

2006 Code Changes  
(Effective January 1, 2006 - unless otherwise noted)  
IF THE CODE IS UNDERLINED - IT PERTAINS TO THE JO PROGRAM.

Article 100 - Adds clarification on the ASA Code on the website  
Effect: Code on the website always prevails

Article 103 A - Adds "sexual orientation"  
Effect: Prohibit discrimination of players in regards to sexual orientation

Article 106 13 - Disqualified is a team, player, manager, official or other ASA member who has been found in violation of this Code and is therefore ineligible to participate in championship competition or ASA sanctioned events.  
Effect: Clarifies definition for disqualified

Article 106 37 - Suspended. A suspended player or team shall be deemed disqualified during their term of suspension.  
Effect: Defines suspension

Article 201 A 01 - Registration Requirements. Any local association that does not register a combined maximum of 500 adult and Junior Olympic softball teams including payment during any given year shall be referred to the Board of Directors for possible reallocation of territory to other associations.  
Effect: Registrations must include registration information and payment.

Article 201C-Allied members may become members of ASA upon 60% affirmative vote.  
Effect: Changes that required votes from 2/3 to 60%

Article 201 D 02 - Change fee on Life Membership from \$100 to \$150  
Effect: Cost of Life Membership fulfillment is more than \$100

Article 302 A - Changes Board of Directors structure to include the following positions: President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, three athlete representatives elected by the athletes, on at-large member elected annually by the BOD and eight territorial representatives.  
Effect: Reduces the size of the current ASA Board of Directors.

Article 311 G 01 - Adds Junior Olympic Girls' 12-Under A Class Pitch Amended:  
Effective 2007  
Effect: Would require three umpires per game

Article 311 G 03 b - Director of Umpires shall assign all umpires  
Effect: Would select all umpires for the JO Gold

Article 311 I 02 - Director of Umpires shall select assistant umpire-in-chiefs  
Effect: National Director of umpires would assign instead of Regional umpire-in-chief

Article 313 A 09 b - Complaints involving Executive Director would revert to the President  
Effect: Complaint would go to the President instead of the immediate past president

Article 401 A 01 - Removes requirement to be in Oklahoma City every fifth year  
Effect: Inability to receive an acceptable bid from Oklahoma City

Article 402 N 04 - Deletes umpire committee's requirement to set budget for umpire travel  
Effect: Committee does not currently perform this duty

Article 501 A 01 - Armed Services team players may be in Class A or Class B Slow Pitch Amended: Armed Services team players may play in Class A  
Effect: Armed Services team can play Class A

Article 501 A 01 - Adds Men's 9 man class A  
Effect: Allows major players to play in class A if they do not have a major team

Article 501 A 01 b - Deletes restriction for California and Florida  
Effect: Allows all states to be equal in seniors

**Article 501 A 03** - Allows all Men's fast pitch teams to participate in Men's Major Fast Pitch national championships and all Men's slow pitch teams to participate in Men's Class A Slow Pitch national championships

**Article 501 D 02** - Foreign players are eligible to participate in Men's 9 man major modified pitch

Effect: Eliminates foreign players from Class A

**Article 501 E 06** - Deletes "as long as the employee remains retired and is not regularly employed by any other company"

Effect: Many retirees do have other jobs

**Article 502 A** - New A- Male rosters shall include only male players and female rosters shall include only female players. Re-letter existing A-F to B-G

Effect: This statement is in the Official Rules of Softball in Rule 4 Section 1 B and needs to be added to the ASA Code for consistency

**Article 506 A 05** - Delete Men's Slow Pitch Major

**Article 506 A 07** - Creates a Major and Class A in Men's 9-Man Modified

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**Article 506 A 10** - Make Men's Industrial Slow Pitch one class

**Article 506 A 13, 28, 30** - Deletes Women's Church Slow Pitch; Women's Masters Fast Pitch and Women's Senior Slow Pitch from tournaments

Effect: No National Championship tournaments have been held recently in these classifications

**Article 507 F 01** - Teams finishing in the top eight positions would have mandatory reclassification - Amended for Men's Class D Slow Pitch only.

**Article 507 F 01 f** - Removes Men's Class A Slow Pitch

Effect: Class A Slow Pitch is the highest level of play.

