

## The Jim Evans European Classic 2008

Rouen, France; 7-11 April 2008

This event is organised in association with ABUA GB, CNAB, Rouen Baseball Club and the French Federation of Baseball and Softball (FFBS)



This Umpire training clinic will be undertaken by Jim Evans, one of the world's best umpire trainers along with 3 former AAA umpires and a former Minor League umpire supervisor (more details below). It will take place at the Rouen Baseball club and will include a total of 40 hours of tuition in umpiring.



(Rouen Baseball field)

The package costs (\$695) €495 per person (a discretionary charge of 2.5% may be added to the invoice should a credit card be used) – you may pay in cash on arrival in Rouen to avoid this charge.

It includes the following (\$1000 (€710) per person if a single room is required) -

- ❖ 5 days of tuition (classroom and field) on the 2 man system as taught to professional umpires, as well as Official Baseball Rules and dealing with arguments / ejections. It will follow the same format and approximate curriculum as other Jim Evans Classics)
- ❖ Bed and Breakfast in the **Hotel Kyriad** (<http://www.kyriad.fr/hotel/en/FRA22336.htm>) in the centre of the city (in a shared twin room)
- ❖ Lunch provided at the field
- ❖ All sporting facilities provided free of charge courtesy of the city of Rouen and Rouen Baseball Club [www.rouenbaseball76.com](http://www.rouenbaseball76.com) (there is a large gymnasium available to us should the weather be too wet and an alternative Astroturf surface if the field is too waterlogged)
- ❖ Minibus transport

- ❖ Banquet on the final night
- ❖ A course Uniform Shirt and Cap
- ❖ The course will be conducted in English and French translation will be offered

Travel to and from your home to the event is not included.

The timetable will be approximately as follows:

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> April - Students arrive at hotel up until 7pm  
8pm introductory lecture by Jim Evans

7-11<sup>th</sup> April 8.30am Classroom  
12.30pm lunch at the field  
1.30pm Field work  
5pm Finish

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> April Departure of all participants after breakfast

8<sup>th</sup> April Welcoming reception given by the mayor of Rouen (to be confirmed)

11<sup>th</sup> April Evening banquet and official farewell

On another evening there will be a social event for the students to question the instructors about the game

Things to bring:

- ❖ Full umpire gear (we will be doing some work on pitching/ plate work) and base gear will be required for the rest of the class time.
- ❖ Notebooks and 2007 Rule book if you have one
- ❖ If you have a glove/mitt and can make plays for fellow umpires, please bring it.

Should the weather be wet then we will have the use of the neighbouring gymnasium and Soccer Astro turf



(Interior of the gymnasium)



(Soccer Astroturf)

**Instructors for this event will include:**

Jim Evans – former Major League umpire where he spent 28 years and world renowned umpire instructor

Dick (Sarge) Nelson ([https://www.umpireacademy.com/show\\_bio.php?i\\_id=4](https://www.umpireacademy.com/show_bio.php?i_id=4)) (former Minor League Umpire Supervisor of 19 years experience who umpired up to AAA level)

Mark Mauro (<http://pclbaseball.com/umpires/?id=82>)

Chris Hubler

Darren Hyman (<http://pclbaseball.com/umpires/?id=456>)

Serge Makouchetchev (French Umpire Commissioner, CEB umpire & Graduate of the Jim Evans 5 week school) – speaks French, English and Russian)

Mark, Chris and Darren are all former AAA League umpires who have been senior instructors at The Jim Evans Academy of Professional Umpiring 5 week school.

This event is totally self-funded and will be limited to a maximum of approx 50 students on a first come, first served basis.

Students should have a reasonable level of fitness as you will be on your feet at least 3 hours in the afternoons (often running). There is no pre-requisite level of umpiring required for this course as everyone will be treated equally; all umpires welcome!

Contact:

Thomas Haywood ([thaywood@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:thaywood@blueyonder.co.uk)) for all questions in English regarding the field & organisation

Gilbert Lejeune is the French representative and he may be contacted at [g-lejeune@club-internet.fr](mailto:g-lejeune@club-internet.fr)

Enrolment may be done at [www.umpireacademy.com](http://www.umpireacademy.com) then click on “Enroll Now”