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**I DONT ALWAYS GET
HIT IN SLOWPITCH
SOFTBALL...**



**BUT WHEN I DO ITS
BY A GIRL.**

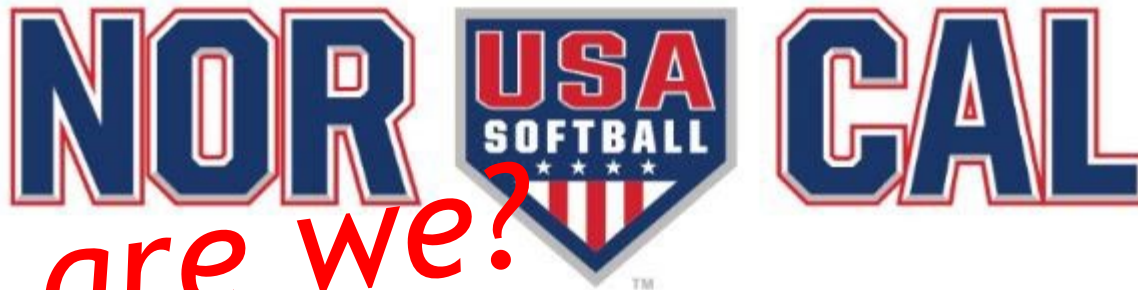




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Welcome to the NorCal
Roadshow!

GENERAL INFORMATION



Who are we?

- Nor Cal USA Softball Commissioner
- Nor Cal USA Softball JO Commissioner
- Nor Cal Umpire In Chief
- Nor Cal UIC Administrator & Special projects
- Nor Cal Office Administrator
- Nor Cal Admin
- Special projects & support

➤ District Commissioners:

- ❖ San Mateo County
- ❖ Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino & Lake Counties
- ❖ Alameda & Contra Costa Counties
- ❖ Monterey, Santa Cruz & San Benito Counties
- ❖ Napa & Solano Counties
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- ❖ Santa Clara County
- ❖ Del Norte, Trinity, Humboldt & Siskiyou Counties

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NEW REGISTRATION PERIOD in effect now

2025 Player and Coach Registrations Period Is September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, and will remain that way.

This also holds true for Adult & team registration

Umpires Registrations Will Remain on the Calendar Year.



2025 Playing Rule Changes

**NOTE: All changes below are EFFECTIVE January 1,
2025, unless otherwise noted**

Rule 2, Section 1

Changed base distance from 65' to **70'** for Boys 14U, 16U and 18U Slow Pitch.

Comments: Changes base distance to match Adult Slow Pitch as many of these teams play at this base distance all year.

Rule 4, Section 7C [1B&5]

Electronic Communications...

1B. An exclusively one-way electronic communication device to relay signals to the offense.

5. An exclusively one-way electronic communication device may be used by the defense to relay the pitch or play call from the dugout. *Effect: If a two-way communication device is used, disqualification or ejection from the game occurs after a warning.*

Comments: Allows the use of one-way electronic communication to all players both on offense and defense.

PLAYERS:

NO SMART WATCHES

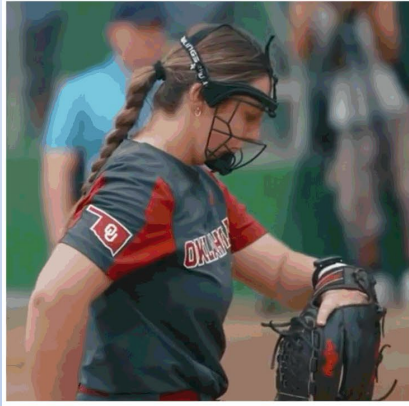
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- 2 DIGITAL DISPLAY DEVICES
- CARRY CASE
- CHARGING KIT
- WAISTBANDS



Electronic communications....

