



Blue Records

Men's World Championships/World Cups (Since 1966)
Volume Two

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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.

- ☐ **Volume One** - Women's World Championships/World Cups
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- ☐ **Volume Four** – Junior World Championships/World Cups

Men's World Championships/World Cups

Summary: Tournament records

Summary: Championship Game Umpire Appointments [*Italic* : unconfirmed, updated 2026*]

Year	Location	Grand Final Gold		Grand Final Silver	PU	U1	U2	U3	LF	RF	OF	Clock
1966	Mexico	USA (Aurora Sealmasters)	v	Mexico (Sonaro)	<i>No Record</i>	Peacock	Aular	<i>No Record</i>	x	x	x	x
1968	USA	USA (Aurora Sealmasters)	v	Canada (Winnipeg Monarchs)	Diaz	de Perio	Shishikura	Elazegui	x	x	x	x
<u>1972</u>	Philippines	Canada (Richmond Hill Dynes)	v	USA (Welty Way)	<i>J.Brown*</i>	<i>No Record</i>	<u>de Perio</u>	<i>No Record</i>	<i>No Record</i>	Weaver	x	x
1976	New Zealand	Finals series rained off. Gold Medals: USA (Rising Sun), New Zealand, Canada (Victoria Bate)										
1980	USA	USA (McArdle Pontiac-Cadillac)	v	Canada (St Catharines Niagara Motors)	Rodriguez	Uribe	T.Wang	Wilson	x	x	x	x
1984	USA	New Zealand	v	Canada	Cinquanto	Humphrey	Peterson	Thompson	x	x	x	x
1988	Canada	USA	v	New Zealand	Van Os	Thompson	Culpitt	Brownlee	x	x	x	x
1992	Philippines	Canada	v	New Zealand	Harrison	Min	Culpitt	Chen	Asyari	Yo	x	x
1996	USA	New Zealand	v	Canada	Cinquanto	Sauder	B.Smith	Havercroft	x	x	x	x
2000	South Africa	New Zealand	v	Japan	Walsh	Barr	Dzierzanowski	Maoeng	x	x	x	x
2004	New Zealand	New Zealand	v	Canada	B.Smith	Costabile	Sato	Salinas	McCauley	Maoeng	x	x
2009	Canada	Australia	v	New Zealand	Kearney	Henning	Omoe	Thomas	Lanzavecchia	Maoeng	x	x
2013	New Zealand	New Zealand	v	Venezuela	Pohl	Zuk	Penarroya	D.Sibraa	Machalet	Kengo	x	x
2015	Canada	Canada	v	New Zealand	Ewald	Soenmez	D.Sibraa	Hand	x	x	Richter	x
2017	Canada	New Zealand	v	Australia	Soenmez	Kluszczyński	Falcon	Helmer	Tabinuki	Ramirez	Evans	Carter
2019	Czech Republic	Argentina	v	Japan	Selden	Porteous	Cue	Lohnert	x	x	x	Hora
2022	New Zealand	Australia	v	Canada	Burwell	Kaiaruna	Jakobsen	Kusamoto	x	x	x	x
<u>2024</u>	Mexico	Qualifying Final - Dominican Republic beat Venezuela; Repechage - Australia beat Venezuela			Ruiz Wallace	Jakobsen Ruiz	Reus Ortiz	Chappa Helmer	x x	x x	x x	x x
<u>2024</u>	Canada	Qualifying Final - Argentina beat New Zealand; Repechage - New Zealand beat Canada			McLaren Murphy	Gaudreau Hora	Morrissey Korras	Hora G.Brown	x x	x x	x x	x x
<u>2024</u>	USA	Qualifying Final - USA beat Japan; Repechage - Japan beat Guatemala			Lopez Ewald	Topping Hand	McManus Waite	Billingsley Arteaga	x x	x x	x x	x x
<u>2025</u>	Canada	Venezuela	v	New Zealand	Burwell	Lohnert	McLaren	Kusamoto	x	x	x	x



