

## **Qualifying for the SoftballNation National Championship Tournaments:**

### **Qualifying Guidelines:**

#### **Adult Slow Pitch**

To qualify for participation in the SoftballNation National Championship Tournaments in your team's respective division your team must:

1. Be in good standing with SoftballNation and all other National Sanctioning organizations. (SoftballNation reserves the right to accept or reject teams that have been suspended from other national, regional or local sanctioning organizations for any reason.)
2. Participate in two(2) SoftballNation Tournament Qualifying tournaments or win one(1) tournament. Please visit [www.softballnation.com](http://www.softballnation.com) for participation guidelines for your respective division of play.
3. Be sanctioned with SoftballNation for the current season and have a completed and approved roster online with SoftballNation.
4. Participate in your State Championship Tournament for your respective state and division of play. If there is no State Championship Tournament held in your respective state or division of play, your team may request a waiver to participate from the National Office.

### **Team Classification**

It is the responsibility of each Area Director to properly classify the teams from his/her area.

It is the mission and intent of SoftballNation to encourage teams to participate at the highest and most competitive level of competition for that team's ability. SoftballNation will use every method possible to determine each team's proper classification and may re-classify a team to a higher or lower level at any time during the season, including just prior to the National Championship Tournaments.

SoftballNation reserves the right to remove a team from any tournament competition at any time if it is determined by opinion of the Tournament Official(s) in charge that the team in question is not participating at an appropriate level of competition. If a team is removed from competition for any reason, the team forfeits any rights to any refund of entry fees or expenses. By sanctioning with SoftballNation, each team agrees to abide by the rules in the SoftballNation Official Rule Book.

### **The Mission of SoftballNation**

To provide a competitive sports environment for the teams that join the organization through fair play, integrity and sportsmanship. To encourage participation in the game of softball in accordance with the highest traditions of competition. To promote the game of softball.

## **Rosters and Roster Deadlines**

#### **Qualifying Roster:**

Each team must provide a completed Official SoftballNation Roster before participating in a SoftballNation sanctioned event. This roster is considered a team's qualifying roster that may change during the course of the season.

#### **Post Season Rosters:**

Official Post Season Rosters are due along with their team's entry fee no later than five (5) days before the

team's first game of their respective State Championship Tournament. Official Post Season Rosters must be submitted to the respective State Championship Tournament Director before the team is eligible to participate.

All rosters must be submitted online at your team page at: [www.softballnation.com](http://www.softballnation.com)  
Adult rosters may be signed by each participating player.

**National Championship Rosters:**

Each team participating in a SoftballNation National Championship event will be participating with their Official Post Season Roster that was submitted to the State Championship Tournament Director. If a team is eligible to bypass their respective State Championship, they must submit an Official Post Season Roster along with their team's entry fee no later than 21 days prior to the National Championship event.

A team participating in a SoftballNation National Championship event is allowed to add up to two (2) players to their official post season roster under the following conditions:

- 1) The team's roster has space to allow for the addition(s). A team may not have more than 20 players on its roster.
- 2) The player(s) being added have obtained an official release from their previous team and the release is proper and within the SoftballNation Add/Drop Guidelines.
- 3) The player(s) being added have not participated at a higher classification during the current season. This includes classifications of other nationally recognized sanctioning organizations.
- 4) The player(s) being added are not on another official post season roster.
- 5) The player(s) were released prior to and did not participate with another team in their respective State Championship tournament.

NOTE: The act of playing for a team, i.e. participating in a tournament with a team constitutes a player's intention of being a member of that team.

**Player Releases: Adding/Dropping Players: (One Move Per Season):**

A player may be released from a team at any time with an official release in writing from the team's official coach/manager. The official release must be received by the team's Area Director or the National Office before the released player may join another team.

Once a player is officially released from a team, he is a free agent and is eligible to play for any other team at the same or higher classification. Once a player is officially released from a team, he may not re-join that team for the remainder of the current season.

Once a player has established his level of play by participating with a team, he may not participate at a lower level for the remainder of the current season.

A player is only eligible for an official release once during the current season.