

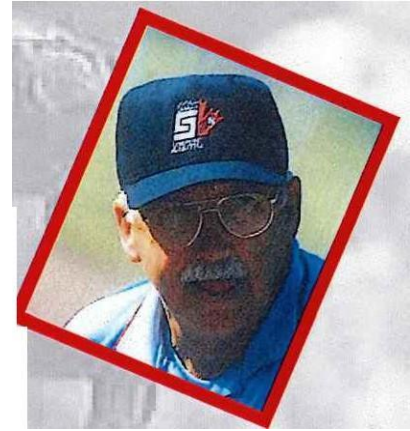
Keith Hazel

2009 Inductee - Umpire Category



Keith started his umpiring career in 1969, while serving in the navy in Nova Scotia. In 1969, he umpired in the first Canada Games in Halifax.

His career includes 12 Armed Forces Fastpitch National Championships, 4 Canadian National Championships (1981, 1988, 1990 and 2005) and the Master's Men's Western Canadian Championship in Whitehorse, Yukon (2006).



He obtained his Level V designation in 1998, at the Senior Men's National Championship. Keith has distinguished himself as an accomplished umpire. Internationally, he represented Canada at the World Women's Championship in Normal, Illinois (1990), the North American Challenge Cup in New Westminster (1996), the Junior Men's World Championship in St. John's, Newfoundland (1997) and the Pan Am Qualifier Event in Guatemala City, (2005).

He umpired the Canada Cup at Softball City, until 2001, when he was asked to be the co-UIC of the Futures and Showcase tournament, a position he held until 2006. In 2007, he was appointed Umpire in Chief for Canada Cup. He has also supervised at 11 Canadian Championships, either as UIC or Deputy UIC. Keith was President of the Lower Island Umpires Association and also served as District 1 UIC for 6 years. Keith was awarded the Softball BC Umpire of the Year Award in both 1990 and 2006. In 2000 he was the HSRSoftball Canada Umpire of the Year. Keith's passion for our sport is unchallenged. He spends countless hours helping young umpires improve their skills and achieve their goals. He is a true role model for all umpires.