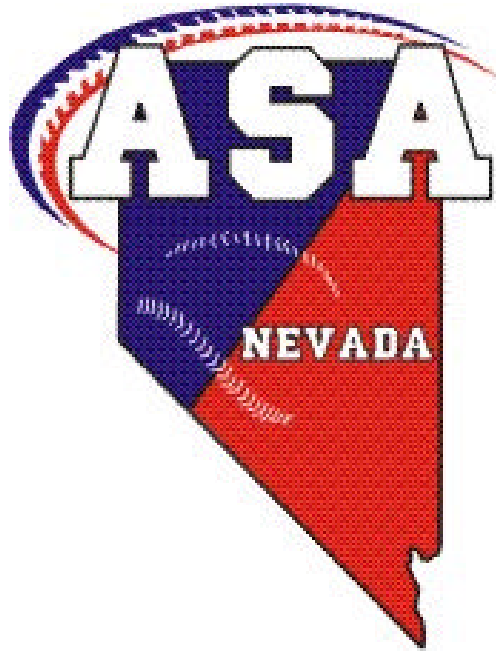


# Amateur Softball Association of Nevada



## Junior Olympic Program Guidelines







# Amateur Softball Association of Nevada Junior Olympic Program



The Amateur Softball Association of Nevada, hereafter referred to as Nevada ASA, is an affiliate of the Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA), the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States. The responsibilities of Nevada ASA include the regulation of competition and the assurance of fairness and equal opportunity to all who participate in ASA softball within the boundaries of Nevada ASA.

Nevada ASA is a non-government, non-partisan and not-for-profit organization that is staffed by volunteers who are dedicated to the advancement of softball at all levels of play. Nevada ASA accepts any person that qualifies as an amateur, regardless of gender, sex orientation, color, creed or national origin. Through the dedicated efforts of the Commissioner and the Junior Olympic (JO) Commissioner Staff, Nevada ASA is striving to become one of the finest JO Program in the United States.

The Nevada ASA JO Program exists to help develop the interest, skills and desires of our ever-growing young generation of softball players. The Program offers various classifications and divisions of play in fast pitch, with emphasis on fun and providing a positive, supportive environment for all members. The Program is committed to building healthy, productive and confident youth through the softball experience, which can best be accomplished through the continuing education of the coaches involved in the program. No other softball organization offers the intensive and informative coaching education experience that our Program provides through the Nevada ASA annual coaching clinics and the ACE Certification Program which is available online through the ASA National Office.

The youth that participate in our Program receive the best overall softball experience possible. We offer the best trained umpires, outstanding administration and organization at the local level, excellent insurance coverage, programs for both recreation and competitive play, and much more.

We appreciate your support of and participation in our JO Program, and we look forward to another great year of softball in 2009!

***Sally Commerford***

Nevada ASA Junior Olympic Commissioner



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## **Mission**

The mission of the Amateur Softball Association of Nevada (Nevada ASA) is to foster, develop, promote and regulate the sport of softball within the boundaries of Nevada through standardized, quality programs consistent with the Amateur Softball Association of America.

## **Purpose**

The specific purposes of Nevada ASA JO Program are:

To promote amateur softball for all persons throughout Nevada regardless of race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin or ancestry.

To provide proper safeguards in accordance with the spirit of true sportsmanship.

To establish and publish standardized rules, regulations and guidelines for all to follow.

To organize, promote and conduct clinics and seminars for players, teams, leagues, umpires and others on the proper skills of softball play and the rules of the game.

To schedule, promote and conduct well-organized annual softball championships.

To provide a standard and consistent avenue for Nevada ASA teams to qualify to participate in State, Region, Territory and National Championships.

To provide grants and other forms of assistance to promote the growth of the sport of Softball.

To provide scholarships and that will present more persons the opportunity for advanced education. To provide assistance to international softball teams when requested by the ASA National Office.



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## ASA OVERVIEW

Teams affiliated with ASA are a vital part of the National Governing Body of Softball. As such, the teams enjoy the following:

**Governing Body of Softball:** ASA is the National Governing Body (NGB) of Softball in the United States as approved by the U.S. Congress and accepted by the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) and the International Softball Federation (ISF). As the NGB, ASA represents the sport of softball for the United States of America.

**Standardized Eligibility and Playing Rules:** All ASA teams are governed by the same eligibility and playing rules throughout the country, thus ensuring fair competition in championship Play. Player eligibility is governed by the ASA Code and is further defined by the Nevada ASA Rules and Regulations.

**Tournament Certified Umpires:** Nevada ASA Certified Umpires, used in all Championship Play, attend annual rules seminars and mechanics clinics, must pass a written rules exam and meet other region and national requirements before they become eligible for assignment to Championship Play.

**Team Classification:** Nevada ASA has established a classification code to regulate teams and players with dominate softball playing ability from playing in a lower classification. Teams and players may request to be reclassified before becoming eligible to compete in a lower classification.

**Championship Competition:** Championship play may be scheduled for the following classifications and divisions: Classification "A", "B" and "C"; Divisions 10 and Under, 12 and Under, 14 and Under, 16 and Under, 18 and Under and 18 and Under Gold.

**Junior Olympic Age Classification:** The age cutoff date is December 31 of each year.

**18 and Under Gold:** This division includes the most advanced JO fast pitch players and teams in the nation. Many of these players have the potential to become members of our national teams, including the U.S.A. National Team. Qualifying teams at this level advance to the 18 and Under Gold National Championship in Oklahoma City.

**"A" Classification (Travel):** The level of competition is highly competitive with most players having consistent ability and pitchers being capable of controlling a game. Qualifying teams at this level advance to the USA / ASA "A" National Championships or to the Western Territory ASA "A" National Championships in their Age Divisions.

**"B" Classification / League All-Stars:** This level of play is for recreation leagues only. Either league teams or league all-star teams are eligible to participate in the Nevada ASA "B" State Championships. Qualifying teams will advance to the Western "B" National Championships in their Age Division.



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**“C” Classification / League All-Stars:** This classification is for recreation leagues only, and is specifically for leagues that are not highly competitive. The intent of the “C” Classification is to establish meaningful competition for teams and leagues that cannot compete in the “B” Classification because of their league size and /or skill level of play. Either league teams or league all-star teams are eligible to participate in the Nevada ASA “C” State Championships with a predetermined number of teams advancing to the Pacific Coast Region “C” Championships. This classification does not advance past State or Region.

