	2003	#964a	Retired	04-SM:
40	Nicola Ogier (F)	2003	#965a	Active	03-JW; 06-SW; 10-SW; <i>12-SW</i>
41	Michael Smeath	2003	#966a	Active	04-SM; 07-OQ(AO):
42	Wiremu "Wu" Tamaki	2003	#967a	Active	04-SM; 07-JW; 08-Olympics; 09-SM;
43	Mark McFarlane	2004	#1021a	Active	05-JM; 09-SM;
44	Glen Nalepa	2005	#1057(FP)	Active	08-JM;
45	Dennis Duncan Smith	2005	#1096(FP)(RSA)	Active	
46	Lance Brown	2006	#1102(FP)	Active	08-JM;
47	Greg Taylor	2006	#1103(FP)	Retired	
48	Jeremy Jones England	2011	#1222(FP)	Active	<i>12-JM</i>
49	Mark Porteous	2011	#1223(FP)	Active	<i>12-JM</i>
50	David William Shedlock	2011	#1224(FP)	Active	11-JW
51	Riki Tourangi	2011	#1226(FP)	Active	
Palau					
(No ISF Umpires):					
Papua New Guinea					
(No ISF Umpires):					
Western Samoa					
(No ISF Umpires):					
Solomon Islands					
(No ISF Umpires):					
Yap					
(No ISF Umpires):					

ISF European Umpire Coordinator report 2011

In 2011 the following activities took place in Europe.

To certify national umpires for European competitions, an ESF umpire fast pitch seminar was held. And 3 European umpires followed the ISF seminar in Plant City.

Eleven ESF tournaments were planned, but unfortunately one of the tournaments had to be cancelled due to not enough participating teams. The 10 remaining tournament can be divided in: 4 European Championships (involving national teams, 2 youth fast pitch, 1 senior fast pitch and 1 senior COED slow pitch), 6 European cups (3 senior women fast pitch, 2 senior man fast pitch and 1 senior COED slow pitch).

At all these tournaments umpires were assigned by the ESF resulting in 102 fast pitch umpire evaluation reports.

ESF is honoured to have an umpire exchange program for slow pitch going with Softball Canada. Since 3 years one or more Canadian umpires came to European and this year ESF had finances to send an umpire to Canada. Ideas arise to extend the program for both slow pitch as well as fast pitch.

With the ASA an exchange program was also started. Expectation is that the exchange will become effective next year .

In Europe the regional umpire coordinator is assisted by 11 deputies (from Belgium, Czech Republic, Ireland, Netherlands, Italy and Sweden). The deputies are UICat an European tournament, instruct locally as well as being brain storm partners for the regional umpire coordinator. The director and the deputies met in conjunction with the European Championship Women in Italy. Topics that were discussed are i.e.: improving and use of umpire assignment program, improving and using the electronic umpire evaluation form, mechanics, award program and allocation of director/UIC jobs to be done.

At the European tournaments an effort is made to have the federation UIC become the assistant to the tournament UIC. This takes care of informing/instructing the federation UIC and thereby give him/her tools to instruct the federation umpires in a uniform ISF way. At some tournaments it was managed to have them assisting the UIC.

ESF umpires 2011

At the end of the 2011, there are 121 ESF licensed listed umpires, of which 11 female, 33 with a fast pitch ISF license, 107 with an ESF fast pitch license (22 with A license, 37 with a B license, 37 C license, 9 D license and 2 E license) and 19 with a slow pitch ESF license (6 with A license, 3 with a B license, 10 E license).

In 2008 the umpire were categorized based on following criteria:

A Excellent knowledge rules, leadership, take over were things go wrong, being in charge, excellent mechanics, executing proper 3 umpire system, knowledge of 4 umpire system (future item), good timing, good signals, excellent consistent and excellent strike zone, good save/out calls, excellent off field behaviour, game experience (enough games called), role model, consistence performance during several years, good physical condition, excellent focus on tournament

For an A license , the umpire needs to have received umpire evaluations reports of ESF senior A-pool tournaments¹ with an average of at least 8 in each year over the past three years

B good knowledge rules, take over were things go wrong, being in charge, good mechanics, executing proper 3 umpire system, good timing, good signals, good consistent and good strike zone, good save/out calls, good off field behaviour, game experience (enough games called), good physical condition, good focus on tournament

For a B license the umpire needs to have received umpire evaluations reports of ESF senior A-pool tournaments with an average of at least 7 in each year over the past three years

C fair knowledge rules, fair mechanics, fair 3 umpire system, timing, signals, consistent strike zone, good save/out calls, fair off field behaviour, game experience (enough games called), fair physical condition.