**1st ISF Men's World
Fastpitch Championship**
Mexico City, Mexico
1966



Athol Aitken (NZL)



Anibal Ayala (NCA)



Augusto Aular (VEN)



Les Novak (USA)



UIC: George Dickstein (USA)



William Peacock (USA)



Andres Velaz (VEN)



Fausto Molina (USA)



Ferris Reid (USA)

Championship Game:
USA (Aurora Sealmasters) vs Mexico (Sonaro)

Crew record incomplete



II Men's World Fastpitch Championship, Oklahoma City, OK, USA – 1968

Back Row (L to R): Frank Susor (USA), Mike Choma (CAN), Jerry Stockman (USA), Robert Richert (USA), William Peacock (USA),
Les Novak (USA), Manual DePerio (PHI), Irineo Diaz (PHI).

Front Row (L to R): Valentin Oscar Rivas (VEN), Ed Collins (BAH), Igmidio Elazegui (PHI), Harold Graham (USA), Hiroshi Shishikura (JPN), Marcus Maestro (VEN).

Absent: UIC: George Dickstein (USA), Ass't UIC: Arthur Solz (USA), Rudolph Akins (ISV), Paul Brown (USA), Gerry Howard (CAN),
Ronald McLaughlan (NZL), Vern Riggins (USA), Charlie Roman (PUR).



**3rd ISF Men's World Softball
Championship**
Marikina, Rizal, Philippines
4-12 March 1972



UIC: Tom Mason (USA)



Kiyoshi Ogawa (JPN)



Ray Weaver (NZL)



Jose Guerrero (GUM)



Joe Brown (BER)



Orlando Vas (HKG)



Huang Shun-Chiu (TPE)

Championship Game:
Canada (Richmond Hill Dynes) v USA (Welty Way)



Igmidio Elazegui (PHI)



Jose Suarez (PHI)



Irineo Diaz (PHI)



Manuel De Perio (PHI)



Paulino Conwi (PHI)



Primo Mora (PHI)



IV Men's World Fastpitch Championship, Lower Hutt, New Zealand - 1976

Back row (L to R): Charlie Phillips (NZL), Michael Mulholland (NZL), Don Wilson (NZL), Harold Adams (USA), Ed Bitz (CAN), Jose Guerrero (GUM), Tommy Wang (TPE)

Front Row (L to R): Dave England (NZL), Murray Jarvis (NZL), Don Brewer (NZL), UIC: Ray Weaver (NZL), Mike Keim (USA), Mamoru Kubota (JPN).



V Men's World Fastpitch Championship, Tacoma, Washington, USA - 1980

Back row (L to R): UIC: Tom Mason (USA), Henry Flowers (USA), Jerry Hanson (USA), Morrie Olsen (USA), Roberto Peralta (PAN), Les Novak (USA), Bruce Brooks (RSA), Ass't UIC: Ed Bitz (CAN).

Middle row (L to R): Gus Cepeda (GUM), Jose Vazquez (USVI), Harvey Hildebrandt (CAN), Don Wilson (NZL), Tommy Wang (TPE), Joe Britt (USA), Tom Shilley (USA).

Front Row (L to R): Billy Monk (USA), Sanji Nakane (JPN), Edward Storr* (BAH), Merritt Watson (USA), Rafael Uribe (DOM), Louis Rodriguez* (MEX).

Absent: Ass't. UIC: Ray Weaver (NZL)



VII Men's World Fastpitch Championship, Midland, MI, USA - 1984

Back row (L to R): UIC: Merle Butler (USA), Dennis Peters (USA), Arthur Thompson (BAH), M.L. Brackett (USA), Nick Cinquante (USA), Bill Humphrey (USA), Billy Peterson (USA).

Middle row (L to R): Richard Ribby (USA), Roberto Peralta (PAN), Jorge Brugorella (ARG), Gerry Green (ZIM), Marty McGuire (USA host), Brian Rae (CAN), Tommy Wang (TPE), Soji Kato (JPN).