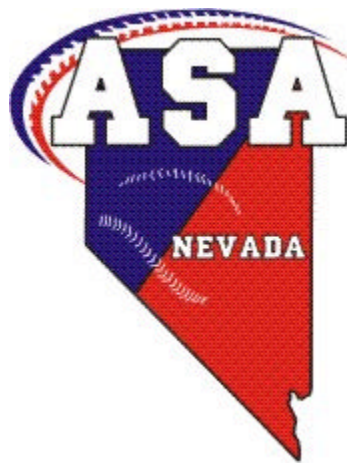
**Publications:** Team managers receive the Official Rules of Softball (ASA Rule Book), a membership card and appropriate newsletters.

**Individual Membership:** All JO players in Nevada ASA must be individually registered.

**Team Staff Membership:** All Team / League adult staff members (i.e., manager / coach / team parent volunteer, etc.) that enter the field of play or the dugout or may have any individual contact with a JO player must be individually registered, background checked and ACE Certified through the Nevada ASA mandatory registration system.

**Membership:** Membership in Nevada ASA is open to any manager, coach, player, team or umpire who resides within the defined boundaries of Nevada ASA, pays the Nevada ASA specified annual dues, and abides by the Nevada ASA Rules and Regulations as well as the ASA Code.

**Championship Play:** Any team that is a Nevada ASA member in good standing and meets the eligibility requirements for championship play may participate in scheduled championship play.





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## CODE OF CONDUCT

Standards of Conduct are part of the ASA Code and the Nevada ASA Regulations and Guidelines. All ASA members shall respect these standards. A manager, coach, player or other individual affiliated with the team may be suspended or otherwise disciplined for a violation of the following:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct or any derogatory action on or off the field of play.
- Verbal or physical attack or threat upon an umpire or other ASA official.
- Destruction of property, abusive behavior or violation of local, state or federal law.
- Non-payment of team incurred debts.
- All players shall be individually registered with ASA.
- All managers / coaches / team parents entering the field of play or dugouts shall have been individually registered with ASA and background checked through the Nevada ASA mandatory registration system. Identification cards must be available at all times.
- Playing under an assumed name or falsifying an official ASA document.
- Writing checks with Not Sufficient Funds or Account Closed to an ASA official, ASA umpire, ASA team, individual or business.
- Commission of fraud perpetrated against an ASA official, team or individual.
- Commission of larceny perpetrated against an ASA official, team or individual.
- Use of any ASA logos or trademarks without express permission.
- Commission of any act that is contrary to the objectives and purposes of ASA.
- Forfeit a game in Championship Play.
- Competing with or against individuals or teams who are suspended from ASA play.
- Any other act of suspension as listed in the ASA Code.
- Team manager / coach shall not contact a National Championship Tournament Director regarding "fill-in" berths.
- A" Travel Teams Only: Failure to provide an itemized and accurate pre-season team budget and an itemized financial statement of team expenses to players / parents / guardians at the end of the each season, not to exceed 60 days from the end of the season. A monthly accurate player statement will provided to each player/parent/guardian.
- No player, coach or manager shall drink alcoholic beverages or smoke on the field of play, or inside / outside the dugout. The use, possession or sale of alcohol is prohibited at all JO events.



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## Complaint Procedure

Nevada ASA is not intent on policing teams, coaches and players. However, when allegations of violations of the ASA Code and / or the Nevada ASA Rules and Regulations are filed in writing, a Nevada ASA official will conduct an inquiry to establish whether or not grounds exist to schedule a suspension hearing.

The procedure for filing a written complaint is as follows:

The complaint must be submitted in writing to a District Commissioner or the State JO Commissioner and must include the following information:

1. Name and contact information of parties filing the complain
2. Names of parties committing violation
3. The Code Article allegedly violated
4. Witness names and contact information
5. All supporting information, evidence and / or documentation relating to the complaint.

## Suspension Hearing

A hearing or interview shall be scheduled when it is determined that reasonable cause exists to believe that the complaint may be valid. Violations of specific articles in the ASA Code require minimum suspension time periods. The penalty for other violations is at the discretion of the hearing panel or the State JO Commissioner. All testimony shall be considered to determine the validity of or disprove the complaint, and then, if appropriate, impose a proper penalty.

Testimony at a hearing may indicate that although guilty a person deserves leniency because of mitigating circumstances, while in other cases the testimony may show that a harsher penalty is in order. While conducting a hearing the hearing panel or JO Commissioner shall consider all information available, including the past record of the accused, previous complaints and the testimony provided by witnesses at the hearing.

Nevada ASA may conduct any necessary inquiry into allegations brought against an ASA team, coach, player or umpire as a means of proving or disproving the charges. The inquiry may be conducted before, during or after the hearing.

Any member of the ASA Staff who witnesses or has irrefutable evidence of a violation of the ASA Code at a tournament may immediately remove a player, manager, coach, team or umpire from further competition in that tournament. A suspension hearing may be conducted at the tournament to determine if further action is required from Nevada ASA.

A manager, coach, player or umpire suspended by Nevada ASA forfeits all rights and privileges afforded to a member under the ASA Code, the Pacific Coast Region Rules and Regulations and the Nevada ASA Rules and Regulations. The forfeiture of said rights and privileges shall include, but not be limited to:

Representing themselves as an eligible ASA manager, coach, player or umpire to anyone affiliated with ASA

Practicing, managing, coaching, umpiring or participating at any time with anyone affiliated with ASA.

Recruiting for an ASA team or competing with or against any ASA team.

Suspended individuals shall not be on the field, keep score, be in or around the dugout, relay verbal advice or instruction or signal to a team from any location.

When a complaint is upheld and results in suspension, the individual(s) has the right to appeal as outlined in the ASA Code.

**Non-compliance Penalty:** A minimum of twelve months added to the original penalty.



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## Responsibilities for Championship Play Eligibility

1. **District Commissioner.** The District Commissioner is responsible for verifying the classification and eligibility of each team from their District that is participating in Championship Play. In the absence of a District Commissioner, the JO Commissioner assumes the responsibility.
2. **League President or Chief Softball Administrator**
  - The League President / Chief Administrator is responsible for verifying the league's players / teams eligibility to the best of their knowledge.
  - The League President / Chief Administrator shall notify the JO Commissioner of any possible infractions.
3. **Team Manager Responsibility.**
  - a. The manager is responsible for verifying to the best of their ability their team and player eligibility.
  - b. The manager is responsible for assuring that all Staff members have been properly registered, background checked and ACE Certified before any interaction with the players of the team.
  - c. The manager shall be prepared to provide proof of age and picture identification for each player on the team roster at every Championship Tournament.
  - d. The manager of a team found to be in violation of ASA policy may be suspended from participation in ASA for one year.
  - e. Teams participating in Championship Play shall abide by all rules and regulations of the ASA Code.
  - f. The manager must sign the "Official Championship Roster" confirming the eligibility of their players before entering any Championship Play.





