

# Amateur Sports Alliance of North America

## Softball Code

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## **Article One      Definitions**

### **1.1      Amateur**

A softball player who engages in the sport solely for pleasure and physical, mental, or social benefits derived therefrom.

### **1.2      ASANA Softball World Series:**

The Amateur Sports Alliance of North America Softball World Series, which offers “A” “B” “C” “D” “E” & “Senior 50+” Softball Division Championships. (W’95) (W’04) (W’06) (S’08)(W’15)

### **1.3      Association**

A league, division or association, which is an ASANA Softball member.

### **1.4      Big Sister City**

A current ASANA member association that has agreed to help recruit a Potential New City (PNC) to join ASANA Softball via the Rush Program.

### **1.5      Council**

The governing body of ASANA Softball.

### **1.6      Council Member**

Is a member association representative chosen to serve on the ASANA governing body.

### **1.7      Disqualified Player**

A person who has been disqualified from play in events promoted and conducted by ASANA for violation of its rules.

### **1.8      Eligible Playing Participant**

Any player who identifies as a woman, transgender, or non-binary individual shall be eligible for play in the ASANA Softball World Series. (W’19)

### **1.9      Elite Athlete**

Elite athlete status, defined as any player who has ever played for a team or organization that can be described as semi-professional, professional, or Olympic caliber softball and/or baseball in any country, for any length of time.

### **1.10      Gay/LGBTQ+**

The terms gay/LGBTQ+, ally, and related gender identification terms shall be

interpreted in accordance with the glossary of the Human Rights Campaign. (W'17)

### **1.11 Ineligible Player**

A player that is not eligible to participate in the ASANA Softball World Series. A disqualified player is included in this definition of an ineligible player.

### **1.12 Instruments of Governance (IOG)**

The governing documents of ASANA, including the ASANA Bylaw and Code. (S'99)

### **1.13 Member Association**

A league, division, or association, which joins ASANA for the purpose of participation in the organization and the ASANA Softball World Series.

### **1.14 Member**

An association member who is eighteen years of age or older. (W'88)

### **1.15 Potential New City (PNC)**

A league, division, or association that has been identified as a potential member association of ASANA, and which may be invited to participate in the ASANA Softball World Series via the Rush Program.

### **1.16 Potential New City Team**

A team from a Potential New City's association that is participating in an ASANA Softball World Series via the Rush Program. A PNC may send one team, one time, to an ASANA Softball World Series before bidding for membership. (W'07)

### **1.17 Probation**

A penalty assessed to an association found to be in violation of ASANA Bylaw or Code. Probationary periods are assessed for one-year terms beginning midnight from the date of the infraction. (W'91)(S'99)

### **1.18 Player fee**

All persons listed on a roster participating for the ASANA Softball World Series may be required to pay a Player fee at the time of team registration. (W'97)(W'09)

### **1.19 Qualifying Tournament**

An ASANA tournament that qualifies teams and/or players for the ASANA Softball World Series. (W'19)

**1.20 Revocation of Membership**

A penalty assessed to an association found to be in violation of ASANA Bylaw or Code and is currently on probation. Revocation of membership begins at midnight from the date of infraction and continues until the association re-petitions and is accepted into ASANA by the Council. (W'91) (W'91) (S'99)

**1.21 Rush Program**

A Membership Committee program that's purpose is to recruit Potential New Cities (PNC's) by matching them with a Big Sister City or a Membership Committee representative who will guide the PNC through the steps necessary to participate in the ASANA Softball World Series, and/or through the membership bid process.

**1.22 Umpire-In-Charge**

An USA Softball/CASA accredited umpire who is appointed by the ASANA Commissioner to coordinate the umpiring staff for the ASANA Softball World Series. (S'99)

**1.23 Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

Action that is detrimental or unbecoming to the purposes, objectives, rules or regulations of ASANA and/or its member associations. (S'99)

**1.24 World Series Team**

Is a roster of at least 10 players, all of who are eligible as per Code Section 4.6. A team may also include but not be limited to coaches, managers, scorekeepers, and sponsors who represent the same group and occupy the player area during a game. (S'99)

**Article Two****Disqualification****2.1 Acts of Disqualification:**

The following is a list of acts, any one of which may be justification for the disqualification from the ASANA Softball World Series, of any player or team in any association in ASANA: (W'91) (W'02)

- A. Unsportsmanlike conduct;
- B. Physical violence such as an attack on an umpire or World Series official immediately preceding, during, or immediately following a game;
- C. Commission of a fraud such as playing under an assumed name for a fraudulent purpose, falsifying an affidavit or roster, or giving false

information to World Series officials;

- D. Receiving money or financial benefits in consideration of participating in softball or baseball competition;
- E. Participation while knowing they do not meet the eligibility requirements of the division;
- F. Knowingly competing with players that are disqualified from division play;
- G. Accepting money (directly or indirectly) by capitalizing on athletic performance, or fame in softball, such as allowing the use of the players name to advertise, recommend, or promote the sale of softball sporting goods or by accepting compensation for using such goods;
- H. Ejection from the game for any reason, including playing while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. (W'02)

## 2.2 Disqualification Procedures:

- A. **Hearing:** Prior to disqualification a team or team member must be given an opportunity for a hearing by the ruling body of the member association to which the team or team member belongs.
- B. **Notification:** The team or team member must be notified of the time, place, and date of the hearing.
- C. **Rulings:** After hearing all of the evidence, the ruling body may take whatever action it deems necessary and appropriate in accordance with this Code. The team or team member must be advised in writing of the action taken. A copy of such letter must be forwarded to the ASANA Commissioner.
- D. **Right of Appeal:** Any team or team member disqualified from division play may appeal to the ASANA Commissioner, who shall determine if a fair hearing was held and an equitable decision reached. The decision of the ASANA Commissioner is final.
- E. **Limitation of Appeal:** Any team or team member disqualified by a member association must notify the ASANA Commissioner within thirty days of their appeal. Such appeal must be made in writing and mailed registered or certified, return receipt requested.

## 2.3 Jurisdiction:

A team or member association shall cease to be eligible to compete in tournaments conducted or sanctioned by ASANA while disqualified from ASANA or any member association, provided that the disqualification by the member association does not conflict with this Code or established policies of ASANA.