Front row (L to R): Dave England (NZL), Silvio Leonaro (AHO), Augustin Brea (DOM), Michael Preece (BER), Juan Pangelinan (GUM), Roberto Manuel Perez-Leon (PER).



ISF 7th Men's World Championships July 29 - August 7, 1988

UMPIRES

Back Row L-R: Merle Butler, Jim Herbert, Juan Medina, Ken Culpitt, Herman Eve, Harutshi Abe, Brian Van Os, Curt Mareno, Harvey Hildebrand, Herb Pearson, Gerry Howard.

Front Row L-R: Wayne Saunders, Tommy Wang, Tom Shilley, Calvin Baronville, Arthur Thompson, Dale Rainford, Alan Brownlee, Stan Hay.





VIII Men's World Fastpitch Championship, Manilla, Philippines - 1992

Back row (L to R): Ass't UIC: Tommy Wang (TPE), Julio Nazario (PHI), Chen-Chih Pin (TPE), Pavel Prachar (CZE), Robert Kerkman (NED), Ernest Constantino (PHI), Reynaldo Toledo (PHI), Alfredo Martin (PHI), Franciso Arceo (PHI), Soji Kato (JPN), Jun-Kee Min (KOR), UIC: Rex Brown (USA).

Front row (L to R): Gonsalo Gonzales (PHI), Conrado Forcadela (PHI), Yo Po Tee (SIN), Oscar Bulaong (PHI), Ken Culpitt (AUS), Gene Harrison (USA), Guy Arseneault (CAN), Wayne Saunders (NZL), Joel Asyari (INA). **Absent:** Armando Angeles (PHI)



IX Men's World Fastpitch Championship, Midland, MI, USA -1996

Back row (L to R): Ass't UIC: Gerry Howard (CAN), Craig Cress (USA), Bob Bargiacchi (NZL), Jens Terkelsen (DEN), Arthur Thompson (BAH), Walter Diaz (ARG), Jack Sauder (USA), Kazuya Katayama (JPN), Pavel Prachar (CZE), Ed Isaac (NZL), Eduardo Falcon (VEN), Gabe Babineau (CAN), Chris Lee (CAN), John McAuliffe (AUS), UIC: Merle Butler (USA),

Front Row (L to R): Kevin Ryan (USA), Nick Cinquanto (USA), Andrew Rindfleisch (AUS), Bryan Smith (USA), Louie Alvarez (USA), Rick Havercroft (USA), Robert Kerkman (NED), Ralph Miller (USA), Jun-Kee Min (KOR), Liaison.



X Men's World Fastpitch Championship, East London South Africa - 2000

Back row (L to R): Ass't UIC: Gerry Howard (CAN), Bob Bargiacchi (NZL), Jimm Barr (CAN), Jose Martinez (MEX), Carlos Falcon (VEN), Jerry Kirk (CAN), Andrew Rindfleish (AUS), Vincent Maoeng (RSA), Peter van Geijlswijk (NED), Pavel Vychodsky (CZE), Eric Dufour (FRA), Paul Dzierzanowski (USA), Wayne Saunders (NZL), Matt Gowty (AUS), Tony Walsh (USA), UIC: Merle Butler (USA),
Front Row (L to R): George Yang (TPE), Carolien Loggen (NED), Augustin Brea (DOM), Kengo Ohashi (JPN).

