

2022 USA Softball Procedural Code Changes with Comments as of October 26, 2021

Note: All changes below are EFFECTIVE January 1, 2022 unless otherwise noted

Article Number

Change

Article 306 A 07

Divisions and classifications of Championship Play defined.

07. Women's Slow Pitch
 Open
 C
 D
 E/Rec

Comments: Adds the E/Rec Division in Women's Slow Pitch

Article 307 F 03 d

Classifications of Championship Play

d. In all adult Fast Pitch, ~~USA Softball National~~ **no Country's Men's National Team Members or player pool may participate below the Major level.** ~~will not be eligible to be to participate in Men's Open.~~

Exception: A member of a Country's Junior Men's National Team or player pool may participate below the Major level in a National Championship Final.

EXCEPTION: Non-pitching members **of a Country's Men's National Team or player pool** ~~on the USA Softball Men's National Team~~ may pitch at the Open level but cannot bat or assume any other defensive position.

Comments: Clarifies who many participate in Championship Play and limits foreign players below the Major level.

Article 307 H 02

Classification of Championship Play

H02. Mandatory Team Reclassification. An adult team that has four or more players ...(as is). In all Adult National Championships, **the table below will be used to reclassify teams to the next higher class based on teams entered in the event.** ~~the top finishing 10% (plus ties) will be reclassified to the next higher classification. Fractions will be rounded up to the nearest whole number.~~

**0-9 teams = 0 teams
 10-19 teams = 1 team
 20-29 teams = 2 teams
 30-39 teams = 3 teams
 40-49 teams = 4 teams
 50-69 teams = 6 teams
 70-89 teams = 8 teams, etc.**

Comments: Changes the reclassification of teams based on total number of teams playing in an event

Article 307 H 03 a**Classification of Championship Play**

a. Teams. A team that wins two or more games in a double elimination bracket, or three or more games in a three game bracket, excluding forfeits, in a National Championship Final may not participate in a lower classification in the same division of championship play during their next USA Softball playing season unless they played in the highest classification. ~~Those players currently classified shall be moved to a + level.~~ Those already classified as one level higher would not be affected by this change. A team that has four or more players on a roster, including pick-ups, from such a team shall be considered the same team.

Comments: Removes the a + level

Article 309 C 04 c**Dates of Championship Play**

04c. Girls' USA Softball Class A and B Fast Pitch **East/West National Championships** (all ages).

Comments: Allows for Class A & Class B to have East & West National Championships

Article 314 F**National Championship Finals**

F. USA Softball East/West National Championship Finals. USA Softball will conduct two National Championship Tournaments in following divisions and classifications:

Men's Senior Slow Pitch.

Men's Open Fast Pitch

Girls 10-Under, **12-Under, 14-Under, 16-Under, & 18-Under** Class A

Comments: Adds more age groups to conducting multiple National Championship Tournaments