



UTAH AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
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**AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION 13
REGIONAL CODE**

**ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1.01 NAME:

- (a) The name of this association will be the Rocky Mountain Region (13) of the Amateur Softball Association of America sometimes referred to as the "Association" or "ASA."

1.02 OBJECTIVES:

- (a) To promote the game of softball within the Rocky Mountain Region in accordance with the National ASA Code.
- (b) To generate more communications between the associations which make up the Rocky Mountain Region.

1.03 JURISDICTION:

- (a) Anything defined herein, pertains to this region only for the purpose of clarification only, and does not supersede those written in the National ASA Code.

1.04 AMENDMENTS:

- (a) Any amendment(s) to this procedural code must be in written form, signed by one (1) voting members of the Rocky Mountain Region, and submitted to the Regional Director **no** later than twenty-one days prior to the Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting.

1.05 PROXIES:

- (a) Proxies are not eligible for election to Regional and/or National positions.

**ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP**

2.01 ASSOCIATION:

- (a) The Associations which make up the Rocky Mountain Region will be as follows; Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah

**ARTICLE III
OFFICERS**

3.01 TITLE:

- (a) The elected officers will be the Regional Director, Regional Player Representative, Regional Junior Olympic Commissioner, and the Regional Umpire-in-Chief.
- (b) The voting members of the Rocky Mountain Region (13) will be the Regional Director, Regional Umpire-in-Chief, each Association Commissioner, Junior Olympic Commissioner, Association's Player Representative, At-Large Player Representative (if any), and the Association's Umpire-in-Chiefs. This body will be known as the Rocky Mountain Region (13) Executive Board.

3.02 COMMISSIONER:

- (a) Each Association will be represented by a Commissioner.

3.03 REGIONAL DIRECTOR:

- (a) ELECTION:
The Regional Director will be elected in accordance with ASA Code and will come from the National Council Members of the region and will be elected by a majority vote of the region's National Council Members, Association's Junior Olympic Commissioners, Player Representatives, and Umpire-in-Chiefs.
- (b) TERM OF OFFICE:
Rocky Mountain Region (13) will conduct their election at the Annual Regional Meeting in the "odd" year. The elected Director will serve a term of two (2) years commencing at the conclusion of the Annual National Council Meeting.
- (c) DUTIES:
 - (1) A Regional Director shall represent the region on the Board of Directors and will be responsible to the Executive Director for awarding regional tournaments in his region.
 - (2) Insure that a Regional Junior Olympic Commissioner is elected in accordance with ASA Code.
 - (3) Insure that a Regional Player Representative is elected in accordance with ASA Code.
 - (4) Insure that a Regional Umpire-in-Chief is elected in accordance in accordance with ASA Code.
 - (5) Notify Council Members of:
 - (a) Regional meeting date / time / place and agenda.
 - (b) Regional tournament bids and hosts sites awarded by the region.
 - (c) Area tournaments that involve regional teams.
 - (d) Tournament bids and awards.
 - (1) National Championships
 - (2) Regional Championships
 - (3) Southwest Championships
 - (4) Area Championships
 - (5) National & Regional Qualifying Tournaments
 - (6) Sector Qualifying Tournaments
 - (6) Following up with appropriate commissioners concerning deficiencies reported to the National Office or problems involving an association commissioner (i.e. missing Annual Financial Reports, Membership Production Reports, serious complaints, etc.)
 - (7) Insuring all championship tournament bids and reports are signed and forwarded to the National Office.
 - (8) Insuring all ASA tournaments held within the region, which were awarded by the National Council, file proper reports and pay the ASA guarantee and assessment fees following completion of the tournament.
 - (9) Providing assistance to all association commissioners when requested.

- (10) Promoting ASA in the region through exhibit booths at meetings involving more than one association within the region.
- (11) Notifying the National Office of any problems within the region.
- (d) STIPEND:
 - (1) The Regional Director's annual stipend will be one-hundred (\$100.00) dollars from each association to cover expenses not covered by the National Governing Body.
- (e) REMOVAL:
 - (1) A Regional Director may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the regional voting council members.