For a C license the umpire needs to have received umpire evaluations reports of ESF senior B-pool² tournaments with an average of at least 7 in each year over the past three years

D fair knowledge rules, fair mechanics, fair 3 umpire system, timing, signals, fair strike zone, fair save/out calls, game experience (enough games called), fair physical condition

For a D license the umpire needs to have received umpire evaluations reports of ESF senior B-pool tournaments with an average of at least 6 in each year over the past three years

E knowledge rules, mechanics, knowledge 3 umpire system, signals: clinic participants

For an E license the umpire needs to have successfully passed the ESF umpire seminar

In Europe 24 federations supply umpires for European tournaments (new federation for 2011 is San Marino). In each of these federations a contact person especially for umpire business has been established. Often the contact person is the same as the approved UIC of a federation. With almost all of them a good cooperation and more important communication is established.

Summary

<i>ESF Licensed umpires</i>	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total	152	128	130	121
Female umpires	19 (12%)	16 (13%)	13 (10%)	11 (9%)
Male umpires	134 (88%)	101 (87%)	117 (90%)	110 (91%)
Fast pitch umpires	118	116	117	107
A license	8	8	23	22
B license	51	48	35	37
C license	36	37	42	37
D license	14	12	11	9
E license	9	11	6	2
ISF license	24	29	35	33
Slow pitch umpires	19	15	17	19
A license	9	7	7	6
B license	6	5	4	3
E license	4	3	6	10
ISF license	2	0	0	0

¹ A-pool tournaments are European Championship: women A, men and U22. Also European cups women A and men.

² B-pool tournaments are all tournaments not mentioned under A-pool tournaments.

Federation vs umpires

In the next table is listed per federation the amount of eligible umpires and the amount of ESF tournaments these umpires were assigned to.

federation	x ESF umpires	x assignments	federation	x ESF umpires	x assignments
AUT	6	4	ITA	15	11
BEL	8	10	NED	12	13
BUL	5	3	POL	1	2
CRO	6	5	ROM	0	0
CZE	17	12	RUS	8	4
DEN	7	4	SLO	2	1
FRA	4	7	SMR	1	0
GBR	5	5	SPA	2	2
GER	6	8	SRB	1	1
GRE	1	0	SUI	0	0
GUE	0	0	SVK	1	2
HUN	1	2	SWE	4	4
IRE	2	2	TUR	0	0
ISR	4	2	UKR	2	2

Federations who have a large umpire policy are: Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy and Netherlands. Federations who use umpires with a different nationality are: Austria (umpires from Germany), Bulgaria (umpires from Greece and Switzerland) and Croatia (umpires from the USA).

Update 2012

In 2011 beside the regular 10-12 ESF tournaments, an slow pitch clinic took place in the Balkan region. For the fast pitch clinic a new model is introduced: small local/regional clinics hosted by a federation, with qualified ESF instructors.

I myself went to Great Britain to develop fast pitch umpire program and umpires.

There is a close collaboration with Ireland as well as Great Britain to bring slow pitch to a higher level. Especially COED slow pitch could be considered to be worthwhile.

Marlies Struyvé
ISF Regional Umpire Coordinator for Europe

June, 2012

North American Report to the Regional Umpire Coordinators on ISF Activities in 2011.

In 2011, the following activities were undertaken:

- January – Finish of Certification Seminar at Plant City in conjunction with a U16 World Youth Cup
- June – Fast Pitch and Slow Pitch combined Certification Seminar in London, Ontario, Canada. Cost borne by Softball Canada and Instructors
- July – Slow Pitch Challenge - Oklahoma City, USA
- July – Women's World Cup – Oklahoma City, USA
- July - International Open – Vancouver, BC, Canada

For North American Region
Bob Stanton

REGIONAL UIC REPORT JUNE 2012

AFRICA REGION REPORT

Introduction:

Africa has not been engaged in any event lately, only the Junior Woman World Championship in Cape Town South Africa. Most of the federations have their league and championships even in areas where we have no umpires they use players to work the games. There is lack of communication from other African federations. The only active continents are Botswana; South Africa, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Kenya and Cameroon.

2011 - 2012 Africa Development.

I have not been around in Africa to conduct clinics because of the Africa Softball Confederation being non-functional throughout Africa. With ABSA promoting baseball, it is difficult to progress in the West, East and Central African countries.

Africa has hosted the JWWC in Cape Town and was very successful.

Botswana and South Africa have very active umpire program that is working the championships across the borders. All ISF certified umpires are tasked to mentor umpires to develop to ISF level. The programme for umpires in Africa is not advancing fast because there is no funding. All umpires are not paid to work games, it is voluntary. Umpires who are in the umpiring programme have other commitments in the sport like coaching or playing.

