

NEW YORK STATE

AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION



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NEW YORK STATE AMATEUR SOFTBALL

ASSOCIATION CODE

ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.01 **NAME:** The name of this Association shall be: New York State Amateur Softball Association, herein after referred to as the “Association” or “State ASA”.
- 1.02 **OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of the Association shall be to:
- A. Foster, develop, promote and regulate amateur softball, for all persons regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin or ancestry.
 - B. Encourage the unification of all amateur softball teams and qualified umpires to advance the cause of amateur softball.
 - C. Promote and conduct annual amateur softball championships.
 - D. Establish official standards of eligibility for all players.
 - E. Develop good sportsmanship and high ideal among participants.
- 1.03 **AFFILIATION:** The Association is a member of a national organization known as “Amateur Softball Association of America”, herein referred to as ASA. The ASA Code is adopted by this Association and is incorporated herein by reference; however, this Association reserves unto itself the right to make rules and regulations not specifically covered or expanded upon in the ASA Code.
- 1.04 **JURISDICTION:** The Association as part of ASA is the governing body of amateur softball in the State of New York, excepting the territory of metropolitan ASA’s within the State. Each member league retains the right to establish and maintain local league playing and eligibility rules. The League prior to the season should spell out any deviation from the Association’s rules.
- 1.05 **DEFINITIONS:** Many words, terms and phases in this Code are defined in the ASA Code and reference is hereby made to Article 1.04 of that instrument. Other words, terms and phases in this Code are defined to mean:
- A. “A.S.A.” means the national organization.

- B. “State ASA”** means the New York State ASA.
- C. “Local Association”** means the local District ASA.
- D. “Council”** means the State Council, the governing body of this Association.
- E. “Member League”** means a softball league whose entire team members belong to this Association.
- F. “Regular Season Roster”** means that roster utilized by a team in league play as of July 1st. or that submitted for District Tournament play, whichever is earlier.
- G. “Independent Team”** means a team, which plays an independent schedule. All-star, pickup or merged teams are not defined as an independent team and are not eligible for tournament competition.
- H. “Tournament Team”** means a team that primarily was founded for tournament play and does not participate in a league.
- I. “Local Commissioner”** means a Deputy State or District Commissioner in charge of a District.
- J. “Championship Play”** means a tournament leading to a state, regional, area or national championship.

1.06 **FINANCES:** All funds of the Association are to be banked in a savings or checking account in the name of the New York State Amateur Softball Association. The Commissioner/Treasurer may make authorized withdrawals. Expenditures other than those to the A.S.A. and to the Commissioner for operation expenses are subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The accounting year shall end on December 31.

ARTICLE 2 – DISTRICT JURISDICTION

- 2.01 **District 1** – Cortland/Ithaca: to include Tompkins, Schuyler, Yates, Seneca, and Cortland Counties.
- 2.02 **District 2** – Susquehanna: to include Steuben, Chemung, and Tioga County west of Route 96.
- 2.03 **District 3** – Binghamton: to include Chenango, Broome and Tioga County east of Route 96.

- 2.04 **District 4** - Mid Hudson West: to include Orange, Sullivan and Ulster County south of Route 299.
- 2.05 **District 5** - Mid Hudson East: to include Putnam, Dutchess and Ulster Counties.
- 2.06 **District 6** – Highlands: to include Delaware, Otsego, Scholarie, Columbia, and Green Counties.
- 2.07 **District 7** – Capital/Northway: to include Franklin, Clinton, Hamilton, Essex, Washington, Montgomery, Fulton, Saratoga, Schenectady, Albany and Rensselaer Counties.
- 2.08 **District 8** – Utica/Rome & Mohawk Valley including Oneida & Herkimer Counties
- 2.09 **District 9** – Auburn
- 2.10 **District 10** – Central Syracuse/Onondaga & Madison Counties.
- 2.11 **District 11** - Northern: to include the cities of: Massena, Ogdensburg, Plattsburg, etc.
- 2.12 **District 12** – Batavia & Surrounding Counties
- 2.13 **District 13** – Rochester
- 2.14 **District 14** - Oswego: to include the cities of Hannibal, Fulton, etc, bordering and including the City of Oswego.
- 2.15 **District 15** – Northern Oswego County

ARTICLE 3 – GOVERNMENT

3.01 State Commissioner:

- A. **Appointment:** The State Commissioner shall be nominated by the ASA Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice-President and shall be elected by a majority vote of the ASA Executive Committee.
- B. **Term of Office:** The State Commissioner shall serve until he/she resigns or is removed from office by A.S.A.
- C. **Removal:** The State Council shall have the power to adopt a resolution to recommend the removal of the Commissioner and forward such resolution to the ASA Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice-President.