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## Nevada ASA Recreation Program Guidelines

The purpose of the Nevada ASA Junior Olympic Recreation Program is to provide a seasonal recreational program and eligibility guidelines for ASA Championship Play for the recreational teams registered with ASA.

### **CATEGORIES OF ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Recreational League Team
2. 16U – 18U High School Aged Team
3. Rural Team

### **RECREATIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS**

#### Recreational League/Team Eligibility

1. The recreational league must conform to the following definition:
  - A. A recreational league is defined as an organized league with defined and approved boundaries & established playing season where participation is open to any interested youth; where tryouts or demonstration of skills is not required for participation; and where some type of draft, draw, or other acceptable method is utilized to ensure distribution of talent among the league teams.
  - B. All youth softball players & team staff in the league shall be ASA registered and meet the eligibility requirements of the ASA.
  - C. League President or chief softball administrator shall testify to all eligibility and responsibility requirements as outlined in this document.
  - D. Definition of a League is 4 teams within the same age classification
  - E. Teams can include 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 & 18 & Under age classifications.
  - F. Teams must be approved by and represent a recreation league as defined above in 1 A.

### **SEASONAL DRAFT GUIDELINES**

Nevada ASA has determined that because of the diverse conditions each recreation league is faced with, it has developed several options to assist each program in our universal goal of having each player participating where they are best suited and to ensure an equal and balanced competition level in Championship Play. All Recreation Leagues and teams must meet the above mentioned eligibility guidelines. Each League must submit their proposed Team Draft Guidelines for approval to the JO Commissioner prior to the start of registration or publishing them to the membership. A copy of the proposed All Star Draft Guidelines must also be submitted to the JO Commissioner for approval prior to the start of the Spring Season. Regular Season Team Rosters must be submitted to the JO Commissioner within two weeks of the Draft. Each League will have the option to apply to the JO Commissioner to compete in one classification or to divide their League into split classifications.

If the League is approved to compete in one classification (B or C), a Play Day (Demonstration of skill rating day) and a Draft will be done in each age classification to assure equal distribution of talent among all the teams in that age division.

If the League is approved to compete in split classifications (B & C), a Play Day (Demonstration of skill rating Day) will be held for each age classification (10U, 12U etc). A separate Draft will be done in each classification within each age classification to assure equal distribution of talent among all the teams. If the League has a large number of players scheduled to attend the Play Day, a separate Play Day may need to be scheduled for each classification. The procedure to determine classification placement of a player will be submitted to the JO Commissioner for approval.

A League may have the option to split a classification for League scheduling purposes into two sub-divisions, for example a Varsity and Junior Varsity division. It is still one classification and must be handled as such in the above mentioned Draft Procedures.

A League may apply for exceptions to the above Draft Guidelines and must do so prior to instituting any other procedures.

If the League opts to use a Blind Draw system to fill the teams, it may be utilized in a single classification League or a split classification League.



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**New “B” or “C” Teams:** A newly formed team may form with a core of up to 5 selected eligible players with a restriction of no more than 2 pitchers or catchers. The remaining positions will be filled by the Draft or Draw. Players that are not affiliated with an existing team i.e. the team aged up or the player must age up or are new to Nevada ASA are eligible to be part of the core of a new team.

**Play Day Attendance:** Players not attending the scheduled Play Days will be placed onto teams by the League's pre-established guidelines, such as a Board issued rating based on past year's performance or into a Blind Draw at the end of the Draft Selection. These players will be subject to team openings and availability.

**Player Re-Classification:** Players may only participate in one classification during a season.

1. A player that has participated in the "A" Division of ASA after February 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year will be ineligible to participate in the "B" Program.
2. Any Player that previously participated in the "A" Classification must request to the JO Commissioner to be reclassified to the "B" Program.
3. A player that has participated in the "A" Division of ASA will be ineligible to participate in the "C" Program.
4. Any Player that previously participated in the "B" Classification may request to the JO Commissioner to be reclassified to the "C" Program.

**Borrowed Players:** Borrowed players may not be used for regular season League Games. When participating in a tournament that allows Borrowed Players, they must be from your own Association.

## **“C” Teams:**

**Age Divisions:** All 6U & all 8U Teams will be classified in the "C" Division. 10U & 12U Age Divisions will be offered. At the close of Registration an evaluation will be made to determine if there is need for "C" Classification in the 14U Age Division.

**Players:** All players that are participating in softball for the first time will be placed in the "C" Classification unless they attend the "Play Day" for the "B" Classification and are selected to participate in that classification. Players may only participate in one classification during a season. A player that is currently on a “C” team may have the option to attend the “B” Play Day. If not selected to participate on a “B” team, they may return to their “C” team without penalty.

**Teams:** Each year the "C" Teams will be reconstructed from the Draft or Draw. The League has the option to reconstruct their “C” teams each Season. The Team will have the ability to start with a core of 5 selected players with a restriction of no more than 2 pitchers or catchers.

### **Exceptions:**

- Players in the 6U and 8U Divisions will be able to request to return to their previous Spring Session Team and will be accepted by that team.
- An existing team moving from 8U to 10U may remain intact and play for up to one year only in the "C" Classification.
- A team may be reclassified during the season based on its performance by the Junior Olympic Commissioner. Upon the team returning for the second year that team must move to the "B" Division or release all but 5 players to the Draft or Draw System.
- Each League will have a predetermined system to define which teams will move up to the “B” Division and which teams will release their players to the Draft. Example: League standings at the end of the season.



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## **“B” Teams:**

**Existing Team:** Any team returning with 5 players or more with Manager and/or Coach from their previous Season will be recognized as an Existing Team. This team may age up or continue to compete at the same age level as long as it maintains its core of 5 returning players. Any remaining positions will be filled by the Draft or Draw.

Any player may request to return to the team that she participated on during the previous Season and will be accepted by that team. Any player not wishing to return to her previous Team will be placed into the Draft or Draw.

Team merging will not be permitted. If a team has less than the established core of 5 or more returning players to be considered an Existing Team, the option to be a new team may be chosen.

**Players:** In the event that there are not enough open spots on the “B” teams for all the players that participate in the “B” Play Day and not enough players to start a new “B” team, those remaining players will be drafted onto “C” Teams.

