

2023 USA Softball Procedural Code Changes w/ Comments as of November 15, 2022

NOTE: All changes below are EFFECTIVE January 1, 2023 unless otherwise noted.

<u>ARTICLE NUMBER</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Article 301 C 03	<p>Junior Olympic</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">[...] one current ACE certified coach (current season) on the field/dugout during championship play.[...] must have a background check and be Safe Sport certified for the current season.[...] must visually or electronically display a current USA Softball background check card. <p>Comments: This changes “year” to “season” and allows for electronic versions of requirements.</p>
Article 301 C 02c	<p>EXCEPTION: Players who are two or more years separated from active participation on the Men's National Team, the Men's Junior National Team, or the Men's National Team Player Pool are eligible to participate at the Open level of play.</p> <p>EXCEPTION: Players listed on the Restricted Players List who are two or more years separated from active participation on the Men's National Team, the Men's Junior National Team, or the Men's National Team Player Pool are eligible to participate at the Open level and be removed from the Restricted Players List.</p> <p>Comments: Allows flexibility for players returning after years without playing.</p>
Article 301 D 04c	<p>Junior Olympic Birth Verification. [...] one of the following forms of birth verification or proof of age must be attached to the team's roster/affidavit form: (as is), or other proof of identification approved by a local USA Softball Commissioner and/or his/her designated deputy on a case by case basis. [...]</p> <p>Comments: Allows for additional forms of identification.</p>
Article 301 D 05a	<p><i>(Effective September 1, 2023)</i></p> <p>Junior Olympic Age Qualifications. A player's age as of August 31 determines the age in which the player is eligible to play the following year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">8-Under Age Classification. A player whose 9th birthday is prior to September 1, 2023, is INELIGIBLE.10-Under Age Classification. A player whose 11th birthday is prior to September 1, 2023, is INELIGIBLE.12-Under Age Classification. A player whose 13th birthday is prior to September 1, 2023, is INELIGIBLE.

- iv. 14-Under Age Classification. A player whose 15th birthday is prior to September 1, 2023, is INELIGIBLE.
- v. 16-Under Age Classification. A player whose 17th birthday is prior to September 1, 2023, is INELIGIBLE.
- vi. 18-Under Age Classification. A player whose 19th birthday is prior to September 1, 2023, is INELIGIBLE.

Comments: Matches eligibility age to new registration date of September 1 in Junior Olympic.

Article 302 E

Roster Procedure. The roster/affidavit form must be signed by the player, his/her guardian (if necessary) and the manager. Parent's signatures are not required for players 18 years of age and over. The roster must be signed by the local association commissioner or his/her designee.

Comments: Removes the requirement of "red lining" a roster.

Article 303 A 03

(JO ONLY) Pick-up players must be individually registered prior to the start of a National Championship Final.

Comments: Requires athletes to be individually registered and removes the requirement of being completed at least 7 days prior to the start of a National Championship Final.

Article 310 E

Insurance. The host of all levels of Championship Play shall be required to have Tournament Insurance that meets or exceeds the limits set by the USA Softball Board of Directors and that covers all participants. The current limits and requirements are to be listed in the USA Softball bid packet and be available online. Team Insurance will not be a requirement to play in Championship Play.

Comments: Requires Championship Hosts to provide Tournament Insurance

Article 315 A

Bids. Bids for conducting national invitational tournaments must be submitted to the National Office 60 days prior to the start of the tournament, and approved by the Territory in which it's being held.

Comments: Allows for NIT Bids to be submitted 60 days prior to the start of the tournament as opposed to the October 1st deadline

Article 315 I

REMOVED

Comments: Removes the requirement of NIT bids to be reviewed by the Tournament Program and Awards Committee.

Article 502

PANELS AND FORUMS. Appointments including the designation of Chairs and Co-Chairs to all panels and forums shall be made annually by the President. Any panel or forum which receives donations or hosts fundraising events must produce balance sheets for the proceeds: which will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. These monies must be received by a 501 organization.

Comments: Requires balance sheets and all monies being received by a 501 organization