### 2022 USA Softball Procedural Code Changes with Comments as of October 26, 2021

*Note: All changes below are EFFECTIVE January 1, 2022 unless otherwise noted*

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| Article 306 A 07 | Divisions and classifications of Championship Play defined.  
| | 07. Women’s Slow Pitch  
| | Open  
| | C  
| | D  
| | E/Rec  |

**Comments:** Adds the E/Rec Division in Women’s Slow Pitch

| Article 307 F 03 d | Classifications of Championship Play  
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| d. In all adult Fast Pitch, USA Softball National no Country’s Men’s National Team Members or player pool may participate below the Major level. will not be eligible to be to participate in Men's Open.  
| Exception: A member of a Country’s Junior Men’s National Team or player pool may participate below the Major level in a National Championship Final.  
| EXCEPTION: Non-pitching members of a Country’s Men’s National Team or player pool on the USA Softball Men’s National Team may pitch at the Open level but cannot bat or assume any other defensive position.  
| **Comments:** Clarifies who many participate in Championship Play and limits foreign players below the Major level. |

| Article 307 H 02 | Classification of Championship Play  
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| H02. Mandatory Team Reclassification. An adult team that has four or more players ...(as is). In all Adult National Championships, the table below will be used to reclassify teams to the next higher class based on teams entered in the event, the top finishing 10% (plus ties) will be reclassified to the next higher classification. Fractions will be rounded up to the nearest whole number.  
| 0-9 teams = 0 teams  
| 10-19 teams = 1 team  
| 20-29 teams = 2 teams  
| 30-39 teams = 3 teams  
| 40-49 teams = 4 teams  
| 50-69 teams = 6 teams  
| 70-89 teams = 8 teams, etc.  |

**Comments:** Changes the reclassification of teams based on total number of teams playing in an event
Article 307 H 03 a  Classification of Championship Play
a. Teams. A team that wins two or more games in a double elimination bracket, or three or more games in a three game bracket, excluding forfeits, in a National Championship Final may not participate in a lower classification in the same division of championship play during their next USA Softball playing season unless they played in the highest classification. Those players currently classified shall be moved to a + level. Those already classified as one level higher would not be affected by this change. A team that has four or more players on a roster, including pick-ups, from such a team shall be considered the same team.

Comments: Removes the a + level

Article 309 C 04 c  Dates of Championship Play
04c. Girls’ USA Softball Class A and B Fast Pitch East/West National Championships (all ages).

Comments: Allows for Class A & Class B to have East & West National Championships

Article 314 F  National Championship Finals
F. USA Softball East/West National Championship Finals. USA Softball will conduct two National Championship Tournaments in following divisions and classifications:

Men’s Senior Slow Pitch.
Men’s Open Fast Pitch
Girls 10-Under, 12-Under, 14-Under, 16-Under, & 18-Under Class A

Comments: Adds more age groups to conducting multiple National Championship Tournaments