

BLUE 2016



COME ONE, COME ALL!!!

When most are asked to name their favourite thing at a Blue Convention, the most common answer that you will hear is "getting to see the friends I have made across the country and from around the world!" And too often, our families do not get to share in the community and friendships that we have made. BLUE 2016 is hoping that you will take the opportunity this year



to bring your family life to your umpire life. We encourage all to bring who you can so that they can share in friendships that you have made while at the same time allowing them to explore one of the world's greatest cities. Vancouver, Richmond and its surrounding areas have something for everyone. Whether it is the allure of Whistler or the many different shopping areas or a ferry ride to one the many pleasures of Vancouver Island. BLUE 2016 is happy to present a companion package we believe will provide your family; spouse or friends great daytime adventures while you attend the convention. Scroll / Turn to the next page to find what delights await!

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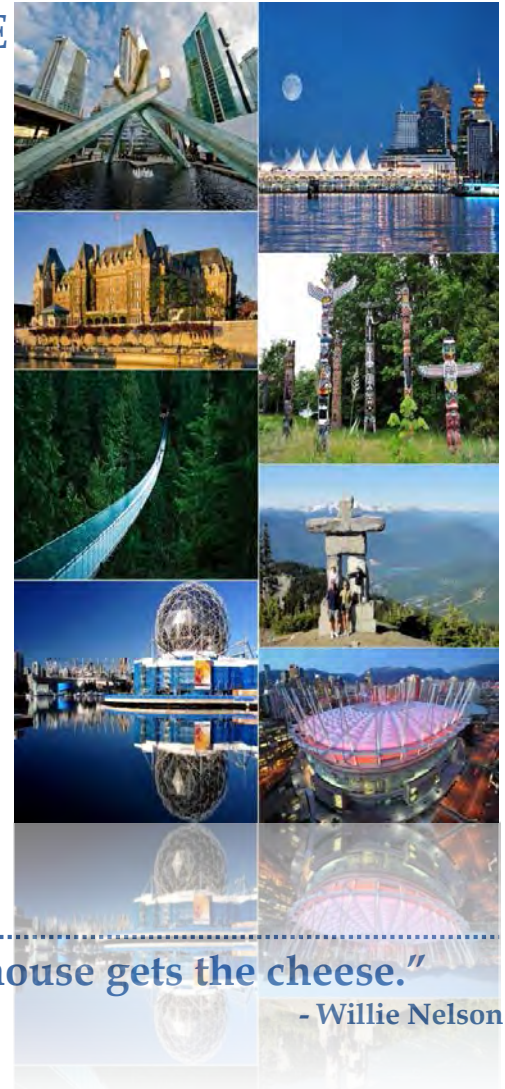
Day One of the Companion Package takes you to one of the world's most beautiful places as we start with a door-to-door Whistler Day Tour. Featuring breathtaking coastal viewpoints, the beauty of Shannon Falls, Britannia Beach and possible eagle sightings at Brackendale before arriving at Whistler Village for a late lunch, shopping and for those daring, a gondola ride from the Whistler peak to the Blackcomb peak. With a little cooperation from the weather, you'll get to see a brilliant sunset sky over the coastal mountains. Tickets for this world

Moving from the natural beauty of Whistler to the urban spectacle of Vancouver, Day Two consist of a city tour that will feature Granville Island, Robson Street, Stanley Park, which is the largest park in North America (Eat it, Central Park), and many other highlights.

Details are still being confirmed for this day. Prices and the final tour route will be available in Issue #3 in mid-December.

class adventure are \$79.95¹ per person and limited to only 24

¹ The gondola ride is optional and can be purchased on the mountain for \$49.95 per adult, \$42.95 per senior and youths (13-18) and children under 12 for \$24.95.