D. **Duties:** The State Commissioner's duties shall include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Being responsible for all monies and dues owed by the Association.
2. Awarding all tournaments in the Association's area.
3. Appointing Deputy and District Commissioners, Umpire-In-Chief, Junior Olympic Commissioners, PR Director, and such other aides as are needed, subject to the confirmation by the Executive Committee.
4. Filing all reports required by the A.S.A. and this Association.
5. Enforcing the rules and regulations of the Association as promulgated by this Code and the ASA Code.

E. **Finances**

1. The State Commissioner shall record mileage when using his auto while on official softball business and shall receive \$.30 per mile.
2. The State ASA shall pay all expenses incurred by the State Commissioner when traveling on official state business.
3. The State Commissioner shall be paid an honorarium of \$2.00 per registered adult team.

F. **Vacancy:** In the event there is a vacancy for State Commissioner, the Chief Deputy State Commissioner shall convene a meeting of all members of the State Council within thirty (30) days from such vacancy. The State Council shall select a replacement to be recommended to the Regional Vice President for appointment. In the event of resignation or death, the Chief Deputy State Commissioner or, if none exists, the Senior Deputy State Commissioner shall assume the full duties of the office of State Commissioner pending the appointment of a permanent Commissioner by the ASA of America.

3.02 **EXECUTIVE BOARD:** The Executive Board shall consist of the State Commissioner, State President, State Vice-President, State Secretary, State Umpire-In-Chief, State Junior Olympic Commissioner, and no more than two Commissioners appointed by the State President.

- A. **Meetings:** The Executive Board shall meet at the discretion of the State Commissioner or State Council President as required.
- B. **Duties:** The Executive Board shall assist the Commissioner in conducting the programs of the Association, and it shall also be **responsible** for the direction of the general affairs of the Association in the interim between annual meetings. Individuals involved directly or indirectly with any decision involving a member of the State Council may not serve on this Committee.
1. Shall hear appeals on players, teams or other individuals disqualified by the State Commissioner.
 2. Shall hold meetings on individuals in violation of the State Code and report findings and recommendations to the State Commissioner.

3.03 **OFFICERS and OFFICIALS:** The Association shall be governed by its elected officers, the State Council and the Commissioner.

3.04 **ELECTED OFFICERS**

- A. **Titles:** The elected officers of this Association are the President, Vice-President and Secretary.
- B. **Nominations:** Candidates for the elected officers may be nominated prior to, or, at the Fall Meeting of the Association. A candidate must be an active Commissioner in good standing in the State Association.
- C. **Election:** Election for officers shall be held at the Fall Meeting. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the State Council members present.
- D. **Term of Office:** The elected officers shall serve a term of one year terminating at the next Annual Meeting.
- E. **Removal:** An elected officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the council, after proper notice is sent to each member of the Council. The State Commissioner shall replace elected Officers, no longer in good standing in the State Association.
- F. **Vacancy:** If an elected office becomes vacant due to any cause, a new officer shall be appointed by the State Commissioner or his/her representative to fill the unexpired term of the vacant office.

G. Duties:

1. **President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of this Association, the Executive Committee and the Council. The President shall also appoint all committees, except as otherwise provided herein, and shall perform such duties as usually associated with this office.
 2. **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings where the President is unable to preside, and shall assist the President in conducting the affairs of the Association.
 3. **Secretary:** the Secretary shall cause to be recorded all minutes of the meetings of the Council and Executive Committee.
 4. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall deposit all funds, make all disbursements, and keep accurate records and forward to all Council members an annual financial report no later than the Spring Meeting.
- 3.05 **The State Council** shall be composed of the elected Officers:
State Commissioner, State Umpire-in-Chief, State Junior Olympic Commissioner, Deputy State Commissioners, District Commissioners, District Junior Olympic Commissioners and PR Director,
- 3.06 **Chief Deputy State Commissioner**
- A. In the event of resignation or death, the Chief Deputy shall assume the full responsibilities of the State Commissioner pending the appointment of a permanent Commissioner by the Regional Vice-President.
 - B. Shall report directly to the State Commissioner.
- 3.07 **State Junior Olympic Commissioner:** Shall collect all non-individually Youth Registration fees and forward these monies and registration to the National Office.
- A. Shall report directly to the State Commissioner.
 - B. Assist in organization of youth softball teams and leagues, in both boys and girls fast pitch and slow pitch.
 - C. When possible, attend state youth tournaments and at year-end forward a copy of each team registration form to the State Commissioner.
 - D. Shall submit a yearly detailed financial report to the State Commissioner by the Spring Meeting.

