

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY RULES

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'B' RECREATION LEAGUE

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Junior Olympic 'B' program is to provide a recreational program and championship tournaments for recreational teams registered with ASA.

II. CATEGORIES OF ELIGIBILITY:

All teams must meet one of the following two (2) criteria to be eligible to participate in the 'B' Championship Tournament Program:

A. Recreation League Teams:

These 10U – 18U teams must represent a recreational league. A Recreational League is defined by the following criteria:

- A recreational league is an organized league associated with a recognized neighborhood or community
- Where participation is open to any interested youth
- Where tryouts or demonstration of skills is not required for participation
- Where some type of draft, draw or other acceptable method is utilized to ensure distribution of talent among the league teams
- AND the team(s) must be approved by the league's Board of Directors.

NOTE: Leagues who divide their age groups into split divisions based on skill or player "impact" must have a majority (greater than 50%) of the teams in that age group in the more advanced division. Leagues must also have a minimum of eight (8) teams per age division within the league. Split divisions must not be used in age groups below 10-Under. **All players in the split division leagues must be eligible for All-Star tryouts and selection.**

B. 'B' 16-Under & 18-Under Teams:

16-U or 18-U teams formed in a Metropolitan area where recreational league is or is not offered in their respective age classifications must be comprised of players from not more than five (5) high schools represented on any one team.

NOTE: High school attendance area shall not be interpreted as high school district boundaries.

III. ELIGIBILITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

A. Recreation League All-Star Eligibility:

All 10U, 12U and 14U players participating within the league must be individually registered with ASA by **April 1st** of the current season.

B. League Team Eligibility:

- Team rosters may include up to 16 players.
- Three (3) pick-up players from the team's league are allowed AFTER the District Tournament. Pick-up players must meet all player eligibility rules in (D. Pickup Player).
- Teams may be a single league team or All-Star team as selected and certified by the league.
 - If the league selects an All-Star team, the All-Star team shall NOT try-out, select, practice and/or play together before May 1st of the current season.
 - If the league selects a single league team, or the majority of players from a single team, this team must meet the requirements in II.A. above.

NOTE: A pre-season or mid-season team, selected tournament team is not eligible.

- Teams shall not have any players who have participated on a **travel type team** after **March 31st**.
- Teams shall not have more than four (4) players who have participated with a **travel type team** at any time after **February 1st** of the current year.
- Teams that participate in ASA 'A' or GOLD **qualifying** events, or non-ASA **qualifying** events, will not be eligible to participate in 'B' Championship Tournaments.

C. Player Eligibility:

- Players must play a minimum of 50% of the current seasons' league games.
- High school players who are age eligible to participate in 14U division, must be registered within the league by April 1st of the current season in order to do so. These players must also play a minimum of seven (7) league games prior to being selected to the All-Star team.
- Players who have played in a higher league age classification during the current season are eligible to play in their correct age classification.
- Players who have played on a school team after March 31st of the current season are eligible to play if all other eligibility guidelines are followed.
- Players who have participated on a team other than their own recreation league teams after March 31st of the current season are **not** eligible; (i.e. a player **shall not** participate with any other All-Star or travel type team, including ASA and non-ASA after March 31st) except as provided in paragraph 3 above.

NOTE: "Participate" in the above shall be defined as ~ ~A PLAYER TAKING PART IN A PRACTICE, PRACTICE GAME, SCHEDULED GAME OR TOURNAMENT.

- Players **SHALL NOT** play on more than one team in ASA Championship competition during the same season except as a pick-up player.

D. League "Pick-up" Players: (See also ASA National Code):

- 'B' All-Star pick-up players shall meet all player eligibility rules in this section.
- A player can only be a pick-up player once per season.
- 'B' All-Star players whose teams are no longer eligible for Championship competition are eligible as pick-up players as set forth in the ASA National Code.
- Pick-up players must have played on a So Cal ASA registered team during the current season.
- Pick-up players, after District and prior to All-Star Championships, may come from within the Southern California Association within the same or lower age classification.

