Newsletter

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Almere Netherlands





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The Countdown starts

Five weeks left until JEEC 2016 starts! Time to a wake from hibernation, get into shape and get your equipment ready. Also time to give you some useful information.

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Registration

Registration will be possible on Sunday,
April 3rd from 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm at
the Almere facility, this takes just a
few minutes. There you will get your
clinic uniform – if ordered – and your
name tag. You may check in at the
hotel before or after, rooms are
already prepared for you.

What you will need

Umpire pants (heather gray or charcoal), best is to bring an extra pair

Field shoes (no spikes) and shoeblack equipment

Mask, chest protector, shin guards, cup, indicator, brush

Gloves and warm underwear (optional)

You won't need plate shoes and ball bags. You also don't need shirt, cap and jacket if you ordered a clinic package. Otherwise bring a navy uniform with you.

Notebook and pencil: In 6 days we try to stuff a lot of know-how into your brain, so if you won't forget everything it is a good idea to make notes, many notes (we don't charge you extra for this information). Of course you will get some handouts too. A memory stick will be useful if you intend to copy some videos or other files.

Orientation Evening

Sunday, April 3rd we start with the orientation evening (6.30 pm - 11 pm). Take this into account if you have a long trip.

Money

The Netherlands are part of the European currency union, so we use the Euro here. If you arranged any payment at clinic please bring the money cash in Euro to the registration (no dollars, lira or cowry shells).

Dress Code

We wear uniforms (clinic shirt and grey pants) in the classroom and on the field, no hats in enclosed rooms



Honigs Europe at JEEC 2016

After Prague and Attnang we again offer to deliver your new equipment right to the place of

the event. Place your order via our website until March 15th 2016 and you will receive a discount of 10% and of course no shipping. We will bring your merchandise directly to the clinic on Sunday, April 3rd.

Here is how it works:

Go to www.honigs-europe.com and place your order and make the following comment in the comment box:

"Place of delivery JEEC"
We will then automatically apply
the discount, take off the
shipping and get back to you
with a revised invoice.

We are ready and willing to bring any item for a closer look or try-on. Simply let us know what you are interested in.

Should there be any questions, do not hesitate to contact us on email: office@honigs-europe.com.

No sunglasses on the field (only if you warm underwear will help to must use them for medical reasons)! We want you to use your eyes properly on the field and also want to see them doing it.

Photos

We will have a professional photographer and all photos will be uploaded at the JEEC homepage. Private photography in the classroom and on the field is allowed with permission only. Between the lessons of course feel free to take as many shots as you want (or your memory card can take).

Meals

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served at the baseball facility. On Saturday evening we organize a little banquet for everyone with buffet, speeches and handout of clinic certificates. Maybe there is more program but this is still a secret.

Transfer between hotel and field

From Monday through Saturday we have to drive once a day to the field and back to the hotel. It's just a short 10 minutes' drive by car and we will establish fixed carpools for the whole week.

Weather conditions

These are very hard to predict. Beginning of April in The Netherlands we can have sunny warm weather but also rain, wind and maybe snow. Anyway we try to be on the field as much as possible. A little bit of rain and cold temperatures cannot scare us! Gloves and

survive.

Address

Field: B.S.C. Almere '90, Estafettelaan 2, 1318 EG Almere Hotel: Hotel Bastion, Audioweg 1, 1322 AT Almere, +31 36 536 7755

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

Instructor Mike Fichter joins JEEC 2016!

Mike graduated from the Jim Evans Academy of Professional Umpiring in 1993. He graduated with Honors and earned a job in professional baseball at the age of 18. Following graduation and his assignment in the minor leagues, Mike returned to the Academy as an instructor and has assisted Jim Evans in the production of umpire training for the past 22 years. Though he is no longer active on the professional field, he travels extensively training umpires from very diverse backgrounds including foreign professionals, major college conferences, independent leagues, high school, and youth leagues.

As a professional, Mike worked a total of 6 years in the minor leagues umpiring hundreds of games at each level. He worked numerous All-Star games, playoffs, and league championships in addition to two assignments



to the MLB Hall of Fame Game, During the last 9 years of his 15 year career, Mike worked over 800 regular-season games in the Major Leagues. He was on the field for several historic games. Two of his most memorable were Barry Bonds' record-tying 70th home run and the historic no-hitter thrown against the NY Yankees by the Houston Astros. Mike was the plate umpire on that historic occasion when Houston accomplished the feat with six pitchers.

In addition to his training commitments. Mike works as the National Director of Sales Development for Force3 ProGear, a 21st century company producing the most high tech protective gear for players and umpires available on the market today.

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