

BLUE 2016



"Your Future is Calling"



ISSUE FOUR

It's getting so close...soon the softball umpire world will gather in Vancouver to celebrate our great sport and learn from each while renewing old and creating new friendships. The committee is putting the last items into order as they work to ensure that BLUE 2016 will be a highlight of your umpiring career.

Too often, our family members see the car get packed and you head off for the weekend with your blue family. This weekend isn't one of those weekends as what better time as to create a beautiful mixed family. To ensure they see the best of what Vancouver can offer, get them one of the remaining seats on the companion packages for visiting Whistler on Day One and Day Two's urban adventure through the center of Vancouver. See Issue Two and Three for specifics or visit the BLUE 2016 facebook page. If you are interested, contact us at blueconvention2016@gmail.com

See you in a few weeks!!!

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REGISTER TODAY AT SOFTBALL.CA

I assume you but in case you haven't, we would love to have you!

C'MON BOOK ONE (or more) ROOM FOR THE GIPPER!!!

Yes, It is a musty reference, but March 4, 2016 is not only the birthday of Knute Rockne but it is also the last day to ensure that you get the best rate at the hotel possible.

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>

you can also go to www.blue2016.com and click on hotel and you will find a link there as well.

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... and make sure to do your reading!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZC88o8dOs7Dh1D8xzGjNG81y4lm_VRbzwnSbkrSJAA/edit#gid=0



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.

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

French: <https://www.softball.ca/?lid=45VMM-SS4EW-DMYUR&pkClient=1&pkForm=23>

KEYNOTE SPEAKER MR. RICK HANSEN



Rick is currently CEO of the Rick Hansen Foundation and a passionate advocate for people with disabilities in Canada and around the world. As well as being a celebrated Paralympic athlete, Rick is best known for the Man In Motion World Tour, his epic two-year wheelchair around the globe.

Since the completion of the tour in 1987, he has dedicated his life to creating a world that is accessible and inclusive for all. In addition to leading a team of passionate difference makers at the Rick Hansen Foundation, he provides support to people with disabilities, spreads hope and inspiration through public speaking engagements and advises leaders on issues such as accessibility and inclusivity.



DID YOU KNOW THAT 1 in 5 Canadians will have a disability by 2030?

WHAT ARE WE DOING TO GET READY?

- Accessibility is a human right.** Why should anyone be prevented from enjoying life to its fullest?
- Disabilities and injuries can impact anyone.** They can be temporary or permanent, caused by an accident or due to illness, infection and the ageing process.
- Let's face it, we're all getting older.** It's getting tougher to get around and do the things we once took for granted.
- Barriers are everywhere.** The real problem for people with disabilities aren't the physical and social barriers they face.
- It's time to think differently about disability.** We can no longer sit on the sidelines without barriers.

We provide solutions.

- Control your destiny. Better living through a 24/7 investment in new assistive technology.
- Thanks to funds raised through the Rick Hansen School Program, our youth also sit at the table with our friends for the first time.

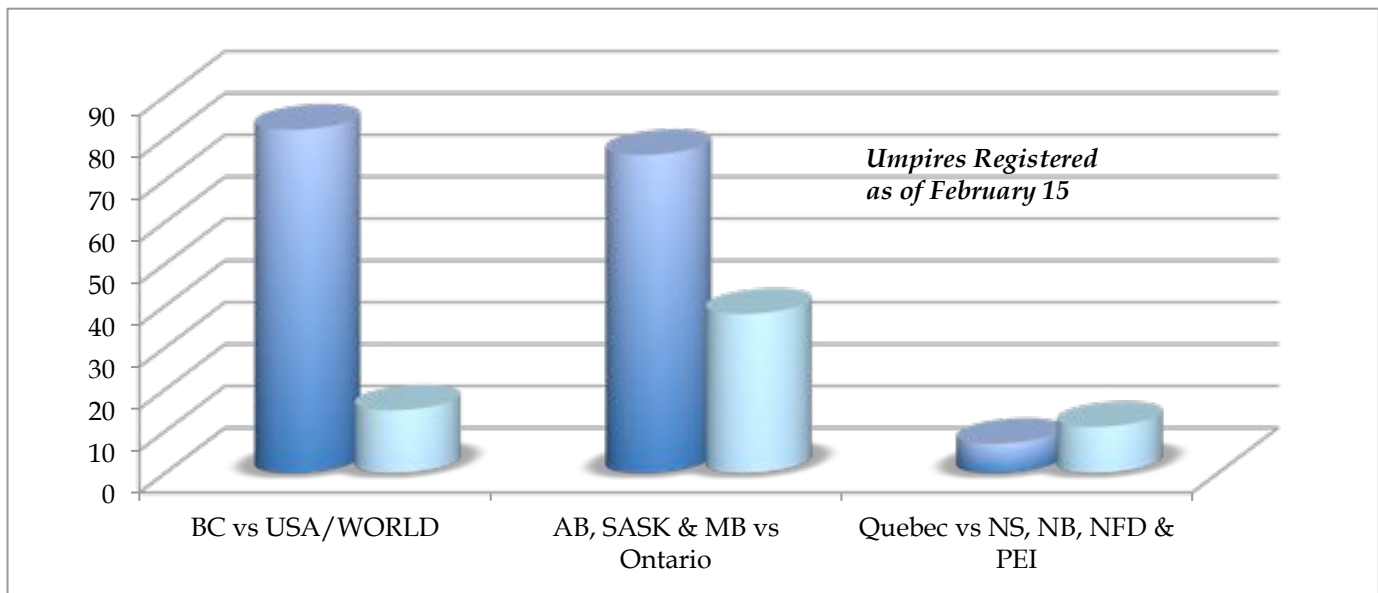
We create possibilities.

1 million Number of Canadians living with a physical disability or persistent condition	\$6 million Funding for Quality of Life Enhancement (2015)	25,000 Assistive device prescriptions in 2014
2,500 Schools receiving the Rick Hansen School Program	16 International research facilities engaged in our work	23,470 People with assistive device prescriptions in 2014

With your help, we can continue to make lives better.

- Donate** - You get better medical care.
- Fundraise** - Make an impact in your community.
- Tribute Giving** - Honor an important person in your life.
- Leave a Legacy** - Help create a future of possibilities for you.

It might be 18 hours on an aeroplane, pointing the car to Vancouver or a couple of transfers on the city bus but softball umpires from across Canada, the United States and the World are heading to BLUE 2016



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