

USA SOFTBALL™

2020 USA Softball Procedural Manual Changes with Comments as of November 26, 2019

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<u>Article Number</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Article 105 A</u>	<p>A. Association Review and Nomination. If a commissioner position should become vacated for any reason, a panel consisting of the President, or their designee, the respective Regional Vice President, or their designee, the respective Regional Director, or their designee and the USA Softball Chief Executive Officer, or their designee and the Director of Membership Services shall:</p> <p>Comments: Adds Regional Vice President, or their designee, to the panel</p>
<u>Article 111 D 05</u>	<p>05. Slow Pitch.</p> <p>a. Men's Class A, Class B, Class C, and Women's Open. The National Director of Umpires selects all umpires for this championship.</p> <p>b. Men's Class D and Class E. There shall be one (1) umpires from each region as selected by the Commissioners of their respective regions for the above championships. These fifteen (10) rotational selections shall alternate between the above championships as determined by the National Director of Umpires. Additional umpires may be added as host umpires based on the number of teams.</p> <p>c. In all other divisions of slow pitch, including 16-Inch, Masters, Seniors and Junior Olympic. A minimum of three (3) outside umpires shall be selected from within the respective region hosting the tournament. The tournament host is responsible for housing and game fees. All outside umpires are to be selected from within the region hosting the tournament. Should there be deficiency in the number of team entries, the tournament chairman, in cooperation with the host commissioner, may contact the regional director who shall have the authority to reduce the number of assigned outside umpires to no less than three.</p> <p>Comments: Removes procedures regarding umpire assignments for Men's Class D, Class E, and all other divisions of slow pitch, including 16-inch, Masters, Seniors and Junior Olympic.</p>
<u>Article 112 A 07 a</u>	<p>a. Affiliated Member Fee. Each affiliated member shall pay annually on or before January 31, 2020, an affiliation fee of \$375.00. (Fee to increase in 2021 to the amount of \$500). Affiliated members who have not paid their annual fee within 30 days of the due date will be removed as an Affiliated Member and must reapply for membership.</p> <p>Comments: Increases the affiliation fee from \$250.00 to \$375 in 2020 and \$500 in 2021.</p>
<u>Article 112 B 04 a</u>	<p>a. Allied Member Fee. Each allied member shall pay annually on or before January 31, 2020, an affiliation fee of \$375.00. (Fee to increase in 2021 to the amount of \$500). Allied members who have not paid their annual fee within 30 days of the due date will be removed as an Allied Member and must reapply for membership. For all national tournaments or world tournaments organized by any allied member, the allied member shall pay USA Softball a tournament fee of \$200 per tournament. A multiple tournament rate can be negotiated with the Chief Executive Officer and must be approved by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Comments: Increases the allied member fee from \$250.00 to \$375 in 2020 and \$500 in 2021.</p>
<u>Article 113 C 04</u>	<p>04. Selections. The names of the candidates for selection to the Hall of Fame shall remain confidential and released only to the Hall of Fame committee. Voting shall be conducted by written ballot. A maximum of ten (10) individuals selected to the Hall of Fame on an annual basis, there will not be any limits on the number of selections per category type.</p>

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EXCEPTION: Maximum selected may be 12 if two selections are players over the age of 60.

Comments: Increases the individuals selected from 10 to 12 if two selections are players over the age of 60

Article 202

Committees. Any committee which receives donations or hosts fundraising events must produce yearly balance sheets for the proceeds; which will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. These monies must be received by a 501 c entity. Standing committee shall be established and organized as follows:

