



Blue Records

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International Rules Interpreter _ Director of Umpires

ASA Umpire-in-Chief George Dickstein from New York, New York, USA was named the first International Rules Interpreter in 1955 and served until his death in September 1971. Upon George's death, Bernard Iassogna from Stratford, Connecticut, USA served as International Rules Interpreter up until 1973. ASA Umpire-in-Chief Tom Mason from Newark, Delaware, USA then served as the International Rules Interpreter up until 1981. In 1981 Merle O. Butler from Edmond, Oklahoma, USA was named the first ASA full-time National Director of Umpires and served simultaneously as the first ISF Director of Umpires until his death in January 2008. Since Merle's death Robert (Bob) Stanton from Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada has served as the ISF/WBSC Director of Umpires before retiring in August 2022. Gianluca Magnani from Roccabianca, Italy was appointed Chair of the WBSC Umpires Commission. Since September 2023, Nacho Pardo from Burlada, Spain has served the WBSC Director of Umpires.



Dickstein

Iassogna

Mason

Butler

Stanton

Magnani

Pardo

World Championship Umpiring Photographic Records

In 2011 the ISF Umpires Commission commenced this legacy project to collect available photographic records to add to its' then World Championship/Olympic/World Games umpire records. Available umpire crew photographs have been sourced mainly from private collections. Umpires present at the time were identified as best as memory has allowed, and those missing from these photographs, but in attendance, are recorded. Where crew photos are not available crew montages have been created. Progress issues of these collections were made by the ISF/WBSC ahead of the first Global issue by the WBSC Umpires Commission in July 2023.

We would like to thank the many past and present World Championship; Olympic and World Games umpires for sharing their treasured memories, and those families and National Federations that have also contributed.

This second Global issue of "**Blue Records**" includes all the records we have been able to source to date and is issued in four separate volumes.

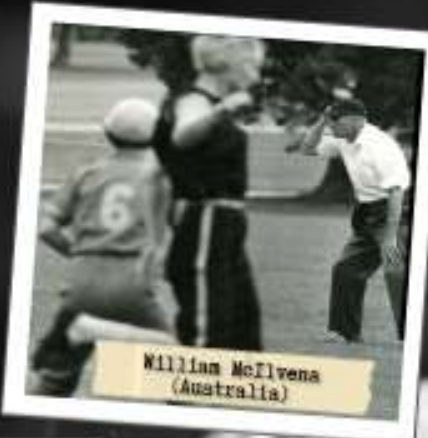
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Women's World Championships/World Cups