We are hopeful in Africa that we will be able to spread the programme to other parts of Africa, to be able to visit and conduct clinics. Umpire equipment is also a challenge because of the prize you have to pay, hence you find umpires sharing the equipment. We have also decided to have equipment in a central venue for use by umpires in those areas where there is a serious need of equipment.

All umpires in chief of all the countries report to the Regional co-ordinator about progress in their areas/countries. Botswana and South Africa are also willing to travel and help with umpire clinics. With the junior women championship that have been to South Africa, we are hoping women umpires are motivated to see their peers work games and could be of help to increase the numbers.

The other parts of Africa they do have games with limited resources.

Conclusion.

Africa development is very slow. It is a challenge to increase participation of umpires, and I need financial help to be able to do the job effectively. Counties/Federations do not send in reports about the progress in their area. I receive no request for training of the umpires.

I did suggest the train the trainer course or exposure for ISF umpires to be able to teach other upcoming umpires to the Africa Softball Confederation.

The feedback I get from some countries where I have been is very positive, where we do not have a structure in place we are lacking people to sustain the programme.

Teboho Vincent Maoeng

**Regional UIC Africa
June 2012**

REGIONAL UIC REPORT JUNE 2012

Latin America REGION REPORT

Hi Bob,

As you know, I have been Julio's Assistant Regional Coordinator for Latin America for many years. I don't really know if Julio has any report about International activities in our Region. This week I send some e-mails to the NUICs from some Federations and only Nicaragua and Argentina did answer. We didn't have that much activities as other years. We only have:

- 1-April 2011
 - VI Junior Women's Championship
 - Nicaragua
- 2-July 2011
 - XI Senior Champion Chip
 - Nicaragua
- 3- November 2011
 - VII Junior Men Champion Chip

Thank you very much,

Santos Vasquez
Regional UIC Latin America
June 2012

ISF UMPIRE PROGRAM

2012 ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITY REPORT

1. CERTIFIED UMPIRES REGISTER

- .1 Updating of the ISF Certified Umpires register continued as required.
- .2 Following liaison with Teresa Mulqueen in the ISF Office, most errors and all duplications in the Numerical listing have been corrected.
- .3 There are still some questions regarding duplication of and/or similar names, mainly from Latin America and Asia, which have yet to be resolved.

2. WEBSITE FORMAT FOR ISF CERTIFIED UMPIRES

- .1 Requested by Bob Stanton for inclusion on the ISF Website, the project was completed and delivered within the required timeframe.

3. ISF ASSIGNED UMPIRES

- .1 This project is ongoing. However there has been some success over the past twelve months in finalising the umpire assignments for some of the earlier world championships.
- .2 Assistance from the ISF Archives was requested through Mr. Porter and, following some research, Lori Nolan was able to fill in several gaps and also confirm other areas from information held by ISF.
- .3 Three championships are still considered incomplete as no-one can confirm if the number of umpires listed was indeed the final number. Requests from the umpiring community for information has been sought for –
 - 1966 I Men's – Mexico City, Mexico
 - Only seven [7] umpires are listed.
 - 1970 II Women's – Osaka, Japan
 - Only seven [7] umpires are listed.
 - 1976 IV Men's – Lower Hutt, New Zealand
 - Only twelve [12] umpires are listed.
- .4 Information is currently being sought on whether two umpires from Venezuela were assigned to the 1968 II Men's in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma or if, in fact, these are the same person, given the tendency of Latin American Umpires to use several variations of their name.

The two listed are:

BARALT, Marous
MAESTRI, Marous

- .5 As a result of this project, ISF now has as now a more complete list of umpires assigned to ISF events.
- .6 Summarising the number of umpires assigned to ISF World Championships, Olympic Games and Olympic Qualifiers since 1965, and countries from which they come, is an extrapolation of the ISF Assigned Umpires project. Currently, the information shows -
- Countries represented 52
 - Number of umpires 504
 - Number of assignments 951

These numbers include –

- multiple assignments for all umpires;
- the small number of errors in the listings that cannot as yet be confirmed as either correct or incorrect;
- the earlier championships where umpires from countries of participating teams just turned up regardless of status;
- an umpire from a non participating country who just turned up to multiple championships, also regardless of status or sanction from their NF or ISF.

However, overall the numbers should not be too far off the mark.

4. ISF UIC REQUESTS

- .1 Responses in most instances on the various subjects/requests requiring input have been timely.

Margo Koskelainen
8 June 2012