



**Ken Culpitt**  
**Softball Australia umpire # AA68**  
**ISF certification # 385a**



Ken Culpitt was an active and influential contributor at the national level of softball from 1979.

Ken's initial contribution was as part of the National Umpiring Program and later as a member of the Board of Softball Australia. Ken's participation in the National Umpiring Program commenced in 1979. Ken has umpired at least two national championships every year, including the Open Men's National Championship every year since 1987. Ken officiated at over 200 international matches, including six world championships.

At national championships, Ken was an umpire, examiner, Umpire-in-Chief, tournament convenor and Softball Australia representative.

During the mid-1980s Ken broadened his contribution to assist the National Director for Umpiring for a number of years. In 1989 he took on the role of National Deputy Director and National Rules Interpreter. He held these positions until he was elected to the Softball Australia Board in 2001. During this time, he played a major role in the development of the strategic plan for the National Umpire Program and the plan has been in place since 1991. The strategic plan provided a mechanism for evaluation and reporting on the performance of the program and set the standard for reporting on the national performance of the sport.

As a member of the Softball Australia Board, Ken ensured that softball balanced the big picture with the needs of the players and officials at the grassroots level. Ken assisted Softball Australia in the development and writing of a strategic plan that enabled the sport to report on its performance as a national body.

**AWARDS**

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| 1998 | Umpire of the Year Award                     |
| 2000 | Australian Sports Medal                      |
| 2004 | Softball Australia Life Member               |
|      | Softball Australia Administrator of the Year |
| 2005 | ISF Hall of Fame                             |
| 2009 | Softball Australia Hall of Fame              |