

Fast Pitch Zone Umpire-in-Chief
JOB DESCRIPTION

Major Objective/Purpose

- a. To establish liaison between the Fast Pitch Umpire Committee, Umpire Associations and independent umpires, within their zones. Establishing liaison with Fast Pitch local umpire associations.
- b. To evaluate Softball Ontario Fast Pitch umpires within their zone as requested by:
 - The FP Umpire
 - The FP Provincial Umpire-in-Chief
 - The other Zone Umpires-in-Chief
 - The FP Local Associations

Qualifications

- a. The individual must be an active Fast Pitch umpire registered with Softball Ontario by April 15 of each year. If not registered by April 15 of the current year, the FP PUIC has the right to remove the volunteer from his/her duties.
- b. Recommended that the umpire have experience as an active FP Instructor/Evaluator for at least one year prior to being considered
- c. Fully Certified Level 3 Umpire in Fast Pitch
- d. May not be a member of either Umpire Committee.
- e. Must sign Association's Confidentiality Agreement prior to March 31st and/or prior to assumption of duties. Refusing to sign agreement – they will not be permitted to be a volunteer for Softball Ontario's FP Umpire Program.
- f. Must complete a Softball Ontario Volunteer Application.

Responsibilities

- a. To recommend candidates for elite Fast Pitch Provincial and/or National Tournaments
- b. Communicate with the FP Umpire Committee Liaison person assigned to you
- c. To assign umpires for the Three (3) Fast Pitch Member Associations as requested.
- d. To instruct at Softball Ontario Fast Pitch umpire clinics.
- e. To attend meetings at the request of the Fast Pitch Provincial Umpire-in-Chief
- f. To promote the Softball Ontario Umpires Program
- g. To be receptive to new ideas, suggestions and constructive criticism
- h. To set an exemplary model at all times. This example includes:
 - Dress and deportment
 - Manner
 - Rapport with all publics being served
- i. To meet with coaches in leagues/associations for clarification of Fast Pitch rules if requested.
- j. To forward information pertaining to meetings, clinics, etc. to the Softball Ontario Program Coordinator.
- k. To follow a proper chain of command in all directions
- l. To submit four reports yearly in April, May, June and September to the Softball Ontario office.
- m. To consult with the Fast Pitch Provincial Umpire-in-Chief on rule interpretations, when necessary. To copy all interpretations sent out to the Fast Pitch Provincial Umpire-in-Chief.
- n. To monitor the FP umpire evaluations in their zone.
- o. In conjunction with the other FP Zone Umpires-in-Chief, make recommendations regarding the Umpires Program to the Fast Pitch Provincial Umpire-in-Chief.
- p. Be ultimately in charge of their zone for Fast Pitch.
- q. Communicates with the Fast Pitch Provincial Umpire-in-Chief.
- r. Must communicate with the FP Deputies.
- s. Make FP Provincial Competition appointments as directed by the FP Provincial Umpire-in-Chief with input from the Deputies. May delegate this responsibility to a FP Zone Deputy.
- t. To appoint FP evaluators to FP tournaments in their zone.
- u. To appoint FP instructors to FP clinics within their zone (exception: level 3 and above).
- v. To appoint FP Tournament UICs for FP tournaments within their zone.

- w. To liaise with FP local associations and encourage clinics.
- x. To recommend FP instructors/evaluators to the FP Provincial Umpire-in-Chief
- y. To nominate a Junior Umpire of the Year in writing to the FP Umpire Committee at the FP Canadian Championship Selection Meeting.

Commitment/Duration of the Job

- a. The position of FP Zone Umpire-in-Chief covers a two-year term. A ZUIC's position will be advertised after each two year term and the incumbent ZUIC has the option to re-apply. No maximum terms for a ZUIC.

Supervisor

- a. The FP Zone Umpire-in-Chief is responsible to the FP Provincial Umpire-in-Chief and Program Coordinator and the Fast Pitch Deputy Provincial Umpires-in-Chief.

Orientation/Training

- a. Each FP Zone Umpire-in-Chief must attend the Zone Umpire-in-Chief Meeting and Training clinic at the beginning of the season.