3.04 REGIONAL PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE:

- (a) Each Association may be represented by a Player Representative. Such Individual must be an active rostered player.
- (b) The Regional Player Representative will be elected from the Association's Player Representatives by the Association's Player Representatives and the Association's Commissioners.
- (c) The Regional Player Representative will be elected for a term of one (2) years and will be eligible for re-election.
- (d) The Regional Player Representative shall represent their region in all regional and national meetings and shall be eligible for appointment to committees.
- (e) A Regional Player Representative may be removed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the commissioners and the Association's player representatives.
- (f) With prior approval, a Regional Player Representative may submit any expenses incurred in the performance of his duties to the Regional Director for reimbursement.
- (g) An amount shared by all associations within the Rocky Mountain Region will include the National Council Meeting registration fee.
- (h) An Assistant Divisional Player Representative will be selected by the Regional Player Representatives.
- (i) The Assistant Player Representative will serve as proxy and represent the Rocky Mountain Region at Regional and National meetings when the Regional Player Representative is unable to attend.
- (j) At-Large Player Representatives cannot run for the Regional Player Representative's position.

3.05 REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC COMMISSIONER:

- (a) Each association may be represented by a Junior Olympic Commissioner.
- (b) A Regional J/O Commissioner will be elected from the local association's J/O Commissioners by the Association's Commissioners and the Association's Junior Olympic Commissioners.
- (c) The Regional J/O Commissioner will be elected for a term of one (2) year and will be eligible for re-election.
- (d) The Regional J/O Commissioner will represent the region at all regional and national meetings. Assist the Regional Director in coordinating all activities relating to the J/O softball program in the Rocky Mountain Region, and assist Association's Junior Olympic Commissioners in the development of their respective Junior Olympic softball program.
- (e) A Regional Junior Olympic Commissioner may be removed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of Association's Commissioners and Junior Olympic Commissioners in the region.
- (f) With prior approval, the Regional J/O Commissioner may submit any expenses incurred in the performance of their duties to the Regional Director for reimbursement.
- (g) An amount shared by all associations within the Rocky Mountain Region will include the National Council Meeting registration fee.
- (h) An Assistant Divisional J/O Commissioner will be selected by the J/O Commissioners.
- (i) The selected Assistant Divisional J/O Commissioner will serve as proxy and represent the Rocky Mountain Region at the Regional and National meetings when the elected Regional J/O Commissioner is unable to attend.

3.06: REGIONAL UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF:

- (a) A Regional Umpire-in-Chief may be elected from the Association's Umpires-in-Chief and current Regional UIC, by a vote of the Region's Association's Commissioners and the Association's Umpires-in-Chief. If no Association's Umpire-in-Chief is interested in the position, the position will be open to umpires, in good standing, from the Rocky Mountain Region.
- (b) Term of Office: The regional Umpire-in-Chief shall serve a term of (2) years and be eligible for re-election in accordance with ASA Code. The Rocky Mountain Region (13) will conduct an election at the Annual Regional Meeting odd year. The elected Regional Umpire-in-Chief will serve a term of one (2) years commencing at the conclusion of the Annual National Council Meeting. The Regional Umpire-in-Chief may not serve as an Association Umpire-in-Chief within the region concurrently.
- (c) Vacancy: If the Regional Umpire-in-Chief's position becomes vacant, it shall be filled by appointment of the Regional Director until the next Regional Meeting in accordance with ASA Code.
- (d) Removal: The Regional Umpire-in-Chief may be removed for just cause by two-thirds (2/3) vote of that Region's National Council Members, Commissioners, Junior Olympic Commissioners, Player Representatives, and Umpires-in-Chief.
- (e) Expenses of travel and lodging for attendance at the annual regional meeting will be paid by the Region. Regional UIC should contact the Regional Director to handle travel arrangements.
- (f) Duties:
 - (1) Shall represent the Rocky Mountain Region in all Regional, Area, and National meetings and shall be eligible for appointment to committees.
 - (2) Shall assist the Rocky Mountain Regional Director in coordinating all activities regarding the umpire program in the Rocky Mountain Region.
 - (3) Shall assist the Rocky Mountain Association's Umpire-in-Chief in the development of their respective umpire programs.

3.07 JUNIOR OLYMPIC PROGRAM:

- (a) All association commissioners and all other Association / Regional officers of the Rocky Mountain Region agree firmly and sincerely to recognize the importance of the Junior Olympic Softball Program as a major function of the future success of all ASA development.

Any Association in the Rocky Mountain Region that chooses to do background checks on adults involved with the Junior Olympic programs shall use the guidelines as established in Appendix 1.