E. 'B' 16-Under / 18-Under Teams:

The purpose of the Southern California 16-U/18-U classification is to provide competition and championship tournaments for players who are not Junior Olympic 'A' caliber at this time. It provides a summer program that addresses the needs of players who are of high school age and wish to increase their skills to benefit their league, their high school team, and themselves.

- 'B' 16-Under / 18-Under Team Eligibility
 - Team must be registered by June 1st, with a minimum of five (5) players being individually registered. A minimum of nine (9) players must be individually registered by June 30th. All rostered players must be individually registered prior to the start of Championship Play
 - Team rosters may include 20 players including pick-ups.
 - Teams shall be composed of players meeting all player eligibility requirements.
 - Teams may be a single team or All-Star team as selected and certified by the league
 - The team shall not be selected, practice or play together before May 1st of the current season.

- If only one regular season team is in the league then that team shall be the All-Star Team and must meet the requirements in II.A. above.

NOTE: A pre-season or mid-season team, selected tournament team is not eligible.

- Teams shall not have any players who have participated on a **travel type team** after **March 31st**.
 - Teams shall not have more than four (4) players who have participated with a **travel type team** at any time after **February 1st** of the current year.
 - No more than five (5) high schools shall be represented on any one team.
 - Teams may participate in 'A' or 'B' level INVITATIONAL tournaments after May 1st, but run the risk of being reclassified. (Reclassification may be appealed to the Jr. Olympic Commissioner)
 - Teams that participate in ASA 'A' or GOLD **qualifying** events, or non-ASA **qualifying** events, will not be eligible to participate in 'B' 16U/18U Championship Tournaments.
 - Teams competing in ASA Championship Play shall abide by the ASA Codes pertaining to Championship Play and all policies outlined on the back of Official 'B' Championship Roster.
 - Players who pitched at the varsity level may pitch in this division unless the District Commissioner reclassifies her as above 'B' level of play. **NOTE:** The decision of the District Commissioner may be appealed to the Jr. Olympic Commissioner.
- 'B' 16-Under / 18-Under Player Eligibility
 - Players shall be age eligible pursuant to ASA National Code.
 - Players who participate on an intercollegiate softball team at a two or four year college or university are NOT eligible to participate in the Junior Olympic 'B' tournaments.
 - Players shall not be on two regular season rosters, i.e.: she cannot be rostered on a 'B' 16-Under / 18-Under (High School) Division team and an 'A' travel team during the same season.
 - Players are eligible to be picked-up by an ASA 'A' travel team only after their team is no longer eligible for Championship Play.
 - 'B' 16-Under / 18-Under "Pick-up" Players (see also ASA National Code)
 - 'B' (All-Star) "pick-up" players shall meet all player eligibility rules in this section.
 - A player may only be a "pick-up" player once per season.
 - 'B' (All-Star) players whose teams are no longer eligible for Championship competition are eligible to play with an 'A' or a 'B' team as a pick-up player in the same or higher age classification.
 - All "pick-up" player rules shall apply as outlined in ASA National Code.
 - Rural (or remote location) Team Eligibility:

Contact 'B' 16U/18U Commissioner for team eligibility policies.

IV. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES:

A. League All-Star Procedure:

- The Southern California ASA shall be divided into eight (8) districts for purposes of qualifying teams to the Southern California 'B' All-Star Championship Tournaments:

Central District
 Eastern District
 LA/South Bay District
 North/East District
 North San Diego District
 Northern District
 South San Diego District
 Western District

- Each District Commissioner will conduct a District Championship Tournament. Each ASA league may enter a minimum of one (1) team in each age group. The District Commissioner has the authority to allow additional entries based on registrations.
- Each District Tournament may be hosted by a league from that district and shall be sanctioned by the ASA. ASA staff shall conduct all ASA District Tournaments.
- Each District Tournament will be conducted on the date published.
- Proof of Age and Picture Identification will be required.
- The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place finishing teams in age classification 10U – 14U from each district tournament will advance to the Southern California 'B' All-Star Championship.
- The top finishers in 10-U, 12-U, 14-U, 16-U and 18-Under age classification in the Southern California All-Star Championship Tournament will advance to the Western 'B' National Championships.
- All 'B' 16-U and 18-U teams are eligible for the Southern California 'B' All-Star Championship.