- 3.08 **State Umpire-in-Chief:** Shall assist in organization of local umpire chapters.
- A. Shall report directly to the State Commissioner.
 - B. Disseminate pertinent information to all umpire chapters and conduct clinics within his/her area for local UIC's and chapters.
 - C. Supervise umpiring in State, Regional and National Qualifier Tournaments.
 - D. Select umpires for National Tournaments.
 - E. Attend National and Regional Umpire Clinics and Meetings for UIC's.
 - F. Conduct an annual statewide umpire clinic in the spring.
 - G. Serve as Chairman and Treasurer of the Executive Board of the State Umpires Council.
 - H. Submit all umpire registrations to the National Office.
 - I. The State U.I.C. shall be paid from umpire registration fees, all expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.
 - J. The State UIC shall be paid an honorarium of \$1.00 per registered umpire, forward \$2.00 per registered umpire to the New York State Commissioner's office and retain the remainder for his/her office.
 - K. Shall submit a yearly detailed financial report to the State Commissioner by the Spring Meeting.
- 3.09 **Deputy State Commissioner:** A Deputy State Commissioner may be appointed, by the State Commissioner, after servicing as a District Commissioner for a minimum of three years and registers fifty teams two consecutive years.
- A. Shall report directly to the State Commissioner.
 - B. Along with District and JO Commissioners, shall remit on or before July 1, all league registrations owed to the ASA. Team and umpire fees must be remitted within 30 days of receipt.
PENALTY: Failure to do so is grounds for suspension and removal by the State Commissioner
 - C. Award and supervise all District Tournaments in his/her area.
 - D. Appoint officers of ASA Leagues, umpires and player representatives and assistant commissioners to a District Board.

- E. Responsible for the enforcement of rules and regulations of ASA in his/her territory and expand the ASA Program to include all team classifications. When unable to serve as District Tournament Director, insure that a qualified member of his/her District Board is placed in charge.
- F. Insure that all eligible teams submit an official roster to him/her by the deadline.
- G. Insure eligibility of all teams and players and attend the annual meeting of this Association.

3.10 **District Commissioner:** Deputy State Commissioners may nominate a District Commissioner and Junior Olympic Commissioner for his/her District to the Executive Committee for approval. He/she may appoint such other aides as are needed for his/her District Board.

- A. Act in the capacity of a Deputy State Commissioner in his/her absence.
- B. Each District within the State ASA should be administered in such a way to assure an equal opportunity to all that participated under the ASA banner.
- C. Each District shall be a democratic administration encouraging participation at all levels of play, both male and female. All League Officers and organizers should be selected and invited to take part and contribute in local district policy and administrative details.

NOTE: A District Commissioner may be subject to removal by the State Commissioner as a member of the State Council, if he/she fails to register a minimum of twenty- five teams. Exception: Junior Olympic Commissioners in small areas.

3.11 **District Junior Olympic Commissioners:** Assist the State Junior Olympic Commissioner in conducting the local Youth Programs.

3.12 **PR Director:** Solicit from District Commissioner's softball news of interest and forward it to various news media for publication.

- 1. Shall serve as State Web Master and interface to local newspapers for softball distribution.

3.13 **APPOINTMENTS/REMOVAL**

- A. All Commissioners are appointed on a one year basis, which may be renewed each year subject to the discretion of the State Commissioner.

