

# Canadian Championship Selection Process for Fast Pitch

Due to the large number of qualified umpires registered and carded through Softball Ontario, and with only (10) ten Fast Pitch Canadian Championships, it is unreasonable to expect successive appointments to Canadian Championships in back to back years. There could be at least a three to four-year development period between Fast Pitch Canadian Championship appointments.

An umpire wishing to apply for one of the ten (10) Fast Pitch Canadian Championships must complete the application form in its entirety found in this information package. The complete application must be received by October 1 of the current year.

The ten (10) fast pitch Canadian Championships have been grouped into four (4) pools:

## **Pool A - U14 Girls, U14 Boys, U16 Girls and U16 Boys**

Full Level 3 – Clinic **PLUS** OFE 3B or 3A required for appointment.

“Extra” appointments – Level 2B or 2A applicants **MAY** be considered by Softball Canada.

## **Pool B - U18 Men, U18 Women and U21 Women**

Level 4 clinic **PLUS** OFE 3B or 3A required

## **Pool C - U21 Men and Senior Women**

Full Level 4 – Clinic **PLUS** OFE L4 required

## **Pool D - Senior Men**

Full Level 4 – Clinic **PLUS** OFE L4 required

ALSO two (2) Previous Championships at U18 or above required

**RECOMMENDED:** Attach a Copy of Your Most Recent On-Field Evaluation (OFE) to this Application Form.

### **Eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championships are governed by Softball Canada guidelines:**

*For Men’s, Women’s, and U21 Men’s Fast Pitch Canadian Championships, as well as Men’s and Master Men’s 35+ Slo-Pitch Canadian Championships, consideration will be given only to those umpires who are Level IV certified. For all other Canadian Championships, consideration will be given only to those umpires who are Level III certified.*

*Exception: For U14 and U16 events (Pool A), Level 2 umpires **MAY** be considered for extra appointments.*

Please visit <http://www.softball.ca/english/programs/canadian-championships/national-teams/umpiring/policy/national-umpires.html> for more details.

**Please Note:** *If you apply in both Fast Pitch and Slo-Pitch disciplines, both Canadian Championship applications will be deemed ineligible.*

The Softball Ontario office will send a confirmation for each application received by email if an email address is provided or by a letter if an email address has not been provided. The applications are forwarded to the Fast Pitch Umpire Committee and the Zone Umpire-in-Chief for evaluation. The ZUIC will rank each applicant from their zone and present their determination to the Fast Pitch Umpire Committee. At the conclusion of the presentations, the Fast Pitch Umpire Committee will determine the selections for appointment to each Canadian Championship and the alternates.

All appointments are presented to the Softball Ontario Board of Directors for Board approval. Successful appointees will be contacted to confirm their selection and the list of appointees will be submitted to the National Director of Umpires.

All umpires who apply for a Fast Pitch Canadian Championship will receive a personal response by mail regarding the status of their application.

If, after following the selection process, the FP Umpire Committee is unable to fill all available FP Canadian Championship appointments, the FP PUIC will seek recommendations from the FP ZUICs in order to assist in the selection process.

**The selection of umpires to Fast Pitch Canadian Championships is done on a yearly basis. The application process begins each April for the selection of umpires to the following year’s Canadian Championships.**