HOW THE PLATFORM WORKS

STEP 1



BUILD

COACH BUILDS THEIR PITCH CALLS & OFFENSIVE PLAYS IN APP

STEP 2



SEND

COACH SENDS IN THE PITCH CALL OR OFFENSIVE PLAY TO PLAYERS ON-FIELD VIA THE COACHES APP

STEP 3



RECEIVE

PLAYER DEVICES DISPLAY THE CALL

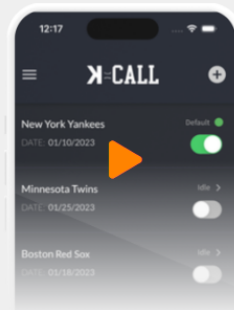
STEP 4



EXECUTE

PLAYERS EXECUTE & WIN!

[GET A QUOTE](#)



ON-FIELD

COACHES APP

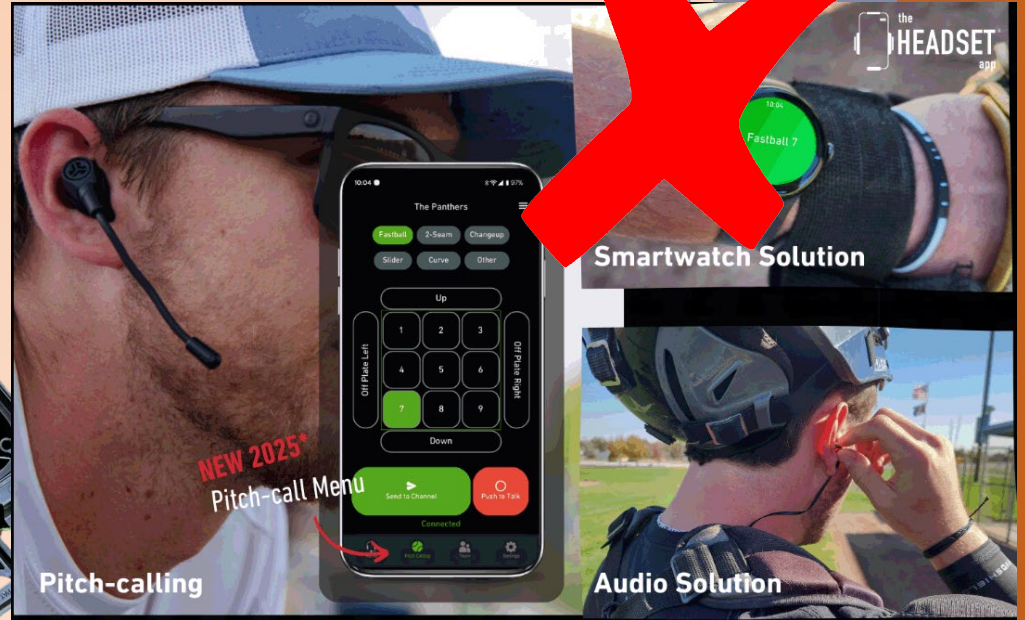
The GoRout Softball coaches application is robust and simple. From building pitch calls to offensive plays, to setting defensive shifts for hitters, everything is one touch away.



ON-FIELD

PLAYER DEVICE

The GoRout Softball on-field players devices require no set up, pairing, or programming. Each device is fully encrypted and ready to start receiving calls right out of the box.



Rule 5, Section 1 HOME TEAM

Exception: In the Championship game only, the undefeated team shall decide the home team. If there is more than one undefeated team or in the event of an “IF” game, the home team shall be decided by a coin toss.

Comments: Allows in the Championship game, the undefeated team to decide if they want to be home or visitors.

Rule 6C, Section 1B

B. (Men's, Women's and Coed Class C, D and E/REC) The pitcher may take a position from the front edge of the pitcher's plate to 6 feet behind the pitcher's plate within the 24 inch width of the pitcher's plate with both feet firmly on the ground.

Comments: Allows pitchers to position themselves up to 6 feet behind and within the 24" pitcher's plate to start their pitch in the listed classifications.

Rule 8, Section 9A [2]

2. Any eligible player may be a courtesy
3. runner once per inning for any player other than the pitcher. This player or any other eligible player may also be a courtesy runner for the pitcher whenever the pitcher is on base.