3.08 RESPONSIBILITIES:

- (a) It is the responsibility of each association commissioner to make newly appointed officials representing the ASA aware of his or her duties and the importance to avoid conflict of interest.

**ARTICLE IV
MEETINGS**

4.01 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING:

- (a) The semi-annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the National Council Meeting.

4.02 ANNUAL MEETING:

- (a) The annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Region will be held the third Saturday in September in Phoenix, Arizona. Arizona ASA will be financially responsible for Saturday lunch and dinner.

4.03 VOTING:

- (a) The voting members of the Rocky Mountain Region will have a vote on all legislative matters. EXCEPTION: Only the association commissioners may vote on regional financial matters.

ARTICLE V COMPETITION

5.01 CLASSIFICATION OF PLAY:

- (a) The Rocky Mountain Region recognizes all divisions and classification of championship play as outlined in the ASA National Code.
- (b) Two or more teams in any division of play will constitute a program.

5.02 REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS:

- (a) The Rocky Mountain Region will conduct a Regional Tournaments in the GFP Gold classification.
- (b) MSP B-C-D and WSP C-D Each association will send their 1st and 2nd place teams from their association championships direct to the national championships. Each local association also has 2-National Qualifiers in MSP B-C-D and WSP C-D.
- (d) Utah / Colorado will receive the hardship berths in the odd years and Arizona/New Mexico will receive the hardship berths in the even years.
- (e) JO teams must participate in their local association championship to be eligible to participate in western national championships. Exceptions will be made for a team that is participating in the Hall of Fame or national qualifying tournaments.

5.03 TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS and STAFF:

- (a) National Qualifiers must be conducted under the direct supervision of the respective association commissioner. The association commissioner may, at their discretion, appoint an organization and / or individual to be responsible for the actual running of the event. Only ASA registered, umpires may be used and should be approved by the association commissioner and Umpire-in-Chief. All teams deserve to have National qualifying events conducted under the same requirements of a National Tournament.

5.04 REGISTRATION AND ROSTER PROCEDURES:

- (a) Championship rosters must be signed by the association commissioner. Their responsibility should not be delegated to another individual unless absolutely necessary.
 - (1) Pickup players must be listed on the Official Pickup Player Form.
 - (2) Any unused lines on the Championship Roster should be "Red-Lined" to preclude additions being made at a later date.
 - (3) Any alterations on the Championship Roster must be initialed by the association commissioner prior to sending them to the Tournament Host Commissioner.
 - (4) Team rosters will be checked by tournament officials prior to the team's first game. All players must be prepared to provide proper picture identification if requested to do so.
 - (5) Junior Olympic Championship Rosters must have players' proof of age attached in the same order as listed on the championship roster.

5.05 REGIONAL CHAMPIONS' COMMITMENT:

- (a) The regional champions must commit to advancing to the National Championship or National Tournament immediately upon conclusion of the Regional tournament. If no commitment is made the runner-up will be allowed to make a commitment.
- (b) Regional tournament director will advance both money and paperwork onto the national tournament immediately following the regional tournament.

5.06 NATIONAL QUALIFIER and HALL OF FAME LOCATIONS:

- (a) Any National Qualifier, either assigned by the Region or acquired as an additional qualifier must be held within the boundaries of the Rocky Mountain Region (13).

- (b) The 1st Hall of Fame berth to the region will accompany the National Qualifier.
- (c) In the event of additional Hall of Fame berths, the additional berth will be awarded Hall of Fame Tournament in the region as established by rotation.

5.07 UNIFORMS:

- (a) Junior Olympic - All players on a team will wear uniforms similar/alike in color and style. Coaches must be neatly attired and dressed alike, EXCEPTION: One coach may wear short pants and another coach may wear long pants in accordance with the color code of the team. All uniforms and protective equipment will be worn properly.
- (b) The above rule applies only to Association / Regional play. Teams advancing beyond regional Championship play will comply with Rule 3, Section 6, and Official Rules of Softball.

