

2007 Code Changes and Comments

- 106 03 Delete the definition of Area.
- Comments:** Term not used for Governance or Championship Play.
- 106 13 Delete the definition of Disqualified Person.
- Comments:** To create consistency between the ASA Rulebook and the ASA Code.
- 106 14 Delete the definition of a Disqualified Team.
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- 106 28 Participation in Championship Play is being available at the tournament and signing the ASA Official Tournament Signature Form. Participation in sanctioned events is being available to play, coach, manage, umpire, and assist in the organization or otherwise be a part of a sanctioned event other than as an observer.
- Comments:** Further defines Participation.
- 201 A Local Associations. The geographical area of the United States shall be divided into state and metro associations each of which shall be represented by a commissioner who shall act as a liaison between such area and ASA. Each state of the United States shall be part of a local association. Metro associations are defined as follows:
- Phoenix, Greater San Joaquin, Oakland, Sacramento, San Francisco, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Kansas City, St. Louis, Newark, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Portland, Philadelphia, Memphis, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Houston, San Antonio, Seattle Tacoma, and Spokane.
- Comments:** To define the difference between State and Metro Associations
- 201 A 06 Corporate Entity. Each State or Metro Association shall be registered as a "Not for Profit" Corporate Entity in the State the Association is located.
- Comments:** To ensure all Associations are "Not for Profit".
- 201 C Allied Members. A non-profit association or organization may become an Allied Member of the Association upon meeting the requirements set forth in this Code and approval of 60% affirmative vote of the Council. All applications for Allied Membership shall be submitted to the Membership Committee for a determination as to whether such organization has qualified for membership status, before submission to the Council. Organizations eligible for Allied Membership are:
01. Armed Forces. The Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines shall be eligible for membership under this classification.
 02. Education Based Organizations. Organizations comprised of member educational institutions that conduct national softball competition on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of amateur softball players to represent the United States in international play shall be eligible for membership under this classification.

NOTE: The eligibility of organizations under this classification must be based upon the play of the athletes in competitions conducted by educational institutions sanctioned by a national accrediting body.

03. State Parks and Recreation Organizations/Associations. Organizations and/or Associations, whose primary purpose is to promote Parks and Recreation activities, including softball in their respective jurisdictions.
04. Philanthropic and Instructional Organizations. Organizations that are philanthropic in nature or that primarily promote the instruction of the game of amateur softball in a clinical or other setting and that do not conduct any national softball competition.
05. State Games Organizations. The national State Games Organization and any national congress for State Games organizations are eligible for membership under this classification.
06. Disabled Sports Organizations. Organizations that conduct national softball competition that is designated exclusively for individuals who are physically or mentally handicapped shall be eligible for membership under this classification.
07. Allied Member Requirements. In order to obtain and maintain their allied membership all eligible organizations must comply with the following requirements.
 - a. Allied Member Fee. Each allied member shall pay annually on or before January 31, an affiliation fee of \$250.00. Allied Members who have not paid their annual fee within 30 days of the due date will be removed as an Allied member and must reapply for membership.
 - b. Allied Team Registration. Teams that are associated with allied members of ASA and for which the State or Metro Association the team is from does not offer a program may join ASA directly by paying a fee of \$10.00. The local association the team is from shall be given credit for the membership and all fees collected in excess of the normal team registration fee shall be credited to the account of the State or Metro Association.
 - c. Allied Member Application. Applications for allied membership must be received in the National Office by September 1 to be considered at the next Council Meeting.

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Affiliated Members. A non profit organization may become an Affiliated Member of the Association upon meeting the requirements set forth in this Code and approval of 60% affirmative vote of the Council. All applications for Affiliated Membership shall be submitted to the Membership Committee for a determination as to whether such organization has qualified for membership status, before submission to the Council. Organizations eligible for Affiliated Membership are:

01. Regional or Nationally Based Softball Organizations. Organizations which have member affiliates in a minimum of 30 states and which conduct national softball competition on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of softball players to represent the United States in international play shall be eligible for membership under this classification.
02. Nationally Based Softball Promotional Organizations. Organizations which are national in scope and which conduct player or coach clinics or camps, softball competition or which are engaged in any other activities that promote the sport of amateur softball on a national level in accordance with the objectives of the ASA shall be eligible for membership under this classification.