Comments: Allows the same player to be the courtesy runner for the pitcher and one position player in the same half inning.



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REVIEW OF 2025 CODE CHANGES

No changes for this year

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2025

Eligibility Information for Junior Olympic Program



2025 PROGRAM OUTLINE

The following is a simple, basic outline for eligibility in USA Softball of Northern California's youth program for 2025.

Detailed rules can be found in the Junior Olympic Handbook.

Age Eligibility: Player's age on September 1, 2024 Determines Age for **2025**

18 Gold

Open Recruitment
Self Declare Process

16 Gold

Open Recruitment
Must Qualify

"A"

Open recruitment
Self Declare Process

Age Chart

May be found on our website

USA Softball Age Chart



SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	AGE	DIVISION
2018	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	5	6U
2017	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	6	6U
2016	2016	2016	2016	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	7	8U
2015	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	8	8U
2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	9	10U
2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	10	10U
2012	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	11	12U
2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	12	12U
2010	2010	2010	2010	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	13	14U
2009	2009	2009	2009	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	14	14U
2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	15	16U
2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	16	16U
2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	17	18U
2005	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	18	18U

Note: This age chart is for the USA 2024-2025 year

“SELECT” PROGRAM (10U - 14U)

Restructured from last season!

In order to do select, the player must play rec league and participate in at least 75% of games. (this can include interleague play if applicable).

- ▶ Teams must be created and approved by a Recreation League.
- ▶ Must have an open try-out for league participants (ONLY) after your spring registration closes.
- ▶ Tryouts can be held any time after league registration closes.
- ▶ Select program ends 5/1/25

- ▶ May play Select with other local leagues and do round robins / friendlies
- ▶ If a select team / player plays in a tournament after 3/1, they are ineligible to play summer B/C's.

Leagues can allow (with their board approval), to have a player play rec and tournament ball at the same time. But again, this player would not be eligible for the B/C summer.

- ▶ **8 & under Select? Not at this time - Select is only 10-14's**

“SELECT” PROGRAM (10U - 14U)

- ▶ **Player eligibility may be appealed to the JO Commissioner.**
- ▶ **Players can play in more than one rec league but can only try out for one league’s Travel Program.**

HIGH SCHOOL “B” PROGRAM (14U, 16U, 18U)

- ▶ Can form under the High School category and do not have to be created by a recreation league. No limit on number of high schools.
- ▶ Teams may not try out, practice or participate together prior to the last Saturday in April.

B & C ALL-STAR PROGRAM (8U -12U)

- ▶ Teams must be created and approved by a recreation league.
- ▶ 10U and 12U. League must form a “B” team prior to forming any “C” teams, unless approved by USA Softball of Northern California. No teams are classified “C” until they are classified “C” by Nor Cal.
- ▶ All players must have participated in the recreation league.
- ▶ Teams may not tryout, practice or participate together prior to the last Saturday in April.

8U TRAVEL TEAMS

- ▶ **Rec League based only**
- ▶ **No “A” or “B” 8U teams**
- ▶ **Rules for Association Championships will be posted on Nor Cal website and can be adopted for tournament play.**

INTERLEAGUE ELIGIBILITY

The purpose of the Interleague Policy is to assist the smaller leagues that do not have enough willing/able players to create an All-Star team to compete in USA Softball's Championship Season. The following Policies & Procedures must be followed:

- ▶ a) ALL Interleague All-Star play is subject to sanctioning by Nor Cal.
- ▶ b) Interleague teams must compete in an approved interleague schedule to be eligible for Interleague All-Stars.
- ▶ c) Eligible interleagues must have an open and announced selection process with participants recorded.

