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Olympic and World Games (1981-2022)

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International Rules Interpreter_ISF 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 2022.



Dickstein

Iassogna

Mason

Butler

Stanton

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. Previous progress issues of these collections were made by the ISF in 2013 and again by the WBSC Umpires Commission in early 2022.

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 first 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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Olympic and World Games

Summary: Tournament records					Summary: Gold Medal or Qualifying Game /Games Umpire Appointments [<i>* unconfirmed or no record</i>]								
Year	Event	Location	Grand Final Gold	Grand Final Silver	PU	U1	U2	U3	LF	RF	OF	Clock	
1981	1st World Games M/W	USA	M: USA II (Guanella Brothers) W: USA (Raybestos Brakettes)	v	M: USA 1 (Peterbilt) W: Canada	<i>Grand Final appointment details not available*</i>							
1985	2nd World Games	England	USA	v	Chinese Taipei	<i>Grand Final appointment details not available*</i>							
1995	Olympic Qualifier (A/O)	New Zealand	Japan (2-0)	v	New Zealand	Best of Three: G1: PU<Connelly, U1<Simmons, U3< Martin. G2: PU<Simmons, U1<Connolly, U3<J.McAuliffe							
1995	Olympic Qualifier (Am)	Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico (2-0)	v	Cuba	Best of three: G1: PU<Hornak, 1B<Thompson, 3B<Peralta. G2: PU<Simmons, 1B<Barr, 3B<Scott							
1995	Olympic Qualifier (E/A)	Netherlands	Netherlands	v	Italy	Carmichael	Cinquanto	Linberg	Prachar	x	x	x	x
1996	26th Olympic Games	USA	USA	v	China	Carmichael	Stauble	Sterkenberg	Hornak	Strahm	Linberg	x	x
1999	Olympic Qualifier (A/O)	Taiwan	New Zealand (2-0)	v	Chinese Taipei	Best of three: G1: PU<Ariyama U1<Matsushita, U3<Okuda. G2: PU Babineau, U1<Okuda, U3<Matsushita.							
1999	Olympic Qualifier (Am)	Venezuela	Cuba	v	Netherlands Antilles	May	De Bruyn	<i>Gunst*</i>	<i>Molina*</i>	x	x	x	x
1999	Olympic Qualifier (E/A)	Italy	Italy	v	Netherlands	Milosavjevic	Pompilli	LaFlamme	Dufour	x	x	x	x
2000	27th Olympic Games	Australia	USA	v	Japan	De Bruyn	J.McAuliffe	Struyve	May	LaFlamme	Hermanus	x	x
2003	Olympic Qualifier (A/O)	Australia	Australia (2-0)	v	New Zealand	Best of three: G1: PU<Okuda, U1<Pacini, U2<Ledwig, U3<Goto. G2: PU <Pacini, U1<Okuda ,U2<Goto, U3<Lledwig.							
2003	Olympic Qualifier (Am)	Puerto Rico	Canada (2-0)	v	Dominican Republic	Best of Three: G1: PU<Minton, U1<Lora, U2<Bosk, U3< Lawrance. G2: PU<Lawrance, U1<Minton, U2<Torres, U3<Corero							
2003	Olympic Qualifier (E/A)	Italy	Italy	v	Czech Republic	Saunders	N.Morrison	Milosavljevic	Massaro	Shelpov	Sanchez	x	x
2004	28th Olympic Games	Greece	USA	v	Japan	Vasquez	Saunders	Maoeng	Hunter	Lawrance	Lauderback	x	x
2007	Olympic Qualifier (A/O)	Taiwan	Chinese Taipei (2-0)	v	New Zealand	Best of Three: G1: PU<Ariyama, U1<Lawrance, U2<Goto, U3<D.Waller. G2: PU<Lawrance, U1<Goto, U2<D.Waller,U3<Ariyama.							
2007	Olympic Qualifier (Am)	Venezuela	Venezuela	v	Puerto Rico	Lora	Chamul	Callejas	R.Sanchez	x	x	x	x
2007	Olympic Qualifier (E/A)	Italy	Netherlands	v	Italy	Vogel	Stoelting	Jakobsen	Ozimec	x	x	x	x
2008	26th Olympic Games	China	Japan	v	USA	Tamaki	D.Waller	Pipher	Ali	N.Morrison	Magnani	x	x
2009	8th World Games	Taiwan	Japan	v	Chinese Taipei	T.Ribalkin	Kultate	M.Chang	B.Jo	x	x	x	x
2013	9th World Games	Columbia	Cuba	v	Venezuela	Ramos	Santoya	Martinez	Sandoval	Mena	Leon	x	x
2019	Olympic Qualifier (A/O)	China	Super Round (RR), No Grand Final		Australia Qualify								
2019	Olympic Qualifier (Am)	Canada	Super Round (RR), No Grand Final		Mexico and Canada Qualify								
2019	Olympic Qualifier (E/A)	Netherlands	Super Round (RR), No Grand Final		Italy Qualify								
2021	32nd Olympic Games	Japan	Japan	v	USA	Cox	Gaudreau	Yu	Prins Atanasova	x	x	Billingsley	Tovar
2022	11th World Games	USA	USA	v	Japan	Hernandez	Lohnert	Fabrizi	Arteaga	x	x	x	x