**Returning Teams:** A group of 5 or more players that have lost their coaching staff may be considered a returning team providing the League is able to replace the staff. In the event that the selected coach has a daughter participating in the league, she will be protected in the draft until that team makes its first draft selection. Once they have made their first draft selection and not opted to select the coach’s daughter, the protection is removed and she is eligible to be drafted by any team.

**Team Selection:** In the event that there are not enough players to fill all Existing, Returning or New Teams in either the "B" or "C" Classifications, the League will have predetermined guidelines that will dictate which teams will be retained.

Examples: Preference may be given to the Existing Teams with the most returning players; Staff with the longest history with the program or it may be based on past performances and accomplishments.

**Re-Classification:** Any Team that previously participated in the "B" Classification may request to the JO Commissioner to be reclassified to the "C" Program.

## **RURAL “B” TEAMS** (Remotely located teams):

### 1. Rural Team Eligibility:

- a. Includes 10&U, 12&U, 14&U, 16&U and 18&U age classifications,
- b. Team must be a currently registered with ASA.
- c. Players on the team must be residents of a single community geographical area that is located a minimum of twenty-five (25) miles from the nearest ASA recreational league in which they are eligible to participate.

### 2. Rural Player Eligibility: (see General “B” Policies and Procedures)

3. Three (3) pick-up players must meet the same criteria that formed the team. Once qualified for National Championship Play pick-up players may come from within their Association. Pick-up players may be selected only from teams that are no longer eligible for Championship Play.



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## **16U – 18U High School Aged Team**

The purpose of the High School Division is to provide competition and championship tournaments for players who are not of the Junior Olympic “A” caliber. It provides a summer program that addresses the needs of players who are of high school age and wish to increase their skill to benefit their league, their high school team, and themselves.

### **Team Eligibility:**

1. Teams shall be composed of players meeting all player eligibility requirements above.
2. No more than five (5) high schools shall be represented on any one team and must be approved by the JO Commissioner or designee.
3. Players who participate on an intercollegiate softball team at a four year college or university are not eligible to participate in the Junior Olympic “B” tournaments.
4. Teams are eligible to participate in “Gold” or “A” level invitational tournaments during the season but may be reclassified by the Jr. Olympic Commissioner or designee based on their performance in these tournaments.
5. Reclassified teams may appeal their reclassification to the Association’s Junior Olympic Classification Committee.
6. Teams that participate in “A” National Qualifying events will NOT be eligible to participate in “High School Division” Championship Tournaments.
7. Teams competing in ASA Championship Play shall abide by the sections of the ASA Codes, Pacific Coast Region 14 and local Association guidelines pertaining to Championship Play.
8. Three (3) pick-up players must meet the same criteria that formed the team. Pick-up players must come from within their Association only. Pick-up players may be selected only from teams that are no longer eligible for Championship Play.

## **GENERAL RECREATIONAL TEAM/PLAYER POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

1. Individual players who \*participate with an “A” team after Feb 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year are not eligible to participate in “B/C” Championship Play. Previous “A” classified players must request to be re-classified prior to participating in a Recreation Program and may only participate in the “B” classification.
2. Individual players who \*participate with an “A” team during their regular season will be suspended from further participation with their Recreation League.
  - NOTE: participate in the above sentences is defined as practice, try-out and/or play.
3. Individual players who participate with an “A” team or a \*travel type team at any time during their off season shall be classified as an “A” player.
  - NOTE: travel type team is defined as any team other than an ASA approved recreational team and/or a team that has the ability to control its roster & playing season.
  - EXCEPTION: a “B” or “C” player may try-out with an “A” team for up to 14 consecutive days during the “off season” with no risk or penalty to their “B” or “C” classification.
4. Any “B” team may participate in an “A” tournament except Championship Play.
5. Any “B” team may be reclassified to “A” by the local Junior Olympic Commissioner based upon their performance in any tournament.
6. Teams shall not have more than four (4) players who have previously participated with any “A” or travel type team.
7. No more than five (5) non-varsity high school players are eligible to return to the league that they participated in during the previous calendar year.
  - NOTE: See High School Age 16U & 18U “B” Teams.
8. Any team/player may appeal their reclassification to the Junior Olympic Commissioner.



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## **CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY:**

### **Recreational Team Eligibility:**

1. Teams participating in “B” or “C” Championship Play must fulfill all sections of the ASA Code pertaining to Championship Play to the same extent as teams participating in “A” or “Gold” Championship events.
2. The team must be approved by and represent a recreational league as defined above in 1.A of Recreational League Teams (Page 1). Teams may be a single league team or All-Star team as selected by the individual league. Classification of Championship Play teams will be determined by the Junior Olympic Commissioner.
3. If the league selects a single league team, or the majority of players from a single team, this team must meet the requirements above in (1.a.) i.e. “where ... draft ... is utilized to ensure distribution of talent”. A pre-season or mid-season selected “tournament team” is NOT eligible.
4. Team rosters may include up to 20 players including pickup players.

### **Recreational Player Eligibility:**

1. All players participating on a “B/C” team must have been registered participants from one single recreational league approved by the local Junior Olympic Commissioner.
2. Players must be active players participating in the recreational league’s current regular season scheduled league games.
3. A player may participate in Championship Play in an age division that they are eligible for regardless of the age division that they participated in during regular season play. A regular season “B” Player may not participate on a “C” Championship Roster. A regular season “C” player may participate on a “B” or “C” Championship Roster.
4. Junior Olympic Class “B” pick up players must come from ASA registered “B/C” teams within the teams’ Association only. Junior Olympic Class “C” pick up players must come from ASA registered “C” teams within the teams’ Association only.





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## Recreation League Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: With respect to eligibility, there are Nevada ASA rules, Pacific Coast Region rules and the ASA Code. Which has priority?**

A: Eligibility rules begin with the ASA Code. However, the ASA Code is sometimes very general and for that reason the Pacific Coast Region, which includes the states of California, Hawaii and Nevada, expands some rules to clarify how they apply to the region. Nevada ASA in turn further expands on those rules to suit our situations. The Nevada ASA expanded rules may not conflict with region rules which may not conflict with the ASA Code.

**Q: May a player participate on a travel team and then participate in a Recreation League?**

A: An "A" player may request to be reclassified at any time but must do so prior to registering with a Recreation League.

**Q: How does Nevada ASA define "participate" or "participation"?**

A: A player taking part in a tryout, practice, practice game, game or tournament.