5.08 ADULT TOURNAMENT ROTATION:

NATIONAL QUALIFIERS						
CLASS	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
MCFP	NM	CO	AZ	UT	WY	NM

SLOW PITCH ROTATION						
CLASS	2009	2012	2015	2018	2021	2024
MDSP	NM	WY	CO	AZ	UT	NM

5.09 YOUTH REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ROTATION:

GOLD	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013									
	NM	WY	AZ	UT	CO	NM									

NATIONAL QUALIFIER ROTATION						
DIVISION	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
18 & UNDER	NM	CO	UT	AZ	NM	CO
16 & UNDER	CO	AZ	NM	UT	CO	AZ
14 & UNDER	AZ	UT	CO	NM	AZ	UT
12 & UNDER	UT	NM	AZ	CO	UT	NM
10 & UNDER	UT	NM	AZ	CO	UT	NM

JUNIOR OLYMPIC HALL OF FAME
 ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION HALL OF FAME ENTRIES WILL QUALIFY AT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL NATIONAL QUALIFIERS
 Additional berths acquired to the Hall of Fame will be placed at the Hall of Fame Tournament in the Region based on rotation.

12 & UNDER FAST PITCH HALL OF FAME	OKLAHOMA CITY
14 & UNDER FAST PITCH HALL OF FAME	OKLAHOMA CITY
16 & UNDER FAST PITCH HALL OF FAME	OKLAHOMA CITY
18 & UNDER FAST PITCH HALL OF FAME	OKLAHOMA CITY

CLASS "A" WESTERN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

YEAR	18U	16U	14U	12U	10U
2008	REG 15	REG 15	REG 14	AZ	AZ
2009	UT	AZ	REG 15	REG 14	REG 14
2010	REG 14	REG 14	CO	REG 15	REG 15
2011	REG 15	REG 15	REG 14	CO	CO
2012	AZ	NM	REG 15	REG 14	REG 14
2013	REG 14	REG 14	UT	REG 15	REG 15

CLASS "B" WESTERN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

YEAR	18U	16U	14U	12U	10U
2008	CO	WY	REG 15	REG 14	REG 14
2009	REG 14	REG 14	UT	REG 15	REG 15
2010	REG 15	REG 15	REG 14	WY	WY
2011	NM	AZ	REG 15	REG 14	REG 14
2012	REG 14	REG 14	WY	REG 15	REG 15
2013	REG 15	REG 15	REG 14	NM	NM

5.10 JUNIOR OLYMPIC "LEVEL I" NATIONAL COACHING SCHOOLS:

- (a) Any Association who desire to host a "Level 1" National Coaching School, may do so, with the coordination of the National Director of Junior Olympic Softball.

5.11 QUALIFICATION:

- (a) Each association is to use their own method of determining qualifying teams, but there must be one (1) team as the association's champion, or the highest finishing team advancing from the Association's Championships.

5.12 UN-USED NATIONAL BERTHS:

- (a) Each association is to use their own method of determining qualifying teams, but there must be one (1) team as the association's champion, or the highest finishing team advancing from the Association's Championships.
- (b) Rocky Mountain Region Associations with un-used national berths may pass the un-used berths to any other Association within the Rocky Mountain Region.

ARTICLE VI
UMPIRES

6.01 UMPIRE EXPENSES:

- (a) Regional umpire fees will meet or exceed the National ASA Code. This is for two (2) umpires. At the discretion of the tournament committee, three (3) umpires may be assigned to the final four (4) games.
- (b) The host commissioner will be responsible for the umpire's housing, game fees, and local transportation. The home commissioner will be responsible for travel expenses to and from the tournament site.

6.02 UMPIRE UNIFORMS & MECHANICS:

- (a) All umpires assigned to work National Championships, will conform to the National ASA Code, Rule 10, Section 1C. Through Regional play, any combination of approved umpire uniform may be worn with the State / Metro Commissioner's approval.

6.03 UMPIRE PATCHES:

- (a) Individual umpires or the host association may purchase patches for umpires that call regional tournaments. Umpires will wear only official ASA patches on shirts as sold by the National Office. Any other ASA patches may be worn on jackets of the type not used while officiating.
- (b) Regional umpire patch design must be approved by the Region.

6.04 UMPIRE SELECTION:

- (a) Two (2) umpires will be used for each game in all regional championship play.
- (b) **National Championship Finals Umpire Selection**
There are basically 4 selection methods for umpires to be assigned to National Championship Finals.
 - 1. At Large
 - 2. Rotation and Regional At Large
 - 3. Host and Host Exchange
 - 4. National Umpire Pool Exchange (NUPE)

(NOTE: Each time that any list of Umpires is submitted to the National Director of Umpires by the Regional Umpire In Chief, as described herein, a copy will also be provided to all of the Rocky Mountain Region Local Association Commissioners and their Umpire In Chiefs.)