1st World Games (M/W Fastpitch), Santa Clara, California, USA - 1981

Back row (L to R): UIC: Merle Butler (USA); Herman Beagles (USA); Ed Storr (BAH); Pat Benoit (CAN); Arthur Thompson (BAH); William Humphrey (USA); Clarence Hammond (USA).

Front row (L to R): Emily Alexander (USA); Ed Reimer (CAN); Morrie Olsen (USA); Johnny Welton (USA); Merrit Watson (USA).



2nd World Games (Women's Fastpitch), London, England - 1985

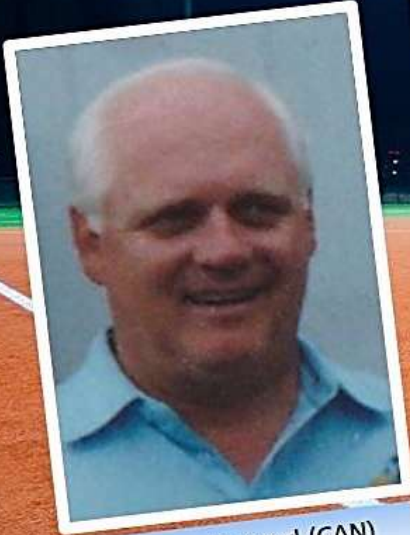
Back row (L to R): Gerald Gillis (BEL); Edward Crane (USA); Tommy Wang (TPE); Pieter Vander Ploeg (NED);
Co Van de Wateringen (NED); UIC: Merle Butler (USA).



Africa/Europe Regional Olympic Qualifier, Haarlem, Netherlands – 1995

Back Row (L-R): Nicola Harper (England), Merle Butler (United States–UIC), Rob Kerkman (Netherlands), Eddy van Straelen (Belgium), Jan Vlasveld (Netherlands – AUIC), Alfonso Olivieri (Italy), Ron Kok (Netherlands), Pavel Prachar (Czech Republic), Nick Cinquanto (United States).

Front Row (L-R): Lucie Carmichael (Canada), Jose Sanchez (Sweden), Franco Borgia (Italy), GERALYN Lindberg (Sweden), Rene Sterkenberg (Netherlands).



UIC: Gerry Howard (CAN)



Cheryl Simmons (USA)



Jim Barr (CAN)



Robert Scott (USA)



Roberto Peralta (PAN)

**1995
America's
Regional
Olympic Qualifier,
San Jose,
Puerto Rico.**



Arthur Thompson (BAH)



Mike Hornak (CAN)

America's Regional Olympic Qualifier, San Juan, Puerto Rico – 1995

Gerry Howard (Canada-UIC), Jim Barr (Canada), Mike Hornak (Canada), Roberto Peralta (Panama), Robert Scott (United States), Cheryl Simmons (United States), Arthur Thompson (Bahamas).



Asia/Oceania Regional Olympic Qualifier, Auckland, New Zealand – 1995

Standing (L to R): John McAuliffe (Australia), Toulia Connolly (Australia), Cheryl Simmons (United States), Alfredo Martin (Philippines).

Seated: Margo Koskelainen (Australia-UIC).



The Games of the XXVI Olympiad, Atlanta, USA – 1996

Back Row (L-R): Dan Blair (United States-Umpire Liaison), Kathy Strahm (United States), Lucie Carmichael (Canada), Kenzo Kato (Japan), Mike Hornak (Canada), Cliff Stauble (Canada), Julie Johnson (United States), Geralyn Lindberg (Sweden).