2004 ISF WORLD MEN'S SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHRISTCHURCH NEW ZEALAND

UMPIRES



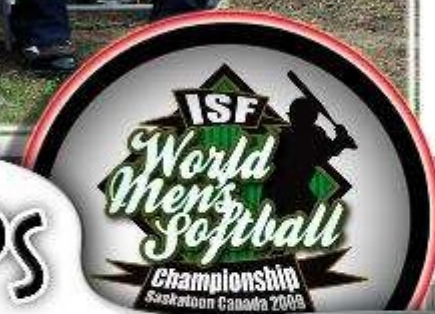
Back row (L to R): Stuart Hodges (NZL), Vincent Maoeng (RSA), Fernando Salinas (VEN), Lindsay Edwards (NZL), Bert Loggen (NED), Damien McCauley (AUS), Bryan Smith (USA), John Constable (USA), Radomir Tuma (CZE), Wayne Saunders (NZL), Wiremu Tamaki (NZL), Michael Smeath (NZL).
Middle row (L to R): Lance Type (NZL), Randy Souliers (CAN), Ass't UIC: Henry Pollard, Bill Smith (NZL-DU host), UIC: Merle Butler (USA), Gary Schmit (CAN), Yoshinori Sato (JPN).
Front row (L to R): John Eagar (NZL host), Joyce Phillips (NZL host).



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ISF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



**JULY
17-26**

BLUE CREW

2009

BOB VAN LIRE STADIUM GORDON HOWE PARK SASKATOON SASKATCHEWAN CANADA

Top (L to R): Santos Vazquez PUR, Gianluca Magnani ITA, Jens Jakobsen DEN, Lou Davis CAN, Frank Omoe CAN. **Middle** (L to R): Bob Stanton (UIC) CAN, Armando Jose Rodriguez VEN, Jan Hora CZE, Scott Thomas USA, Keith Kearney USA, Wiremu Tamaki NZL, Reinaldo Lanzavecchia ARG, Julie Johnson (Ass't UIC) USA, Brian Van Os (Ass't UIC) CAN. **Bottom** (L to R): Bob Henning CAN, Shigeo Kamata JPN, Gary Skjerven CAN, Leigh Evans AUS, Teboho Vincent Maoeng RSA, Mark McFarlane NZL, Jaun Jose Fajardo MEX.

Tradestaff ISF Men's World Softball Championships

1st - 10th March 2013 - Auckland, New Zealand

Umpires



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Back Row : Mark Gough (CAN), Greg Pohl (USA),

Third Row : Leigh Evans (AUS), Wiremu "Wu" Tamaki (NZL), Randall McLamb (USA), Jan Hora (CZE), Carlos Falcon (VEN), Scott Rindfleish (AUS)

Second Row : Mitch Zuk (CAN), Darren Sibraa (AUS), Wayne Saunders (Asst UIC NZL), Bob Stanton (UIC CAN), Patricia Sibraa (Asst UIC AUS),
 Raoul Machalet (GER), Javier Penarroya (ARG),

Front Row : Paulo Tabirara (PHI), Lance Type (NZL), Lance Brown (NZL), Mark McFarlane (NZL), Ohashi Kengo (JPN), Miguel Santoya (COL)



XIV WSBC Men's World Fastpitch Championship,
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada – 2015

Back row (L to R): Ass't UIC: Jeff Whipple (CAN), Lance Brown (NZL), UIC: Bob Stanton (CAN), Mark Porteous (NZL), Ass't UIC: Wayne Saunders (NZL).

Middle row (L to R): Darren Sibraa (AUS), Terry Richter (CAN), George Findley (CAN), Jens Jakobsen (DEN), Pavel Vychodsky (CZE), Jose Rodriguez (NIC), Serge LaFlamme (CAN).

Front Row (L to R): Bubba Ewald (USA), Kenji Nakashima (JPN), Galip Soenmez (GER), Rafael Garcia (VEN), Renzo Ruiz (MEX), Jon Hand (USA), Keith Cook (USA).



XV WSBC Men's World Fastpitch Championship, Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada – 2017

Back row (L to R): UIC: Bob Stanton (CAN), Ass't UIC: Wayne Saunders (NZL), Jiri Dostal (CZE), Leigh Evans (AUS), Brian Sonak (USA), Gary Skjerven (CAN), Carlos Falcon (VEN), Tony Kaiaruna (NZL), Casey Waite (USA), Peter Kluszczynski (CAN), Ashley Mmakola (RSA), William Lopez (PUR), Jason Carter (AUS), Galip Soenmez (GER), Ass't UIC: Brian Van Os (CAN).