INTERLEAGUE ALL-STAR ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ d) Leagues participating in interleague play having sufficient players to form their own All-Star team cannot participate in Interleague All-Stars. **Exception:** Players not making their home league's All-Star team may participate in interleague All-Stars only if the interleague team does not have enough players to form a team and **only when ALL other players are selected.**
- ▶ e) Interleague All-Star teams will be classified per Region 10 handbook guidelines.
(available on our website under youth / resources)

SANCTION INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- ▶ USA Softball approved tournaments
- ▶ Must use NorCalUSAsoftball.com
- ▶ Must meet USA Softball standards
- ▶ All teams and umpires must be USA Softball registered
- ▶ Playing fields must be prepped
- ▶ Restrooms available onsite
- ▶ Nor Cal USA Softball will not sanction any “C” tournaments prior to May 1st
- ▶ Teams may signup for only one tournament a weekend!
- ▶ Teams may not register for any summer All-star tournament prior to April 30th or teams are formed
(do not sign up for a tournament unless you know you have a team and properly classified)

NOR CAL USA SOFTBALL PRE-QUALIFIERS

- ▶ The requirement to play in at least **one** USA Softball Pre-Qualifier Tournament prior to the Nor Cal Association Championships is preferred for 2025. Teams that participate in a pre-qualifier will have first rights to register in Nor Cal Championship play and providing they have paid the entry fee.
- ▶ Teams that do play, will be given first priority to register for Nor Cals. This includes tournaments hosted by other USA Softball associations as long as they have been designated as Pre-Qualifiers.

NEW

Credit Card & other electronic forms now accepted!

DEFINITION: CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY

Championship Play is a tournament or competition from which the winner and other selected teams may advance to higher levels of play of USA Softball.

The following events are considered Championship Play:

- ▶ **Local Association Championships**
- ▶ **Regional Championships**
- ▶ **Territory Qualifying Tournaments**
- ▶ **Western National Tournaments**
- ▶ **National Championship Finals**

ROSTERS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY

- ▶ The roster deadline for Championship Play is 24 hours prior to the start of Championship Play.
- ▶ Once a team has competed in any Championship event, the player is frozen to that roster and may not compete with another USA Softball team until the original team is no longer eligible for Championship Play (their season is over). If a player leaves a team after Championship Play participation, they may not join another team until the original team is no longer eligible for Championship Play. Team Championship Roster is limited to 20 players.
- ▶ Once a team plays in Championship Play that team's roster is then frozen and the only way additional players can be added is on a Pick-up Player form & subject to NorCal Commissioner approval.
- ▶ No more "Add" players once you have competed in Championship Play.

PICK-UP PLAYER RULES

- Pick-up players must be registered with individual registration (not through the team registration) during the current season at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the National Championship Final.
- If Pick-up player is coming from a USA Softball Registered team, that team must no longer be advancing in Championship Play, unless that player has been released from that team & confirmed by league President.
- Teams are allowed 3 pickup players only for the duration of championship play. Pickup players must be added to team by utilizing the official USA Softball Pick-up Player form. All pickup players must be approved by the Association's USA Commissioner.

PICK-UP PLAYER RULES

Pick up players must be from the team's same or lower classification. Exception: Players who are age eligible may be picked up by a lower age classification team.

- ▶ Gold and "A" can pick up from own Region (10)
- ▶ "B" can pick up from Nor Cal Association
- ▶ "C" can pick up from Nor Cal Association Championships or from within your league

NOR CAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- ▶ 8C, 10C, 12C - June 20-22 in Hayward/San Lorenzo/Tracy. **Expect to play on Friday!**
- ▶ 10B, 12B, 14-open B/C - June 27-29 in Hayward/San Lorenzo/Tracy. **Expect to play on Friday!**
- ▶ 12A, 14A - June 27-29 in Hayward/San Lorenzo/Tracy. **Expect to play on Friday!**
- ▶ 16A, 18A - TBD
- ▶ 10A - June 15-16 in Roseville.
- ▶ 16B, 18B - June 21-23 in Roseville.