03. Other Organizations. Organizations which are not members of a national organization eligible for membership as an Allied Member and which conduct softball competition, clinics, player camps, or which are engaged in any other activities that promote the sport of amateur softball on a city, county, state or regional level in accordance with the objectives of the ASA shall be eligible for membership under this classification.
04. Affiliated Member Requirements. In order to obtain and maintain their affiliated membership all eligible organizations must comply with the following requirements.
 - a. Affiliated Member Fee. Each affiliated member shall pay annually on or before January 31, an affiliation fee of \$250.00. Affiliated Members who have not paid their annual fee within 30 days of the due date will be removed as an Affiliated member and must reapply for membership. For all national tournaments organized by an Affiliated member, the Affiliated Member shall pay ASA a tournament fee of \$200.00 per tournament. A multiple tournament fee may be negotiated with the Executive Director and approved by the Board of Directors.
 - b. Insurance. Each affiliated member shall obtain and maintain insurance for all softball programs (including tournaments and/or other activities) sponsored or organized by the affiliated member. Each affiliated member shall ensure that ASA is named as an additional named insured on all such insurance policies.
 - c. Teams Participating in Affiliated Member Programs are Required to be ASA Registered. Each Affiliated member shall ensure and require that all teams participating in any affiliated member's program are current in their registration with ASA and currently affiliated with one of ASA's State of Metro Associations. Teams that are not registered and affiliated with ASA and one of ASA's State or Metro associations shall not be eligible to play in any program sponsored or organized by an affiliated member. ASA membership shall be open and available to any such team not currently registered with ASA or ASA's State or Metro association, upon application of all requirements of the applicable State or Metro Association.
 - d. Affiliated Member Application. Applications for affiliated membership must be received in the National Office by September 1 to be considered at the next Council Meeting.

Comments: To further define Allied and Affiliated Memberships.

301 C

Territory Vice Presidents.

01. Election. Two Territory Vice Presidents shall be elected in each territory. The Territory Vice Presidents shall come from the Council members of the respective territory and shall be elected by a majority vote of these same Council members. This election will take place at the Annual Council Meeting.
02. Term of Office. Territory Vice Presidents shall serve a term of two years that shall begin at the conclusion of the Council meeting.
03. Removal. A Territory Vice President may be removed for just cause by a two-thirds vote of the territories National Council members or a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.
04. Vacancy. A Territory Vice President vacancy will be filled by a vote of the National Council members of their respective territory.
05. Duties. A Territory Vice President shall represent their region on the Board of Directors and shall co chair at territory meetings.

Comments: Renames territorial representatives to Territory Vice Presidents

- 302 F Delete Board of Directors Oversight Committee.
Comments: Duties and responsibilities will be re-allocated by the President.
- 302 G Delete Insurance and Risk management Committee.
Comments: Duties to be re-assigned to the Board of Directors.
- 311 D 05 National Director of Umpires selects all Umpires for Men's Class A Slow Pitch.
Comments: For the betterment of the Men's Class A Slow Pitch game.
- 401 A 07 Past Presidents will be considered for travel expenses to the annual council meeting.
Comments: Adds Past Presidents to the list of Council Members who receive Travel Expenses to the ASA Council Meeting.
- 401 A 08 Past Presidents will be considered for Other Expenses associated with the Annual Council Meeting.
Comments: Adds Past Presidents to the list of Council Members who receive Other Expenses to the ASA Council Meeting.
- 501 A 04 a Allows all Men's Fast Pitch Players to play in the Men's Major Fast Pitch Championship.
Comments: To increase participation in this Classification.
- 501 A 04 b Allows all Men's Slow Pitch Players to play in the Men's Class A Slow Pitch Championship.
Comments: To increase participation in this Classification.
- 501 A 07 a 02 The tournament director for National Championships must Follow the National Office Sign in procedures.
Comments: To create consistency at all National Championship Finals.
- 501 B A team may register with the State or Metro association in which the greatest number of its players resides. Teams in adjoining counties to a metro association may register in either the State or the Metro association.
Comments: To benefit Metro Associations and Teams when registering.
- 501 D Deletes the Foreign Player rule.
Comments: Removes restrictions on foreign players in ASA.
- 505 A 02 Adds participant to the list of physical violence Acts of Suspension.
Comments: To further define Acts of Suspension.
- 507 F 02 Adds a team competing in the Three Game Guarantee Bracket will be restricted if they win three or more games.
Comments: Addresses restricted classification of teams when using the Three Game Guarantee Bracket.

