



2014 ASA Code Changes with Comments as of December 5, 2013

NOTE: All changes below are EFFECTIVE January 1, 2014 unless otherwise noted.

Article Number Article 303 A 02

Change

02. Pick-up players must have played for an ASA-registered team during the current season.

Comments: Allows players to be picked-up from any ASA registered team regardless of division of play.

Article 303 A 03

03. Pick-up players must be selected only from ASA registered teams no longer eligible for championship play.

EXCEPTION: A player that has been released from a team's championship roster in accordance with the Player Release form.

Comments: Allows released players the ability to be pick-up players on teams that have qualified for Championship play.

Article 306 A 03

Delete Women's Fast Pitch Class Major, A, and B divisions

Comments: Eliminates the Classifications of Major, Class A and Class B in Women's Fast Pitch

Article 306 A 04

Rename Women's 23-Under Fast Pitch to Women's 18-Over Fast Pitch

Comments: Creates the Women's 18-Over Classification for Women's Fast Pitch

Article 306 A 05

Men's Slow Pitch

**Super
A**

NOTE: The Men's Super and Men's Class A qualifying guidelines will be established by the ASA Executive Director. The ASA Super National Championship date and location will be approved by the ASA Board of Directors.

Comments: Establishes the Men's Super classification in men's slow pitch and allows the Executive Director to establish qualifying guidelines for Class A and Super.

Article 306 A 16

Delete Competitive and Recreational classifications in the Men's 35-over, 40-over, and 45-over Slow Pitch.

Comments: Eliminates the Competitive and Recreational classifications in Men's Masters Slow Pitch

Article 306 A 28

Girls' Fast Pitch

18-Under GOLD
16-Under GOLD
Class A 18-Under

Comments: Establishes the 16-Under GOLD Classification in Girls' Fast pitch

Article 307 F 03 c

Foreign pitchers will be classified by the Men's Fast Pitch Territory and National Classification boards. Unclassified foreign pitchers will not be eligible to pitch in Men's Class C.

Comments: Adds a process for classifying foreign pitchers to allow them to pitch in Class C fast pitch.



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Article Number Article 307 H 01 a

Change

a. Men's Class A Slow Pitch

three (3) players from
the ASA Restricted Player's List.

Comments: Establishes a guideline for how many ASA Restricted Players can participate in Men's Class A Slow Pitch.

Article 307 H 01 f

Delete Article 307 H 01 f. Player restrictions for the Men's Master Slow Pitch Classifications.

Comments: Eliminates player restrictions for the Men's Masters Slow Pitch Classifications

Article 307 H 02

New **EXCEPTION: Adult Fast Pitch. Teams that finish first in a National Championship Final and in their next playing season finish first again shall be reclassified to the next higher classification.**

Comments: Establishes guidelines for reclassifying teams in Adult Fast Pitch.

Article 308 A 01

New **01. Local association berths may be open to all ASA registered teams from any local association if the host State / Metro commissioner allows. Teams from outside the local association must have a national Championship entry form and Championship roster signed by their local State / Metro commissioner or designee in order to participate.**

Comments: Allows local association berths to be given away like national qualifier berths if the host commissioner chooses.

Article 309 C 01 c

Delete and re letter

Men's Class D and E/Rec Slow Pitch. These National Championship Finals can be scheduled **either on the weekend prior to Labor Day or on Labor Day weekend. If scheduled on the weekend prior to Labor Day the tournament shall commence no earlier than Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and conclude no later than Sunday.** If schedule on Labor Day the tournament shall commence no earlier than Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and conclude no later than Monday

Comments: Establishes optional dates for hosting Men's Class D and Class E/Rec National Championship Finals.

Article 309 C 02 b

Men's Class A, B and C Fast Pitch. This National Championship Final shall be scheduled **no earlier than the weekend that includes the second Saturday in July.** The tournament shall commence no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on Thursday and conclude no later than Sunday.

Comments: Establishes options for scheduling Men's Class A, B, and C Fast Pitch National Championship Finals.



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Article Number Article 310 P 03

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03. In all Junior Olympic Class A 12-Under, 14-Under, 16-Under and 18-Under pool play **and elimination play**; Class B 12-Under, 14-Under, 16-Under and 18-Under pool play **and elimination play**; and Gold pool play **and elimination play**; no inning shall start after 1 hour and 40 minutes for fast pitch and 1 hour and **10** minutes for **all Junior Olympic** 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.

Exception: There shall be no time limit on elimination play beginning with the winner's bracket final.

Comments: Establishes a time limit for elimination play up until the winner's bracket final.

Article 310 R

Removes Men's Class C from the Exception

Comments: Establishes that three (3) umpires will be used for Men's Class C Fast Pitch.

Article 311 A

EXCEPTION: The Executive Director can approve an alternative bracket to be used in National Championship Finals upon request.

Comments: Allows for the Executive Director to approve alternative brackets in Championship play.

Article 311 A 01

01. **Pool Play Bracket.** The pool play bracket is to be used prior to the seeded double elimination bracket for purpose of drawing onto the seeded bracket in the following championships:

- d. Men's Masters 35-Over Slow Pitch**
- e. Men's Masters 40-Over Slow Pitch**
- f. Men's Masters 45-Over Slow Pitch**

Comments: Establishes Men's Masters Slow Pitch National Championships to play pool play prior to the Double Elimination bracket.

Article 311 A 04 n,o,p

Delete Article 311 A 04 n, o, p Men's Master Slow Pitch 35-Over, 40-Over, and 45-Over Classifications.

Comments: Eliminates Men's Masters Slow Pitch Classifications from using the 3 Game Guarantee Bracket.