“A” AND “B” USA SOFTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- ▶ All Nor Cal “A” teams that participate in the Nor Cal A Championships qualify for either “A” Nationals or “A” Western Nationals.
- ▶ All Nor Cal “B” teams that participate in the Nor Cal B Championships qualify for the “B” Western Nationals.
 - ❖ 10B’s July 22-27th Sacramento, California
 - ❖ 12B’s July 22-27th Moorpark, California
 - ❖ 14/16/18B’s July 22-27th Bakersfield, California
 - ❖ 12A/14A/16A/18A July 28- Aug 3rd - Salem, Oregon
- ▶ National Tournament Dates and Locations can be found at:

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball/USA-SB-Events>



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“C” REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- ▶ **Must play in the Association Championships to qualify.**
- ▶ **Six (6) Berths to Regionals in each classification:**
 - ▶ **8U**
 - ▶ **10U**
 - ▶ **12U**

**Hosted by The Cal State Games
San Diego, Ca. on July 17-20th**

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Sanctioned Tournaments:

You don't need a Championship roster for Sanctioned Tournaments. www.registerUSAsoftball.com has a printable Tournament Roster (non-Championship Roster) for Sanctioned Tournaments that will work. Also, proof of insurance certificates.

All coaches (anyone on the field / dugout must be compliant and ACE certified)

Regional / National Championship Play Tournaments:

All players must have a Picture ID at sign-in and at all games. You will need to sign-in (try to do this as a team) and do it in the order of the names on the roster. Players need to sign their Photo ID Cards.

There will be other requirements too and we will provide a check off list (*like coach ACE certification, team entry form, fees, venue information, pick up players, team pictures, pin trading, open ceremonies, gift exchange*)



DUDLEY - OFFICIAL BALL

- ▶ Dudley is the official ball for USA Softball of Northern California and the following balls will be used at Nor Cals.
- ▶ 8U: Dudley Protector Level 1 10” (4A146PT)
- ▶ 10U: Dudley SBC11YFP (4Y611) 11”
- ▶ All Other Ages CFP12Y (43865) or SBC12 12”

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OTHER INFORMATION

USA SOFTBALL of Northern California Code of Conduct!

Code of Conduct

Standards of conduct are part of the USA Softball National Code and Northern California Rule and Regulations. Every member of USA Softball shall respect those standards. Registration with USA Softball constitutes an agreement to follow these standards. A manager, coach, player or other individuals affiliated with the team shall not violate any of the following:

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct or any derogatory action on or off the playing field.
2. Verbal or physical threat upon an umpire or USA Softball official.
3. Destruction of property, abusive behavior or violation of state or federal law.
4. Non-payment of debts to USA Softball or an affiliated member.
5. Failure to have all team members in the JO program individually registered through USA Softball.
6. Failure to have all adult team members in the JO program background checked.
7. Failure to have one member of the team ACE Education during Championship play.
8. Playing under an assumed name or falsifying information to a USA Softball official.
9. Writing checks with non-sufficient funds or closed accounts to a USA Softball official.
10. Commission of fraud perpetrated against a USA Softball representative, team or individual.
11. Commission of fraud larceny against a USA Softball representative, team or individual.
12. Use of any USA Softball logos or trademarks without express permission.
13. Commission of any acts that are contrary to the objectives and purpose of USA Softball.
14. Forfeiting a game in Championship play
15. Competing with or against individuals or teams who are suspended from USA Softball play.
16. Any other acts of suspension as listed in the USA Softball code.

League Structure information

- ▶ Always inform your District Commissioner if you are doing inter-league play and its structure
- ▶ Be sure all your coaches/managers/board members, umpires & players are registered on RegisterUSAsoftball.com And verify that they get approved
- ▶ Verify all your players submitted and approved in RegisterUSAsoftball.com **And before they take the field.**
- ▶ Check your Bylaws, non profit status, board members listing are current and you are filing tax returns. This will need to be verified by our commissioners upon request. **This is for your protection!**

Did you know your district Commissioner can help in league and interleague conflict resolution

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Pacific Coast Region 2025 Junior Olympic Policies and Procedures

Revised December 7, 2024

**Just updated now for
the 2025 season....**

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12U

14U

TBD
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we will make Northern California
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