**Q: May an 11 years old player who participated with a 14U team during league play be selected for a 1 2U all-star team?**

A: Yes, providing the player has not entered ASA Championship Play in the 14U Age Division and meets all other eligibility requirements.

**Q: May a league player/team enter a tournament or participate in championship play without approval of the league?**

A: No. Any and all activities of a League Player, League Team or an All Star Team must be approved by the League.

**Q: May a league team continue to practice or play once their League Season has ended?**

A: No. A team or player are considered an approved ASA team while participating in approved League functions during the approved League Season. Any outside activities will be considered travel-type team and will automatically reclassify the team and players to the "A" classification.

**Exception:** A League team may request to their League and then JO Commissioner for an extension to their season to participate in a single event.

**Q: What is Championship Play?**

A: Competition from which the winner and oftentimes other selected teams advance to higher level of Championship Play. Levels of Championship Play are contained in the ASA Code.

**Q: Can the Nevada ASA eligibility rules be changed?**

A: Yes they can, and are year to year. However, be mindful that the Nevada ASA rules may not conflict with either the Pacific Coast Region rules or the ASA Code. Everyone is encouraged to submit proposed changes in writing to their respective Junior Olympic Commissioner.



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## **“A” Classification Program (Travel Ball)**

### **Nevada ASA Player Eligibility Rules**

Each Player shall be individually registered with ASA. The player and parent or guardian must fill out the Nevada ASA Player Application completely.

A player may only participate in one classification during the same season. An “A” classified player may not participate on a “B” or “C” team without being reclassified.

A player may not “play up” more than one age classification without first being classified to do so. Once classified to “play up”, the player may only participate with a team that is one age classification lower.

A player that is registered on a team that is one age classification higher than the player is age eligible for may at any time drop down without being reclassified. This includes being a “Borrowed Player” during Non-Championship Seasons.

A player may not try out for another team unless they have a release form from their previous team or a current \$0.00 balance statement. A copy of the document must be given to the team that the player is trying out with.

During Non Championship Season, a player may try out with a team for 14 consecutive days. During the try out period, the player may participate in any function that the team participates in. On the 15<sup>th</sup> day, the player must register with that team or they may begin a new 14 day try out with another team.

No player may be recruited while they are participating at a team’s function, such as practice, game or tournament in or out of state.

A Recreation Player may not be recruited during their League’s Season and may not participate with an “A” team until their season has ended.

A player that leaves a team must return any and all items that are considered team property and pay any outstanding balances owed to the team. Failure to do so will place the player on the “Nevada ASA Indebted List”. The player will be ineligible to participate with another ASA team until the obligations have been satisfied.

NOTE: A player may appeal their statement to the JO Commissioner at any time. The JO Commissioner ruling shall be final.

During Non-Championship Season, a player may be a Borrowed Player for another eligible team with current team’s knowledge. A Borrowed player form must be fully executed and the player’s ASA card and player application must travel with the borrowing team.



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## Nevada ASA Manager/Coach Duties

Managers and coaches shall adhere to the Nevada ASA Rules and Regulations, Region 14 Guidelines and the ASA Code, as well as abide by the below listed guidelines. Additionally, managers and coaches must understand that they are responsible for all actions of their team, including financial obligations. Each manager and coach shall agree to abide by the ASA Code (the Official Rules of Softball), Region 14 Guidelines and these rules and regulations including, but not limited to, the following:

All Team Staff must complete the Nevada ASA Staff Application and meet all the eligibility requirements of ASA. Each staff member must register with Nevada ASA; complete the required background check and ACE Certification Program annually.

**NOTE:** Team Staff is defined as “All adult staff members (i.e., manager / coach / team parent, etc.) that enter the field of play or the dugout or may have any individual contact with a JO player”.

Shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times and act in accordance with the objectives and purposes of ASA.

Shall not compete with or against a suspended player, manager / coach or team after having been notified of such a suspension

Shall have control of all team personnel and fans while participating in any ASA event and shall not permit team personnel, players or fans to abuse team players, opposing teams, spectators, umpires and / or ASA Staff.

Shall notify another team’s manager prior to asking a player from the other team to be a borrowed player on a team for an invitational tournament.

Shall not permit their team to compete in non-championship tournaments which award cash prizes to individual players

Shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times and act in accordance with the objectives and purposes of ASA.

Shall be aware of the birth date deadlines for eligibility and accept full responsibility for the accuracy of my Non-Championship and Official Championship Roster. I will only allow eligible players to participate with my team which include team members, eligible borrowed/ pick up players, eligible try-out participants

I will ensure no player, parent, coach or manager may recruit a "B" or "C" player during the Recreational League's Season (Spring-Feb.1- May 23, All Stars- May 1 - Aug 15 & Fall Aug 1 - Nov. 22) \*Dates are approximate–League’s Draft date is start & final game is end. I also understand that these players may not participate with my team during these periods.



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## **Manager Responsibilities:**

Shall individually register all Team Staff and Players and shall carry proof of such Registration, Insurance and Authorization To Treat Forms. These documents will be on site at any and all team functions.

Shall have every player that requests a try out to complete a Try Out Questionnaire and furnish you with a release form or current \$0.00 balance statement before allowing them to participate. Try out status is limited to 14 consecutive days. The player must join the team after the 14<sup>th</sup> day to be allowed any further participation.

Shall provide to each player and parent a pre-season team budget and an itemized, accurate end of season financial statement within 30 days after completion of the season. Each player / parent shall be provided an accurate monthly statement if the team is using individual player accounts.

Shall be responsible for all the team's actions on and off the field

## **Manager / Coach Commitment to the Player**

1. Will place the welfare of players above all else and will maintain a professional relationship with each of them at all times.
2. Will encourage players to exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.
3. Will treat players with dignity and respect at all times.
4. Understand that they are role models for players and should therefore always strive to set a good example.
5. Will be truthful regarding playing situations when recruiting players for their team.

## **Manager / Coach Commitment to ASA, Umpires and Other Coaches**

1. By their actions on and off the field, shall always be a credit to their team and ASA.
2. Shall always treat other coaches, umpires and ASA Staff members in a professional and respectful manner, both on and off the field.



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## **CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY:**

Championship Play is a tournament or competition from which the winner or the winner and other selected teams may advance to higher levels of play of ASA (See Article 508, Levels of Championship Play). The following events are considered Championship Play:

- a. Local Association Championships (including District or County Championships)
- b. Regional Championships
- c. Area Championships
- d. National Qualifiers
- e. Territorial Qualifying Tournaments
- f. Hall of Fame Qualifying Tournaments
- g. Hall Of Fame Tournaments
- h. National Tournaments
- i. National Championship Finals

## **CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTERS**

Teams must compete with the same roster in all Championship Play, except teams are allowed to pick up three players when advancing in Championship Play.