ARTICLE 4 – MEMBERSHIP

- 4.01 **TYPES:** Membership in this Association shall consist of league teams and independent teams, all of which shall be registered with the ASA. All memberships are annual and shall expire December 31st.
- 4.02 **MEMBER LEAGUE TEAMS:** When all teams in an organized league join this Association, the league shall become a member league. In order to be considered as a member league, the league must be composed of four or more teams.
- 4.03 **INDEPENDENT TEAMS:** An independent team who plays an independent schedule may apply for membership in this Association. Such teams are restricted to the Major or Class ‘*Divisions*
- 4.04 **NON-MEMBER LEAGUE TEAMS:** Teams that are members of an organized league, which is not an ASA member league, may apply for membership in this Association. Such teams are restricted to either the Major or Class ‘A’ Divisions of tournament play, unless otherwise waived by the District Commissioner for unusual circumstances.
- 4.05 **DUES:** Shall be set by the Commissioners Council annually. District Commissioners shall forward fees to the State Office.
- 4.06 **OTHER TYPE TEAMS:** Church, group, and fraternal.

ARTICLE 5 - REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

5.01 ADULT TEAM REGISTRATIONS

- A. Adult team registration forms shall be completed by the local Commissioner who shall affix his/her signature, in that his/her name is on file in the National Office.
- B. A copy shall be forwarded to the State Commissioner along with a check covering the required dues determined by the State Council made payable to “New York State ASA”. The local commissioner shall retain a copy, and a rule book and an ID card shall be forwarded to each team manager.

5.02 JUNIOR OLYMPIC TEAM REGISTRATIONS

- A. The State JO Commissioner shall affix his/her own signature, in that his/her name is on file in the National Office, shall complete Junior Olympic registration forms.

- B. A copy shall be forwarded to the National Office along with a check covering the required dues. The Youth Commissioner shall retain a copy and forward a rule book and an ID card to each registered team manager.

5.03 UMPIRE REGISTRATIONS

- A. Umpire registration forms shall be completed by the State UIC who shall affix his own signature, in that, his name is on file in the National Office for this purpose.
- B. A copy shall be forwarded to the National office along with a check covering the required dues. A copy shall be retained by the UIC and a rule book and an ID card forwarded to each registered umpire.

ARTICLE 6 – MEETINGS

- 6.01 **ANNUAL:** The Fall Meeting shall be designated as the “Annual Meeting” and shall be held at a site determined by the President and State Commissioner and shall be scheduled not earlier than the first nor later than the fourth Sunday in October. This meeting will be held to conduct all business of the New York State Association, including the placement and awarding of all state tournaments, and the election of officers.
- 6.02 **SPRING MEETING:** The President or the State Commissioner shall call a Spring Meeting no earlier than the first nor later than the fourth Sunday in March of each year, to cover all issues pertinent to that year.
- 6.03 **SPECIAL MEETINGS:** A Special Meeting may be called by the President, State Commissioner or by any five council members. The Secretary shall notify each Council Member of any special meeting at least ten days before said meeting.
- 6.04 **CONDUCT of MEETINGS:**
 - A. Order of business: The order of business for all meetings shall be as follows:
 1. Roll call
 2. Minutes of last meeting
 3. Treasurer’s report
 4. Commissioner’s report
 5. Unfinished business
 6. New business
 7. Committee reports
 8. Election of Officers (Fall Meeting)
 9. Adjournment

B. Parliamentary Procedure: Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary procedure for all meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE 7 – COMMITTEES

7.01 **AUDIT COMMITTEE:** An Audit Committee shall be appointed by the President.

A. This Committee shall be responsible for obtaining and auditing the annual financial report and report its findings to the State Council.

7.02 **HALL of FAME COMMITTEE:** This Committee shall consist of no less than five or more than seven members appointed jointly by the President and State Commissioner. Its duties shall include, but not limited to the following:

A. Review the requirements for membership.

B. Request nominations from member teams or other interested parties for Hall of Fame consideration.

C. Screen and select members for induction.

7.03 **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** This Committee shall consist of not less than three or more than five members appointed by the State Junior Olympic Commissioner. Its duties shall include but not limited to the following:

A. Review the requirements for qualification.

B. Request nominations from member teams and local Commissioners for consideration.

C. Screen and select individuals for acceptance.

D. Finance the funding of the scholarship award.

ARTICLE 8 - ELIGIBILITY

8.01 **GENERAL RULE:** In order to participate in the Association, a person and team must meet all of the requirements of the ASA Code and the State Code.

8.02 **RESIDENT RESTRICTION:** A player may play in any state or metro association during the current year.

