



2012 ASA Code Changes with Comments

Article Number

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Article: 106 3

New

Adult Player Release is for a player that has been released from a team prior to the Local Association Championship Roster Deadline and has written approval from the Coach and Player/Parent Guardian (if under 18). If the Coach and Player/Parent Guardian are one in the same, there needs to be an additional signature. This must be on a Player Release Form and approved by the Local Association Commissioner.

Comments: Creates release process for Adult Players.

Article: 106 23

New

JO Player Release is for a player that has been released from a team prior to the Local Association Championship Roster Deadline and has written approval from the Coach and Player/Parent Guardian (if under 18). If the Coach and Player/Parent Guardian are one in the same, there needs to be an additional signature. This must be on a Player Release Form and approved by the Local Association Commissioner.

Comments: Creates release process for JO Players.

Article: 201 B 03

Dues. Local Association dues for Individual Registration (including insurance), Scorekeepers, Teams, and Umpires shall be recommended by the Board of Directors and ratified by majority vote of the Commissioners.

Comments: Creates a policy where the Board of Directors sets all registration fees upon approval of the Commissioners.

Article: 201 B 03

03. Dues. Each local association shall pay the following dues:

- a. Each Adult Team **\$ 9.00**
- b. Each Junior Olympic Team \$ 8.00
- c. Each Adult Umpire **\$ 23.00**
- d. Each Junior Olympic Umpire **\$ 23.00**
- e. Each Scorekeeper \$ 8.50
- f. Individual registrations fees will be approved by the council

Comments: Establishes the Adult Teams registration fee at \$9.00 and Umpires registration fees are \$23.00.

Article 305

New C and D, rest of Article reworked.

COMMISSIONERS. A local association commissioner is the principal liaison between a local association and the ASA.

C. Removal. A commissioner may be removed by a 66.7% vote of the Board of Directors.

D. Right to Appeal. A commissioner may appeal their removal to a committee of the ASA President, Immediate Past President, Executive Director, Director of Membership, and One Territory Vice President from their territory chosen by the removed commissioner. The ruling of this committee is final.

Comments: Establishes a Removal and Appeal process for Commissioners.

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<u>Article Number</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Article 311 D 05 d</u>	<p>USA Men's National Championship Series. The Regional Umpire-in-Chief of each region, will submit two names to the National Director of Umpires. These names must have attained the newly adopted ASA / USA "Elite" status in slow pitch. From the thirty (30) names submitted, the National Director of Umpires and the Deputy Director(s) of Umpires will select the final eight (8) umpires for this championship.</p> <p>Comments: Sets the number of umpires that will be selected by the National Director of Umpires and the Deputy Director of Umpires.</p>
<u>Article 312 B 01</u>	<p>Selection. To be selected for the ASA Hall of Fame, a person must have been an active player in ASA who is no longer playing at the highest level. A person must receive seventy-five percent (75%), nine (9) votes to be selected.</p> <p>Comments: Allows a player who is still playing the game but not at the highest level to be inducted into the ASA Hall of Fame.</p>
<u>Article 312 B 01 a 03</u>	<p>Prerequisites.</p> <p>b. A player who was a member of our National Team for a minimum of 3 years.</p> <p>Comments: Member of the National Team to be inducted into the ASA Hall of Fame.</p>
<u>Article 402 J</u>	<p>Delete Tournament Awards Committee</p> <p>Comments: Eliminates the Tournament Awards Committee and gives their responsibility to a New Committee.</p>
<u>Article 402 N</u>	<p>Tournament Programs and Awards. This committee shall consist of at least twenty (20) members, at least one from each region and not less than five (5) from each territory. Its duties shall include but not be limited to: Reviewing standards and procedures for conducting National Championships. 04. Accept bids and award tournaments in the categories listed in Article 518.</p> <p>Comments: Adds responsibilities to this committee and sets the number of members and where they come from.</p>
<u>Article 402 O</u>	<p>Tournament Review Committee. This committee shall include the eight (8) Territory Vice Presidents and the immediate past president. This Committee shall review all bids and has the authority to accept or reject all bids.</p> <p>Comments: Establishes who is on this committee</p>
<u>Article 501 D 01</u>	<p>Add EXCEPTION.</p> <p>c. Foreign players may not participate in the 10-U, 12-U, 14-U, 16-U, and 18-U Boys Fast Pitch.</p> <p>Comments: Eliminates foreign players from the Boys divisions.</p>
<u>Article 501 D 02 d</u>	<p>Delete the words: or Class B Program</p> <p>Comments: Allows college players to play in the JO Class B Program</p>

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Article 503 A 01 b

Delete the words (adult only)

- c. ~~(adult only)~~ If two local associations combine berths and/or championship play, pick-up players may come from either local association with the approval of both commissioners.