Summary: Tournament records					Summary: Championship Game Umpire Appointments [<i>Italic* : unconfirmed, updated 2026</i>]							
Year	Location	Grand Final Gold		Grand Final Silver	PU	U1	U2	U3	LF	RF	OF	Clock
1965	Australia	Australia	v	USA (Raybestos Brakettes)	McCleay	Morgan	x	Harrison	x	x	x	x
<u>1970</u>	Japan	Japan	v	USA (Lionettes)	<i>Haung*</i>	Allen	<i>No Record</i>	<u>Phillips</u>	<i>No Record</i>	<i>No Record</i>	x	x
<u>1974</u>	USA	USA (Raybestos Brakettes)	v	Japan	<u>Velasquez</u>	<i>V.Guzman*</i>	<i>Page*</i>	<i>de Perio*</i>	<i>T.Wang*</i>	Triplett	x	x
<u>1978</u>	EL Salvador	USA (Raybestos Brakettes)	v	Canada (Doc's Blues)	Preece	<u>Triplett</u>	<u>T.Wang</u>	Mulholland	x	x	x	x
1982	Taiwan	New Zealand	v	Chinese Taipei	Bowden	Olsen	Triplett	Panoelinan	x	x	x	x
1986	New Zealand	USA (Hi-Ho Brackettes)	v	China	T.Wang	Mulholland	D.England	Graham	x	x	x	x
1990	USA	USA (Hi-Ho Brackettes)	v	New Zealand	Grand Final not played due rained out. Crew assigned were: PU<Vasquez, U1<Pye, U2<S.Kato; U3<A.McAuliffe.							
1994	Canada	USA	v	China	Bracey	Sterkenberg	Isaac	Barr	x	x	x	x
1998	Japan	USA	v	Australia	de Bruyn/ Hermanus	Bargiacchi	Couture/ Komori	Hermanus/ <i>No Record</i>	Grand Final delayed due to weather. Crew changes made for restart			
2002	Canada	USA	v	Japan	Barr	Whipple	Burns	Babineau	Maeong	N.Morrison	x	x
2006	China	USA	v	Japan	Magnani	Pipher	Tuckey	Maoeng	x	x	x	x
2010	Venezuela	USA	v	Japan	Loggen- Stadhouders	Ogier	Vonk	Penarroya	x	x	x	x
2012	Canada	Japan	v	USA	Chaparro	Penarroya	Bellini	Ogier	x	x	x	x
2014	Netherlands	Japan	v	USA	Gaudreau	Magnani	R.Mora	Evans	Zidek	Bellini	x	x
2016	Canada	USA	v	Japan	Magnani	Gaudreau	Cox	Machalet	x	x	Poulin	x
2018	Japan	USA	v	Japan	Chaparro	Cox	Billingsley	L.Brown	x	x	x	x
<u>2022</u>	USA	USA	v	Japan	Hernandez	Lohnert	Fabrizi	Arteaga	x	x	x	x
<u>2023</u>	Ireland	Qualifying Final - USA beat Great Britian; Repechage - Australia beat Great Britian			Carvalho Topping	Ruiz Soenmez	Hamasaki Zidek	Reus Kaiaaruna	x x	x x	x x	x x
<u>2023</u>	Spain	Qualifying Final - Puerto Rico beat China; Repechage - Netherlands beat China			Lohnert Sasajima	Carter Erdahl	Arteaga Hora	Tovar McCaskill	x x	x x	x	x
<u>2023</u>	Italy	Qualifying Final - Japan beat Canada			McCowan	Mataboge	Magdalenic	Lin	x	x	x	x
<u>2024</u>	Italy	Japan	v	USA	Prins- Atanasova	Ruiz	Chaparro	Carvalho	Lohnert	Fabrizi	x	x



Ken Wesslink
(Australia)



William McIlvena
(Australia)



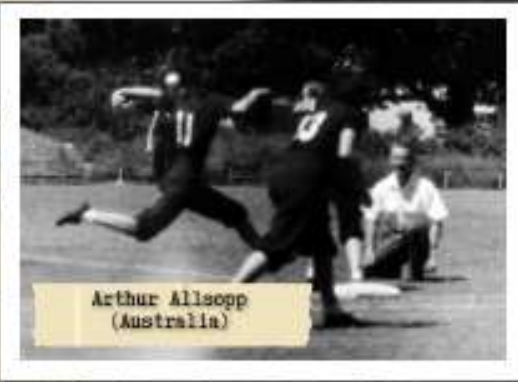
Harold Davies
(Australia)



Brian Whelan
(Australia)



Marj Dwyer
(Australia)



Arthur Allsopp
(Australia)



Lorraine Mildren
Assistant UIC
(Australia)

**WOMEN'S
INTERNATIONAL
SOFTBALL**

**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
FEBRUARY 13-21, 1965**



Ken Morgan
(New Zealand)



Margaret Laing
(Australia)



Vi Harrison
(Australia)

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Australia v United States (Raybestos Brackettes)
PU: McCleay, 1B: Morgan, 3B: Harrison



George Dickstein
UIC
(United States)



Bob MacLeay
(United States)



Hiroshi Shishikura (JPN)



Isee Kimura (JPN)



Joyce Phillips (NZL)



Dawn Young (AUS)



Huang Shun-Chiu (TPE)



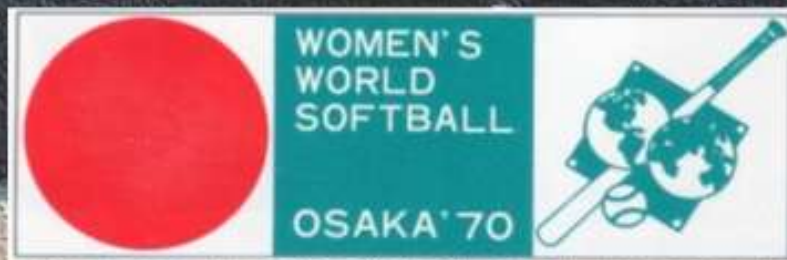
Jack Allen (NZL)