8.03 **NON-RESIDENT RESTRICTION:** Once electing to participate in championship play on a team registered in a state/metro association, a player may not play in the same division in any other state/metro association during the current year. EXCEPTION: Transfer of Employment. EXCEPTION: In Master's and Senior Divisions – a player may play in the same division in another state/metro association, but not in the same classification.

8.04 **SPECIAL RESTRICTION:** A player may participate as a regular rostered player on only one team within a division in championship play during a season. EXCEPTION: Master's and Senior Divisions – a player may participate in all age classifications for which he/she is eligible.

ARTICLE 9 – DISQUALIFICATION

9.01 **JURISDICTION:** A team, team member, manager, team official or any individual shall cease to be eligible to compete in tournaments conducted or sanctioned by the ASA while disqualified by ASA or any state/metro association in which the team is registered provided that the disqualification by the state/metro association does not conflict or is inconsistent with the Code or established policies of ASA.

9.02 **ACTS of DISQUALIFICATIONS:** A team, team member, manager, team official or individual may be disqualified for any of the following:

- A. Violating this Code or the A.S.A. Code.
- B. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including physical violence, such as an attack on an umpire or tournament official immediately proceeding, during or immediately following a game.
- C. Failing to pay all financial obligations incurred for any activity related to softball.
- D. Destroying or littering property in connection with a softball event.
- E. Failing to appear for play in a tournament after entering or qualifying in it without proper notice and justification. Generally, fourteen days will be deemed proper notice.
- F. Participating when he/she does not meet the eligibility requirements of ASA.
- G. Committing disrespectful or discourteous deeds which may result in harmful reflection against this Association or any of its Officers or Commissioners and umpires.

H. Including any violations as noted in Article 505 of the ASA Code

9.03 **NOTIFICATION:** The team, team member or individual must be notified in writing of the time, place and date of the hearing.

9.04 **PENALTIES:** Individuals and teams may be disqualified for a period of time at the discretion of the State Commissioner and approval by the Board of Directors for any violations outlined in 9.02 of this Code, with the exception that the following acts of disqualification require a minimum of one year loss of eligibility.

1. Physical violence.
2. Commission of fraud.
3. Competing knowingly with or against disqualified players.

9.05 **VIOLATIONS:** The penalty for violations cannot be waived on the grounds the individual or team was given an incorrect interpretation by a Commissioner, other than the State Commissioner.

9.06 **RIGHT of APPEAL:** A player, individual or team disqualified from the Association may appeal by filing a written appeal with the Commissioner within ten days of the notice of suspension. The Executive Committee will hear the appeal at a site and time selected by the President. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final except that, if the violation was of National ASA Code, the decision of the Executive Committee may be further appealed to the ASA Executive Director.

ARTICLE 10 – RE-INSTATEMENT

10.01 **APPLICATION:** A team or individual who has been disqualified or suspended from this Association may apply for reinstatement at any time after termination of the suspension. If the suspension is one of an indefinite period, application may be made any time after one year from suspension.

10.02 **PROCEDURE OF RE-INSTATEMENT:** After the application has been properly filed with the Commissioner, the Commissioner shall then cause the matter to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council for approval or rejection. A majority vote of the Council shall be required for reinstatement

10.03 **LIMITATION:** No individual or team may apply for reinstatement more than one time in a twelve-month period.

ARTICLE 11 – CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY

11.01 **Junior Olympic Teams** *MUST* be registered using the ASA Individual Registration Program available on the ASA Web Site.

A. DIVISIONS: Tournaments may be conducted in the Classifications as outlined in the ASA Code – Article 509.

11.02 **RULES:** All District Tournaments may be decided by a single, double elimination or round robin system. The State Commissioner’s Council shall decide the format for all Adult State Tournaments. All tournaments must be completed and all games are continuous.

11.03 **DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS:** In certain divisions of play, it may be necessary to conduct District Tournaments. District representative teams in state tournaments may also be selected through ASA member league’s regular season league play.

11.04 **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:** State Championship’s are open to the following member teams:

A. All member league teams in Men’s Class ‘A’ Fast Pitch, Men’s ‘B’ Fast Pitch, Women’s Class ‘B’ Slow Pitch, Men’s Class ‘B’ Slow Pitch, and Men’s Class ‘C’ Slow Pitch.

B. All member teams in other divisions not specified above.

11.05 **RESTRICTIONS:** A player may participate in only one division of championship play during a season. **EXCEPTION:** A player may play in Men’s Senior Slow-Pitch and still be eligible for one other division. This pertains to state, regional, or national tournaments.

