

USA SOFTBALL™

2019 USA Softball Procedural Manual Changes with Comments as of November 30, 2018

NOTE: All changes below are EFFECTIVE January 1, 2019 unless otherwise noted.

Article Number
Article 111 D 01

Change

01. Assignment. An umpire may umpire in only one Fast Pitch and one Slow Pitch National Championship Finals each year.

EXCEPTION: If additional umpires are necessary at the last minute due to the number of teams, an umpire can be assigned **an additional** tournament as a host umpire.

Comments: Allows an umpire to umpire one Fast Pitch and one Slow Pitch National Championship event each year.

Article 112

Transposes the definitions of Allied and Affiliated members.

Comments: Changes were made based on how the Amateur Sports Act is read

Article 112 A

A. **Affiliated Members.** A non-profit association or organization may become an Affiliated Member of the Association upon meeting the requirements set forth in the Code and Procedural Manual with 60% affirmative vote of the Council. All applications for Affiliated Membership shall be submitted to the Membership Committee for a determination as to whether such organization has qualified for membership status, before submission to the Council. **Affiliated Members may vote with either the Local Association, Region, Territory, and Section in which they live or with the Local Association, Region, Territory, and Section in which the organization's National Office is located.**

Comments: Gives Affiliated members the option to vote with the Local Association, Region, Territory and Section in which they live or where the organization's National Office is located.

Article 112 B

B. **Allied Members.** A non-profit association or organization may become an Allied Member of the Association upon meeting the requirements set forth in the Code and Procedural Manual with 60% affirmative vote of the Council. All applications for Allied Membership shall be submitted to the Membership Committee for a determination as to whether such organizations have qualified for membership status, before submission to the Council. **Allied members may vote with either the Local Association, Region, Territory, and Section in which they live or with the Local Association, Region, Territory, and Section where the organization's National Office is located.**

Comments: Gives Allied members the option to vote with the Local Association, Region, Territory and Section in which they live or where the organization's National Office is located.

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Article 113 A

- A. **Purpose.** To honor those men and women who have played a major role in the growth and development of softball, one of the great sports of the United States. Also, to bring to the attention of the public, the widespread value of, and interest in, the game of softball by so honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to its' success. **Their contributions must exceed the expectations of their regularly assigned position.**

Comments: Clarifies requirements for Hall of Fame nominees

Article 113 B 01 a 03 03. **Prerequisites.**

- a. **Fast Pitch. The minimum requirements for consideration are three selections as an All-American including at least one selection to the First Team; or three selections as a member of Team USA or any combination of the three.**

NOTE: The selection process developed by a joint venture of USA Softball and the approval of the United States Olympic Committee must be utilized in selecting the national team. Multiple selections to Team USA during the same year will be limited to one (1) per season in determining eligibility for Hall of Fame induction.

- b. **Slow Pitch. The minimum requirements for consideration are three selections as an All-American including at least one selection to the First Team; or three selections as a member of Team USA or any combination of the three.**

Comments: Separates prerequisites for Fast Pitch and Slow Pitch Hall of Fame nominations.

Article 113 B 01 b

- b. Umpires. In order to be selected as an umpire, an umpire must meet the following criteria:
01. Umpired for a period of fifteen (15) years
 02. Umpired in three (3) national championships, **at least one at the highest available classification.**
 03. Must have been retired at least three (3) years from major competition.
 04. ~~Contributions to the National Umpire Program.~~
 05. ~~Contributions to the success of the Umpire in Chief clinic.~~
 06. ~~Effective as a clinician of the National or International level or for the military level.~~
 07. ~~Effective as an instructor at National Umpire Schools.~~

Comments: Requires umpires to have umpired at the highest available

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classification in order to be nominated to the Hall of Fame. Administrative and Clinician requirements have also been removed because many umpires are not afforded the opportunity to serve as a Regional UIC or member of the National Umpire Staff.

Article 113 B 01 c

c. **Managers / Coach.** In order to be selected as a manager / **coach**, a manager / **coach** must meet the following criteria:

01. Managed / **Coached** for a period of fifteen (15) years.
02. Managed / **Coached** in five (5) national championships.
03. Must have been retired at least three (3) years from major championship play.

Comments: Adds the word Coach to go along with Manager.

Article 113 B 01 d

New item – will re-letter as needed

d. **Head Coaches. In order to be selected as a head coach, a coach must meet the following criteria:**

- 01. Must have been the head coach of a national team (Team USA) for a period of five (5) years.**
- 02. Win a minimum of two (2) WBSC approved International Championship events (World Championships, World Cups, International Cups, Border Battles and or the Olympics).**

Comments: Adds a Head Coach category for Hall of Fame nomination requirements.

Article 113 B 01 f

f. **Meritorious Service.** This person's contributions must have reflected an impact at the national level. ~~The contributions must exceed the expectations of their regularly assigned position.~~

Comments: Removes the requirement that contributions must exceed their regularly assigned position.

Article 202 B

B. **Communications and Marketing**

Comments: Adds marketing to the communications committee to help them work simultaneously.

Article 303 B 01

01. Game fees for Adult Fast Pitch, Junior Olympic Fast Pitch and Modified Pitch shall be a minimum of \$30.00 (**Effective 2020, \$40.00**) per game. Game fees for Adult Slow Pitch shall be a minimum of \$25.00 (**Effective 2020, \$30.00**) per game and game fees for Junior Olympic Slow Pitch shall be a minimum of \$21.00 (**Effective 2020, \$26.00**) per game. The number of umpires to be assigned per game is address in **Article 310 (R)** of the Code.

Comments: Adjusts the minimum umpire payment in 2020.

Article 303 B 03

As approved in 2017:

03. Housing, local transportation for UIC and **a minimum of \$125** per diem/per day for the

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tournament umpire-in-chief. The UIC shall arrive one day prior to the scheduled opening day of the Championship.

Comments: Establishes the minimum per day per diem for the UIC.

Article 303 B 04

As approved in 2017

Housing, local transportation and **a minimum of \$100** per diem/per day for the assistant tournament umpire-in-chief when one is assigned

Comments: Establishes the minimum per day per diem for the assistant UIC.

Article 303 C 11

As approved in 2017

USA Softball Tournament Representative, who shall arrive one day prior to the scheduled opening day of the tournament, shall receive housing, local transportation and **a minimum of \$125.00** per diem/per day

Comments: Establishes the minimum per day per diem for the USA Softball Tournament Rep.