## 2.4 Penalties:

- A. **World Series Individual Penalties:** During the course of the ASANA Softball World Series, a team or team member may be disqualified for a period of time at the discretion of the ASANA Board of Directors for violations of this Code as shown in 2.01 with the exception that the following acts of disqualification require a minimum of one year loss of eligibility:
  - a. Physical violence;
  - b. Commission of a fraud;
  - c. Competing knowingly with disqualified or ineligible players; (W'03)
  - d. Receiving money directly or indirectly, for personal gain, by capitalizing on athletic ability or promotion of softball goods. (S'99)
  
- B. **World Series Association Penalties:** Any member association having a team reclassified by the Protest Committee prior to or during World Series play may have penalties assessed against them. (W'10)
  
- C. **Notification of Association Penalties:** The Field and Team Operations report for each World Series shall include a list of any Associations that have received a warning or penalty in that ASANA Softball World Series. (W'09)

## Article Three

## ASANA Player Classifications

### 3.1 Player Classifications

- A. ASANA Player Classifications are used to determine the appropriate ASANA division(s) of play for each player.
- B. The ASANA Player Classification Guideline Form, found in the appendix of this document, provides the specific guidelines by which each player is classified by their Member Association.
- C. All players in all ASANA Member Associations must be assigned a player classification.

### 3.2 Classification Process

- A. Player Classifications must be completed or confirmed each year by their ASANA Member Association leadership, regardless of whether the player is attending the ASANA World Series. (W'19)
- B. In the event that a player is a member of two different ASANA Member Associations, the player must declare which ASANA Member Association shall be their primary Member Association before the start of both Member Associations' regular season and notify both member association Commissioners.

The player's primary member association is responsible for assigning an ASANA classification and entering it into the ASANA database. An association cannot be fined if a player is not entered into the database for their association if the player's primary team belongs to a different member association. (W'18) (W'19)

- C. Member Association Commissioners (or highest ranking official) will have final say in player classification scores. (W'19)
- D. All player classifications must be submitted within 1 week of a local league's completion or 60 days before the ASANA World Series, whichever is earlier. (W'19)
- E. All ASANA Member Associations must have a formal, documented process in place for completing player classifications written into their local Instruments of Governance. (W'19) This process must include, but is not limited to:
  - a. A Classifications Committee
  - b. A petition process by which a team manager may formally petition for a player's classification to be reviewed after the Commissioner's decision.
- F. Player Classifications must be submitted to ASANA by the Member Association's highest ranking official, or their designee, via the ASANA Player Classifications Database. (W'19)

### **3.3 Player Classification Score Ranges**

- A. "A" player = total score 91 to 100
- B. "B" player = total score 70 to 90
- C. "C" player = total score 51 to 69
- D. "D" player = total score 31 to 50
- E. "E" player = total score 0 to 30

### **3.4 Use of Player Classifications in Member Associations**

- A. Member Associations are not required to use ASANA Player Classifications to determine regular season team placement. (W'19)
- B. Member Associations who choose to use ASANA Player Classifications to determine regular season team placement may choose the effective date when updated classifications must be used. (W'19)

### **3.5 Use of Classifications in Member Association Tournaments**

- A. Member Associations Tournaments are not required to use ASANA Player Classifications to determine tournament team placement unless the tournament is designated as an ASANA Qualifying Tournament. (W'19)
- B. Member Associations who choose to use ASANA Player Classifications to determine tournament team placement must use the most recently available classifications for each player. (W'19)

**Article Four****ASANA Softball World Series****4.1 Member Association Representation**

Each association shall be responsible for the method of determining its ASANA Softball World Series representatives to the “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”, “E” or “Senior 50+” divisions provided that the requirements listed below are met. Member associations will determine the level of play for any team it sends to the ASANA Softball World Series. ASANA will not be responsible for making that determination. (W’95)(W’04)(W’15)

- A. Each association must send in a written document submitted to the Softball Tournament Director: (S’08)
  - a. The association’s number of teams broken down by their classification of A, B, C, D, E, Senior 50+ by June 1st or as specified in the Due Date document. (W’11)(W’15)
  - b. The number of teams the association intends to attend the World Series; the team’s classification; team name, coach address, phone number and email address on or before July 15<sup>th</sup> of that year or as specified in the Due Date document. (W’11)
- B. An unlimited number of “A” division teams as well as senior 50 + may be sent to the ASANA Softball World Series (S’00)(S’03)(W’15)
  - a. If an association loses a berth due to penalty, they CAN still send “A” teams as well as Senior 50+ teams to ASANA Softball World Series. (S’06)(W’15)
- C. Number of teams allowed to be sent by each member association are as follows: (S’00)(S’04)(W’06)(W’15):
  - a. All ASANA member associations have a minimum berth allowance of: B, C, D, E + 2 association choice.
  - b. Those associations with more than 15 teams will use the following scale:
    - a) 15-24 teams: B, C, D, E + 3 association choice teams
    - b) 25-34 teams: B, C, D, E + 4 association choice teams
    - c) 35-44 teams: B, C, D, E + 5 association choice teams
    - d) 45-54 teams: B, C, D, E + 6 association choice teams
    - e) 55-64 teams: B, C, D, E + 7 association choice teams
    - f) 65+ teams: B, C, D, E + 8 association choice teams
- D. In the 3-14 team category, prior to an association's election to send two teams to the “B” division, such association shall have offered a berth in the “C” and/or “D” and/or “E” divisions to every eligible team in that association that fit the respective division definitions as determined pursuant to Section 4.6 of this Code. (W’95)(W’03)(S’04)(S’06)(W’14)(W’15)
- E. Any ASANA member association may petition the Softball Tournament Director for additional berth for that year’s ASANA Softball World Series,

submitted to Softball Tournament Director by July 1<sup>st</sup> or as specified in the Due Date document. (W'08)(W'11)

- a. The Softball Tournament Director produces criteria for additional ASANA member association berths given each year. To be created each year by July 1st or as specified in the Due Date document. (W'08)(W'11)
- F. The ASANA Softball World Series draws for all divisions are to be held in public view or by conference call with all association's representatives invited to attend. The draws are to be done before or during the summer meeting of the ASANA Council. (W'95p)(W'04p)(W'09p)
- G. The ASANA Board of Directors have the discretion to make decisions in the best interest of the ASANA Softball World Series to alter sizes of divisions or eliminate divisions prior to the World Series. (W'15)