Front Row (L-R): Merle Butler (United States -UIC), Rene Sterkenberg (Netherlands), Roberto Peralta (Panama), Alan McAuliffe (Australia), Jeff Hansen (United States), Emily Alexander (United States), Gerry Howard (Canada-Ass't UIC).



Africa/Europe Regional Olympic Qualifier, Parma, Italy – 1999

Back Row (L-R): Jan Vlasfeld (Netherlands- Ass't UIC), Alfonso Olivieri (Italy), Robert Milosavijevic (Croatia), Sonny Pompilli (United States), Jens Jakobsen (Denmark), Pavel Vychodsky (Czech Republic), Merle Butler (United States–UIC).

Front Row (L-R): Eric Dufour (France), Carolien Loggen (Netherlands), Marlies Struyve (Netherlands), Antonella Garafalo (Italy), Serge LaFlamme (Canada), Guiseppe Laudani (Italy), Frank Borgia (Italy).



America's Regional Olympic Qualifier, Caracas, Venezuela – 1999

Back Row (L-R): Gerry Howard (Canada-UIC), Enrique Ramirez Carballo (Cuba), Armando Rodriguez (Venezuela), Julio Rodriguez (Venezuela), Jose Mendez (Venezuela), Franklin Hermanus (Netherland Antilles).

Front Row (L-R): Kerry Franklin (Australia), Patti Gunst (United States), Nora May (Puerto Rico), Mary DeBruyn (Canada).

Absent: Moises Pena (Venezuela), Jorge Molina (Columbia), Eduardo Falcon (Venezuela); Carlos Vera (Venezuela).



Asia/Oceania Regional Olympic Qualifier, Kao-Shiung City, Taiwan – 1999

Back Row (L-R): Gabe Babineau (Canada), Leilani Okuda (United States), Shizuo Matsushita (Japan), Mitsutake Ariyama (Japan).

Seated: Margo Koskelainen (Australia-UIC).



The Games of the XXVII Olympiad, Sydney, Australia – 2000

Back Row (L-R): Margo Koskelainen (Australia-Ass't UIC), Franklin Hermanus (Netherlands Antilles), Mitsutake Ariyama (Japan), John McAuliffe (Australia), Serge LaFlamme (Canada), Mary DeBruyn (Canada), Jim Lykins (United States), Merle Butler (United States-UIC).

Front Row (L-R): Lisha Xing (China), Marlies Struyve (Netherlands), Kerry Franklin (Australia), Nora May (Puerto Rico), Antonella Garofalo (Italy), Lisa Rudloff (United States).



Africa/Europe Regional Olympic Qualifier, Cupramontana/Macerata, Italy – 2003

Back Row (L-R): Henry Pollard (United States-UIC), Bob Krigen (Netherlands), Joe Massaro (United States), Wayne Saunders (New Zealand), Alex Vogel (Germany), Pavel Vychodsky (Czech Republic), Vincent Maoeng (South Africa), Robert Milosavljevic (Croatia), Miroslav Dolejs (Czech Republic), Rene Sterkenberg (Netherlands-Ass't UIC).

Front Row (L-R): Nancy Morrison (Canada), Antonella Garafalo (Italy), Carolien Loggen (Netherlands), Frank Wagner (Germany), Oleg Shelpov (Russia), Gianluca Magnani (Italy), Jose Sanchez (Sweden), Guiseppe Laudani (Italy).



Kenneth Bosk (AHO)



Don Bracey (CAN)



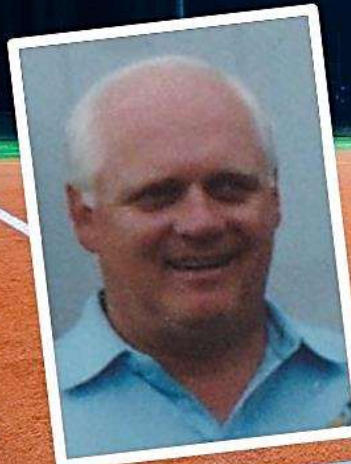
Rafael Lora (PUR)



Noel Cordero (PUR)



Eric Minton (USA)



UIC: Gerry Howard (CAN)



Samuel Torres (PUR)



Jose Hernandez (PUR)



Neville Lawrance (AUS)

**2003
America's
Regional
Olympic Qualifier,
San Jose,
Puerto Rico.**

America's Regional Olympic Qualifier, San Juan, Puerto Rico – 2003

Gerry Howard (Canada-UIC), Don Bracey (Canada), Neville Lawrance (Australia), Eric Minton (United States), Rafael Lora (Puerto Rico), Ken Bosk (Netherlands Antilles), Samuel Torres (Puerto Rico), Noel Cordero (Puerto Rico), Jose Hernandez (Puerto Rico).