Comments: Allows associations who combine berths to their teams the opportunity to pick up from the state or metro in all divisions of play.

Article 503 A 02

New
EXCEPTION: Senior Slow Pitch

Comments: Makes it easier for the senior teams to pick-up players.

Article 503 A 03

Pick-up players must be selected only from ASA registered teams no longer eligible for championship play. **In Adult Slow pitch, unless the player has been officially released from the teams championship roster prior to August 15 of that calendar year and must adhere to all other player pick-up player rules.**

Comments: Allows players to be released from a Championship roster and still be eligible to be a pick-up player.

Article 505 E 04 & 05

Change 04 add New 05

E. Additional Penalties. A team, team member, manager, team official or umpire may be suspended for a period of time for violations outlined in Article 505 (A) at the sole discretion of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee(s), subject only to any right of appeal to the Executive Director. However, the following acts of suspension require a minimum of loss of eligibility, as follows:

04. **A Player found in possession of an altered bat and found guilty according to Article 505 shall be suspended for – five (5) years.**
05. **A Team that is discovered to have within it possession or control of an altered bat may be suspended for – two (2) years.**

Comments: Establishes suspensions period for a player or team in possession of an altered bat.

Article 506 A 16, 17, and 18

16.Men's Masters 35-Over Slow Pitch

**Competitive
Recreation**

17.Men's Masters 40-Over Slow Pitch

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Recreation**

18.Men's Masters 45-Over Slow Pitch

**Competitive
Recreation**

Comments: Adds an additional level of play for the Masters Slow Pitch Programs

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<u>Article Number</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Article 506 A 19</u>	Delete the Major Plus from the Seniors Divisions (50, 55, 60, 65, 70, and 75) Comments: Establishes that there will only be three divisions of play for each age group.
<u>Article 507 F 03 c</u>	New and Re letter c. No foreign pitchers are allowed to pitch in Men's C Fast Pitch. Comments: Foreign Players may play but cannot pitch in the Men's Class C.
<u>Article 507 F 03 e</u>	Men's Major Fast Pitch Players will be classified by a restricted fast pitch players list. The restricted fast pitch players list will be available on the ASA website and this list will be updated, modified and/or revised on a regular and continuous basis, but will be finalized by August 15 each year for the current year's National Championship Finals. The players on this list are ineligible to participate in the Men's Class A, B, and C Fast Pitch classification. Any appeals regarding this list can be made through the ASA National Office to the Fast Pitch Classification Board. Comments: Sets the date that the Major Players list will be finalized by.
<u>Article 507 F 03 f</u>	New f. Players who participate in the ISC World Tournament or the NAFA Open or AA-Major tournaments may only participate in Men's Class "B" or above in ASA in the same calendar year. Comments: Establishes where players can play in ASA if they play other organizations.
<u>Article 507 H 01 06</u>	Men's Masters 35-Over, 40-Over, and 45-Over Slow Pitch. Competitive division will be allowed up to Three (3) players from the ASA Restricted Players List. Recreation division will be allowed up to Three (3) Class C players and no players rated A+, A, B+, B, C+ or ASA Restricted Players List. Comments: To put restrictions on the amount of rated players that can participate in the Masters Competitive and Recreation Divisions.
<u>Article 510 C</u>	New and re-letter C. An ASA approved bat testing machine must be used at all ASA Adult Slow Pitch National Championship Finals. EXCEPTION: Men's 16 Inch National Championship Comments: Sets guidelines that all bats will be tested at Adult Slow Pitch National Championships with the exception of 16 Inch

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Article 510 M 06

Altered Bat. Any person discovered in possession of an altered bat at or near the facility or grounds of a softball competition in which such equipment is not permitted to be used shall be subject to discipline pursuant to Article 505. ASA shall have the right to take possession of a bat that is, in the sole discretion of the official, reasonably suspected to be an altered bat. In the event the suspected altered bat is tested and determined to be an altered bat, then the person shall surrender ownership of the altered bat to ASA; otherwise a bat of equal or greater value, or a monetary equivalent, in the sole discretion of ASA, shall be returned to the owner of the subject bat. **In addition a player found in possession of an Altered Bat and found guilty according to Article 505 shall be suspended from ASA play for 5 years. A team that is discovered to have within its possession or control an Altered Bat may be suspended from further tournament competition and from ASA Play for a period of 2 Years.**

Comments: Establishes a time period for players and team suspensions.