## 4.2 Alternative Team Entry Options

- A. Potential New City Team (PNC Team)
  - a. A team that is participating in the ASANA Softball World Series via the Rush Program (W'07)
    - i. A PNC Team's ASANA Softball World Series participation must be authorized by the Membership Committee and its entry must be declared in writing to the Softball Tournament Director by on or before July 15<sup>th</sup> of that year or as specified in the Due Date document. (W'07p)(S'08p)(W'11)
  - b. A PNC Team must meet the following criteria:
    - i. It shall be properly classified (A, B, C, D, E or Senior 50+) with the assistance of its Big Sister City and/or the Membership Committee. (W'07)(W'15)
    - ii. The same restrictions and guidelines regarding Elite and Dual division players also apply to the players on a PNC Team. (W'07)
    - iii. Its roster shall not list players who are on the roster of a team in a current ASANA member association. (W'07)
    - iv. Its association must send a representative to the entire set of summer council meetings in order to be eligible to play in that year's ASANA Softball World Series. (W'07)
    - v. It shall be subject to all requirements regarding uniforms, playing rules and regulations, tourney entry fees, player fees, fee deadlines, entry deadlines, paperwork (except for the on-line roster), and manager meeting attendance. (W'07)
- B. Other Organized Entities (W'10)
  - a. Allow the participation of any B; C, D and E organized teams (USA Softball, NSA, USSSA, etc.) to participate in the ASANA Softball World Series "A" division only. (W'15)
    - i. All "A" division ASANA classification rules and all other

- ASANA rules still apply.
- ii. Entry fee is the team registration fee plus \$150 non-member fee. (W<sup>11</sup>)
- iii. The team is not a team from your member association.
- b. Allow the participation of Senior 50+ organized teams (SSUSA, SPA, USSSA, etc.) to participate in the ASANA Softball World Series Senior 50+ division only. (W<sup>15</sup>)
  - i. All other ASANA rules still apply and players must show proof of age.
  - ii. Entry fee is the team registration fee plus \$25 per player.
  - iii. The team is not a team from your member association.

### 4.3 Host City Teams

- A. The host city may send unlimited teams declaring such before July 15<sup>th</sup> of that year or as specified in the Due Date document. The Softball Tournament Director has the discretion to limit the number of teams that they send based on field availability. The Softball Tournament Director must notify the host city before the dates as are above, if limitations apply. (W<sup>11</sup>)(W<sup>16</sup>)

### 4.4 Player Eligibility

- A. To be eligible for the World Series, players must meet at least one of the following membership requirements:
  - a. Member of any ASANA Member Association
    - i. Must have been present for one-third (1/3) of games played by their team(s) in the regular season, or the portion of the regular completed prior to the World Series.
      - 1. This requirement is waived for deployed active-duty military players provided that they were on the team roster at the beginning of the regular season.
        - a. Their classifications must still be verified in accordance with the ASANA Code.
  - b. Member of any NAGAAA Organization
    - i. Only if assigned an ASANA Classification score
    - ii. Must have been present for one-third (1/3) of games played by their team(s) in the regular season, or the portion of the regular completed prior to the World Series.
      - 1. This requirement is waived for deployed active-duty military players provided that they were on the team roster at the beginning of the regular season.
        - a. Their classifications must still be verified in accordance with the ASANA Code.
    - iii. Must pay a fee to attend the World Series

1. Fee amount will be set yearly by the ASANA Executive Board
    2. Fee is due before registration
  - c. Member of the ASANA Hall of Fame
    1. Their classifications must still be verified by an ASANA Member Association
  - d. Qualify through an ASANA Qualifying Tournament in accordance with ASANA Code Article Five.
- B. Elite Players:
  - a. An Elite Player is defined as any player who has ever played for a team or organization that can be described as semi-professional, professional, or Olympic caliber softball and/or baseball in any country, for any length of time.
  - b. Elite Players may not play for any “B”, “C”, “D”, “E” or 50+ Division team at the ASANA Softball World Series or Qualifying Tournament within 5 years of elite status ending.
  - c. An Elite Player can request a review of their elite player status in order to remove their elite status.
    - i. No later than 45 days before the ASANA Softball World Series or Qualifying Tournament, a request to remove elite status must be sent via email to the ASANA Field and Team Operations Director by the Member Association Commissioner (or highest ranking official).
    - ii. A detailed description of why the player should no longer be classified as an Elite Player must be sent with the request.
    - iii. The ASANA Executive Board will review the request and respond with a decision within 15 days.
- C. All World Series Players must be 18 years of age or older at the start of the ASANA Softball World Series

#### **4.5 World Series Team Roster Requirements**

- A. A World Series Roster must consist of a minimum of 10 players
- B. A maximum of 20 players will be permitted on a team's roster.
- C. A player may only be listed as a player on one World Series roster.
- D. Managers and coaches must be listed on rosters, but do not count toward the 20 player limit unless they also serve as players.
  - a. E Division teams may submit a list of 5 coaches that are also listed on other World Series Rosters. Names must be submitted in advance of the tournament using a method designated by the ASANA Executive Board.
  - b. These coaches may coach bases or in the dugout when available and must meet uniform rules as outlined in the Tournament Rules.
  - c. These coaches must declare themselves as coaches only to the umpire and opposing team.
  - d. These coaches may not enter the lineup as players.
- E. If a player's regular season team is attending the World Series, they must attend the World Series with the regular season team.

- a. Exception: The highest ranking official in a Member Association may release a player to play on another team.
  - b. The method for completing this release will be determined yearly by the Director of Softball Field and Team Operations and will be communicated via any training materials or guides published that year.
- F. All players on the team do not need be members of the same ASANA Member Association.
- a. If the player is being added to the roster of a team that belongs to a member association other than the one two which the player belongs, the member association to which the player belongs must release the player to play on that team.
  - b. The method for completing this release will be determined yearly by the Director of Softball Field and Team Operations and will be communicated via any training materials or guides published that year.
  - c. A team that has added player from another ASANA Member Association is responsible for validating the accuracy of the player's classification at the beginning of World Series Tournament play.
    - i. If a manager becomes aware that a player was inaccurately classified, the manager must notify the Softball Tournament Director that they have identified them as such and the player cannot continue playing on the notifying manager's team.
    - ii. The ASANA Executive Board will do all that they can to help the team find another player to fill the position and the player find another team to join.
    - iii. As long as the manager reports the inaccurate classification before a protest is filed, that player cannot be protested as part of that team, provided that the player has not continued to play for the team in question.