- 507 F 02 c Insert Men's 10 Man Modified to the Modified Pitcher's list.
- Comments:** it now states that pitchers from the Modified Pitcher's list cannot play in 10 Man Modified National Championship Finals.
- 508 D Removes Men's Class C from National Qualifiers.
- Comments:** All teams from Men's Class C will advance to the National Championship after participating in Association Play.
- 509 D 02 h Changes the dates For the Women's Major Fast Pitch to include the first Saturday in August.
- Comments:** Date Change for National Championship.
- 509 D 02 j Changes the dates for the Women's 23 and under Fast Pitch to include the third weekend in July.
- Comments:** Date Change for National Championship.
- 510 E & H Deletes Fence Height and Lighting requirements.
- Comments:** Not needed as part of the ASA Code. They are listed in ASA Playing Rules.
- 510 J 02 g At any time during the tournament with the unanimous agreement of the Tournament Director, ASA Representative and the tournament Umpire-in-Chief, the following procedures will be followed if the tournament needs to be shortened as a result of weather or other factors.
01. Drop pool play games and drop double elimination games only.
02. Shorten games to a one hour time limit or five innings.
03. Convert the tournament to a single elimination.
- Comments:** Gives options to the tournament host to complete the Championship Play.
- 510 K Substitute Teams. If for any reason a team cannot compete in the next level of championship play, the runner-up team or next highest eligible team in the respective tournament shall be substituted for the team.
- Comments:** Further defines substitute teams.
- 510 N 06 Changes Suspension from one year to two years for an altered bat.
- Comments:** Increases suspension length when using an altered bat.
- 510 P In Junior Olympic Class A 10-Under and all Class B, the time limit will be one hour and fifteen minutes, finish the inning and play one more inning.
- Comments:** Generates one additional inning of play unless it is a complete game.
- 510 Q 01 Men's Class A Slow Pitch will use the Three Umpire System.
- Comments:** For the betterment of the Men's A Slow Pitch game.

- 511 A 03 c Three Team Pools. In pools of three teams, the teams shall play each other team in the pool once each. Ties in three team pools shall be settled by:
01. Won Loss Records.
 02. If a tie exists, teams shall be ranked according to which team won in head to head competition.
 03. If a tie still exists teams shall be ranked according to the fewest runs allowed per game played.
 04. If a tie still exists teams shall be ranked according to most runs scored per game played.
 05. If a tie still exists, there shall be a coin toss.
- Comments:** Better defines procedures for three team pools.
- 512 A ASA will conduct two qualifying tournaments, one in the east and one in the west. The winner of these tournaments will be granted a berth to the following years Hall of Fame tournament. The National Office will assign these tournaments. Teams that qualify through these tournaments must use age eligible players for the year the Hall of Fame tournament will be played and must meet the returning team requirement to maintain their berth.
- Comments:** To give more teams an opportunity to participate in the Hall of Fame Tournaments.
- 513 L 02 Junior Olympic Teams which have previously qualified for a National Championship Final may compete in other National Qualifiers. If a previously qualified team wins another National Qualifier, the highest finishing team without a berth will qualify.
- Comments:** To allow teams an opportunity to participate.
- 517 Deletes ASA National Tournaments since they are not played.
- Comments:** These tournaments have not been played in recent years.
- 518 A 06 Adds Men's Class C Fast Pitch Teams (May go directly to the National Championship).
- Comments:** These teams may go directly to the National Championship after participating in Association Play.
- 518 B Divides Men's Class C into East/West National Championships.
- Comments:** To give more teams an opportunity to play.
- 518 B 02 Teams may play in the Championship of their choice.
- Comments:** Allows teams options of National Championships.
- 518 G Deletes returning teams for Junior Olympic Girls' 18-Under Gold National Championship. EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2008.
- Comments:** Makes every team have to qualify for the Junior Olympic Girls' 18-Under Gold National Championship.
- 519 A Removes the Women's Open from the Championship Series. Will be played as one tournament in Oklahoma City at the same time as the Championship Series.
- Comments:** Creates one tournament for the Women's Open to coincide with the Hooters Championship Series.