### **1. Number of Players**

A maximum of 20 players including pick-up players, in fast pitch and slow pitch will be permitted on a team roster.

### **2. Roster Deadline**

- a. The roster deadline for Championship Play is 24 hours prior to the start of Championship Play.
- b. Once a team has competed in any championship event, the **player** is **frozen** to that roster and may not compete with another team until the original team is no longer eligible for Championship Play. If a player leaves a team after Championship Play participation, they may not join another team until the original team is no longer eligible for Championship Play.
- c. Once a team participates in Championship Play, that **team's roster** is then **frozen** and the only way additional players can be added to the team is on a Pick-Up.
- d. Players may participate in more than one Junior Olympic Division (Girls Fast or Slow pitch) of play, but are limited to only one classification (A, B, C or Gold and 10, 12, 14, 16, 18) within a division of play (ASA Code Article 506).

The Manager/Coach shall not, nor permit any other team member to, recruit or entice a player / parent who has signed an ASA Championship Roster to change teams. This remains in effect until August 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year or when a team is no longer eligible for ASA Championship Play, whichever occurs last.

The Manager/Coach shall not, nor permit any other team member to recruit or entice a player of another team that is still competing in Championship Play to become a pick-up player for their team during Championship Play, for the fall season or for the following year's team. This applies to all levels of play including teams competing in ASA "B" and / or "C" Classification (Recreation League) All-Star Championship Play.



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The Manager/Coach shall notify the manager of a team that is no longer eligible for Championship Play prior to asking a player from that team to be a pick-up player, as required by the ASA Code.

The Manager/Coach must understand that all players of a team are released as soon as that team decides not to enter ASA Championship Play.

The Manager/Coach shall inform all players on the team that they are automatically released from the team when:

- a. The decision is made not to enter Championship Play.
- b. The decision is made not to enter any remaining Championship Play tournaments, for example: Regional National Qualifier, Western National or USA / ASA National Championship Finals.
- c. The team is eliminated from further participation in ASA Championship Play.

**NOTE: A team manager or coach shall notify the appropriate the JO State Commissioner when any of the above occurs.**

## General Rules for Pick-up Players

Fast pitch and slow pitch teams are permitted to pick-up three players as follows:

- a. Pick-up players must come from teams which are no longer eligible for Championship Play and from the following areas: Gold from own Region, "A" from own Association, "B" from own League and once qualified for Western Nationals from own Association and "C" from own Association.
- b. Pick-up players must have played for an ASA registered team during the current season and must have played in the division of play for which they are being picked-up.
- c. Pick-up players must be from the teams same division (Fast pitch) and the same or lower classification (Gold, A, B or C). EXCEPTION: A player who has competed in Junior Olympic Championship Play is eligible to participate in adult Championship Play during the same season as a pick-up player. Players (Adult and Junior Olympic) whose teams have qualified to compete in the highest-level tournaments in a classification will not be eligible pick-up players.
- d. No pick-up players may be picked up for National Qualifiers or Territorial Qualifiers.
- e. A pick-up player may not be substituted for after participation.
- f. Junior Olympic GOLD players who compete on adult teams as pick-up players are only eligible to be picked up for Major or Class A Women's teams.
- g. A pick-up player may play with only one team other than her own team within a division in a season.
- h. Pick-up players must sign an official "Pick-up Player" Form which also must be signed by the team's manager, the Association Commissioner, Junior Olympic Commissioner or his/her designee and the player's parent or legal guardian. The Pick-Up Player Form must be attached to the team's official roster before tournament play begins. Junior Olympic players are eligible to be pick-up players for another Junior Olympic Classification, if all other conditions are met as listed in all of **Article 503**.



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## Travel Ball Frequently Asked Question

**Q: Can a manager, coach, player or parent from one team communicate with a player and/or parent of a player who is committed with another team?**

A: Yes & No.

**YES:** during Non-Championship Seasons and as long as they are not at a team function such as practice, team party, game or tournament.

**NO:** Not during Championship Season, unless their team is not advancing. Not during Non -Championship Season while they are at a team function.

**Q: What are Seasons?**

A: Three seasons make up the ASA Year. They are:

**Spring:** (Non-Championship Play) January thru May.

**Championship:** June thru August 15th or when team stops advancing in Championship Play.

**Fall:** (Non-Championship Play) September thru December.

**Q: Are the Seasons the same for Recreation Ball and Travel Ball?**

A: No. Their Spring and Fall Seasons start later and end earlier. Their Championship Season starts earlier and sometimes their Seasons overlap.

**Q: Which Body of ASA governs each Season?**

A: The National rules (ASA Code) that govern Championship Play are very broad in scope. The Pacific Coast Region clarifies these rules as they pertain to our Region. Regional rules may not conflict with National Codes. Associations, in turn, clarify Regional rules to better suit our situations. The Association rules may not conflict with Pacific Coast Regional Rules. It's very similar to our Federal, State, and Local system of government. It is the Association's responsibility to define the guidelines for Non-Championship Seasons. Nevada ASA tries to mirror the Championship Season's Guidelines for the Spring & Fall Seasons.

**Q: What is the difference between a rule and a ruling?**

A: A rule is a guideline that is already in place. A ruling is a decision a Commissioner may need to make to address a situation that has arisen that hasn't previously been addressed.

**Q: What are classifications?**

A: Each team is classified when they are registered. Classifications are Gold, A, B & C. Each player is then classified according to the team they initially register with or subsequently move to. A team must meet a set criteria to be registered Gold, B or C. A player can move upward in a classification but must be re-classified to move down a classification. 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U & 18U are age classifications.

**Q: What is a division?**

A: Division are: girl's fastpitch, girl's slow pitch, boy's fastpitch, women's slow pitch, etc.

**Q: Can a 12 year old play on a 16U team?**

A: No. A player can play in the age classification that they are eligible for and one age classification up. If 12U is the lowest age classification that a player is eligible to participate in, you can "play up" on a 14U team.

**Q: Can a player be reclassified during the year?**

A: Yes, any player can ask to be reclassified at any time during Non-Championship Seasons. Once a player participates in Championship Play, they are locked to that classification until their team is no longer advancing. Contact your JO Commissioner for further information. Players may be eligible to be a pick up player in a higher classification. \*See Pick Up Player section in this booklet.