#### **4.6 World Series Team Roster Classifications**

- A. Teams are classified according to the composition of players on their roster.
- B. ASANA World Series "A" Division Team:
  - a. A team that has no more than two (2) Elite players, and any other combination of players of any classification.
- C. ASANA World Series "B" Division Classified Team:
  - a. A team that has no Elite players, no more than four (4) roster "A" division players, and any other combination of players of any lower classification, and whose highest 10 rated players sum rating does not exceed 824. (W'19)
  - b. Exception: If fewer than 4 teams register for the A division, A division teams will be given the option to play in the B division. Restrictions on A teams or accommodations for B teams will be written into the Rules of Play to level the playing field. (W'19)
- D. ASANA World Series "C" Division Classified Team:
  - a. A team that has no Elite players, no "A" division players, no more than three (3) roster "B" division players rated 70-79, and any other combination of players of

any lower classification, and whose highest 10 rated players sum rating does not exceed 674. (w'19)

- E. ASANA World Series "D" Division Classified Team:
  - a. A team that has no Elite players, no "A" division players, no "B" division players, no more than three (3) roster "C" division players rated 51-65, and whose highest 10 rated players sum rating does not exceed 519. (w'19)
- F. ASANA World Series "E" Division Classified Team:
  - a. A team that has no Elite players, no "A" division players, no "B" or "C" division players, and no more than three (3) roster "D" players rated 31-40.
- G. ASANA World Series Senior 50+ Classified Team:
  - a. A team that has no Elite players, all players are aged 50+ in that calendar year.

#### **4.7 Potential New City Team Roster**

- A. The Roster of a PNC Team may be comprised of any combination of eligible players from that league.
  - a. There are no requirements for minimum number of league games played by a player on a Sister City team.
  - b. A PNC Team must meet roster deadlines, unless otherwise agreed upon with the ASANA Executive Board, but will not be subject to any roster or paperwork fines-
- B. PNC Teams are subject to the requirements outlined in Code 4.2A

#### **4.8 World Series Team Automatic Reclassification**

- A. A team that places 1st or 2nd in their division at the World Series two years in a row will be required to move up to the next division at the next series that they attend provided that 50% or more of the team is returning.
  - a. Two years in a row is defined as two years in which the team attended, even if they are not consecutive.
  - b. A 5-year or more gap will not be considered two years in a row.
- B. In the event a team places 1st or 2nd in their division at the World Series two years in a row, and is now required to move up, the Commissioner of the team's league will be able to petition for an exemption to this rule. The petition for this exemption will need to be filed, in writing, with the ASANA Director of Softball Field and Team Operations prior to the submission due dates for the League's regular season team roster.

#### 4.9 World Series Roster Submission

- A. Players are added to a World Series roster by the member association to which they belong.
- B. Deadline: All World Series team rosters must be submitted online to the Director of Softball Field and Team Operations 30 days prior to the World Series for a team to be eligible to participate in the World Series.
  - a. World Series team rosters must be submitted into the ASANA Player Classifications Database.
    - i. Failure to submit World Series team rosters by the deadline will result in a fine.
    - ii. Failure to pay the fine prior to the start of the Summer Meeting will result in exclusion of that association from that year's World Series.
    - iii. Associations incurring this penalty will be notified prior to the start of the Summer Meeting by the Secretary.
  - b. Any players to be designated as "Late Register" must be included on the originally submitted roster by the due date. These players will be permitted to register as late as their team's first double elimination game.
    - i. Players not registered by their team's first double-elimination game are not eligible to player (see World Series Rules of Play).
- C. A player classification must be submitted for all players, managers, and coaches listed on a roster. Coaches and managers who are not declared as players must be submitted with "0" player classification.
- D. Each team member's full legal name must be listed.
- E. By submitting a player's name on a World Series roster, the Member Association Commissioner (or highest ranking official) confirms that the player meets the Player Eligibility Requirements as defined in the ASANA Code.

#### 4.10 World Series Roster Fines

- A. Failure to submit properly completed rosters shall result in a fine.
- B. Fine is two errors no charge and then \$50 per error thereafter
- C. Types of errors:
  - a. Roster not submitted on time: A roster not submitted by the due date shall result in a total of 10 errors and a fine of \$400.
  - b. Incomplete roster: A roster with fewer than 10 players will be considered an incomplete roster. An error will be assessed for every player missing from the roster.
  - c. Player Classification Score submitted incorrectly: A player on a World Series roster whose classification changes after the due date will be considered an error.
  - d. Other errors not described here: The ASANA Board may, by majority vote, determine that an error will be assessed for a situation not described here. A full explanation of the error will be provided to the member associated.
- D. The following shall not be considered to be errors:

- a. Player name not spelled correctly
  - b. Player omitted from roster and added later, unless the original roster consisted of fewer than 10 players.
- E. Fines assessed as a result of an error at the player level will be assessed to the member association to which the player belongs.
- F. Fines assessed as a result of an error at the roster level will be assessed to the member association to which the team belongs.

#### 4.11 Official Rules

The ASANA Softball World Series Rules shall be decided by a method approved by the Council. (W'91) Revisions to the World Series rules will be made at the Winter Council Meeting and any updates provided to council 30 days before the World Series. The World Series must be conducted in accordance with this Code and the Playing Rules adopted. (W'99)(W'10) The playing format for all divisions shall be the same. (W'95) (W'99) (W'04) (W'06)

- A. Each member of each team except for two late registers shall be required to register with the Director of Softball Field and Team Operations or their designee prior to the start of their team's final round robin game, and shall be asked to furnish identification at that time. (W'19)
- B. The Rosters of teams will be checked prior to the championship semi-finals and forward of each division of play. Each player participating will be required to present a state issued driver's license or government issued ID to be validated against the roster submitted for the World Series. (W'19)
- C. Scheduled game time is forfeit time. Late arriving players are not allowed to be entered on said line up except in the situation of the USA Softball short handed rule. (W'16)
  - a. Forfeits in the ASANA Softball World Series will not be allowed unless there are extenuating circumstances, which are approved by the ASANA Board of Directors. USA Softball rules will be followed otherwise.
    - i. Both written and verbal notification of forfeit situations must occur immediately by the team designee to the Softball Tournament Director and/or a member of the ASANA Board of Directors so an assessment of the situation and resolution can occur immediately.
    - ii. The Softball Tournament Director and/or a member of the ASANA Board of Directors will notify the team within a reasonable period of time of their decision either verbally or in writing.
  - b. If the forfeit is approved, the forfeiting team will be given a loss with a score of 0-7, the winning team will be awarded the win with a score of 7-0, as dictated by USA Softball. If the forfeit is denied the team will have to immediately notify the Softball Tournament Director or a



