Invitation Letter

3-9 April Almere Netherlands



LETTER FROM JIM EVANS

Dear Fellow Umpires:

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I am very excited about bringing the world's best umpire training to the Netherlands. As owner and instructor of the famous Jim Evans

Academy of Professional Umpiring, my staff and I have trained thousands of umpires; many of them have reached the ultimate level of professional umpiring in the US at the Major League level. Others are working at all levels throughout the minor league system and the highest levels of amateur baseball, e.g. NCAA college baseball. The skills and techniques you will learn at our next European Classic are designed to help you realize your potential and take your umpiring to its highest level. We will cover rules, positioning theory, responsibilities, footwork, communication, signaling, plate mechanics, timing techniques, and a thorough discussion of the two and three umpire systems. Our classroom lecture and discussion will answer any questions you have regarding the challenges of umpiring. Our field training incorporates hands-on instruction with each individual student. You will also participate in

group drills on-the-field that reinforce everything taught in the classroom. Regardless of your umpiring experience, I can promise you that you are going to learn more about umpiring in one week than most umpires learn in their lifetime. Our training provides you with a foundation and understanding that will make your job as an umpire much more fun and you will see your c h i e f confidence soar.

> I umpired 28 years in the Major Leagues and am very proud of my accomplishments working several World Series, Championship Playoffs, and All-Star Games. However, as an educator, I consider my students' success as my greatest

accomplishment. I hope that I have the opportunity to work with you in Almere and help you reach your potential.

If you have any questions, contact us at: clinics@umpire.at or info@umpire.eu.

> Sincerely. Jim Evans



Jim Evans European Classic

The JEEC was introduced in 2008. The first edition was Rouen/France. held in followed by Prague/Czech Republic, Wil/Switzerland and Attnang-Puchheim/ Next year the Austria. host will be Almere/ Netherlands.

100 More than students attended the JEEC so far, many of them now working the highest level of their national competition or serving as an international umpire in Europe.

as the organizers can We guarantee one thing: You will leave the JEEC as a winner!



LETTER FROM JOHAN BRANDSMA



To all Umpires in Europe:

In the first week of April there is a great opportunity to learn more about umpiring. The Jim Evans European Classic will be held in the Netherlands, to be precise in Almere.

My name is Johan Brandsma. At this moment I am the supervisor (commissioner) of the Dutch baseball umpires. Before that I have been umpiring for about thirty years. I've been an international umpire for more than twenty years for CEB and IBAF. A truly wonderfull time. Ten Haarlem baseball weeks, eight World Port Tournaments and a lot of international tournaments in Europe, Canada and Asia.

I never had the opportunity to attend an umpire school or training. I had to learn it in practice. It's not

impossible but more difficult. You have to get rid of all the things you learn the wrong way. transfer the clinic fee until There is no chance to learn it from the start. You are more than welcome to come to Almere to learn it the right way!

I hope to see a lot of you in Almere next vear.

Johan **Brandsma**

Early Bird Discount

Students who enroll now and Nov 30 will save 50€!

Detailed information at. www.umpire.eu/jeec2016.

We are happy to answer any question around the clinic. Contact: clinics@umpire.at.

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Please share this information with your fellow umpires!