11.06 **JUNIOR OLYMPIC TEAMS:** New York State Junior Olympic Teams wishing to compete in ASA Championship play *MUST* be registered using the ASA Individual Registration Program available on the ASA web site.

11.07 **ROSTERS**

A. General: Teams must compete with the identical roster as used during said team’s regular season or league play. For the purpose of this rule, any player who did not play for any team as of the roster deadline may sign on for a team of his choice, but no team shall have more than two (2) such players on its roster.

- B. Rosters must be signed and submitted by teams to the local commissioner by the deadline regardless of whether all players have signed. Upon entering into a game the Tournament Director should attempt to obtain the player's signature if he/she has not signed the roster. If unable to obtain the signature, the Tournament Director shall place in the space for the player's signature the word 'PLAYED' and initial it. A player who plays will be deemed as having 'signed.'
- C. Changes: No changes or additions are permitted to a team's roster after the deadline for submitting rosters, except for the two pickup rules in fast pitch.

11.08 ENTRY FEES

- A. The Commissioner's Council shall set tournament team entry fees for all State Adult and Junior Olympic Tournaments. The State Tournament Director shall forward the required assessment for each team entered in a tournament to the State Commissioner.

11.09 DEADLINES:

- A. Registration: In order to be eligible to compete in ASA tournaments, teams must be ASA registered.
- B. Rosters: Team rosters for tournament play must be submitted prior to participation in the tournament for all divisions of play.
- C. Entry Fee: Must be submitted to the Tournament Director no later than seven days prior to the tournament opening date.

11.10 AWARDS: A championship trophy or other suitable award shall be provided to the winning team in all Invitational and District Tournaments. In all State Tournaments, a championship and runner-up trophy will be provided by the State ASA. The cost of all trophies or awards will be borne by the sponsoring group. Additional awards shall be at the option of the Tournament Director.

11.11 TOURNAMENT DATES: All tournaments shall be scheduled a minimum of two weeks prior to the next qualifying tournament level, whenever possible.

ARTICLE 12 – TEAM CLASSIFICATION

- 12.01 **TEAM CLASSIFICATION:** Teams must be classified by their local District Commissioner to be eligible for the particular division of tournament play, in accordance with the State ASA team classification procedural code. Team eligibility is to be determined by the local commissioner signing the team roster. Tournament Directors or Host Commissioners may NOT deny entry into a District/State or Regional Tournament at his or her own discretion. NOTE: Local Commissioners signing rosters should do their utmost to ensure the team's proper classification. Each team manager and members of classification boards must be made aware and informed of this procedure, as violations discovered during championship play may result in forfeiture from the tournament for ineligibility.
- 12.02 **MAJOR TEAMS:** A team is automatically classified a Major team if it meets any of the following condition(s).
- A. A tournament team. (For definition, see State Code 1.05h).
 - B. An independent team not eligible to be classified 'A'. (For definition, see State Code 1.05g).
 - C. Finish first or second in the previous years State Major Tournament.
 - D. Qualified for or participated in the Major Division Regional or National Tournament the previous year.
 - E. Won Class 'A' National Tournament the previous year.
 - F. A member of a top caliper league consisting of two (2) or more Major classified teams, and play .500 or better in said league.
 - G. Have more than three (3) Major classified players.
 - H. Have five (5) or more Major restricted players.
 - I. A combination of G and H above, totaling five (5) or more.
 - J. Any team not otherwise eligible for a lower classification.
- 12.03 **CLASS 'A' TEAMS:** A team is automatically classified NOT LOWER THAN 'A', as opposed to 'B', if it meets the following condition(s).
- A. Independent team playing primarily Class 'A' competition without dominance and is not a tournament team.
 - B. Won Class 'B' State Tournament the previous year.
 - C. Qualified for or participated in Class 'A' State, regional or National Tournament the previous year.
 - D. Have three (3) or more Class 'A' classified or restricted players.
 - E. Any team not classified as Major and is not eligible for a lower classification.

12.04 **CLASS 'B' TEAMS:** A team is automatically classified NOT LOWER THAN 'B', as opposed to 'C', if it meets the following condition(s).