Article 311 A 04

04. **3 Game Guarantee Bracket.** In lieu of pool play, seeded double elimination or double elimination brackets, the respective Tournament Director shall utilize an ASA official approved three (3) game guaranteed format for the following:

- t. Class D Slow Pitch**
- u. Class E/Rec Slow Pitch**

Comments: Establishes Men's Class D and E/Rec Slow Pitch to use the three game guarantee bracket in National Championship Finals.

Article 311 B 03 d 01

Exception: The Men's Modified Pitch National Championship and the Men's Major Fast pitch National Championship will be seeded by the ASA Executive Director.

Comments: Establishes a seeding process for the Men's Modified Pitch and Men's Major Fast Pitch National Championship finals.



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Article Number Article 315

Change

ASA GOLD QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS (Junior Olympic **16-Under** and 18-Under Gold Only). The ASA shall conduct two National GOLD Qualifying Tournaments (NGQT) in each Territory and may hold up to four (4) in each Territory.

A. Eligible Teams.

02. Previously Qualified. Teams previously qualified for the National Championship Finals are eligible to compete in any Territory Tournaments.

F. Gold Qualifying Tournament Procedures.

01. **National Gold Qualifying Tournaments.** Each Territory shall hold two (2) **National Gold Qualifying Tournaments (NGQT)** with half of each Territory's complement of berths being awarded at each of the two **National Gold Qualifying Tournaments** or may hold four (4). Berths shall be divided evenly amongst all of the National Gold Qualifying Tournaments. Each Region within the Territory may only host one of two National Gold Qualifying Tournaments in the same year unless no other Region in that Territory wishes to host. By mutual agreement, regions within a territory may set the date for **National Gold Qualifying Tournaments** in any order they desire. If no agreement can be reached, then the Region with the most Gold teams in the previous year shall host the first **National Gold Qualifying Tournaments** in that Territory and the Region with the second most participation in the previous year in that Territory shall host the second **National Gold Qualifying Tournaments** in that Territory. If a particular Region did not wish to host a **National Gold Qualifying Tournaments**, the Region with the next highest Gold participation will be offered the **National Gold Qualifying Tournaments**. That process shall go on until all Regions have declined and will revert back to the Region with the most Gold participation in the previous year.

02. Sites / Number of Teams. All territories are to host **National Gold Qualifying Tournaments (NGQT)** at sites that can accommodate all GOLD teams registered prior to the tournament entry deadline.

03. **Tournament Bracket.** In accordance with Article 311 (A) (03) of the ASA Code, the official ASA bracket (double elimination bracket) is to be utilized for all **NGQT**.

04. Tournament Entry Procedures. NGQT's may accept entries at any time after 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Eastern Standard Time on March 15.

a. Any team wishing to enter a NGQT must submit to the respective tournament director the following:

01. ASA Official Tournament Entry Form.

02. Tournament Entry Fee (Check or Money Order). Receipt of the check and roster does not guarantee a team a spot in the tournament.

05. ASA Website Posting. Each **NGQT** director shall submit to the National Office for posting on the ASA website the list of all teams participating in their tournament (Inclusive of Team Name, as it appears on their ASA Official Tournament Entry Form, Manager's Name including Street Address, City, State, Zip Code and Telephone Numbers).

06. Master List of Qualified Teams. The National Office will maintain a master list of all GOLD teams that have qualified for the National Championship Finals. Maintaining this list will require each **NGQT** director to submit each Monday, starting the first week in June, a list of teams that qualified the previous weekend (Inclusive of Team Name, as it appears on their ASA Official Tournament Entry Form, Manager's Name including Street Address, City, State, Zip Code and Telephone Numbers).

07. Notification of Unfilled Berths. ASA Regional Directors and or ASA Regional Junior Olympic Commissioners shall notify the ASA National Office immediately upon discovery of any **NGQT** berth that will not be used.

a. Returned **NGQT** berths will be returned to the territory from which they came.

b. All remaining unused berths will be returned to the National Office for distribution.

Comments: Redefines Territorial GOLD Qualifying tournaments as National GOLD qualifying tournaments.



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Article 316 J 01

H.Girls' Class A ASA / USA Fast Pitch National Championship Finals.

East National Qualifier

18, 16, 14, 12, 10-Under

Central National Qualifier

2

West National Qualifier

2

2

Comments: Adds a Central National Qualifier to be held in Oklahoma City in conjunction with the Women's College World Series.

Article 316 K

Girls' Class GOLD ASA / USA National Championship Finals 18-Under

Returning Teams 2 (Champion and Runner-up). Berths will be taken from the territory which they come from. Returning teams must enter the championship prior to May 31.

Comments: Adds a berth for the Champion and Runner-up for 18-Under Gold National Championship Finals.

Article 316 L

Deletes the Girls Class Gold ASA National Championship Finals

Comments: Eliminates the Girls Class Gold ASA National Championship Finals to be held in the territories.

Article 316 L

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Girls' Class GOLD ASA / USA National Championship Finals 16-Under

Returning Teams 2 (Champion and Runner-up). Berths will be taken from the territory which they come from. Returning teams must enter the championship prior to May 31.

The berths will be allocated as follows:

Territorial Berths based on previous Year's Gold Participation in Territorial Play:

Territory with the highest participation	16
Territory with the second highest participation	16
Territory with the third highest participation	8
Territory with the fourth highest participation	8

Maximum Possible Number of Teams 48

NOTE: In 2014 only, the Championship berths will be evenly distributed in each territory (12)

Comments: Establishes how the 16-Under Gold berths will be distributed