



2014 ASA Procedural Manual Changes with Comments as of December 5, 2013

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

Article Number Article 104 A 04

Change

A. Council Members. The Association shall have the following classes of Council Membership.

04. **Local Association** Junior Olympic Commissioner **for each association with a minimum of 200 registered Junior Olympic teams in the preceding year.**

Comments: Establishes a local association Junior Olympic Commissioner position on the ASA Council.

Article 109 A 05

A. Local Junior Olympic Commissioners.

05. Duties. A local Junior Olympic Commissioner shall represent their local association at all regional, territorial, and **national** meetings and shall be eligible for appointment to regional, territorial, and **national** committees.

Comments: Gives the local association Junior Olympic Commissioner additional duties.

Article 109 B 05

B. Regional Junior Olympic Commissioners.

05. Duties.

a. Regional Junior Olympic Commissioners shall represent their region in all regional and territorial meetings and shall be eligible for appointment to committees.

Comments: Redefines Regional Junior Olympic Commissioners responsibilities.

Article 111 D 04

04. Modified Pitch.

- a. One third of the umpires assigned to the championship will come from the previous year's UIC recommendations and/or the previous year's championship umpires.**
b. The balance of umpires will be assigned by the National Director of Umpires.

Comments: Improves the selection process for umpires to be selected for the Men's Modified National Championship Finals.

Article 112 A 07

Allied Member Requirements. In order to obtain and maintain their allied membership all eligible organizations must comply with the following requirements. **Allied membership will be limited to a total of thirty (30) voting members on the council. An Allied Members ASA Liaison or approved proxy must attend the National Council Meeting once every three (3) years or their membership will be terminated and they will have to re-apply to become an Allied Member.**

Comments: Limits Allied members with voting privileges to 30 and provides requirements to retain membership.

Article 112 B 04

Affiliated Member Requirements. In order to obtain and maintain their affiliated membership all eligible organizations must comply with the following requirements. **Affiliated membership will be limited to a total of thirty (30) voting members on the council. An Affiliated Members ASA Liaison or approved proxy must attend the National Council meeting once every three (3) years of their membership will be terminated and they will have to re-apply to become an Affiliated Member.**

Comments: Limits Affiliated members with voting privileges to 30 and provides requirements to retain membership.



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Article Number Article 201 A 04

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04. Proxy. Authorization for representation of a Council member by proxy may be obtained by submitting a request for same in writing to the Executive Director at least one week prior to the date for the annual meeting.

NOTE: A proxy request for either a commissioner emeritus, council member emeritus, **Junior Olympic Commissioner**, or a Past President shall not be granted.

Comments: Adds Junior Olympic Commissioners to the list of council members who can not have a proxy.

Article 201 A 04 a

a. Active Membership. In order for a proxy to be approved, they must have been an active member of said local association (deputy, district commissioner, member or officer) **or allied/affiliated members (employee, member or officer)** requesting a proxy and be listed on the commissioner's annual report on file in the National Office no later than September 1. **The allied/affiliated members proxy must include with the proxy form proof of employment, proof of membership, or proof that they are an officer of their association for the current year.**

Comments: Establishes a requirement for each proxy to submit additional paperwork with their proxy form.

Article 201 A 05, 06

05. Travel. Each year the Board of Directors shall determine whether the ASA will be responsible, in whole or in part, for expense of transporting members of the Board of Directors, Local Commissioners, Regional Player Representatives, At-Large Player Representatives, Regional Umpires-in-Chief, Past Presidents who are no longer an active commissioner and Commissioner Emeritus to and from the annual Council Meeting to be held the following year. On or before January 15 of each year, the Executive Director shall send written notice to each person identified in this paragraph A (05) informing them of whether the ASA will be responsible in whole or in part for such expenses. If such expenses will be paid in whole or in part by the ASA, all airline reservations must be made through the ASA Travel Service at least forty-five (45) days before the beginning of the annual Council Meeting. If air travel is not elected, then mileage shall be reimbursed at the rate then allowed as depreciation under the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations; provided, however, in no event shall such reimbursement exceed the cost of the lowest airfare which could have been obtained for such Council Member had air travel been elected.

06. Other Expenses. Each year, before the close of the annual Council Meeting for that year, the Board of Directors shall determine whether and to what extent other expenses incurred by members of the Board of Directors, Local Commissioners, Regional Player Representatives, At-Large Player Representatives, Regional Umpires-in-Chief, Past Presidents who are no longer an active commissioner and each Commissioner Emeritus who has served as an active commissioner for twenty-five (25) or more years, including but not limited to lodging expenses (room and tax only) incurred at the host hotel or approved hotel for such annual Council Meeting, shall be reimbursed by the ASA, provided that such persons attended all sessions and assigned committee meetings as verified by roll call. If reimbursement of any such expenses is approved by the Board of Directors, eligible Council Members shall file a claim for reimbursement with the ASA no later than sixty (60) days after the close of such annual Council Meeting on a form approved and in accordance with procedures established by the ASA.

Comments: Redefines who receives compensation for travel and other expenses to the annual council meeting.



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Article Number Article 202 B

Change

Delete Commissioner Emeritus committee and re-letter.

Comments: Removes Commissioner Emeritus committee from standing committee status.

Article 202 F 05

Hall of Fame. This committee shall provide and publicize the ASA Hall of Fame. Its duties shall include but not be limited to the following:

05. This Committee shall review all ISF Hall of Fame nominations of ASA/USA candidates for any further consideration.

Comments: Adds responsibilities to the Hall of Fame selection committee.

Article 202 O

Tournament Review Committee. The committee shall include the **immediate past president and two (2) council members from each territory, appointed by the President.** This committee shall review all bids and has the authority to accept or reject all bids.

Comments: Establishes who will serve on the Tournament Review Committee.

Article 304 G

National Championship Finals Entry Fee. Each team participating in a National Championship Final shall be assessed a \$100.00 fee (**\$25.00 for Slow Pitch - EFFECTIVE 2015**). The assessment shall be included in the tournament entry fee (See **Article 303 (A)**, **Fast Pitch, Modified Pitch and Slow Pitch Bids.**)

Comments: Establishes a new assessment fee for slow pitch national championships in 2015.

Article 306 B 02 a

a. CATEGORY I (03 - 16 Teams)
Teams Award First, Second and Third Place

Comments: Adds a third place award to Category I for team awards.

Article 306 B 06 e

e. Individual awards shall be presented to each player selected to the All- Tournament team.

EXCEPTION: No All – Tournament Team selected for the **Men's Class D and Men's Class E / Rec Slow Pitch.**

Comments: Removes the selection of All-Tournament teams from Men's Class D Slow Pitch.

Article 306 B 07

New

EXCEPTION: No Batting Champion will be selected for Men's Class D or Men's Class E Slow Pitch National Championship Finals.

Comments: Removes the selection of batting champions from Men's Class D and Men's Class E Slow Pitch National Championship Finals.