**Q: Can a Manager and Coach be the same person?**

A: No. The responsibilities and duties are very different and so therefore these roles must be done by two separate individuals.

**Q: Can a person be a Manager or Coach on two or more teams?**

A: Yes and No.

**YES:** A person can coach on more than one team.

**NO:** A Manager may only be the Manager for one team. They are responsible for all the team's affairs and actions on and off the field.



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## Travel Ball Frequently Asked Question

**Q: What is a National Qualifier?**

A: Each of the ASA 15 regions is authorized to hold one National Qualifier per Age Division. Any team in the respective Age Division may enter with the winning team advancing to the USA / ASA Nationals of the appropriate Age Division.

**Q: How does a team qualify for the ASA Western Territory National Championship?**

A: A team must participate in the current year Nevada ASA State Championship in its Age Division. If, while participating in the State Championships, the team does not qualify to participate in the Regional Tournament or for the USA / ASA Girls Class A Fast Pitch National Championship, the team is then qualified to participate in the ASA Girls Class A Fast Pitch Western National Championships.

**Q: Does a team need a Travel Permit to attend an invitational tournament outside of Nevada?**

A: No Travel Permits are no longer needed.

**Q: When is an Official Tournament Entry Form needed:**

A: An Official Tournament Entry Form is needed for any team advancing beyond the Nevada ASA State Championships. It must be signed by your Commissioner or his/her designee.

**Q: What does a current "A" player need to try out for another team?**

A: A release from their previous team or a current \$0.00 balance statement. A copy of the document must be given to the Manager of the team that a player wishes to try out with. A Try Out Questionnaire must be completely before participation can begin.

**Q: How many times can a player try out with the same team before she must join it?**

A: A player can only try out with a team once during a season but that try out can last for 14 consecutive days. The player can participate in any function that the team is participating in.

**Q: Can a player try out with more than one team in a season?**

A: Yes. They can try out for as many teams as they wish in a season but only once with each team and only for 14 consecutive days with each team.

**Q: Can a player try out with more than one team at a time?**

A: Yes. They can try out for two teams at a time if they wish but the 14 day try out starts for each team on the first day of participation and ends on the 15th day for each team.

**Q: If a player only participates in a try out for 4 consecutive days, can she return later for 10 more days?**

A: No. The try out is for a 14 consecutive day period. The try out expires on the 15th day. The only exception to this rule would be a documented medical condition that prevented the player from completing the try out. This must be submitted and approved by the District Commissioner.

**Q: What is a player given when they leave a team?**

A: Providing the player doesn't owe any monies to the team or have team property in their possession, they will be given a completed ASA Release form, their Original Player Application and their ASA Cards. These items must be submitted to the next team that they join.

**Q: What happens to a player that leaves a team with an financial debt or team property?**

A: They are placed on the Nevada ASA Indebted List and are ineligible to try out or participate with any ASA registered team until their indebtedness is resolved.

**Q: How will a player know if they owe a team money?**

A: All ASA teams are required to furnish each player a monthly statement of all charges.

**Q: How will a player know how much it will cost to join a team?**

A: All ASA teams are required to furnish each player a projected budget for each season and an end of season statement.



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## 2009 Championship Play Events

**Check [Region14.com](http://Region14.com) for additional information and changes/updates**

<b>National Qualifiers</b>		
Girl's 18U "Gold" Fast pitch	July 10 - 12	Oklahoma City
Girl's 18U "A" Fast pitch	July 3 - 5	Redding
Girl's 16U "A" Fast pitch	July 3 - 5	So Cal
Girl's 14U "A" Fast pitch	July 3 - 5	Clovis
Girl's 12U "A" Fast pitch	July 3 - 5	Hayward
<b>Gold Territorial Events</b>		
Girl's 18U "Gold" Fast pitch	June 26 - 28	Stockton
Girl's 18U "Gold" Fast pitch	July 10 - 12	Spokane, WA
<b>Fast pitch Regional Championships</b>		
Girl's 18U "Gold" Fast pitch	June 20 - 21	Hemet/Menifee
Girl's 18U "A" Fast pitch	July 10 - 12	Las Vegas
Girl's 16U "A" Fast pitch	July 10 - 12	Roseville
Girl's 14U "A" Fast pitch	July 10 - 12	Vacaville
Girl's 12U "A" Fast pitch	July 10 - 12	Tracy
Girl's 10U "A" Fast pitch	July 10 - 12	Tracy
Girl's 10U, 12U & 14U "C" Fast pitch	July 17 - 19	San Diego
<b>J.O. Hall of Fame Qualifiers</b>		
Girl's 18U "A" Fast pitch	June 13 - 14	Sacramento
Girl's 16U "A" Fast pitch	June 6 - 7	Fairfield
Girl's 14U "A" Fast pitch	May 23 - 24	So Cal
Girl's 12U "A" Fast pitch	May 16 - 17	Hayward
<b>Girls "A" Fast pitch Western National Championships</b>		
Girl's 18U "A" Fast pitch	July 26 – Aug 2	Aurora, CO
Girl's 16U "A" Fast pitch	July 26 – Aug 2	Phoenix, AZ
Girl's 14U "A" Fast pitch	July 26 – Aug 2	Mt. Vernon, WA
Girl's 10U & 12U "A" Fast pitch	July 26 – Aug 2	Tracy, CA
<b>Girls "B" Fast pitch Western National Championships</b>		
Girl's 18U "B" Fast pitch	July 26 – Aug 2	Lancaster, CA
Girl's 16U "B" Fast pitch	July 26 – Aug 2	Lancaster, CA
Girl's 14U "B" Fast pitch	July 26 – Aug 2	Clinton/Kaysville, UT
Girl's 12U "B" Fast pitch	July 26 – Aug 2	Milwaukie, OR
Girl's 10U "B" Fast pitch	July 26 – Aug 2	Salem, OR
<b>USA/ASA Girls "A" Fast pitch National Championship Finals</b>		
Girl's 18U "A" Fast pitch	July 26 – Aug 2	Las Vegas, NV
Girl's 16U "A" Fast pitch	July 26 – Aug 2	Sioux Falls, SD
Girl's 14U "A" Fast pitch	July 26 – Aug 2	Marietta, GA
Girl's 12U "A" Fast pitch	July 26 – Aug 2	Normal, IL
Girl's 10U "A" Fast pitch	July 26 – Aug 2	Johnson City, TN



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### ACE Coaching Certification



ASA/USA Softball is proud to introduce the ACE Coaching Certification Program. The ACE (Achieve, Certify, Educate) Coaching Certification Program is a brand new certification program, developed and designed to provide softball coaches of all levels – from beginning coaches to experienced veterans – an opportunity to certify as a coach with a national softball organization.

