

2022 USA Softball of Metro Detroit Hall of Fame Inductees

On November 3, 2022, seven people will be inducted into the 25th USA Softball of Metro Detroit Hall of Fame and Honor at the Century Club, Sterling Heights, MI



Sean Barel
Umpire

Sean Barel is a long-time softball umpire in the Metro Detroit area stemming from 1991-2016. Sean was previously on the local umpire board where he served various roles including a stint as the UIC in 2014-15.

Sean has been a part of 17 national tournaments including the USA-Canada Border Battle and has been the UIC at four national tournaments. He has attended four national umpire schools, is a Gold Level member of the USA Softball Medals program, a member of the National Indicator Fraternity, and an Elite slow pitch umpire.

Sean has represented the BLUE to the highest degree while on and off the field!



Mike Luttenberger
Umpire

Mike Luttenberger has been a staple on the ball diamond as an umpire since 1986...and continues to umpire each year. He has represented the Blue at many national tournaments throughout the years (10) including both youth and adult, slow pitch and fast pitch national events.

Mike has attended four national umpire schools and is a former member of the ASA / USA Softball umpire staff. Mike also prides himself on being a member of the National Indicator Fraternity and a Gold Level member of the USA Softball Medals program.



Amanda Chidester
Fast Pitch Player

Amanda's stellar career spanned from the local, state, national and international levels. She was a star at St. Francis Cabrini High where she was named the Gatorade Michigan Softball Player of the Year in 2007. Amanda then enrolled at the University of Michigan where she continued her stellar career. She was named Big Ten player of the year as a junior and a senior.

Amanda was then named to the USA Softball Women's National team, and played in many World championship events, Pan American games, and was a member of the 2020 Olympic silver medalist team. USA – "To be able to wear those three letters across my chest and step on the field, there are no words to describe that feeling."



Donny Dreher Meritorious Service

Donny Dreher has a softball highlight reel being a player, coach, softball administrator, and a softball ambassador for the game!

Donny first got involved with softball after college when he played modified fastpitch. In 1992, he began a coaching career with the Finesse youth organization that first played slow pitch then converted to fastpitch after the 1996 Olympics. For more than 30 years, Donny has coached every age group between 13U to 18U highlighted by four national championships including.

His role has shifted from the field to Director of Operations where Finesse fastpitch has grown from seven to more than 40 teams. Donny's driving force was to prove that players from the Midwest could compete with the best players and teams from across the country.

A life dedicated to softball!



Tim Hawkins Modified Pitch Player

Tim was one of the premier Modified Pitch players in the Metro Detroit area during his playing days beginning in 1964.

Tim not only shined at the local level while playing in Livonia and Plymouth on many championship teams, but was a member of 10 Metro Detroit championship teams and four state of Michigan championship teams

Tim also managed for six years and participated in 10 ASA men's Major Modified national tournaments while a member on three national third place finishing teams in 1975, 1977, and 1983.

His legacy will be embedded into the modified pitch halls for years to come.



Phil Wolak Slow Pitch Player

Phil Wolak has been a staple in the metro Detroit slow pitch softball circuit for more than 43 years. His career began in 1973 where he played on some of the top teams in the area.

Phil was a member of the 35 and over Nothdurft teams that won national titles in 1988, 1989, and 1993 (40 and over). He was named the Most Valuable Player at the 40 and over tournament in 1993. He also played on many other teams that competed for

national titles. An outfielder that will be remembered for his stellar play in the field and at the bat!



Tom Willette Meritorious Service

Tom has been instrumental in the development of Metro Detroit ASA / USA Softball for many years as he first became a board member in 1986.

His involvement was spearheaded as a player in the modified pitch game for more than 35 years. Tom also was heavily involved in coordinating softball leagues for the city of Plymouth for many years. Tom was involved in many committees for the association including two years as the association President in 1998 and 1999. He also was the association Treasurer for two years.

Many weekends Tom could be seen at the softball diamonds coordinating tournaments and on tournament committees assisting with tournament operations.

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