



2016 ASA National Fast Pitch Umpire Camp

Roanoke/Salem, VA - June 14-19, 2016

Salem and Botetourt Softball Fields

Holiday Inn – Valley View, Roanoke, VA

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 –

Randy Sprouse (703) 507-8320 or vasportsnuts@yahoo.com

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

- 2016 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 Kevin Ryan, Jim Craig, Malcolm Boyles, Chris Drumm and Jim Ballengee.
- Local Staff – Your hosts will be the Piedmont VA ASA Umpire Staff. We look forward to making your visit to the Roanoke/Salem area and the camp a successful and pleasant experience.
- Fees – Camp Fee of \$400 per participant includes all camp instruction and materials, Advanced FP Camp shirt, meals (Wednesday – Sunday noon). Lunch will be provided Wednesday thru Sunday noon), hospitality events, and transportation to and from the

Roanoke Airport. Early registration is encouraged – class size is absolutely limited to the first sixty approved applicants.

- Hotel – Holiday Inn Roanoke – Valley View 3315 Ordway Dr. Roanoke, VA 24017 (540-362-4500) A block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate of \$115 (includes tax, gratuity and breakfast). **You must make your hotel reservation directly with the coordinator 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 \$57.50 per night. The room rate includes a continental breakfast. All rooms are well furnished. *Out of town umpires should use this host hotel as some camp related activities will be held here.*
- Meals – A complimentary continental breakfast is provided for umpires staying at the Holiday Inn Roanoke - Valley View. 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 Roanoke we can arrange to have a staff member to pick you up at the airport terminal. Please email your flight plans to Randy Sprouse by June 1, 2016. See Travel Information section below for additional information.
- Games – Participants will umpire a National Championship qualifying tournament on June 17, 18 and 19. The instructional staff will observe participants in these games and many games will be videotaped for your review. Game fees 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 14. The tournament will conclude on Sunday, June 19 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

- Air Travel to Roanoke – Three major airlines has service into Roanoke (ROA).
- Social Events – Piedmont ASA 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.

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Mail application form to: Piedmont VA Umpires, 20949 Springwater Ct., Ashburn, VA 20147 – include check payable to Piedmont VA ASA Umpires in the amount of \$400. Acceptance Notices will be sent by email starting the week of February 1, 2016.

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Application Form

Mail this form to: Piedmont ASA Umpires, 20949 Springwater Ct., Ashburn, VA 20147 – include check payable to Piedmont VA ASA 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 \$115 – 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 \$57.50 each.

_____ 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 \$57.50.

Smoking Room(if available) _____ Nonsmoking room _____ *All hotel rates are per night and include tax. Hotel rooms will be paid directly to Holiday Inn Roanoke - Valley View by cash or credit card at time of check in.*