(1) At Large Umpires (AL)

These are umpires recommended by each of the 15 Regional Umpire In Chiefs to the National Director of Umpires for **possible** selection to one of the following National Championship Finals:

- a. Men's Major or Women's Major Fast Pitch – 1 recommendation
- b. Men's Major Slow Pitch – 1 recommendation
- c. Girl's 18 & Under Gold Fast Pitch – 1 recommendation
- d. Slow Pitch Championship Series (Must be SP Elite) – 2 recommendations
- e. Slow Pitch Armed Forces Championship (Must be SP Elite) – 1 recommendation

These AL recommendations must be submitted to the National Director of Umpires by the Regional Umpire In Chief no later than March 15 of each year. The travel for any AL Umpire selected for one of these National Championship Finals is paid for by the National Office. These selections are made known by the National Director of Umpires, generally around April 1.

Rocky Mountain Region Procedure

Each Association UIC in conjunction with their Commissioner submits their recommendations for each of the categories listed no later than **March 1** of each year, but preferably at the Regional Meeting in November/December. The Regional UIC then selects, from only this pool of umpires, the Region's recommendations to be submitted to the National Director of Umpires.

(2) Regional At Large (RAL) and Rotation (R) Umpires

Whenever a National Championship Finals is held within the Rocky Mountain Region a minimum of RAL umpires will be selected from within the Region as per National ASA Code. (See Article 311, G, 3 & 4) This is true for all National Championship Finals except for the following:

- a. Men's & Women's Major Fast Pitch – All umpires selected by National Director of Umpires.
- b. Men's Major Slow Pitch - All umpires selected by National Director of Umpires.
- c. Women's Open, Men's Class A, Men's Major Industrial, and Men's Class A Industrial Slow Pitch – 1 Umpire selected from each Region (Rotational), the rest are Host Umpires as needed.
- d. Men's B, C, D, Women's C, D Slow Pitch – 2 Umpires selected from each Region (Rotational), the rest are Host Umpires as needed.

The National Director of Umpires submits the RAL and R Umpire allocations for each National Championship Finals the week of February 16. The deadline for submitting all R and RAL Umpire names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses to the National Director of Umpires, is April 30 of each year. All travel to and from the National Championship Finals for R and RAL Umpires is paid for by the National Office.

Rocky Mountain Region Procedure

The Regional Umpire In Chief will send out a notification to each Association listing the RAL and R Umpire allocations for the Rocky Mountain Region as soon as possible after receipt of the allocations from the National Director of Umpires. Each Association UIC in conjunction with their Commissioner submits their Umpire recommendations for possible selection for each of the RAL and R Umpire allocations listed, no later than **March 15** of each year. The Association UIC shall prioritize their recommendations in the order they want their Umpire selected for each National Championship Finals listed.

The Regional UIC will select the RAL Umpires to each National Championship Finals as per the following individual RAL Umpire selection sequence:

National Championship Finals:

Starting in chronological order

Association:

Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming

In 2003 this sequence ended with Colorado so the sequence starts with Arizona the next time it is used. The Association hosting a National Championship Finals will be skipped over for that particular tournament's RAL assignments. If an Association does not submit their RAL Umpire recommendations by the deadline indicated, they will just lose their selection(s) opportunity for that season's National Championship Finals assignment(s). That individual RAL Umpire selection would be assigned to the next association in the sequence that has submitted their recommendations, and so on until all RAL Umpire assignments are filled. Each Association does not necessarily have to supply a complete quota for any particular RAL assignment, but their

recommendations would be used until exhausted in the RAL selection sequence.

The Regional UIC will select the R (Rotation) Umpires to each National Championship Finals as per the following individual R Umpire selection sequence:

Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico

In 2003 this sequence ended with Phoenix, so the sequence starts with Arizona the next time it is used. Each Association does not necessarily have to supply a complete quota for any particular R assignment, but their recommendations would be used until exhausted in the R selection sequence.

(3) Host (H) and Host Exchange (HE) Umpires

The Local Association hosting the National Championship Finals has a certain number of Umpire slots for that Tournament. This is made known by the National Director of Umpires by February 16 to each Regional UIC. These are called Host (H) Umpire slots. There isn't any payment for travel by the National Office for these Umpires. The Local Association has an option to make exchanges for H Umpires and these Umpires become what are called a Host Exchange (HE) Umpire. The HE Umpire or his/her Local Association is responsible for any travel reimbursements. The Local Association hosting the National Championship Finals would be responsible for HE Umpires housing, but not for any companion. The deadline for submitting all H and HE Umpire names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses to the National Director of Umpires, is April 30 of each year.