Asia/Oceania Regional Olympic Qualifier, Sydney, Australia – 2003

Back Row (L-R): Leanna Pacini (Canada), Sandy Adams (New Zealand), Alton Ledwig (United States).

Front row (L-R): Haruhi Goto (Japan), Leilani Okuda (United States).

Absent: Margo Koskelainen (Australia-UIC), Andrew Rindfleish (Australia).



The Games of the XXVIII Olympiad, Athens, Greece – 2004

Back Row: (L-R): Merle Butler (United States-UIC), Wayne Saunders (New Zealand), Santos Vasquez (Puerto Rico), Neville Lawrance (Australia), Pavel Vychodsky (Czech Republic), Yi Yang (China), Vincent Maoeng (South Africa) Henry Pollard (United States-Ass't UIC)

Front Row: (L-R): Leanna Pacini (Canada), Debbie Lauderback (United States), Leilani Okuda (United States), Kelly Hunter (Canada), Mary "Marty" Makar (United States), Haruhi Goto (Japan).



Africa/Europe Regional Olympic Qualifier, Trieste, Italy – 2007

Back Row: (L-R): Jan Hora (Czech Republic), Tomislav Ozimec (Croatia), Rudiger Wendt (Germany), Gianluca Magnani (Italy), Carolien Loggen (Netherlands), Georgi Filipov (Bulgaria), Traci Stoelting (United States), Jill Tuckey (Canada), Axel Vogel (Germany), Arthur Balsler (Croatia), Jens Jakobsen (Denmark), Merle Butler (United States-UIC).

Front Row: (L-R): Rostislav Vedlich (Czech Republic), Sello Molotsane (South Africa), Ginger Bats (France),

Absent: Robert Milosavljevic (Croatia-Ass't UIC), Jose Sanchez (Sweden), Giuseppe Laudani (Italy), Fabio Capitoni (Italy).



UIC: Santos Vasquez (PUR)



Alma Callejas (GUA)



Ana Chamul (ESA)



Ass't UIC
Eduardo Falcon (VEN)



Carlos Falcon (VEN)

2007 America's Regional Olympic Qualifier, Caracas, Venezuela.



Rafael Lora (PUR)



Jose Mendez (VEN)



Armando Rodriguez (VEN)



Roberto Sanchez (DOM)



Cesar Perez Cruz (CUB)

America's Regional Olympic Qualifier, Caracas, Venezuela – 2007

Santos Vasquez (Puerto Rico-UIC), Eduardo Falcon (Venezuela-Ass't UIC), Alma Callejas (Guatemala), Ana Chamel (El Salvador), Carlos Falcon (Venezuela), Rafael Lora (Puerto Rico), Jose Mendez (Venezuela), Cesar Perez (Cuba), Armando Rodriguez (Venezuela), Roberto Sanchez (Dominican Republic).



Asia/Oceania Regional Olympic Qualifier, Tainan City, Taiwan – 2007

Back Row (L-R): Michael Chen (Chinese Taipei), Hung-Yeuh "George" Yang (Chinese Taipei), Neville Lawrance (Australia), Michael Smeath (New Zealand), Mitsutake Ariyama (Japan).

Front Row (L-R): Jimmy Chen (Chinese Taipei), Diane Waller (Australia), Margo Koskelainen (Australia-UIC), Tommy Wang (Chinese Taipei – Ass't UIC), Haruhi Goto (Japan).