Kei Miyazaki (JPN)



Narimitsu Kimura (JPN)



2ND WOMEN'S WORLD FASTPITCH
CHAMPIONSHIP
OSAKA, JAPAN, AUGUST 1970



Juro Goto (JPN)



Toraj Ishiguro (JPN)



Kiyoshi Ogawa (JPN)



Unidentified (PHI)



Ass't UIC: Takeshi
Saruhashi (JPN)



UIC: Rex Brown (USA)



Tadashi Miki (JPN)



Takeo Takahashi (JPN)

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:
JAPAN V USA (LIONETTES)



III Women's World Fastpitch Championship – (Stratford, Connecticut, USA) - 1974

Back row (L to R): Mel Neece (USA), John Lewis (USA), Alfio D'Aprile (ITA), Dick Alexander (USA).

Middle row (L to R): Emilio Velasquez (VEN), Vivienne Triplett (AUS), Ass't UIC: Tom Mason (USA), UIC: Bernie Iassagna (USA), Merrell Ferguson (NZL), Manuel Deperio (PHI).

Front Row (L to R): Vitin Guzman (PUR) Michael Preece (BER), Fred Rhodie (USA), Rudolph Atkins (ISV)

Absent: Paul Brown (USA), Merle Butler (USA) Dries de Zwaan (NED), Guy Page (CAN), Hiroshi Shishikura (JPN), Tommy Wang (TPE).



IV Women's World Fastpitch Championship, San Salvador, El Salvador - 1978

Back Row (L to R): Michael Mulholland (NZL), Melesio Burgos* (ESA), Joe Smith (BIZ), Dries de Zwaan (NED), Jose Guevara (ESA), Jerry Kenny (USA), Emilio Velasquez* (VEN), Doug Foster (CAN), George Rayment (CAN), Don Olson (USA), UIC: Ed Bitz (CAN).

Front Row (L to R): Julio Burgos (ESA), Vivienne Triplett (AUS), Michael Preece (BER), Julio Zelada* (ESA)

Absent: Tommy Wang (TPE), Roberto Peralta (PAM), Vitin Guzman (PUR).



V Women's World Fastpitch Championship, Taipei, Taiwan - 1982

Standing (L to R): Francisco Arceo (PHI); *unidentified**, Goran Hasselstrom (SWE); Juan A Pangelinan (GUM); Andre Prins (NED), Caldron Nixon (BAH); Morrie Olsen (USA); Tutasi McDonald (NRU); Andy Bowden (CAN); *unidentified**; Roberto Peralta (PAM); Francisco Duran (GUA).

Kneeling (L to R): Vivienne Triplett (AUS); *unidentified**; *unidentified**, Ron Andrew (NZL); Mou Chen (TPE); Rima Panggabean (INA).

Absent: UIC: Merle Butler (USA); Ass't UIC: Tommy Wang (TPE); Jose Guevara (ESA), Joe Brown (BER); Juan Nunez Mendoza (NCA); Valentin Rivas (VEN);

Listed as appointed: Rune-Po Chen (TPE), Kuen-Li Chang (TPE), Leang-Chang Wang (TPE), Li-Shiuh Wang (TPE), Ji-Nan Sheu (TPE); Zono-Jong Sheu (TPE) Wen-Liang Wu (TPE), Ben-Mou You (TPE).



VI Women's World Fastpitch Championship, Auckland, New Zealand – 1986

Back row (L to R): UIC - Merle Butler (USA), David England (NZL), John Eagar (NZL), Wayne Saunders (NZL), Bev Graham (CAN), John Wall (NZL), Ass't UIC - Charlie Phillips (NZL).

Middle row (L to R): Tommy Wang (TPE), Ron Andrew (NZL), Anne McCammon (NZL), Michael Palmer (AUS), Fritz Simanjuntak (IDA), Johnny Welton (USA), Michael Mulholland (NZL), Ed Isaac (NZL).