- K. A run-ahead rule and/or time limit may be used in the ASANA Softball World Series upon recommendation of the playing rules committee and approval of the Council. (W'99p) (W'00p)
- a. USA Softball: RUN RULE application to all games including Semis, Finals and IF games.
    - i. 20 runs ahead after 3 innings
    - ii. 15 runs ahead after 4 innings
    - iii. 10 runs ahead after 5 innings
- L. All games must be completed except as indicated below: (W'12)
- a. In the event of rain or any other cause, which interrupts a game, the game must be resumed at the exact point where it was stopped.
  - b. The format of the World Series will be revised as needed if weather, facility issues and the like become an issue. The ASANA Board of Directors and the Umpire in Charge will determine any format changes, which could result in shorter games, reduced pitch counts and the like. These format changes will take place at the top of the following inning.
    - i. The Softball Tournament Director and/or ASANA Board of Directors will communicate this to all teams within a reasonable time frame by a method decided in advance and communicated to all at the Manager's meeting.
  - c. In the event the World Series cannot be completed as scheduled, the ASANA Board of Directors shall ascertain the procedure to determine the final standings.
- M. Uniforms Player Jerseys
- a. Players competing in the ASANA Softball World Series championships must wear uniform shirts (tees, tanks, and/or jerseys) of the same color. No ragged cut off sleeves allowed. (S'97p)(W'16)
  - b. Each shirt/jersey must have a number clearly visible at least 3 inches in height. (W'19)
  - c. No taped or handwritten numbers will be allowed. They must be professionally printed. (W'13)
- N. Player Pants, Shorts and Cleats
- a. All players' pants must be of the same color and all players' shorts must be of the same color, but the pants need not be of the same color as the shorts color. (W'93p) 95% of each player's pants or shorts must be of matching color and similar athletic style. (W'02p) The color of any players sliding shorts is irrelevant. No cargo shorts or cargo pants allowed. (W'93p)(W'16)
  - b. No metal cleats shall be worn by any player, coach or umpire. (W'86p) (W'97p) (W'99p)
- O. Coaching Attire
- Coaches must be neatly attired, dressed uniformly and in accordance with

the color code of the team. (W'86p) (S'91p)(W'99p)

P. Headgear and Jewelry

All headgear is optional and may or may not be worn at the individual player's discretion. For purposes of this section, headgear may be headbands, caps, visors, or any combination thereof, without regard to color. (W'93p) Bandanas, handkerchiefs or "do-rags" are allowed to be worn during play but may not be tied around the neck area. Sunglasses may be worn atop of the head or ball cap or visor as a known risk to the player. Wearing hats backwards is allowed. Jewelry is allowed at the discretion of the umpire. If it is deemed unsafe, taping will be allowed or removal will be required. (W'13)

Q. Bat List - Bat Check: Prior to first World Series game all team bats must be inspected and approved for use by UIC or designated umpire in accordance with USA Softball standards / specifications/compression testing (if available). (If approval sticker is removed, another must be obtained before play).

R. USA Softball: Ejected Player must vacate field / grounds and have no contact with team participants or umpires during the game. Any flagrant misconduct by the ejected player shall be subject to ASANA Softball Tournament Director and Protest committee determination of playing status.

S. OVER-THE-FENCE HOMERUN: Batter and all runners are not required to touch all bases; all are credited with a run. EXCEPTION: On any over-the-fence home run in the D & E division, the batter is called out and the inning is over regardless of the number of outs prior to the over-the-fence home run. (W'16)

T. The new USA Softball Rule 6: Pitching Regulation (Slow Pitch), Section 3 Legal Delivery Paragraph H WILL NOT BE ADOPTED by ASANA. ASANA will remain using the rule that the ball must be delivered with perceptible arc and reach a height of at least six (6) feet from the ground while not to exceed a maximum height of twelve (12) from the ground.

U. Official ASANA Softball World Series ball for all divisions will be the 11" yellow optic - AT1152PS - 52/300 (AD Starr).

V. Protest of player eligibility can be made or appealed at any time. If it is discovered at any time that a player has entered a game without registering, that player will be deemed an illegal player and all USA Softball rules around illegal players will then be enforced. (W'19)

#### 4.12 General Rules & Responsibilities:

A. Team managers will be held accountable for the conduct of their players and fans at all times during an ASANA conducted tournament, both on and off the field. (p) (W'13)

B. In case of disputed play or decision, team managers or captains may consult game officials. The other players, coaches, or sponsor may not participate in

the discussion. (p) Official scores for seeding will be drawn only from the official game scores sheets. Managers are responsible for verifying game score at the completion of each game and signing the scorecard confirming this verification. (W'15)

- C. At no time will any players, coaches, or managers be allowed to smoke or drink alcohol on the field or in the dugout. (p)(W'16)
- D. Managers are to report any unsportsmanlike or derogatory acts by players or spectators to the Softball Tournament Director. (p)
- E. Any player discovered using an illegal bat that is doctored or loaded by additional weight shall be disqualified from further World Series competition. A team that is discovered to have within its possession or control an illegal bat may be disqualified from further World Series competition. (p)
- F. If an unapproved (non -ASANA stickered) bat is discovered in the batter's box (no pitch required):
  - a. The batter and documented team Manager are ejected from that game. They must leave the playing field and dugout but not the complex based on the ejection alone.
  - b. The current ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) inning is immediately over no matter how many outs are recorded.
  - c. The entire team will receive a warning and if the team has a second occurrence of an unapproved bat entering the batter's box the team will be removed from the remainder of the World Series.
  - d. A \$100 fine will be imposed and required to be paid prior to the start of the teams next scheduled game. If the team refuses to pay the fine they will forfeit all future games at a losing score of 0-7.
- G. During the ASANA Softball World Series, at any time, if an umpire determines that a player or coach is intoxicated or otherwise incapacitated in any manner that endangers player safety the umpire will remove the player from the game and possibly the park for the remainder of the World Series. (W'17)
- H. During the ASANA Softball World Series, any time a player, coach or manager strikes another player, coach, or manager, that offending player, coach or manager, shall be ejected from the game and shall be removed from the park for the remainder of the World Series and banned from all remaining events. (p) (W'17)
- I. Each team participating in the ASANA Softball World Series must be represented by its team manager or their representative at the ASANA Softball World Series Manager's Meeting. Failure to attend this meeting will result in a fine, payable before taking the field. (W'02p)
- J. World Series Awards will be provided in the following manner: (p)
  - a. Team trophies shall be presented to the top three teams.
  - b. Individual awards shall be made to each individual on the championship team whose name appears on the official competition roster, including

additional players, and managerial and coaching staff who are present. Additional individual awards may be given.