Article 510 O 03

In all Junior Olympic Class A 12-Under, 14-Under, 16-Under and 18-Under pool play; Class B 12-Under, 14-Under, 16-Under and 18-Under pool play; and Gold pool play; no inning shall start after 1 hour and 40 minutes **for fast pitch and 1 hour and 30 minutes for slow pitch**. If the game is still tied after the time limit has expired, the tiebreaker shall be in effect at the start of the next inning

Comments: Sets a time limit for Girls Slow Pitch pool play.

Article 511 A 01 g

Junior Olympic Girls' Fast Pitch 18-Under Gold, this championship will use pool play prior to double elimination bracket **and play 3 pool play games**, but the pool play will be drawn after the double elimination bracket and the results will not be used for the purpose of drawing onto a seeded double elimination bracket.

Comments: Sets the number of pool play games that will be used for the Gold National Championship.

Article 511 A 04

New and re-letter
Women's 23-Under Fast Pitch

Comments: Establishes that the National Championship will use the three game guarantee bracket.

Article 511 B 02 b

Draw Timeline. The double elimination bracket draw shall be done at the completion of the team's pool play games, **or after all the teams complete pool play as determined by the ASA Representative**, except for Junior Olympic 18-Under Gold National Championship Finals, with each team drawing their position onto the double elimination seeded bracket.

Comments: Adds options of when teams can draw onto the Seeded bracket.

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<u>Article Number</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Article 512</u>	<p>JUNIOR OLYMPIC HALL OF FAME TOURNAMENTS. The ASA shall conduct Hall of Fame Junior Olympic Tournaments in Girls' Class A 18-Under Fast Pitch, Girls' Class A 16-Under Fast Pitch, Girls' Class A 14-Under Fast Pitch, Girls' Class A 12-Under Fast Pitch and Girls' Class A 10-Under Fast Pitch.</p> <p>Comments: Adds Girls 10-Under to the Hall of Fame Tournaments</p>
<u>Article 512 D</u>	<p>Dates. Tournaments shall be conducted during May, June or July.</p> <p>Comments: Establishes the dates when the Hall of Fame Qualifiers can be held.</p>
<u>Article 516 D</u>	<p>New and re-letter EFFECTIVE: 2013 Co-ed Open, Co-ed C, Co-ed D, Women's C and Women's D Slow Pitch will conduct one (1) National Championship Final each in a format and on an optimal date at a destination city to be determined by the Tournament Programs and Awards Committee.</p> <p>Comments: Creates one National Championship for the above divisions of play and how the Championship will be awarded.</p>
<u>Article 516 D 03</u>	<p>Changes Men's Class A 16"</p> <p>Comments: Combines the Men's Class A 16" East/West National Championships into one National Championship Final.</p>
<u>Article 516 I</u>	<p>Junior Olympic ASA / USA GOLD Girls' 18-Under Fast Pitch</p> <p>The berths will be allocated as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Top 8 Teams from the Previous Year's Gold National Championship Final 8</p>
Maximum Possible Number of Teams	76
	<p>Comments: Adds the top 8 Teams from previous years Gold National Championship and increases possible number of teams to 76.</p>
<u>Article 602 H 14</u>	<p>The Women's Major Fast Pitch National Championship will be held at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex or a mid-west location separate from the Women's A and B Fast Pitch National Championships. EFFECTIVE: 2014</p> <p>Comments: Establishes where the Women's Major National Championship will be located.</p>
<u>Article 606 B 07</u>	<p>Batting Champion. A batting champion shall be determined at the National Championship Final on the basis of the highest batting percentage based on at least 15 plate appearances in the fast pitch National Championship Final and 15 plate appearances in the slow pitch National Championship Final.</p> <p>Comments: Establishes guidelines for selecting the Batting champion.</p>