

BLUE 2016



"Your Future is Calling"

ISSUE III

THE CONFERENCE AWAITS



LOOK IT HAS MADE ABOUT A KAJILLION DOLLARS, YOU THOUGHT THAT WE WOULDN'T TRY TO RIDE ON THOSE INTERGALACTIC COAT TAILS?

A SMALL BAND OF DEDICATED UMPIRE ENTHUSIASTS ARE BUILDING THE ULTIMATE DEATH STAR! NO, THAT'S NO RIGHT. STAR KILLER? NOPE THAT DOESN'T FIT EITHER. OH RIGHT, BUILDING THE BEST BLUE CONVENTION THAT APPEALS TO ALL; EVEN TO A BAND OF REBELS.

DAY TWO OF THE COMPANION PACKAGE HAS BEEN FINALIZED WITH DETAILS ON THE NEXT PAGE.

THE JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CLINIC IS READY FOR REGISTRATION TO BEGIN. FIND THE LINK INSIDE.

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DAY TWO OF THE BLUE 2016 COMPANION PACKAGE

Day Two of the Companion Package is here.. Moving from the natural splendor of Whistler / Blackcomb to the urban / natural beauty of Vancouver, your day begins with a hotel pickup at 9am for a bus ride to Granville Island (try the cake donuts with maple at Lee's, oh sweet heavenly bliss!). You will then take a leisurely the water taxi across the harbour where the bus will meet you to take you into world famous Stanley Park (and 10% bigger than Central Park in NYC...so it has that going for it, which is nice). Your visit to Stanley Park will include a ride around the seawall with stops at the Totem Poles and Prospect Point Lookout (and it is a stop at the point, not "parking" at the point). From there, you will head for a tour through Chinatown and Gastown. Following that you will be dropped



torch, experience Flyover Canada (purchase own admission \$19.95) or walk up to Robson Street and Pacific Centre for shopping and lunch. Finally the bus will be ready for you on Robson Street at 2:30pm for a journey back to the hotel or for those wanting to spend more of your partner's umpire earnings, the Skytrain is available to bring you back to Richmond on your own schedule.

For this tour, we would ask for \$45.00 of your partner's umpire earnings.

Please register via email at

blueconvention2016@gmail.com

PS...Spaces are limited to 20

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CLINIC REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!!

Join the ***Best of the Best*** for the 2016 Blue Convention **Youth Development workshop** at the Sheraton Airport Hotel, Richmond, BC Friday, March 25, 2016 from 9 am to 4pm.

This clinic is for first and second year officials just making their way into the umpiring world.

We have an excellent team of instructors, which includes Frankie Billingsley and Clinton Harvey. Both are Softball Canada Level V officials with a wealth of National and International experience.

We are extremely pleased to announce that Bob Stanton, the Director of Umpires for the World Baseball/Softball Confederation, Softball Division, will be joining us as a special Guest Instructor as well.

Cost: \$50.00 (includes lunch)

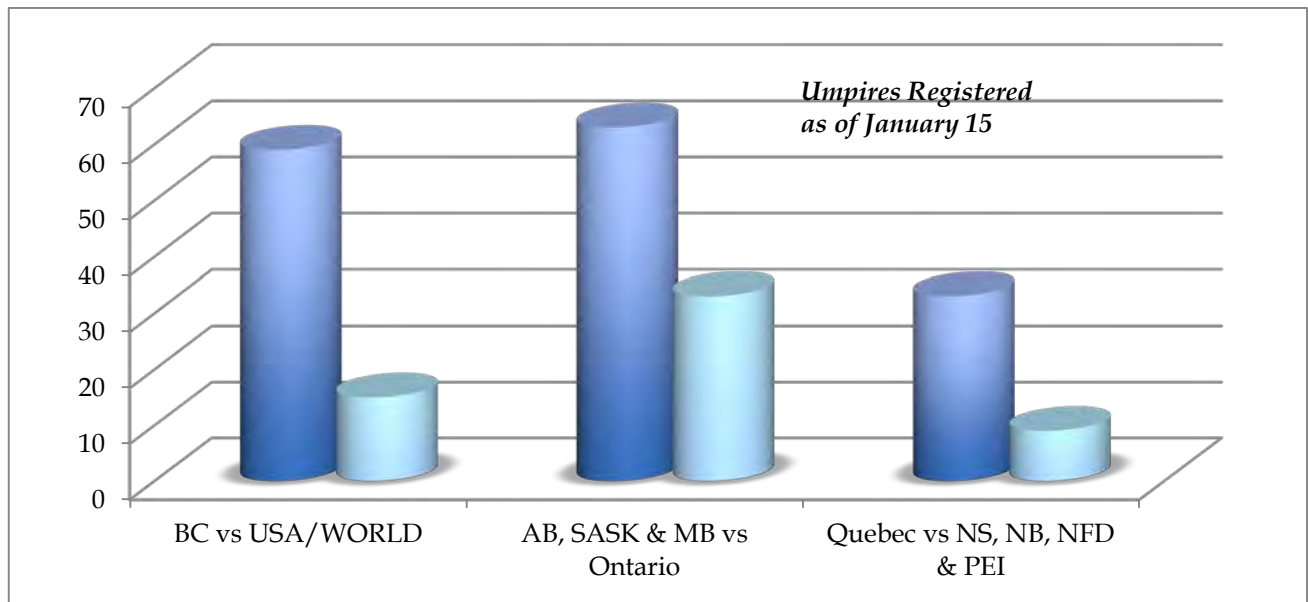
To register for this incredible opportunity go to the link below and hurry as only 40 spots are available.

Enlish: <https://www.softball.ca/?lid=XDPJH-8R99G-MVNPE&pkClient=1&pkForm=23>

WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN A PARTY OF 200 UMPIRES? A PARTY WITH THREE HUNDRED UMPIRES!!!

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THE HOTEL IS NOW 82% SOLD OUT

If you haven't booked your room yet you will want to do so very soon as the hotel told us 406 of the 490 rooms are occupied at the special BLUE 2016 rate of \$119.00 per night. Once we have reached 490, they may be able to find you a room but there cannot guarantee the convention rate.

REMEMBER TO GET THE CONVENTION RATE OF \$119.00 PER NIGHT YOU HAVE TO BOOK THROUGH THE SHERATON ONLINE TOOL

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1409102719&key=1E75AFE7>

Flight booked? Yes. Registered? Yes. Need a roommate at the hotel? This can help. Just enter your name and info if you are looking for a roommate and soon you will have a new Blue Buddy...

Now choose wisely as BLUE 2016 takes no responsibility for choosing poorly but if a "love connection" does happen, we do want to be invited to the wedding.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17C88o8dOs7Dh1D8x7GiNG81v4Im_VRb7wnShkrS.JAA/edit#aid



REGISTER TODAY AT
SOFTBALL.CA

Or use the registration form at the end of the newsletter

FOOD? GAS? COFFEE? MOVIES?



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!



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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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Rooms are getting sparse...

Go to BLUE2016.com for the link to the hotel webpage & the discount code!