- c. The cost of all awards listed above shall be borne by ASANA. Any participation awards borne by the host association must obtain prior ASANA approval. (W'09)

#### **4.13 Umpires**

- A. The ASANA Softball Tournament Director and the ASANA Softball World Series Umpire-In-Charge (UIC) will work together regarding all officiating decisions. (S'98p)
- B. Each member association must submit to the ASANA officiating chair, by June 1st (registered, certified mail or email), a complete list of LGBTQ+ friendly umpires used in regular season play that would like to umpire in the ASANA Softball World Series, in addition to any umpire applications for the upcoming ASANA Softball World Series. All documents must be submitted in duplicate. The Chair will then forward a copy to the current ASANA Softball World Series UIC. (S'98p)
- C. Every umpire on the ASANA Softball World Series payroll will be either USA Softball or CASA sanctioned in the Metro or District association in whose territory that are considered to be accredited. (S'98p)(S'99p)
- D. The ASANA officiating chair will send a letter of acknowledgement to each applicant by June 15th. (S'98p)
- E. The ASANA officiating chair will send a letter of acceptance and an informational letter (including but not limited to: hotel information, dates of World Series, uniform information, pay structure, ASANA Softball World Series UIC phone number) to each umpire accepted to the ASANA Softball World Series by June 30th. (S'98p)
- F. Assignment of umpires to the ASANA Softball World Series is the responsibility of the ASANA Umpire in Chief. It is recommended that each member association furnish one or more umpires.
- G. The ASANA Softball World Series UIC will attend the ASANA Summer Council Meeting. (S'98p)(W'02p)

#### **4.14 Protest Committee and Process:**

If it is suspected that a player has been entered into the ASANA Softball World Series with an inaccurate classification, a protest may be initiated to challenge the player's eligibility to participate in the division that their team has entered the World Series in. (W'18)

#### **Protest Committee:**

- A. The Tournament protest committee will consist of a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of ten (10) members, drawn from Field and Team Operations Committee members and ASANA Executive Board members. (W'18)
  - a. The Director of Softball Field and Team Operations shall not be counted towards the total count as they will not vote unless a tie-breaking vote is required.
  - b. The Protest Committee may vary from protest to protest depending on who is available for discussion and voting.
- B. No more than 50% of the committee members involved in the protest decision may be ASANA Executive Board Members. A majority vote is required to uphold any protest. (W'18)
  - a. If fewer than three (3) Field and Team Operations Committee members are available, the Director of Softball Field and Team Operations may elect to appoint additional committee members when the Protest is initiated. (W'18)
    - i. These committee members will be selected from experienced Member City Delegates, Team Managers, and Players at the discretion of the Director of Softball Field and Team Operations.
    - ii. A single member city may not represent more than 34% of the Protest Committee.
  - b. The Softball Tournament Director and/or Director of Softball Field and Team Operations must be involved in all protests. (W'18)
    - i. If either Director is playing in a game at the time of the protest, they must elect to either leave their game or allow the committee to proceed with protest without them. (W'18)
    - ii. If neither are available, they must decide who will walk away from their game. If they cannot agree, the ASANA Commissioner will determine who must leave their game. (W'18)
- C. If the ASANA Executive Board determines that any Protest Committee member has a conflict of interest with either team involved in the protest, the Protest Committee will vote to determine if that committee member will be removed from discussion and voting. (W'18)
- D. If the protest is initiated by the ASANA Executive Board, the Protest Committee will vote to determine if that Executive Board Member will be removed from discussion and voting. (W'18)

**Initiation:**

- A. A manager wishing to initiate a protest must request the current year's Protest Form from an available ASANA Executive Board Member. (W'18)
  - a. The Protest Form will be available at the Softball Tournament Director's table at the World Series. (W'18)
  - b. The ASANA Executive Board Member who gives the form to a manager must notify all ASANA Executive Board Members immediately that the form was given to a manager so that they are aware that a protest might be initiated soon. (W'18)
  - c. Protests can be filed by:
    - i. Managers of teams within the same division as the team being protested
      - 1. If a manager filing a protest is also an ASANA Executive Board member and they submit a protest as a manager, they must be clear that they are submitting a protest as such. (W'18)
    - ii. The ASANA Executive Board, with a majority vote of the Board. (W'18)
    - iii. The Director of Softball Field and Team Operations
      - 1. If the Director of Softball Field and Team Operations initiates a protest, the tie-breaking vote (if needed) will be deferred to the Tournament Director.
      - 2. If both the Softball Tournament Director and the Director of Softball Field and Team Operations have a conflict of interest, the tie-breaking vote will be deferred to the ASANA Commissioner.
- B. The manager must complete the Protest Form, indicating which question scores are being challenged. (W'18)
  - a. The manager must provide specific examples of observations made that support the protest.
- C. The manager submitting the Protest Form must provide a copy of the full, unaltered scoresheet from any games that their team played against the team to which the player they are protesting belongs to the Protest Committee.
  - a. If the team did not play against the team to which the player that they are protesting belongs, they must provide specific games observed.
- D. The manager submitting the protest may submit a list of other team managers willing to make statements to support the protest. Cellular phone numbers must be provided.
- E. The exact cash amount of all protest fees must be submitted along with completed protest form. (W'18)

- a. The base protest fee will be determined yearly by the ASANA Board of Directors and published to all member associations with the Due Date Checklist. (w'18)
    - i. The base protest fee must be a minimum of \$200. (w'18)
    - ii. The base protest fee shall not exceed the amount of the Tournament Entry Fee. (w'18)
  - b. The base protest fee shall cover up to 3 individual questions for any 1 player being protested. (w'18)
    - i. Additional questions may be protested at a rate of \$50 per question. (w'18)
    - ii. Additional players from the same team may be protested at a rate of \$100 for up to 3 questions. Additional questions may be protested at a rate of \$50 per question. (w'18)
    - iii. If a team manager believes that the parameters above create a situation where the total protest fee required prohibits them from submitting a protest, they may request to make a 50% cash deposit on the total amount required to submit the protest. In the event that the protest is not upheld, the team manager must surrender the remaining balance to ASANA within 1 hour of the decision.
      1. Requests will be approved or denied at the discretion of the Director of Softball Field and Team Operations.
      2. If the balance is not surrendered as listed above, the team who initiated the protest will be ejected from the tournament.
- F. A protest must be submitted prior to the beginning of the game(s) determining the fourth place team in each respective division begins. (w'11)
  - a. If a division consists of fewer than 6 teams, the deadline will be extended to the game determining the third place team in that division.
- G. The manager wishing to initiate a protest must submit the form to any available Board Member. The manager must also take a picture of the Protest Form and email it to the ASANA Executive Board - [board@asanaserie.org](mailto:board@asanaserie.org). (w'18)
  - a. The person receiving the protest must immediately notify all members of the ASANA Board of Directors that a protest has been initiated. (w'18)
  - b. The Director of Softball Field and Team Operations or Softball Tournament Director must assemble all available Protest Committee Members. (w'18)

