

WBSC EUROPE SOFTBALL UMPIRE ACTIVITY PROGRAM 2024

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1. SOFTBALL EUROPE FASTPITCH CERTIFICATION CLINIC

Dates:

- Online seasons: March-April
- Live seasons and field evaluation: During a **non-official tournament** in May

Conditions:

- Instructors: 1 or 2 depending on the number of umpires attending the clinic
- Minimum number of attendants: 10

2. SOFTBALL EUROPE SLOWPITCH CERTIFICATION CLINIC

Dates:

- Online seasons: March-April
- Live seasons and field evaluation: During a **WBSC Europe SP tournament** in summer

Conditions:

- Instructors: 1 - 2 depending on the number of umpires attending the clinic
- Minimum number of attendants: 10

3. REGIONAL CLINICS

It is well known the problems that exist in some countries for the training of umpires, which sometimes leads to the attendance of inexperienced umpires at Softball Europe certification clinics, which is a problem for the level and development of the clinics.

That is why, during the 2024 season, we will continue to insist to the national federations that are in this situation to offer them the possibility of conducting these regional clinics so that the umpires of these countries start with a training according to their knowledge and experience.

Dates:

- Throughout 2024
- Travel for instructors: Supported by WBSC Europe
- Accommodation and meals for instructors: To be paid by the organization
- Maximum of 3 clinics

4. EXCHANGE PROGRAM SOFTBALL CANADA FOR UMPIRES AND / OR UICs

For the 2024 season the idea is to continue the umpire exchange program with Softball Canada.

A maximum of 2 FP umpires and 1 SP umpire will participate in the activity.

Softball Europe will provide a support of 800 € to each of the umpires participating in the exchange program, as a travel allowance.

Depending on the number of interested umpires, UICs could also participate in this program.

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