Rocky Mountain Region Procedure

Each Association UIC in conjunction with their Commissioner submits their Umpire recommendations for all H and HE Umpire names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses to the Regional UIC, by **April 1** of each year. HE Umpires that are from outside the Rocky Mountain Region just need to have the Local Association named that they are from.

(4) National Umpire Pool Exchange (NUPE) Umpires

The year 2004 will be the first time that this National Umpire Staff sponsored program will be used. Some areas of the country have a lot of National Championship Finals and are hard pressed to staff these Tournaments at times. Other areas of the country hardly ever host a National Championship Final and have Umpires that would pay their own travel to be an Umpire in these Tournaments. The deadline, for submitting all NUPE Umpire names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail address, availability dates and the locations willing to travel to, is June 1 of each year. The Local Association UIC should also provide the highest level of play the Umpire can handle.

Rocky Mountain Region Procedure

Each Association UIC in conjunction with their Commissioner submits their NUPE Umpire recommendations to the Regional UIC by **April 1** of each year. The Regional UIC will use this list to staff any H Umpires that any Local Association within the Region has not submitted by the appropriate deadline. Any NUPE Umpires not used will be submitted by the June 1 deadline for inclusion in the National program.

(NOTE: This program is still in the initial phase and is subject to change.)

(c) National Championship Finals Umpire Agreements

All National Championship Finals Umpire Agreements, except for any NUPE selected umpire, are due to the Regional UIC no later than **April 15** of each year. The preferred method of submission is with the Microsoft Word Form via E-mail address. The regular 4 part forms are available and can be used if the Umpire does not have access to a computer and the internet. The Local Association UIC should transfer the information to the Microsoft Word Form and then submit it to the Regional UIC. The Passport Size photo can be sent to the Regional UIC via regular mail or can be scanned into JPEG format and E-mailed if the Local Association UIC has that capability. Photos can be sent after the deadline, but must be provided no later than April 30.

6.05 DISTRICT UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF:

(a) Association Umpires-in-Chief will select their District Umpire-in-Chiefs who then must be approved by the respective District Commissioner.

6.06 SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS:

(a) ASA umpires should not umpire non-sanctioned events.

6.07 INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR INDIVIDUAL ASA UMPIRES:

(a) ASA Registered Umpires are covered for both excess accident medical expense insurance with a \$100,000 limit and liability insurance with a \$10,000,000 limit only under the following conditions: While assigned to sanctioned ASA activities, games, leagues, and tournaments involving ASA registered teams.

6.08 AT-LARGE ASSIGNMENTS:

SLOW PITCH ASSIGNMENTS

<u>YEAR</u>		<u>MXSP</u>	<u>WXSP</u>	<u>MXISP</u>
2008	UT	NM	WY	
2009		CO	AZ	NM
2010	WY	UT	AZ	
2011	NM	CO	UT	
2012	AZ	WY	CO	
2013	UT	NM	WY	

6.09 NATIONAL UMPIRE SCHOOL ROTATIONS:

ROTATION

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ASSOCIATION</u>
2008	Utah	2011	NM
2009	AZ	2012	CO
2010	WY		

**ARTICLE VII
TEAM TRAVEL**

7.01 TRAVEL PERMITS:

(a) Travel permits are required by any team attending invitational tournaments outside their local association. Should a team arrive without a travel permit, the host commissioner must either obtain verbal approval from the team's home commissioner or allow them to play at his discretion and collect from the team fifty (\$50.00) dollars which will be distributed as follows;

- (1) Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars will be retained by the host commissioner.
- (2) Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars will be forwarded to the team's home commissioner.

ARTICLE VIII
AWARDS

8.01 TROPHIES:

- (a) Trophies are to be awarded to first, second, and third place teams.
- (b) Individual awards and/or patches are to be awarded to all members of the first place team.
- (c) Other awards are optional.