Front Row (L to R): Elaine Karsten (NZL), Bai Huanwen (CHN), Robert Herewini (NZL), Mamoru Kubota (JPN), Graham McClelland (NZL), George Parker (NZL), Bert Brebde, (NED).



VII Women's World Fastpitch Championship, Normal, Illinois, USA – 1990

Back row (L to R): Roger Nichols (Liaison: USA), Senga Knupp (USA), Pat Mouchette (BER), Kathy Strahm (USA), Julie Ann Johnson (USA), Max Pye (CAN), Keith Hazel (CAN), Julio Hellburg (AHO); William Tripp Jr (USA), Alan McAuliffe (AUS).

Middle row (L to R): UIC: Merle Butler (USA), Alfredo Martin (PHI), Soji Kato (JPN), A.B. Cloete (ZIM), Walter Diaz (ARG), Edgar Bryson (ARU), Santos Vazquez (PUR), Watwell Rigby (BAH), Dave Ratu (NZL), Ass't UIC: Gerry Howard (CAN).

Front Row (L to R): Hsu-Chi Nan (TPE), Bai Huanwen (CHN), Fritz Simandjuntak (INA), Edward Crane (USA), Giuseppe Laudani (ITA), Juan Anesio Medina (CUB); Jun-Kee Min (KOR). **Absent:** Marie Koch (USA).



VIII Women's World Fastpitch Championship, Newfoundland, Canada - 1994

Back row (L to R): Ass't UIC: Gerry Howard (CAN), Bob Hickey (CAN), Jim Herbert (CAN), Pavel Prachar (CZE), Jorge Brugorello (ARG), Jimm Barr (CAN), Alan McAulliffe (AUS), Edward Isaac (NZL), Robert Scott (USA), Dave Moore (CAN), Santos Vasquez (PUR), Edgardo Schemel (COL), Tommy Wang (TPE), Robert Dill (BER), Sun Buo-Jie (CHN), Horace Murdock Jr. (USA), Oswin Ortela (AHO), Min Jun-Kee (KOR), UIC: Merle Butler (USA)

Front row (L to R): Don Bracey (CAN), Soji Kato (JPN), Gilbert Tobback (BEL), Cheryl Simmons (USA), Lucie Carmichael (CAN), Toulia Connolly (AUS), Marty Makar (USA), Geralyn Lindberg (SWE), Rene Sterkenburg (NED), Giuseppe Laudani (ITA), Jim Bradford (CAN), Robert Bourdon (CAN).



IX Women's World Fastpitch Championship, Fujinomiya-Shi, Japan - 1998

Back row: Edgardo Schemel (COL), Radomir Tuma (CZE), Neville Lawrance (AUS), Jens M. Jakobsen (DEN), Wen-Ming Lin (TPE), Franklin Hermanus (AHO), Mary DeBruyn (CAN), Bob Bargiacchi (NZL).

Middle row: Mitsutake Ariyama (JPN), Kazuya Katayama (JPN), Jim Lykins (USA), Kenzo Kato (JPN), Michihiro Komori (JPN), Jun-Kee Min (KOR), Shizuo Matsushita (JPN), Shao Nian (CHN), Alfonso Olivieri (ITA), Shigeo Kamata (JPN), Eduardo Falcon (VEN).

Front row: Kerry Franklin (AUS), Leilani Okuda (USA), Ass't UIC: Maroru Kubota (JPN), UIC: Merle Butler (USA), Ass't UIC: Gerry Howard (CAN), Lisa Rudloff (USA), Marlies Struyve (NED), Wilfred Couture (CAN).



X Women's World Fastpitch Championship, Saskatoon Saskatchewan, Canada - 2002

Back row (L to R): Ass't UIC: Wayne Brown (CAN), UIC: Merle Butler (USA), Nancy Morrison (CAN), Debbie Lauderback (USA), Carolien Loggen (NED), Eduardo Falcon (VEN), George Yang (TPE), Jimm Barr (CAN), Dave Burns (CAN), John Orllowski (USA), Giuseppe Laudani (ITA), Sandy Adams (NZL), Ass't UIC: Gerry Howard (CAN), Ass't UIC: Henry Pollard(USA).

