

Plays and Clarifications

June 2026

The Junior Olympic Fast Pitch program is in full swing. We will be starting the National Championships in a few weeks. As a reminder we are moving into summer and a lot of the locations will be hot and muggy, especially Oklahoma City OK. If you are umpiring in a National Championship, be prepared by hydrating before, during, and after your championship. Hydrating before is critical to prepare your body's system for long days with heat and humidity. It keeps your body in good shape and your mind in a position to fully concentrate while on the field. Good luck, have fun and show the contestants why playing USA Softball is the best it can be for youth softball.

Equipment

We are constantly updating the list of approved bats for use in our game. As we all know bats are all compression tested for use in our National Championships and marked with the Hologram as good to use. When checking bats make sure they have the hologram on them and be diligent while looking for damage and cracks. It is essential to our game to make sure the equipment we use meets the standards we want and need.

Uniforms:

As we all have heard we have transitioned to charcoal grey pants. We have had issues with supply this year and are also allowing the heather gray pants. We ask whichever color you wear on the field that all umpires match in color of pants.

JO Cup:

Devon Park will be hosting the Junior Olympic Cup this year, October 23rd – 25th we have not had a JO Cup the last few years, so we are excited to welcome it back to our scheduled events. More information will be out soon and as it comes out we will be sure to update the umpire world.