**Review of Submitted Protest:**

- A. As soon as a protest is received, the Director of Softball Field and Team Operations (W'19) must notify the following via cellular phone call and email:
  - a. The manager of team being protested. (W'18)
  - b. The Member City Commissioner and/or Delegate of the team being protested.
  - c. If the team qualified for the World Series via a Qualifying Tournament, the Tournament Director of said Tournament.
- B. If the team in question is playing in a game at the time of the Protest, the Softball Tournament Director must halt the game in progress while the Protest Committee discusses the protest. (W'18)
  - a. The team being protested must surrender their scorebook for all games played. (W'19)
  - b. The team being protested may submit a list of managers who are willing to support their inclusion in the division in which they are currently playing. Cellular phone numbers must be provided. (W'19)
- C. Information must immediately be gathered by the Protest Committee to support the committee's discussion of the Protest. (W'18) Information gathering should include all of the following but is not limited to:
  - a. Review of the filed protest form. (W'18)
  - b. Consulting with any available managers from teams that have played against the team in question. (W'18)
    - i. Manager statements will only be considered if they agree to formally document their discussion via a Protest Statement Form. (W'19)
  - c. Consulting with managers listed on the Protest Form. (W'19)
  - d. Consulting with managers that the protested team's manager has listed as references. (W'19)
  - e. Review of scorebooks/game results in games being used in the protest. (W'18)
    - i. This must include the scorebook from the team being protested. (W'19)
    - ii. The committee will make a reasonable attempt to obtain scorebooks from teams that are present at the fields at the time of the protest without further disrupting the tournament. (W'19)
- D. The manager from the team being protested must be given an opportunity to refute any claims made on the Protest Form. (W'18)
  - a. If available, the Member City Commissioner and/or Delegate may also make a statement. (W'18)

- b. If they choose to, the player(s) being protested may also make a statement in-person or via phone call. (W'19)
- E. All information gathered must be documented. All statements received by the Protest Committee must be signed by the person giving the statement. (W'18)
- F. Once all information has been gathered, the Protest Committee will meet immediately to discuss the claims made on the Protest Form. (W'18)
- G. Total Protest Review Time will be limited to 1.5 hours from start of committee assembly to delivery of decision. (W'19)

**Decision:**

- A. Once all information has been reviewed, the Protest Committee will vote to either uphold or dismiss the protest. (W'18)
- B. A majority (51%) vote is required to uphold a protest. (W'18)
- C. The Director of Softball Field and Team Operations, Softball Tournament Director, and ASANA Commissioner will meet separately with the managers and, if available, the Member City Commissioners and/or Delegates from both teams to deliver the decision. (W'18)
  - a. No other members of either team may be present at the time that the decision is delivered. (W'18)
  - b. There will be zero tolerance for members of any team who engage in unsportsmanlike conduct upon receiving the decision of the Protest Committee. Anyone acting in an unsportsmanlike manner will be removed from the field complex immediately. (W'18)
    - i. Egregious acts of unsportsmanlike conduct may result in a fine to the Member City. (W'18)
- D. If the protest is upheld:
  - a. All monies submitted with the protest will be returned to the manager who initiated the protest. (W'18)
  - b. The protest committee will make a recommendation to eject the entire team from the tournament or to eject the individual player(s) from the tournament. (W'19)
    - i. If the protest is filed during Round Robin play, the protest committee may opt to convert all games in which the player(s) participated to forfeits but allow the team to continue playing in the tournament. The player(s) will be removed from the team for the remainder of the tournament but a team in a higher division may pick the player(s) up for the remainder of the tournament, provided that the player(s) meets the requirements of that division

and a uniform is available for the player(s). If not picked up by another team, the player(s) will be permitted to remain in the team's dugout and/or coach bases for the remainder of the tournament. (W'19)

- ii. If the protest is filed during Bracket play, the protest committee may opt to only remove the individual player(s) from the tournament if it is clear, through the review of available scorebooks and statements, that the individual player(s) did not have a significant impact on the team's overall progress through the tournament. The player(s) will be permitted to remain in the team's dugout and/or coach bases for the remainder of the tournament. (W'19)
  - iii. If it is clear, through the review of available scorebooks, that any of the following are true, the entire team will be ejected from the tournament: (W'19)
    - 1. The individual player(s) had a significant impact on the team's overall progress through the tournament. (W'19)
    - 2. The manager and/or member city commissioner and/or delegate knowingly submitted an inaccurate classification for the player(s). (W'19)
    - 3. The manager and/or member city commissioner and/or delegate did not adhere to the guidelines in the ASANA Code. (W'19)
  - c. The Member City who submitted the Player Classifications will be assessed a fine equal to the amount of all protest fees. (W'18)
    - i. This fine shall not be lower than \$200. (W'18)
    - ii. This fine shall not exceed the amount of the Tournament Entry Fee. (W'18)
    - iii. The ASANA Executive Board may opt to decrease the fine if they believe the fine to be excessive. (W'19)
    - iv. The ASANA Executive Board will recommend corrective actions for the Member City who submitted the Player Classifications. (W'19)
  - d. If different, the Member City associated with the team that was protested will be assessed a fine of \$50. (W'18)
- E. If the Protest is dismissed:
- a. Protest fee will be kept by ASANA
  - b. Players from the same team may be protested later in the tournament. (W'18)



players are observed. (W'17)

- K. All players on the qualifying team attending the World Series must have attended the qualifying tournament and be listed on the official roster. The official roster must be submitted by the Softball Tournament Director of the qualifying tournament confirming that all players listed did participate in the qualifying tournament. (W'17)
- a. Exception – a “B” team may add players not on the qualifying tournament roster. These players will be automatically assigned a player score of 100. The team may not exceed a total of 4 “A” players, including players already on the team who have been rated as an “A” player. (W'17)
  - b. Exception – a team that qualified through a qualifying tournament may add players that are currently associated with an ASANA member association using their current ASANA player score as confirmed by the member association. The member association’s Commissioner must provide permission in writing. (W'17)
- L. Individual players on the team that won a berth through a qualifying tournament must attend with the same team, unless they qualify through an ASANA member association. (W'17)
- a. Exception- “A” and “B” rated players may qualify individually by attending a qualifying tournament. If qualified as an individual player they may only attend the World Series with an “A” or “B” series eligible team.
- M. Each association must provide details on how the ASANA Softball World Series Team Registration fee will be paid for and/or subsidized. Entry fees awarded are non-refundable. (W'17)