- A. **Boy's and Men's Fast Pitch.** As is
- B. **Communications and Marketing.** As is
- C. **Commissioner Appointment.** As is
- D. **Compliance and Ethics.** As is
- E. **Equipment Testing and Certification.** As is
- F. **Hall of Fame.** As is
- ~~G. **Junior Olympic Softball.** This committee shall promote interest, participation and registration of individuals, teams and leagues in the USA Softball Junior Olympic Softball Program. Its duties shall include but not be limited to:
 - 01. Assist in preparing and circulating USA Softball Junior Olympic Softball Program folders to promote the program.
 - 02. Assist the National Office in any manner possible that shall promote the Junior Olympic Softball Program.~~
- H. **Legislative.** As is
- I. **Long Range Planning.** As is
- J. **Membership.** As is
- K. **Player Representatives.** As is
- L. **Playing Rules.** As is
- M. **Special Programs.** As is
- N. **Tournament Programs and Awards.** As is
- O. **Tournament Review Committee.** As is
- ~~P. **Umpires.** This committee shall promote the general welfare of the umpires with USA Softball. Its duties shall include but not be limited to:
 - 01. Initiate an intensive program of enrolling new umpires and increasing membership.
 - 02. Encourage use of USA Softball registered umpires in all softball competition.
 - 03. Encourage every USA Softball affiliate to conduct spring rules clinics for umpires, managers and players.
 - 04. Review umpire uniform periodically and make recommendations to Council for possible changes.~~
- Q. ~~**Ad Hoc Committees.** Those committees created by the President for special purposes. These committees shall be effective January 1 of the year through December 31 and must be re-appointed by the President.~~

Comments: Removes these specific committees to "Membership Assemblies" because of USOPC regulations.

Article 202 M

M. Slow Pitch Committee. This committee shall promote the game of slow pitch.

Comments: Creates a new committee to promote slow pitch softball. Note: Renumber as needed.

Article 203

Membership Assemblies. Any membership assembly which receives donations or hosts

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fundraising events must produce yearly balance sheets for the proceeds; which will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. These monies must be received by a 501 c entity. Standing **membership assemblies** shall be established and organized as follows:

- A. **Ad Hoc Assemblies.** Those assemblies created by the President for special purposes. These assemblies shall be effective January 1 of the year through December 31 and must be re-appointed by the President.
- B. **Affiliated/Allied Members**
- C. **Commissioners**
- D. **Junior Olympic Softball.** This committee shall promote interest, participation and registration of individuals, teams and leagues in the USA Softball Junior Olympic Softball Program. Its duties shall include but not be limited to:
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Comments: Creates a new article for Membership Assemblies because of USOPC regulations. Note: Renumber as needed.

Article 306 B 07

07. **Batting Champion.** A batting champion shall be determined at the National Championship Final on the basis of the highest **on-base percentage** based on appearing at bat at least 15 plate appearances in the fast pitch National Championship Final and 15 plate appearances in the slow pitch National Championship Final.

- a. As is
- b. As is
- c. As is
- d. As is

EXCEPTION: No Batting Champion will be selected for the Men's Class D or Men's Class E / Rec Slow Pitch

EXCEPTION: Men's Fast Pitch & Men's Modified Pitch

Comments: Changes batting percentage to on-base percentage except for in Men's Fast Pitch & Men's Modified Pitch

Article 307 E 01

01. **Listing of official post tournament fact sheet within 24 hours after conclusion of championship play; also, official order of finish and tournament brackets are to be completed on TournamentUSASoftball.com, which can be accessed by national office online.**

Comments: Changes 'listing of the official order of finish and tournament brackets' from being mailed in to completed on TournamentUSASoftball.com

Article 307 E 07 a

07. The following evaluation forms are required to be submitted within thirty (30) days after the tournament:

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~~a. Teams.~~

- b. USA Softball Tournament Representative
- c. Umpire-In-Chief
- d. Tournament Director

Comments: Removes team evaluations from collected tournament reports

Article 307 E 08

08. The ~~National Championship Income Statement (tournament budget)~~ is required to be submitted within thirty (30) days after the tournament:

~~a. Souvenir Income Statement~~

~~b. Gate Receipts Report~~

~~c. National Championship Income Statement (tournament budget).~~

Comments: Removes Souvenir Income Statement and Gate Receipts Report from collected tournament reports