Front Row (L to R): Vladimir Liss (CZE), Abel Mataboge (BOT), Enrique Ramirez Carballo (CUB), Nobuhiro Endo (JPN), Toyomatsu Tabinuki (JPN), Mike Morrissey (CAN), Daryl Helmer (CAN), Mark Porteous (NZL).



XVI WSBC Men's World Fastpitch Championship, Prague, Czech Republic - 2019

Back row (L to R): Jiri Dostal (CZE), Darren Gerrior (CAN), Scott Rindfliesh (AUS), Thomas Lohnert (GER), Damien McCauley (AUS), Jan Hora (CZE).
Tony Kaiaruna (NZL), Maykel Garcia Cue (CUB), Jens Jakobsen (DEN), Andrew Gallant (CAN), Greg Phol (USA), David Selden (USA).

Middle Row (L to R): Mitsunori Kusamoto (JPN), Mark Porteous (NZL), Jon Hand (USA), Manuel Tovar Serrano (VEN), Abel Mataboge (BOT),
Enrique Ramirez Carballo (CUB), Juan Arteaga Gonzalez (COL), Raul Salazar (MEX).

Front Row (L to R): Ass't UIC: Santos Vazquez Ortiz, UIC: Bob Stanton (CAN), Ass't UIC: Wayne Saunders (NZL).



XVII WSBC Men's Softball World Cup, **Auckland, New Zealand - 2022**

Back row (L to R): David Fortin (NZL), Jason Carter (AUS), William Burwell (USA), Leigh Evans (AUS), Jens Jakobsen (DEN), Mariana Atanasova-Prins (NED), Michal Zidek (CZE), Scott McLaren (CAN), Tony Kaiaruna (NZL), Mark Porteous (NZL).

Front Row (L to R): Naoya Matsuda (JPN), Genevieve Gaudreau (CAN), Umpire Director: Chris Drumm (USA) Ass't Umpire Director: Wayne Saunders (NZL), Mitsunori Kusamoto (JPN), Lance Brown (NZL), Abel Mataboge (BOT).



XVIII Men's World Cup Qualifier (Group A), Sonora, Mexico – 2024

Back row (L to R): Renzo Ruiz (MEX), Abel Chapa (MEX), Manuel Tovar (VEN), Edwin Ortiz (PUR), Kevin Wallace (USA).

Front row (L to R): Raul Salazar (MEX), Jens Jakobsen (DEN), Umpire Director: Vincent Maoeng (RSA), Daryl Helmer (CAN), Patrick Reus (NED).



XVIII Men's World Cup Qualifier (Group B), Prince Albert, Canada – 2024

Back row (L to R): Reinaldo Mora (PUR), Jan Hora (CZE), Umpire Director: Leigh Evans (AUS), Glenn Brown (USA), Scott McLaren (CAN).
Front row (L to R): Mark Korras (USA), Michael Morrissey (CAN), Genevieve Gaudreau (CAN), Trevor Murphy (AUS), David Fortin (NZL).



XVIII Men's World Cup Qualifier (Group C), Oklahoma City, USA – 2024

Back row (L to R): Andrew McManus (NZL), Casey Waite (USA), Trevor Topping (CAN), William Lopez (PUR), Umpire Director: Chris Drumm (USA).

Front row (L to R): Ass't Umpire Director: Florian Lautenschlager (GER), Bubba Ewald (USA), Jonathan Hand (USA), Frankie Billingsley (CAN), Juan Arteaga Gonzalez (COL).



XVIII Men's World Cup, Prince Albert, Canada – 2025

Back row (L to R): Mariana Atanasova-Prins (NED), William Burwell (USA), Patrick Reus (NED), Scott McLaren (CAN), Thomas Lohnert (GER).
Front row (L to R): Mitsunori Kusamoto (JPN), Edwin Ortiz (PUR), Ass't Umpire Director: Jose Chapparo (PUR), Umpire Director: Florian Lautenschlager (GER), Daryl Helmer (CAN), Renzo Ruiz (MEX).