'C' RECREATION LEAGUE

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Jr. Olympic 'C' program is to provide a recreational program and championship tournaments for recreational teams registered with ASA.

II. CATEGORIES OF ELIGIBILITY:

All teams must meet the following criteria to be eligible to participate in the 'C' Championship Tournament Program:

A. Recreation League Teams:

These 10U – 18U teams must represent a recreational league. A Recreational League is defined by the following criteria:

- A recreational league is an organized league associated with a recognized neighborhood or community
- Where participation is open to any interested youth
- Where tryouts or demonstration of skills is not required for participation
- Where some type of draft, draw or other acceptable method is utilized to ensure distribution of talent among the league teams
- **AND** the team(s) must be approved by the league's Board of Directors.

B. Leagues who divide their age groups into split divisions based on skill or player "impact" are NOT eligible for 'C' classification

C. 16-Under & 18-Under Teams:

SEE "B" 16-Under/18-Under Teams.

- 'C' League Designation: The league must submit a 'C' Eligibility Request Form by April 1st of the current season in order to be designated as a 'C' league. This form will be on file with the Junior Olympic Commissioner. The District Commissioner will notify the league President with his/her decision. The District Commissioner will consider, among other things, the following criteria; League size, evaluation of play on the field, history of tournament play, UIC evaluation. The District Commissioner may reclassify 'C' leagues at any time based upon their performance. Reclassification may be appealed in writing, within 10 days of notification, to the Junior Olympic Commissioner.
- Leagues that qualify 3 or more teams to the State tournament in any 2 year period, will no longer be eligible for 'C' classification in the following season

III. ELIGIBILITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

A. Recreational League All-Star Eligibility:

All 10U, 12U and 14U players participating within the league must be individually registered with ASA by **April 1st** of the current season.

B. League Team Eligibility:

- Team rosters may include up to 16 players.
- Three (3) pick-up players from the team's league are allowed AFTER the District Tournament. Pick-up players must meet all player eligibility rules.
- Teams may be single league teams or All-Star team as selected and certified by the league.
 - If the league selects an All-Star team, the All-Star team shall NOT try-out, select, practice and/or play together before May 1st of the current season.
 - If the league selects a single league team, or the majority of players from a single team, the team must meet the requirements in (II. A above).

NOTE: A pre-season or mid-season team, selected tournament team is not eligible.

- Teams shall not have any players who have participated on a **travel type team** after **March 31st**.
- Teams shall not have more than four (4) players who have participated with a **travel type team** at any time after **February 1st** of the current season.
- Teams that participate in ASA 'A' or GOLD **qualifying** events, or non-ASA **qualifying** events, will not be eligible to participate in 'C' Championship Tournaments.

C. Player Eligibility:

- Players must play a minimum of 50% of the current seasons' league games.
- High school players who are age eligible to participate in 14U division, must be registered within the league by April 1st of the current season in order to do so. These players must also play a minimum of seven (7) league games prior to being selected to the All-Star team.
- Players who have played in a higher league age classification during the current season are eligible to play in their correct age classification.
- Players who have played on a school team after March 31st of the current season are eligible to play if all other eligibility guidelines are followed.
- Players who have participated on a team other than their own recreation league teams after March 31st of the current season are **not** eligible; (i.e. a player shall not participate with any other All-Star or travel type team, including ASA and non-ASA after March 31st) except as provided in paragraph 3 above.

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- Players **SHALL NOT** play on more than one team in ASA Championship competition during the same season except as a pick-up player.

D. League "Pick-up" Players: (See also ASA National Code)

- 'C' All-Star pick-up players shall meet all player eligibility rules in this section.
- A player can only be a pick-up player once per season.
- 'C' All-Star players whose teams are no longer eligible for Championship competition are eligible as pick-up players as set forth in the ASA National Code.
- Pick-up players must have played on a So Cal ASA registered team during the current season.

- Pick-up players, after District and prior to All-Star Championships, pick-up players may come from within the Southern California Association within the same or lower age classification.