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IPRIDE SOFTBALL ANNOUNCES DAVID CAMPBELL AS UMPIRE OF THE YEAR FINALIST

A DEDICATED OFFICIAL WHOSE SERVICE STRENGTHENS BOTH THE GAME AND THE LGBTQ+ SOFTBALL COMMUNITY.

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International Pride Softball (iPride Softball) announced David Campbell as a finalist for the 2026 iPride Umpire of the Year Award, recognizing his dedication to officiating excellence, umpire development, and strengthening the LGBTQ+ softball community.

During the 2025 season, Campbell served as Assistant Umpire-in-Chief for the South Florida Amateur Athletic Association (SFAAA), supporting league operations, managing umpire scheduling, and serving as UIC for the SFAAA Hurricane Showdown.

Campbell's greatest impact has been his commitment to developing new officials. Through preseason clinics, mentorship, and ongoing education, he has helped expand the SFAAA umpire community by guiding players into officiating roles and creating opportunities for leadership development.

His approach emphasizes collaboration, learning, and continuous improvement. Campbell encourages officials to discuss situations, strengthen their understanding of the rules, and develop confidence while maintaining respect for players, teams, and fellow umpires.

During the 2025 Hurricane Showdown, Campbell demonstrated strong leadership during weather-related scheduling challenges. Through organization, communication, and a calm approach under pressure, he helped manage complex adjustments while maintaining a fair and successful tournament experience for teams and officials. International Pride Softball recognizes David Campbell as a finalist.

About the iPride Awards

The iPride Awards recognize the volunteers and member associations whose leadership, service, and excellence strengthen International Pride Softball and the LGBTQIA2S+ community. Presented annually, the awards celebrate achievements that advance inclusion, sportsmanship, volunteerism, and community, honoring those who make a lasting impact both on and off the field.

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