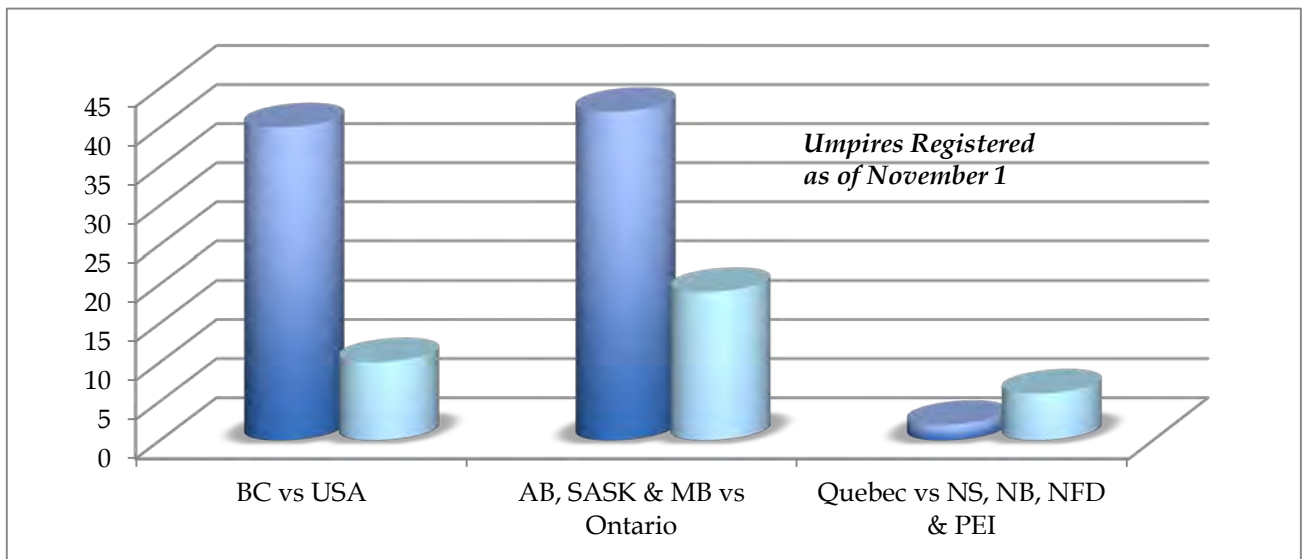
“The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.”

- Willie Nelson

What region is going to have the most umpires at BLUE 2016? Washington State's John Wright said that Region 15 would take out BC but BC surged ahead and is up by 30 with a little over 130 days to go. The Prairies' NHL teams may not be so good at hockey but their umpires are out strong and lead the BC by two for the overall lead.

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Very Special Guest Speakers for BLUE 2016

In addition to the many fabulous presenters and British Columbia's own, Mr. Rick Hansen as our keynote speaker, BLUE 2016 is excited to announce that the following people will be speaking during BLUE 2016

Bob Stanton



WBSC Director of Umpires

Dale McMann



WBSC President, Softball

Kevin Ryan



Director of Umpires, ASA

NOBODY DOES IT BETTER...

The softball umpires of British Columbia have always been blessed with a supportive and encouraging organization to work within.

So it is no surprise that SOFTBALL BC has once again come to bat for its blue team by pledging itself as the title sponsor for BLUE 2016.

We thank President Jake Dewitt¹, and the Board of Directors along with COO Rick Benson for their generous support.



What is 1064?



The number of steps from the hotel lobby to the nearest Tim H's ?



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A CHRISTMAS PRESENT OR TWO? A CHRISTMAS PRESENT OR TWO?

BLUE 2016 is working with *Fundscrip*, an online gift card ordering site with over a hundred retailers!

For every gift card ordered, a percentage goes to Blue 2016! It's a win for everyone. You get the gift cards to stores or restaurants you already use and BLUE 2016 gets a bigger budget to spoil you!

Go to www.fundscrip.com to view all of the retailers. Find what you want and then select "Support Group" and enter the code **NL6HAB** and register to select the cards and denominations required.

Once your order is completed, log on to your bank and set up Fundscrip as a bill payee. Enter the code provided by the Fundscrip website and pay the amount due. Your cards will be mailed (or emailed if you select eCards) and Blue Convention will be credited with a percentage of the sale!

We would ask you to please not use a credit card as they charge us service fees which cost more than the percentage they give us!

Your support is very much appreciated!



"Your Future is Calling"



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How could he be doing his job when he didn't throw me out of the game after the things I called him?

— Mark Belanger

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the hotel is better... book
your hotel room now as over
70% of the rooms have been
reserved...Go to
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discount code!*