**Article 509 D 01** - Men's Class A Slow Pitch will be played on the weekend that contains the fourth Saturday after Labor Day - Amended to be effective 2006.

Effect: Cannot start any earlier than 12:00 Noon on Friday

**Article 509 D 02 g** - Men's Senior 50-Over Fast Pitch shall be scheduled on the weekend that includes the fourth Saturday in September

Effect: Cannot start any earlier than Friday at 9 a.m. and conclude no later than Sunday

**Article 509 D 02 I** - Women's Class A, B and C Fast Pitch shall be scheduled on the weekend that includes the first Saturday in August.

Effect: Shall be scheduled for a minimum of four days and shall be held at one site

**Article 509 D 04 c** - Allows Girls' Class A USA/ASA Fast Pitch National Championship Finals to begin on Sunday no earlier than 6:00 p.m. Opening ceremonies shall be held on that Sunday.

**Article 509 D 04 d** - Allows 18-Under Gold Fast Pitch to begin no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Opening ceremonies shall be held on that Sunday.

**Article 510 M 06** - Change "ASA", otherwise the bat shall be... "to" ASA; otherwise a bat of equal or greater value in the sole discretion of ASA shall be..."

Effect: In most cases the confiscated bat is destroyed by the nature of the testing.

**Article 510 O** - Deletes Girls 10-Under from time limit rule

**Article 511 A 01** - Adds two pool games to Girls' Fast Pitch 18-Under Gold

**Article 511 A 01** - Adds two pool games Girls' Fast Pitch Class A and Class B

**Article 511 A 02** - Adds Men's Masters 40 - Over, 45 - Over and 50-Over Men's Seniors to three game format

**Article 511 A 02** - Adds Women's 35-Over Slow Pitch to three game format

**Article 511 A 02** - Eliminates the three game guarantee for Girls' Fast Pitch Class B ASA National Championships

**Article 511 A 02 j** - Adds Men's Seniors 50-Over Fast Pitch National Championships finals to list of tournaments that utilize the ASA approved three game guarantee bracket.

**Article 511 A 03** - Adds pool play for the Women's Major Fast Pitch division.

**Article 511 B 02** - Double elimination draw would be held prior to pool play draw in Girls' 18-Under Gold

**Article 511 B 02** - Eliminates the three game guarantee for Girls' Fast Pitch Class A, Class B and 18-Under Gold

**Article 511 B 03** - Fill-in teams shall draw after all qualified teams

**Article 511 D** - Allows draw to be held up to seven days prior to the start of all National Championship Finals.

**Article 511 D** - Allows Men's Class A Fast Pitch, Men's Class B Fast Pitch to draw no more than 20 days prior to the start of the tournament Amended: National Office will conduct the draw.

**Article 511 E 02** - Removes third and fourth place teams from seeding

**Article 511 E 04** - Removes seeding for the four returning teams.

**Article 511 F 05** - Clarifies Girls' Slow Pitch still has pool play

**Article 513 B** - A team may participate in a National Qualifier in a higher classification

**Article 513 F 07** - 18-Under Gold National Qualifier in Oklahoma City every year

**Article 518 A 06** - Adds Class A to Men's 9-Man Modified Pitch

**Article 518 C** - Deletes Men's C Slow Pitch from the East/West and adds four territory tournaments for Men's Class C Slow Pitch - Effective 2008

**Article 518 F 05** - Adds pool play to the Girls' Fast Pitch Class A

**Article 519 A** - Men's Class A Slow Pitch National Championship will be played in conjunction with the USA Championship Series Amended: Effective January 1, 2006

**Article 510 P** - Puts Men's Class A Fast Pitch in Special Events.

**Article 602 H 09** - All Junior Olympic Slow Pitch will be played together at one site Amended: Effective January 1, 2008

**Article 605 A** - Requires all trophies and awards to be purchased through the ASA awards provider

**Article 607 B 03** - New award structure

**Article 702** - Further defines National Coaches and Player Pools  
Effect: To be consistent with changes in USOC

**Article 703** - Clarifies Team and Coach Selection for protected competition  
Effect: To be consistent with changes in USOC

**Article 705 B 02** - Further defines Appeals Regarding Selection Process  
Effect: To be consistent with changes in USOC

**Article 705 B 02 i** - Clarifies Appeals Regarding Selection Process  
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