As the National Governing Body of Softball, it is the ASA's responsibility to ensure that our coaches achieve a certain level of understanding of what their duties are as coach of a youth softball team. The ACE Certification videos and the ACE Certification Manual are practical guides to the everyday situations you will encounter as a youth softball coach. After obtaining your ACE certification, you will be well prepared to coach a youth softball team.

The guiding principles behind the ACE Coaching Certification Program are:

**A-chieve:** A certain level of knowledge.

**C-ertify:** To confirm that a coach has obtained a level of understanding over that which he/she has been tested on.

**E-ducate:** To assist with the gathering of knowledge and information.

There are now more ways to become an ACE Certified Coach. Certifying as an ACE Coach is a simple, straight forward process. You can attend an ACE Coach Certification Clinic, if your local association is hosting one, or you can now complete your ACE Coaching Certification online at <http://ace.usasoftball.com/ace/home.asp>. In each setting you will watch the ACE video that corresponds to your certification level and then be tested on the material in the video. The videos cover such topics as Principles of Coaching, Legal Issues in Sports, First Aid, Practice Organization, Coach/Umpire Relations, and Sport Specific Skills. Once you have passed the ACE Certification test you are an ACE Coach and receive full ACE Benefits. It is that easy!

#### **Benefits of ACE membership:**

Here is a quick run through of the ACE Coaching Certification program and how one would become certified and achieve the highest level of ACE Certification

The first step to complete for any coach who is attempting to become certified using the ACE Online System is a profile lookup. If you are an existing coach\* who is coming to the site to complete another level of certification your profile should be located and you should be able to continue from the position that you left off. For example if John Doe has completed ACE Levels 1 and 2 in an ACE Clinic through its local association, when he looks up his profile the system will recognize this and make ACE Level 3 available for purchase and completion. For the system to properly find your coaches profile, you must enter your information (i.e. first name, last name, email address, zip code) exactly how you did when you registered. If you have moved since you last registered, enter the previous zip code under which you registered and then edit your information in the ACE Online System. If you are a previously registered coach and the system does not find your profile properly, DO NOT create a new profile which you will do in Step 2 on the ACE Online Program. Instead, contact the ACE Administrator at the ASA National Office. The administrator's contact information can be located on the ACE Website under the Contact Us tab.



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If you are a first time ACE Coach or you have not certified through a local association in the last year, you will have to create a new profile and begin ACE Online Certification at Level 1.

Once your profile has been found or you have created a new profile here is what you will have to do to become an ACE Certified Coach:

## **ACE Level 1 Coach Certification**

1. Register with the ACE Online program and purchase Level 1 Certification Video and test.
2. Successfully complete the Level 1 ACE certification exam (questions will be taken directly from the ACE Level 1 video)
3. That's It!

**Benefits: Insurance coverage, certificate and ID card**

## **ACE Level 2 Coach Certification**

After your first year of certification, you do not need to watch the ACE video again to re-certify. To stay an ACE certified coach for a second year you must:

1. Log-on to the ACE Online Program, purchase the ACE Level 2 Video and certification exam.
2. Watch the ACE Level 2 Video and complete the ACE Level 2 Certification Exam as you watch the video.
3. That's It!

**Benefits: Insurance coverage, certificate and ID Card 2**

**ACE Level 3 Coach Certification** To be eligible for this level of certification a coach must have completed the ACE Level 2 Certification

1. Log-on to the ACE Online Program, purchase the ACE Level 3 Video and certification exam.
2. Watch the ACE Level 3 Video and complete the ACE Level 3 Certification Exam as you watch the video.
3. That's It!

**Benefits: Insurance coverage, certificate and ID Card 3**

**ACE Continuing Education Certification** To be eligible for this level of certification a coach must have completed the ACE Level 3 Certification.

1. Log-on to the ACE Online Program and purchase the ACE Continuing Education Exam.
2. Complete the ACE Continuing Education Exam.
3. That's It!

**Benefits: Insurance coverage, certificate and ID Card 4**

For those wanting to become certified through a local ACE Coaching Certification Clinic please contact your local association for dates and times of these clinics. For local associations who want to host an ACE Clinic contact the ACE Administrator with any questions. For coaches who have previously certified with their local association at an ACE Clinic, online certification should begin at your current level of certification. For example, if you complete ACE Level 1 Certification at an ACE Clinic then when you log onto the ACE Online Website you should be able to purchase and complete ACE Level 2 Certification. At this time, only the Level 2 material will be available for you to purchase and complete. The Level 1 Video, Certificate and Insurance form will not be available for you to review or to view and print off. The feature will be available in the future as we continue to enhance and improve the ACE Online Coaching Certification System.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the ACE Online Coaching Certification Program please contact the ACE Administrator.







## Leading the way with ASA Individual Registration: Best Practices for Teams and Leagues

**Why Individual Registration?** As the National Governing Body for Softball, ASA/USA Softball is committed to the goal of providing accident and liability insurance to all participants in the Junior Olympic (youth) program. This is especially important as more and more American families do not have their own medical insurance.

To ensure that our JO players receive the insurance protection they need, ASA/USA Softball has been converting to Individual Registration (as opposed to team registration) for the JO Program. Individual Registration is also available to Adult leagues in certain areas.

**How is the insurance plan for Individual Registration different from Team Insurance?** There is no difference in the limits of coverage under the Individual Registration or Team Insurance plans. The program is still administered by Bollinger and underwritten by Markel Insurance Company.

### **What are the benefits to everyone from Individual Registration?**

**Players:** All players are insured with a \$5,000,000 limit of liability and \$250,000 of Excess Accident Medical Insurance. The insurance coverage follows the player when they play on *any* ASA team.

**Teams/Leagues:** The team/league is insured as an entity if all team members Individually Register. If all teams in a league Individually Register, then liability coverage is extended to league officials.

**ASA:** Individual Registration helps the ASA achieve its goal to provide insurance to every player.

**How to get started?** Contact your local ASA Commissioner or JO Commissioner for details on how to Individually Register. To find the contact information for your Commissioner, go to the ASA/USA Softball web site at [www.ASASoftball.com](http://www.ASASoftball.com).

**For answers to Frequently Asked Questions on Individual Registration,** please visit Bollinger's ASA web site, [www.BollingerASA.com](http://www.BollingerASA.com) and click on "Individual Registration."



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