APPENDIX 1:

ASA (Amateur Softball Association) has made available the option for local associations to run background checks on their volunteers. The following Volunteer Standards have been set to provide a standard that all associations need to follow, if choosing to run background checks:

Score the applicant as ELIGIBLE if the following conditions are present on the Criminal Background Check:

- No record found
- Traffic or vehicle code infractions only
- DUI – less than three over 5 years old.
- Misdemeanor possession conviction if it has not been negotiated down from a felony charge – only if older than 1 year.
- Misdemeanor convictions or misdemeanors with pending dispositions except for crimes involving: violence, weapons when used in the commission of a crime, deviant sexual activity

Score the applicant as INELIGIBLE, pending appeal and review, if the following convictions are present on Criminal Background Check based on the timeline recommendations:

Any Felony charges with dispositions including but not limited to the following:

- Felony Charge
- Three or more DUI/DWI or related convictions occurring within the last five (5) years.
- Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor if convicted within the past two (2) years or two or more within the past five (5) years.
- Records with a pending disposition.
- Whether the person is on the Sex Offender Register or is subject to an Extended Supervision Order under the Serious Sex Offender Monitoring Act.
- Whether the person has committed relevant offences against the Sex Offender Registration Act or the Serious Sex Offender Monitoring Act.
- Convictions and findings of guilt for serious sexual, serious violence and drug offences.
- Pending charges for serious sexual, serious violence and drug offences.
- Domestic Violence within the past year or two (2) or more within the past five (5) years.
- Any conviction (including misdemeanors) involving violence, weapons when used in the commission of a crime, deviant sexual activity, drugs.

- Sale and delivery of drugs if the conviction was within the past five (5) years.

If a volunteer falls within one of the above ineligible categories they will be informed by the local Association of the result of their background check and be unable to participate. Appeals will be heard when the party in question has cleared their record and has supporting documentation.

APPENDIX 2:

ASA (Association) has the authority to establish policies which govern its own affairs and to prescribe, monitor and enforce the conduct of its members pursuant to such policies. This Code of Ethics identifies the standard of conduct, which is expected of all Phoenix ASA (Association) members, including all administrators, coaches, athletes and officials. The Code of Ethics applies to all activities and functions of ASA (Association) including tournaments of all levels and qualifications, practices, travel, accommodation, banquets and social activities associated with competitive events. Individuals who violate the Code of Ethics may be subject to disciplinary actions.

A Philosophy of Fair Play

Fair play is an attitude, a way of thinking. Once it is learned, it can be applied to every aspect of life. Through involvement in sports, athletes learn about setting goals, making commitments, working hard and enjoying the challenge.

Athletes must learn to respect their own abilities and those of their opponents. As administrators and coaches we must attempt to have athletes realize that the joy of sports is as much in the total effort as in the final score.

As administrators, coaches, athletes, umpires and fans, we must work together to create an atmosphere of fairness, integrity and respect.

The three most important words in any Fair Play Policy are Fairness, Integrity and Respect and should be the principles of fair play always.

- Respect the rules
- Respect the officials and their decisions
- Respect the opponents
- Maintain your self control at all times
- Respect your teammates and coaches

Fair Play Guidelines

Athletes:

1. Play by the rules, and in the spirit of the competition
2. Respect your opponents
3. Do your best to be a team player
4. Remember the ASA staff, coaches and the umpires are there to help. Accept their decisions and show them respect.
5. Respect the facilities, the equipment and the support staff

JO Athletes

1. Respect the game, play fairly and follow its rules and regulations.
2. Show respect for authority to the officials of the game and of the league.
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during and after games.
4. Help parents and fans understand softball philosophy so they can watch and enjoy the game.
5. Be courteous to opposing teams and treat all players and coaches with respect.
7. Respect the privilege of the use of public facilities.
8. Use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language is prohibited.

Coaches:

1. Lead by example by demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all involved.
2. Provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language and refrain from their use at all sporting events.
3. Make sure that the equipment and facilities are safe for athletes to use
4. Be knowledgeable of the league or tournament rules and teach these rules to all payers on my team.
5. Encourage your team members to play by the rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans and

officials.

6. Respect the game and the ASA officials and communicate with them in an appropriate manner.
7. Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibitive substances.
8. Encourage performers to value their performances and not just results.
9. Coaches should conduct themselves in such a manner to represent their team in the most favorable light at all times.
10. Be responsible for your own behavior and also the behavior of your team members, their parents and fans
11. Ensure that athletes do not taunt or bait opponents or officials
12. No blatant intimidation or humiliation of the opponent's players, coaching staff or parents/fans will be permitted.