- 520 H Adds Women's 23-Under Fast Pitch to Special Events.
Comments: So that this tournament is placed where the teams are located.
- 521 B Deletes exception for Men's Class B, C and D and Women's Class Open, C and D Slow Pitch.
Comments: So that NIT's do not conflict with National Championships.
- 602 F 03 All tournament bids must include all fees required from the teams.
Comments: Eliminates hidden mandatory fees to the Championship teams.
- 602 H 03 New. Defines who will vote on territory national Championship finals.
Comments: States who is an eligible voter for Championships within a Territory.
- 602 U Delete 're-negotiate awarded bids'.
Comments: Gives this responsibility to the Board of Directors.
- 603 Allows the Board of Directors to set a minimum bid fee for tournaments.
Comments: Sets a minimum value for ASA National Championships.
- 603 A Adds EXCEPTION. Tournaments with 8 teams or less pay no assessments to national office.
Comments: Reduces financial burden to Championship host.
- 603 B 01 Increases game fees for Fast Pitch umpires to be a minimum of \$25 per game. EFFECTIVE January 1, 2009
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- 603 B 03 Increases UIC fees to \$100 per diem/per day. EFFECTIVE January 1, 2009.
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- 603 B 04 Increases Assistant UIC fees to \$50 per diem/per day. EFFECTIVE January 1, 2009.
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- 603 C 08 Deletes local transportation for teams.
Comments: Removed from ASA Code since it is not provided.
- 603 C 13 Increases ASA Representative fees to \$100 per diem/per day. EFFECTIVE January 1, 2009.
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- 607 B 03 a Adds a second place to team awards in 03-09 team category.
Comments: Adds a Second place team award.
- 607 B 11 NEW. Clarifies additional individual awards for Most Valuable Player: Bertha Tickey Most Valuable Pitcher; and Erv Lind for Most Valuable Defensive Player.
Comments: Clarifies special individual awards.
- 607 B 12 NEW. Clarifies additional individual awards for Most Valuable Player: Herb Dudley Most Valuable Pitcher.
Comments: Clarifies special individual awards.
- 607 B 13 NEW. All trophies and awards for National Championship Finals must be purchased through the approved ASA awards provider.
Comments: Specifies who awards can be purchased through for National Championships.
- 609 D Sector Qualifiers. The tournament director, at the conclusion of the tournament shall.

01. File with the national office:
a. The listing of the official order of finish within 24 hours of the completion of the tournament.
b. The official entry fees and assessment reporting forms, together with the payment.

Comments: Further defines what is required at the end of these tournaments.
- 609 E National Championship Finals. The organizing committee, at the conclusion of the tournament, is responsible to file the following with the National Office:

01. Listing of the official order of finish within 24 hours after conclusion of championship play.
02. Listing of first and second All-American / All-Tournament teams (adult divisions only) after conclusion of championship play.
03. Photographs, including at least six action photos and team pictures of the champion within 30 days after conclusion of championship play.
04. File the official entry fees and assessment reporting forms, together with the payment within 30 days after completion of tournament.

05. The tournament organizing committee shall keep copies of score sheets for each tournament game a period of three months by the tournament organizing committee.
06. Any statistics used for selection of All-America teams shall be copied and sent to the 15 regional directors for use in classification matters.

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