Beijing 2008 Olympic Games
International Softball Federation Olympic Crew
Fengtai Ball Park, Beijing, China
12 - 21 August 2008



Left to Right: Bob Stanton, Umpire in Chief (Canada), Traci Stoelting (United States of America), Jia Leiming (China), Nancy Morrison (Canada), Wiremu "Wu" Tamaki (New Zealand), Debbie Grove (Australia), Javier Penarroya (Argentina), Diane Waller (Australia), Rob Veldkamp (Netherlands), Jia Ali (China), Gianluca Magnani (Italy), Lori Bish (United States of America), Greg Pipher (Canada), Margo Koskelainen, Deputy Umpire in Chief (Australia)



9th World Games (Women's Fastpitch), Cali, Columbia - 2013

L to R: Roberto Yances (Colombia), Yony Mena (Colombia), Edberto Valdez (Colombia - behind), Maria Teresa Mejía (Colombia), Agustin Martinez (Cuba), José Martínez Petro (Colombia), Miguel Santoya (Colombia), Eudes Tudares (Venezuela), Alfonso Sandoval (Colombia).

Absent: UIC: Bob Stanton (Canada), Ass't UIC: Mariano Marrugo (Columbia), Armando Leon (Columbia), Orlando Ramos (Columbia)



9th World Games (Women's Fastpitch), Cali, Columbia - 2013

L to R: Roberto Yances (Colombia), Yony Mena (Colombia), Edberto Valdez (Colombia - behind), Maria Teresa Mejía (Colombia), Agustin Martinez (Cuba), José Martínez Petro (Colombia), Miguel Santoya (Colombia), Eudes Tudares (Venezuela), Alfonso Sandoval (Colombia).

Absent: UIC: Bob Stanton (Canada), Ass't UIC: Mariano Marrugo (Columbia), Armando Leon (Columbia), Orlando Ramos (Columbia)



Africa/Europe Regional Olympic Qualifier, Utrecht, Netherlands – 2019

Back Row: (L-R): Leigh Evans (Australia, Ass't UIC), Jan Hora (Czech Republic), Jens Jakobsen (Denmark), Mariana Prins-Atanasova (Netherlands), Galip Soenmez (Germany), Thomas Lohnert (Germany), Gianluca Magnani (Italy), Michal Zidek (Czech Republic), Haruhi Goto (Japan, UIC).

Front Row: (L-R): Abel Mataboge (Botswana), Siphon Mothobuka (South Africa), Megan Hylton (Germany).



America's Regional Olympic Qualifier, Surrey, Canada – 2019

Left to right: Ass't UIC: Santos Vazquez Ortiz (PUR), Jose Rodriguez (NIC), William Lopez (PUR), Renzo Ruiz (MEX), Genevieve Gautreau (CAN), Scott McLaren (CAN), Laura Head (USA), Christina Drumm (USA), Geri Magwire (USA), Cindi Brunot (USA), Frankie Billingsley (CAN), Jose Chapparo (PUR), Patricia Hamamoto (BRA), Steve McCown (USA), Juan Arteaga Gonzalez (COL), Maykel Garcia Cue (CUB), UIC: Bob Stanton (CAN).



Asia/Oceania Regional Olympic Qualifier, Shanghai, China – 2019

Back Row (L-R): Paulo Tabirara (PHI), Yu-Sung Lin (TPE), Xie Xin (CHN), Tony Kaiaruna (NZL), Scott Rindfliesh (AUS), Mark Porteous (NZL), Mitsunori Kusamoto (JPN), UIC: Vincent Maoeng (RSA).

Front Row (L-R): Ass't UIC Carolien Stadhouders (NED), Ayaka Sasajima (JPN), Munzook Jeon (KOR), Amanda Houison (AUS), Zhiling Yu (CHN), Kyria Cox (AUS), Miki Yabe (JPN), Jia Ali (CHN).



The Games of the XXXII Olympiad, Tokyo, Japan – 2021

Back Row: (L-R): Zhiling Yu (China), Gianluca Magnani (Italy), Jose Chapparo (Puerto Rico), Mariana Prins-Atanasova (Netherlands), Umpire Director: Bob Stanton (Canada), Mark Porteous (New Zealand), Christina Drumm (United States), Manuel Tovar Serrano (Venezuela).
Front Row: (L-R): Mitsunori Kusamoto (Japan), Miki Yabe (Japan), Ayaka Sasajima (Japan), Frankie Billingsley (Canada), Genevieve Gautreau (Canada), Kyria Cox (Australia).



11th World Games (Women's Fastpitch), Birmingham, USA - 2022

Back Row (L to R): Steve McCowan (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).