Umpires:

1. Umpires must be free of obligation to any interest other than the impartial and fair judging of sports competitions. Without equivocation, game decisions which are slanted by personal bias are dishonest and unacceptable.
2. Display fairness and uniformity in applying the rules.
3. Be honest in your assessment of situations.
4. Be consistent and courteous in calling all infractions.
5. Use common sense to ensure the 'spirit of the game' is maintained and it is not lost by being too pedantic when applying the rules.
6. Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibitive substances.
7. Do not engage in physical intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, coach, administrator, other umpire or supporter.
8. Umpires recognize that anything which may lead to a conflict of interest, either real or apparent, must be avoided. Gifts, favors, special treatment, privileges, employment or a personal relationship with a team which can compromise the perceived impartiality of officiating must be avoided.
9. Umpires have an obligation to treat other umpires with professional dignity and courtesy and recognize that it is inappropriate to criticize them publicly.
10. Umpires have a responsibility to continuously seek self-improvement through study of the game, rules, rule or interpretation changes, mechanics and the techniques of game management. They have a responsibility to accurately represent their qualifications and abilities when requesting or accepting game assignments.
11. Display high standards of behavior and appearance.
12. Umpires shall not be party to actions designed to unfairly limit or restrain access to officiating, game assignments or association membership. This includes selection for positions of leadership based upon economic factors, race, creed, color, age, sex, physical handicap, country or national origin.
13. Follow all guidelines laid down by the national ASA office

Administrators:

1. Ensure all players and appropriate coaches are ASA registered.
2. Ensure that all equipment and facilities are safe for the players and the spectators.
3. Ensure that athletes and coaches understand that they are the most visible representatives of their team and must conduct themselves accordingly.
4. Make sure that coaches, athletes and officials are able to promote fair play
5. Help coaches and officials improve the standards of their areas of responsibility.
6. Set a conduct example for others to follow.
7. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
8. Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) with respect to the performance of any team, coaches, officials, players, or any policy of the ASA.
9. Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, coach, umpire or spectator.
10. Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.
11. Ensure on and off the field behavior is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
12. Ensure all parents, coaches, sponsors, administrators, officials, medical staff and players understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport.

Spectators:

1. Show appreciation for good performances made by all competitors and teams
2. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no competition

3. Respect officials and support their decisions
4. Never ridicule a player for making a mistake
5. Encourage players to play according to the rules
6. Always be on your best behavior

JO Parents / Spectators

1. Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans and officials at games, practices and other sporting events.
2. Place the well being of my child before a personal desire to win.
3. Advocate a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language, and refrain from their use during youth sporting events.
4. Encourage my child to play by the rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans and officials.
5. I will help my child enjoy her softball experience by being a respectful fan and supporting parent. (Please keep comments to yourself; you never know who is sitting next to you!)
6. I will treat other players, coaches, managers, fans and umpires with respect regardless of race, sex or ability.

Complaint Procedure

1. Document the incident in a report. This report should contain as much information as possible, including: a detailed description of the incident(s), date, name of person(s) involved, as well as supporting documentation pertaining specifically to the allegations. Examples might include score sheets, officials' reports, and letters from witnesses or other related documentation.
2. Following documentation, Phoenix ASA may contact the manager or coach of the offending team so the matter may be resolved.

Routine Enforcement

Depending on the severity of the violation, a coach, athlete, umpire, parent or fan, determined by the proper authority to be in violation the "Code of Ethics", may incur one or more of the following sanctions:

1. Removal from the ball park by the Umpire or the Tournament Staff
2. Letter of caution. This should be considered a warning, and subsequent offences may lead to more severe consequences.
3. Suspension from games (players or coaches) or ball parks (players, coaches or parents).
4. Suspension from ASA.

Appeal Process

An appeal will only be considered in the case where it can be shown that a procedural error has taken place, or where new information, pertaining specifically to the original complaint, has come to light which has not been previously considered.

1. A complaint, in the context of the Code of Ethics, means a dispute in writing arising from the interpretation, application, administration or alleged contravention of the Code of Ethics.
2. Any complaint referred to, as an appeal shall be heard by a Panel convened by the (Association) ASA Commissioner.
3. The Panel shall not be authorized to alter, modify or amend any part of the Code of Ethics as part of the Appeal Process.
4. The finding of the Panel as to the facts and as to the interpretation, application, administration or alleged contravention of the Code of Ethics shall be final and binding upon all parties concerned.