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## *USA Softball of Alaska and ASA*

### *Softball Classification Guidelines*

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#### TEAM CLASSIFICATIONS

Team classifications are governed by USA Softball of Alaska with input from local associations. Returning teams must sign up for the level they were classified as for the upcoming season. If your team does not appear on the re-class list from USA Softball, register for the same class you played last summer.

New teams must adhere to the roster guidelines (found below) when constructing their team.

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#### NEW TEAMS - THE RULE OF THREE

Players are classed equal to the level of their previous team. When constructing a new roster, players from a higher classification count toward a total of **three** classification waivers new teams are allowed.

For example, a new Coed C team is forming and wants to bring a player down from one of last year's Coed A teams. The player would count as two of their moves because the player would be dropping two levels. A new Coed C team could bring down three Coed B players or one Coed A and one Coed B player to equal their 3 allowed roster moves.

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#### CLASSIFICATIONS IN TOURNAMENT PLAY

If a team picks up a player of a higher classification, they must play at the higher classification level for the tournament. Other rules for tournament play regarding Restricted Players are the same as the ASA league rules.

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#### ROSTER GUIDELINES

**Men's C League** There are no restrictions on a men's C roster. Teams will spot two runs for each restricted player on their team roster. Restricted players who are on the roster but not present at the game will still be included when calculating the run spot.

**Men's D League** Restricted players are not allowed to participate in this league. Teams may have no more than 3 players from teams classified as C.

**Coed A League** There are no restrictions on a Coed A roster. Teams will be allowed one player from the USA Softball of Alaska Restricted Player List, if a team chooses to roster anymore than one restricted player they will spot four runs for each additional restricted player. Restricted players who are on the roster but not present at the game will still be included when calculating the run spot.

**Coed B League** Restricted players are not allowed to participate in this league. Teams may have no more than 3 players from teams classified as A.

Coed C League Restricted players are not allowed to participate in this league. Teams may have no more than 3 players from teams classified as B.

Coed D League Restricted players are not allowed to participate in this league. Teams may have no more than one player from a men's C roster. Teams may have no more than 3 players from teams classified as C.

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#### RESTRICTED PLAYERS

In 2013, the Alaska Amateur Softball Association (Alaska ASA/USA) created a Restricted Player list to increase team and tournament participation in the upper men's and coed leagues. A similar method is used nationally to create parity among the higher divisions. USA Softball of Alaska (USASA) leadership has adopted similar guidelines for the State of Alaska. USASA ultimately decides who is considered a Restricted Player, and the list is revised before each season. Below is the current Restricted List for the 2020 season, as well as the guidelines teams must follow when building their teams with Restricted and Men's Comp Players.

Starting January 1st each year, players who have been placed on the Restricted List may appeal their rating to USA Softball of Alaska. Appeals will be accepted through February 28. After this date, appeals will not be accepted until January of the following year.

USA Softball of Alaska has drafted these guidelines based on the USA SA Code, National recommendations from USA Softball Leadership, and an internal Alaska Softball Committee. In addition, USA SA continually collaborates with local associations and team managers for feedback and input. This player rating system has created parity among teams in the higher divisions over the last several years and will continue to be utilized.

<b>League and Division</b>	<b>Restricted Player Rules</b>
Men's C	Any (2 run spot per player)
Men's D and Lower	None allowed
Coed A	Any (2 run spot per player)
Coed B and Lower	None allowed

For more information, the summer tournament schedule, the restricted player list, team reclassifications and more, please visit [www.usasoftballofalaska.com](http://www.usasoftballofalaska.com).