

Elector: Ian Smyth

Ian has written extensively on British baseball, with a particular expertise in the sport's northern history. His thesis titled "The Story of Baseball in the North of England" was the first in-depth academic look at baseball in that region. In addition, his essay on England's triumph against the USA at the first World Championships in 1938 was published in the *International Journal of the History of Sport*. He also produced an article for SABR UK on baseball in Dewsbury. As a book author, his titles include *Baseball and Softball Rules: A Player's Guide* (Cassell Illustrated 1998)

and *Baseball and Softball (Skills of the Game; The Crowood Press 1995)*, which is a detailed instructional book geared towards the British market. Ian's baseball experience includes many different roles within the British Baseball Federation and BaseballSoftballUK in a variety of developmental capacities. He was also involved with the GB national team programmes from 1991 to 2002, serving as head coach with the GB Juniors and as assistant coach with the GB Seniors.