## Article Six

## Amendments to Code

### 6.1 Changes to Code and Amendments:

- A. The Code may be altered, amended, suspended, or repealed, and new Code may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3rd) vote at any winter or summer meeting of Council at which a quorum is present. (W'91)(W'93)(W'10)
- B. Any suggested changes to the Code must be made in writing and submitted to the Secretary who will copy the ASANA Board of Directors and IOG committee. These changes must reference all sections of the governing documents needing revision. These changes will be provided to the Council for review twenty-one (21) days prior to the winter meetings if these changes are to be made effective for the upcoming year. (W'10)(W'13)

- C. Any suggested changes that have been voted upon and approved during council meetings must be submitted, in its final approved form, but the originator and/or the originator's Committee Chair, to the Secretary within 10 days from that council meeting as part of their final report. (W'17)
- D. Amendments shall be made effective immediately after their adoption at the winter meetings. (W'10)
- E. Amendments voted and adopted at the summer meetings will take effect January 1st of the following year. (W'10)
- F. Amendments may be effective immediately only if extreme circumstances warrant as such as deemed by the ASANA Commissioner in concurrence with the two-thirds (2/3) vote at the summer meeting of Council at which a quorum is present. (W'10)

#### 6.2 **Precedence:**

In the event of a conflict between the ASANA Code and Bylaws, the ASANA Bylaws shall prevail.

## **Article Seven**

## **Publication**

#### 7.1 **Publication of Document:**

A copy of this Code and its amendments shall be published annually and copies furnished to each member association.

**Note:** *all revisions and amendments to this Code are dated according to the Meeting in which the Council took such action: W=Winter meeting, S=Summer meeting, P=Moved from procedural document w'10.*

## Appendix One ASANA Player Classification Guideline Form

**Player Name:**

**Team:**

**Directions:** For each question, write the number that best represents the skill level player named above. You must answer all 20 questions regardless of the player's primary position in the field.

0 = 0%      1 = 10%      2 = 25%      3 = 50%      4 = 75%      5 = 90% +

### **THROWING**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Player can throw the ball accurately 70 feet. Thrown on target, in the air, requires minimal to no effort to be caught.
- o Infield: from second base to first base
  - o Outfield: to the cut-off person
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Player can throw the ball with good speed 70 feet without an arc. Ball travels directly with speed on a line, good velocity.
- o Infield: from second base to first base
  - o Outfield: to the cut-off person
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Player can throw the ball accurately 100 feet. Thrown on target, in the air, requires minimal to no effort to be caught.
- o Infield: from third base to first base
  - o Outfield: from the 150 ft line on the foul line to second base
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Player can throw the ball with good speed 100 feet. Ball thrown directly with speed to target, throws runners out.
- o Infield: from third base to first base
  - o Outfield: from the 150 ft line on the foul line to second base

**FIELDING: To maintain consistency, rate the player as if the batter is an average (C-level) ASANA-rated player.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Player fields solid ground balls hit right at them, or within an easy range.
- o Infield: within one step in either direction
  - o Outfield: within 5 steps in either direction.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Player fields solid ground balls on the run (shows good range).
- o Infield: within two strides in either any direction in the infield
  - o Outfield: within 10 steps in either direction
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Player catches solid fly balls hit right at them or within an easy range.
- o Infield: within 2 steps in any direction
  - o Outfield: within 5 steps in any direction

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Player catches solid fly balls on the run (shows good range).
- o Infield: within 7 steps in any direction
  - o Outfield: within 10 steps in any direction
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Player dives or slides to field balls and fields the ball cleanly or knocks the ball down effectively during the slide or dive.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Player effectively and consistently performs at their primary position.

### **BATTING**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Player hits line drives with power. Ball is hit with speed such that infielder has little to no time to react.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Player hits solidly to the outfield in the air.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Player hits solidly to outfield gaps.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Player hits singles or better consistently. Do not confuse fielding errors with hits.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Player gets on base (includes, hits, walks, errors, fielder's choice, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Player has the ability to hit to all fields (place hit intentionally).

### **BASERUNNING**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Player runs at:
- o 1 - Average Walking Speed
  - o 2 - Average Jogging Speed
  - o 3 - Below Average Running Speed
  - o 4 - Average Running Speed = Is safe on a slow hit ground ball
  - o 5 - Above Average Running Speed = Can "run out" a hit that may not typically be a hit
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Player slides effectively when appropriate. Understands the fundamentals of sliding, uses correct type of slide for situation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Player runs the bases aggressively and effectively. Listens to base coaches.

### **FUNDAMENTALS**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Player knows the fundamentals of the game as listed on the following page.

**TOTAL SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Score Range	0-30	31-50	51-69	70-90	91+
Classification	E	D	C	B	A

0	1	2	3	4	5
Has no knowledge of basic softball fundamentals.	Has basic knowledge of softball fundamentals.	Has basic knowledge of softball fundamentals typically seen in a recreational game and can apply the knowledge in game situations.	Has average knowledge of basic softball fundamentals.	Has above average knowledge of softball fundamentals that are typically seen in a competitive game and can apply the knowledge in game situations.	Has advanced knowledge of softball fundamentals that are typically seen in a competitive game and can apply the knowledge in game situations.
-does not know the basic rules to get through a game -unaware of difference between when a runner is forced or not -does not know where to throw the ball -no knowledge of when to run on the bases -no knowledge of the count	-knows 50% of most basic rules -knows basics of force plays and where to throw in a typical force play -knows basics of when to run on the base path due to force -understands the difference between a ball and a strike -has understanding of the count	-knows 75% of basic rules to get through a game and demonstrates knowledge by attempting to execute correct plays during game -throws to the correct base 75% of the time -correctly runs the bases 75% -understands count and when you must swing or not swing	-knows 99% of rules and can easily get through an entire game based off knowledge -demonstrates knowledge by knowing where to throw, when to run, etc. without much thought -correctly executes plays -can serve as a base coach based on knowledge	-knows 99% of rules and can easily get through an entire game based off knowledge -understands field placement based on situations (does not have to be able to do it) -knows when to SAC -can quickly assess situation and attempt to execute the best possible play option (ex. Taking into consideration speed of runner, score of game, amount of outs, etc.)	-knows 99% of rules and can always get through an entire game based off knowledge -understands complex rules and knows how to attempt to execute and coach them (ex. Purposefully gets caught in a run down so the runner on third can score to tie the game) -can adapt and strategize on varied tournament rules (ex. Prolonging innings when in the lead during timed game)

\*Correct = knowing what to do based on rules, not that decision led to success