- A. Won Class 'C' State Tournament the previous year.
- B. Is not a tournament or independent team.
- C. Is not a member of a traveling team.
- D. Must be a member of an all-ASA League.
- E. Have no Major classified players.
- F. Have no Major restricted players.
- G. Have no more than two (2) Class 'A' classified players or restricted players.
- H. Any team not classified higher than 'B' and is not eligible for a lower classification.

12.05 **CLASS 'C' and 'D' TEAMS:** A team is eligible to be considered for Class 'C' and 'D' if it meets the following condition(s).

- A. Does not travel outside its immediate area for invitational tournaments.
- B. Does not participate in Major or Class 'A' invitational.
- C. Must be a member of an all-ASA League.
- D. Have no Major or Class 'A' classified or restricted players.
- E. Have no more than three (3) Class 'B' restricted players.
- F. Does not meet any of the criteria for Major or Class 'A' or Class 'B' classification status.

NOTE: In all of the above, a team is otherwise to be classified as to their level of athletic proficiency on a comparison of an overall majority of teams within the Mid-Atlantic Region, and not one particular state/metro within the region.

The State Code contains rules restricting players and teams from a particular classification due to roster complexity as a result of use of "waiver players", etc. It shall be the total responsibility of team managers to alert the Commissioner if the team's classification is inconsistent or in violation of the State Code. This is deemed to be implied in the last listed provision listed above in Major, 'A', 'B' or 'C'.

12.06 **CLASS 'E' TEAMS:** Strictly for recreation league teams. Teams that are on low end of leagues. Do not play a large number of games or tournaments.

ARTICLE 13 – INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- 13.01 **REQUIREMENTS:** Only teams registered with ASA are eligible to participate. It is illegal to register teams from another State/Metro area, in that such team, may well be under suspension from ASA by their respective State/Metro area and we must honor the suspension.
- A. No Invitational tournament may be conducted or sanctioned which conflicts with championship play of this Association.
 - B. The Local Commissioner may sanction Invitational Tournaments involving only teams from the district where the tournament is being conducted. The State Commissioner or Junior Olympic Commissioner must sanction all other Invitationals.
 - C. Requests for Invitational Tournaments must be submitted at least thirty (30) days in advance of the desired tournament dates.
 - D. A sanction fee set by the Commissioner’s Council will be charged for all Invitational Tournaments.
 - 1. All ASA eligibility rules must be complied with.
 - 2. Tournament Directors for Invitational Tournaments may deny a team from entering if the team’s classification for ASA tournaments is different than the level of classification for which the tournament is held.
 - 3. All provisions of the A.S.A. Code pertaining to Invitational Tournaments as specified in Article 12 must be complied with.

ARTICLE 14 – UMPIRES

- 14.01 **REGISTRATION:** Any person may become a registered umpire by meeting the eligibility requirements as stated in Article 7 of the New York State ASA Umpires’ Association Constitution.
- 14.02 **ORGANIZATION:** The State Umpires Council shall be headed by the State Umpire-in-Chief who shall report directly to the State Commissioner.
- 14.03 **QUALIFICATION:** Before a person may umpire in the Association, he/she must be a registered umpire of the Amateur Softball Association.
- 14.04 **ASSIGNMENTS:** Umpires may only accept assignments made through, or approved by his/her local association or by the State Umpire-in-Chief or his designee.

14.05 TOURNAMENT SELECTION: Umpires shall be selected and assigned by the State UIC or his/her designee for District, State, Regional, National Qualifier and National Tournaments.

A. There shall be at least two (2) umpires assigned to each game.

14.06 DUES: The annual dues for umpire registration shall be set by the State Umpires Council with the approval of the State Commissioner. The State U.I.C. shall forward the required fee of each umpire to the National Office of ASA.

ARTICLE 15 - AMENDMENTS

15.01 AMENDMENTS: This code may be added to, amended or repealed in part, or in its entirety and all changes shall be effective immediately, unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

- A. Proposed amendments to this Code must be in writing signed by a team manager, officer of a member league or by a member of the Council and received by the Secretary ten days prior to the Council Meeting that it will be proposed and voted on.
- B. A two-thirds approval of Council Members voting on the proposed change shall be required for the change to be adopted.
- C. A proposed change brought forth at a Council Meeting not in accordance with the above may be acted upon by unanimous consent of all members present.
- D. These By-laws and all changes thereto of the State Umpires Council are subject to ratification by the State A.S.A. Council.

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