Front row (L to R): Takashi Muramoto (JPN), Gabe Babineau (CAN), Matt Gowty (AUS), Ken Bosk (AHO), Frank Omoe (CAN), Jeff Whipple (CAN), Leanna Pacini (CAN), Vincent Maoeng (RSA), Pavel Vychodsky (CZE), Don Bracey (CAN).



XI Women's World Fastpitch Championship, Beijing, China - 2006

Back row (L to R): Jia Leiming (CHN), Li Zhe (CHN), Gianluca Magnani (ITA), Kenzo Kato (JPN), Vincent Maoeng (RSA), Duncan MacLean (GBR), Greg Pipher (CAN), Hung-Yueh Yang (TPE), Nicola Ogier (NZL), Pedro Jimenez (VEN).

Front row (L to R): UIC-Merle Butler (USA), Traci Stoelting (USA), Liu Juan (CHN), Jai Ali (CHN), Debbie Grove (AUS), Diane Waller (AUS), Virginia Bats (FRA), Haruhi Goto (JPN), Lori Bish (USA), Jill Tuckey (CAN), Ass't UIC-Margo Koskelainen (AUS).



XII Women's World Fastpitch Championship, Caracas, Venezuela – 2010

Back row (L to R): Ass't UIC - Santos Vasquez (PUR), Mitsutake Ariyama (JPN), UIC - Bob Stanton (CAN), Ass't UIC - Marlies Struyvé (NED), Grant Hood (CAN), Scott Rindfleisch (AUS), Peter Vonk (NED), Roberto Sanchez (DOM), Nicola Ogier (NZL), Darren Sibraa (AUS), Pavel Kaspercik (CZE), Tomislav Ozimec (CRO), Pedro Jimenez (VEN), Christina Drumm (USA), Jeff Sloan (USA), Andrea Marcon (ITA), Javier Penarroya (ARG).

Front row (L to R): Ana Ruth Chamel (ESA), Marlene Sabogal (COL), Maria Teresa Mejia (COL), Raul Garrido (CUB), Carolien Loggen-Stadhouders (NED), Bonnie Gostola (CAN). **Kneeling:** Thabo Dikgale (RSA). **Absent:** Carlos Falcon (VEN), Ass't UIC - Eduardo Falcon (VEN).



Back Row: (left to right)...

**Haruhi Goto, Japan; Debbie Grove, Australia; Diane Waller, Australia; Joyce Bellini, Canada;
Julie Johnson, Asst. UIC, USA; Bob Stanton, UIC, USA; Nicola Olgier, New Zealand; Cindi Brunot, USA;
Dora Martinez, USA; Lisha King, China; Susan Strafford, Canada; Noreen Atkinson, Canada**

Front Row: (left to right)...

**Gianluca, Italy; Bobby Shelton, USA; Rob Veldkamp, Netherlands; Javier Penarroya, Argentina;
Jose Chaparro, Puerto Rico; Yusing Lin, Chinese Taipei; Juan Maestre, Spain**



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XIV Women's World Fastpitch Championship, Haarlem, Netherlands – 2014

Left to Right: Albert Tolen (NED), Michal Zidek (CZE), Rob Veldkamp (NED), Genevieve Gaudreau (CAN), Mauro Fiorini (ITA), Hideko Okano (JPN), Manfred Sziber (AUT), Brenda Terpstra (USA), Leigh Evans (AUS), Ass't UIC - Marlies Struyvé (NED), Nicola Ogier (NZL), UIC - Bob Stanton (CAN), Raul Garrido (CUB), Ass't UIC - Andrea Marcon (ITA), Joyce Bellini (CAN), Yi Yang (CHN), Raoul Machalet (GER), Sue Sawyer (USA), Glen Nalepa (NZL), Gianluca Magnani (ITA), Reinaldo Mora (PUR).



SURREY WBSC XV WOMEN'S
2016 WORLD SOFTBALL
 JULY 15 - 24 | CANADA

XV Women's World Fastpitch Championship, Surrey, Canada – 2016

Back row (L to R): Aaron Poulin (CAN), Franck Lautier (FRA), Don Alexander (USA), Steve McCown (USA), Jan Hora (CZE), Renzo Ruiz (MEX), Lou Davis (CAN), Tonya Ribalkin Zanon (CAN), Ewin Cruz Cruz (PUR), Ass't UIC: Chris Drumm (USA).

