

USA Softball *of* Sacramento Rules and Regulations

“Yellow Book 101”

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Why is this important?

- Determines League/Team classification
- Sets eligibility for leagues, teams, and players
- Identify key dates



Yellowbook Background

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USA SOFTBALL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

USA Softball of Southern California, hereafter referred to as USA Softball SoCal, is an affiliate member of USA Softball, the National Governing Body (NGB) of Softball in the United States of America. The responsibilities of USA Softball SoCal include the regulation of competition, the assurance of fairness and afford equal opportunity for all who wish to participate in USA Softball within the boundaries of USA Softball SoCal.

USA Softball SoCal is a nongovernment, nonpolitical and nonprofit corporation that is staffed by experienced and knowledgeable volunteers who are dedicated to the advancement of softball at all levels of play. USA Softball SoCal accepts all persons that qualify as an amateur regardless of gender, sexual orientation, color of skin, creed or nationality. Through the efforts of the Commissioner and the Junior Olympic (JO) Commissioner Staff USA Softball SoCal has the largest and one of the best Junior Olympic Programs in the nation. This program exists to help advance the softball interests, skills and desires of our younger generation of softball players as it offers several classifications of fast pitch play, with emphasis on fun and furnishing a positive, supportive environment. The program is committed to building healthy, productive and confident youths through a positive softball experience. This goal can best be attained through the continuing education of the volunteer coaches and other volunteers who are involved in the program. To this end, USA Softball SoCal offers volunteer coaches an intensive and interactive coaching education experience that is available through our Annual Coaching Clinics and the ACE Coach Certification Program. The ACE Coach Certification is available online at the USA Softball National Office website.

Participants of our Junior Olympic Program receive the best overall softball experience possible as we offer the best trained umpires, outstanding administration/organization at the local level, excellent insurance coverage, programs for both recreation and competitive play, and much more.

USA Softball SoCal appreciates your participation in our Junior Olympic Program. We look forward serving you in 2017.


Best regards,
Phillip Gutierrez
Phillip Gutierrez
Commissioner

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Junior Olympic Rules & Regulations



2022-2023 Season
September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023


Pacific Coast Region
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Pacific Coast Region of USA Softball as last approved in December 2016.


ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.01 - NAME: The name of the association shall be the Pacific Coast Region, Region 10 of USA Softball.

1.02 - OBJECTIVES: The objectives of the Pacific Coast Region shall be:

- A. To promote amateur softball within the boundaries of the region for all persons regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, national origin, physical ability or ancestry.
- B. To promote all phases of amateur softball.
- C. To establish uniform rules and regulations that can be observed by all members.
- D. To conduct well organized and planned tournaments including invitationals, qualifiers and championship tournaments.
- E. To be represented in all divisions of play on a local, regional, area and national level.
- F. To promote, organize and conduct clinics and training courses in the

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Pacific Coast Region
Junior Olympic
Policies and Procedures

Version 1 – January 20, 2017

What is the Yellow Book?

- Establishes specific guidance for USA Softball of Sacramento
- Defines classification of teams per the USA Softball National Code
- Changes reflect Regional and National Changes



General League Requirements

- Organized league that has defined boundaries. Players must live or go to school within the boundaries of that league.
- Participation waivers available for Recreational League Play.
- Must be open to any interested youth with no tryout required.
- Must use a draft, draw or other acceptable method to distribute talent among teams.
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Select Program

- Must represent a Recreational League Program and follow league boundaries.
- Participation waivers not generally accepted unless deemed a very special circumstance.
- Any player participating * with any other team outside their Select team after March 31st forfeits their eligibility.
- Teams may not have more than four (4) players that participate * with any other team after January 1st.
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Select Program

- 14u Division – High school players are eligible to return to the league that they participated in the previous calendar year ONLY if no existing league player is removed.
- Select teams and all activities must be approved by the league Board of Directors.
- Select teams must participate in the USA Softball of Sacramento Spring Select Program.



Select Program

- Teams may play other USA Softball Select Teams
- Teams may participate in any USA Softball "B" events
- Teams may participate in any USA Softball "A" event or scrimmage with USA Softball "A" teams only with permission from the JO Commissioner (or Select Coordinator). This carries risk of being reclassified.
- Teams may NOT participate in any other sanctioned (or unsanctioned) events outside of USA Softball.

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All-Star Programs

- Team must be selected through an approved All-Star selection process as defined in league's operating policy.
- Players must live or go to school within boundaries.
- Players must participate in the recreational league.
- Any player participating * with any other team outside their Select team after March 31st forfeits their eligibility.

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All-Star Programs

- Teams may not have more than four (4) players that participate * with any other team after January 1st.
- Teams shall not tryout, select, announce, practice, meet or play together before the last Saturday in April.
- High School players are eligible to return to the league that they participated in the prior year. Teams may not have more than 5 high school players.



All-Star Programs

- Players playing in more than one league (divorced parents) can only tryout for All-Stars in one league and must declare by March 31.
- All-Star teams and all activities must be approved by the league Board of Directors.



All-Star Programs

- Teams may play other USA Softball All-Star teams.
- Teams may participate in any USA Softball "B" or "C" events as determined by your classification.
- Teams may participate in any USA Softball "A" event or scrimmage with USA Softball "A" teams only with permission from the JO Commissioner (or Select Coordinator). This carries risk of being reclassified.
- Teams may NOT participate in any other sanctioned (or unsanctioned) events outside of USA Softball.
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Classification

- Classification of "B" or "C" will be determined by the Junior Olympic Commissioner.
- Teams who cannot compete at the "B" level can request reclassification to "C".
- Further instructions for B vs. C will come out closer to All-Star season.



Interleague All-Stars

- Assist the small leagues that do not have enough players to create an All-Star team.
- Leagues who are combining must have participated in interleague games for the current season.
- Must have an open and announced selection process.
- No more than 2 leagues may combine to form an All-Star team.

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Interleague All-Stars

- If a league has enough interested players – they cannot participate in interleague formation.
- No player from either league interested in participating on the combined All-Star team shall be denied the opportunity to participate.
- Combined teams must be approved by both leagues Board of Directors.



Critical Dates

- **Opening Day**: All players/coaches must be registered in Register USA
- **March 31st** : Players must decide Travel (A) or Recreation (B/C). Participation with a travel ball team after April 1 will make a player ineligible for All Stars.
- **March 31st** : Players registered with two leagues must choose which one they wish to establish eligibility for All Stars
- **April 29th**: Earliest date All-Star tryouts can begin.

Other Information

- Contact information available
- Standards of Conduct
- Tournament dates and locations
- Frequently asked questions
- Tournament sanctioning policy
- Complaint procedures
- Background Check offenses screened for
- Age Classifications
- Concussion Protocol

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Summary

- Leagues and Teams are responsible for understanding the Yellow Book Rules
- Classification is done by our office – not your league
- Be aware of the dates
- Contact our office with questions.

