



# Blue's News On-Line Shorts

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Hello fellow umpires. We are looking to send out a number of Blue's News On-Line Shorts (or a similar name) in between the BNOL editions. This will keep the news fresh and current. I hope to receive your feedback on this format.

## Two new positions up for grabs

Expressions of interest are being invited for the following two volunteer positions:

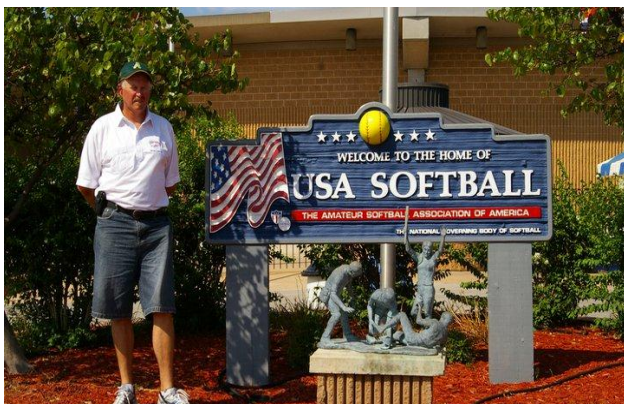
- [Umpire-in-Chief – Communication & Membership Engagement](#)
- [National Umpire Staff – Communication & Membership Engagement](#)

Expressions of interest must be submitted on the [Application for Position](#) (endorsed by the relevant Member State) and include the following:

- Softball umpire resume
- Address the task requirements – provide examples of work in the position applied for

**Applications close 19 August 2011.**

If you have any questions relating to this process, please contact [Chet Gray](#) at Softball Australia.



**Umpire on tour:** NSW Umpire Howard Watt outside the USA home of softball, Plant City. Howard officiated at the Canadian International Fastpitch Championship Cup and the VI World Cup of Softball recently.

## Umpires to tour South America

Victorian umpire Kevin Broomhall and Queensland umpire Darren Sibraa have been selected to tour with the Australian Under 19 team and Australian Aussie Steelers team respectively in September.

The tour will culminate with a tournament featuring a number of South American teams including Mexico, Argentina and Chile to name a few along with the two Australian teams.

This tour is vital for the development of the Under 19 team who will tour South America next year in defense of their World Championship crown, while the Steelers will use the tour as a workout for their own World title defense in New Zealand in 2013.

## Atkinson returns as ACT SDU

The Australian Capital Territory Umpires Association has announced a new State Director of Umpiring for 2011.

Brett Atkinson returns to the position in the nation's capital following a break of two years. Former SDU Mark Gallagher makes way for Brett's return.

## NUC Meeting

The NUC meeting will be held in Melbourne next week. Outcomes from that meeting will be featured in upcoming editions of BNOL.

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