



2008 Umpiring Summit NFHCA Annual Convention

January 3 – 6, 2008
Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford, Conn.

Umpire Alert! New for 2008. Umpires are included as an integral part of the 2008 NFHCA Annual Convention. If you have not received the convention itinerary recently sent to USA Field Hockey member umpires, please take a look at the proposed program by visiting www.nfhca.org.

During the Friday and Saturday program, umpires are invited to participate in breakout sessions designed specifically for umpires attending the convention. The umpire breakout itinerary serves as a supplement to the overall NFHCA Convention program and provides additional details on the umpire topics.

Friday, January 4, 2008

Umpire Breakout: 9:15 – 11:15 a.m.

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FIH, NCAA modification & Federation Rules and Interpretation. Pick your area of interest. Representatives from both areas will lead the discussions. Topics will focus on the most discussed 2007 issues faced by our umpires and how they should be dealt with in the future. Based on video footage from the 2007 season, situations will be highlighted which have raised the most questions this season. The session will be valuable to both FIH and Federation umpires. Let's all get on the same page.

10:55 – 11:30 a.m. (35 min)

Nutrition, fitness and maintenance for the aging, aching body. What's the mean age of a USA Field Hockey umpire? We know we are asking a lot of our bodies. Learn some practical tips for staying healthy during the season.

Umpire Breakout: 2:45 – 4:45 p.m.

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The Administration of the Game. What time should we meet in the parking lot? How quickly should we get back to our cars? Get the facts and opinions on everything about umpiring and nothing about rules and blowing the whistle. Topics range from the pre-game talk to supporting your partner to communication before during and after the game.

3:35 – 4:20 p.m.

Umpiring as a business. Meet your accountant (write offs). Understanding your insurance coverage from USA Field Hockey (Bollinger Insurance).

4:25 – 4:45 p.m.

You're Styling! Enjoy a humorous, relaxing 20 minutes while a few umpire models – YES, our own version of Umpire Super models – show off today newest fashions. (Fashions will be available for purchase in the vendor area.)

Saturday, January 5, 2008

Umpire Breakout: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

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Umpire Keynote: The World of Umpiring presented by Peter von Reth. With 17 years of international umpiring including Olympic Games and World Cups, Peter has a lot of very valuable information to share with the group. Come with your questions. Are the difficult interpretations the same world wide? What new rules are in the works? How will they affect the game? It's not often a room of umpires have the opportunity to ask one of the world's leading experts in rules and umpiring. Peter not only helps write the rules, but also coaches the umpires on the rules at all levels. Enjoy one hour of intriguing conversation.

To register and review the complete convention schedule, log onto www.nfhca.org.
USA Field Hockey and the NFHCA hope you can join us in Hartford, Conn., January 3 – 6, 2008