Middle row (L to R): UIC: Bob Stanton (CAN), Gianluca Magnani (ITA), Sabrina Fabrizi (ITA), Edwin Ortiz (PUR), Kyira Cox (AUS), Genevieve Gaudreau (CAN), Raoul Machalet (GER), Zhe Li (CHN), Peter Vonk (NED), Gavin Shepherd (NZL), Ass't UIC: Marlies Struyvé (NED).

Front row (L to R): Luis Pardo (ESP), Jai Ali (CHN), Frankie Billingsley (CAN), Beate Utzig (AUT), Kyoto Fukuda (JPN), Cesar Perez (CUB), Bonnie Gostola (CAN), Amanda Houison (AUS), Laura Head (USA), Patricia Hamamoto (BRA), Geri Magwire (USA).



XVI Women's World Fastpitch Championship, Chiba, Japan – 2018

Back row (L to R): Zhe Li (CHN), Gianluca Magnani (ITA), Yu-Sung Lin (TPE), Mariana Prins-Atanasova (NED), Jose Chapparo (PUR), Tony Kaiaruna (NZL), Jason Carter (AUS), Renzo Ruiz (MEX), Chris Drumm (USA), Ashley Mmakola (RSA), Kyira Cox (AUS), Mitsunori Kusamoto (JPN).

Front row (L to R): Lance Brown (NZL), Abel Mataboge (BOT), Ayaka Kato (JPN), Hideko Okano (JPN), Ass't UIC: Wayne Saunders (NZL), UIC: Bob Stanton (CAN), Ass't UIC: Haruhi Goto (JPN), Frankie Billingsley (CAN), Bridget Cameron (GBR), Miki Yabe (JPN), Jengsup Hwang (KOR).



XIX Women's World Fastpitch Championship, Birmingham, USA – 2022 **(11th World Games Women's Fastpitch)**

Back Row (L to R): Steve McCown (USA); Thomas Lohnert (GER); Jose Hernandez (PUR); Sabrina Fabrizi (ITA); Umpire Director: Christina Drumm (USA).
Front Row (L to R): Laura Head (USA); Ayaka Sasajima (JPN); Annie Michaud (CAN); Juan Arteaga (COL).



XX Women's Softball World Cup Qualifier (Group A), Fingal-Dublin, Ireland – 2023

Back row (L to R): Trevor Topping (CAN), Sara Dielen (BEL), Norikazu Hamasaki (JPN), Marni Carvalho (CAN), Renzo Ruiz (MEX).

Front row (L to R): Anthony Kaiaruna (NZL), Michal Zidek (CZE), Umpire Director: Gian Paolo Pelosi (ITA), Galip Soenmez (GER), Patrick Reus (NED).



XX Women's Softball World Cup Qualifier (Group B), Valencia, Spain – 2023

Back row (L to R): Jan Hora (CZE), Thomas Lohnert (GER), Jason Carter (AUS), Naomi Erdahl (USA), Umpire Director: Nacho Pardo (ESP).

Front row (L to R): Manuel Tovar (VEN), Jana McCaskill (GB), Ayaka Sasajima (JPN), Gabriela Jiménez (ARG), Felipe Arteaga (COL).



**XX Women's Softball World Cup Qualifier (Group C),
Castions di Strada and Buttrio, Italy – 2023**

Back row (L to R): Alen Magdalenic (CRO), José Chaparro (PUR), Maykel García Cue (CUB), Mariana Prins (NED), Steve McCown (USA).
Front row (L to R): Abel Mataboge (BOT), Sabrina Fabrizi (ITA), Umpire Director: Chris Drumm (USA), Zhiling Yu (CHN), Yu Sung Lin (TPE).



XX Women's World Cup, Castions di Strada, Italy – 2024

L to R: Thomas Lohnert (GER), Mariana Prins (NED), Michal Zidek (CZE), Sabrina Fabrizi (ITA), James English (AUS), Ass't Umpire Director: Gian Paolo Pelosi (ITA).
Umpire Director: Nacho Pardo (ESP), José Chaparro (PUR), Marni Carvalho (CAN), Renzo Ruiz (MEX), Ayaka Sasajima (JPN).