

Section B: "B" Classification Program (Recreation)

- 1 **Purpose.** To provide a "B" Classification Program (Recreation) and Championship Play for leagues registered with USAS SoCal.

- 1.1 **Recreation League Teams.** These teams, in Age Classifications 6U through 18U, shall represent a recreation league. A recreation league is defined as follows:

- 1.1.1 An organized league that is associated with a recognized neighborhood or community.
- 1.1.2 Participation is open to any interested youth.
- 1.1.3 Tryouts or demonstration of skills is not required for participation.
- 1.1.4 A draft, draw or other District Commissioner approved method is used to ensure equitable distribution of talent amongst all the league teams.
- 1.1.5 All teams must be approved by the league Board of Directors.
- 1.1.6 All league teams will be classified "B" on January 1 of each year.

NOTE: Leagues that split their Age Classifications based on skill level must have at least six (6) teams in the advanced classification, regardless of the method used to create the split Age Classification, including but not limited to player evaluations, league assignments and/or parent requests. Split classification shall not be used in Age Classification below 10U. ***All players in a league with split classifications are eligible for All-Star selection.***

- 1.2 **"B" 16U and 18U Teams.** These teams may be formed in any area within the boundaries of USAS SoCal, whether league play is offered in their respective Age Classification or not.

NOTE: High School district boundaries shall not be used to determine eligibility.

- 1.3 The Championship Season (e.g., All-Stars) will begin not earlier than **May 1** and will end after the National Championships. Every team participating in Championship Play must acknowledge and be prepared to accept a berth, if earned, to the next higher level. Refusal to accept a berth can result in the loss of eligibility for All-Star participation the following year.

- 2 **Eligibility Policy and Procedures**

- 2.1 **Recreation League All-Star Eligibility**

- 2.1.1 Each 6U through 18U player playing in recreation leagues shall be individually registered with USAS SoCal before **April 1** of the current season.
- 2.1.2 Each team Adult Staff member, e.g. manager/coach/team parent and all Board of Directors members, shall be individually registered, have proof that a background check has been conducted through the RegisterUSASoftball system before the league's opening day (see Appendix D, page 47). Additionally, all Board of Directors members and at least two (2) adults on each team shall be Safe Sport and Concussion Certified (see Appendix F, page 51-61).

- 2.1.3 Each All-Star manager shall be ACE Certified, Concussion and Safe Sport Certified. Must show proof of such.
- 2.1.4 All members of the All-Star coaching staff shall be Concussion and Safe Sport Certified. Must show proof of such.
- 2.1.5 A team shall ONLY play against other teams and leagues that are USA Softball registered.
- 2.1.6 Recreation league teams or Select Teams that play in USA Softball or non-USA Softball travel events, including but not limited to travel ball friendlies, are not eligible for "B" or "C" classification.
- 2.1.7 Pick-Up Players are not permitted at District Championships. Roster addition prior to the District Championship is permitted only in case of injury or another unexpected situation and must be approved by the District Commissioner.
NOTE: This applies to All-Star Teams only and is limited to four (4) travel ball players per team.

2.2 League Team Eligibility

- 2.2.1 Team roster may include up to 20 players.
- 2.2.2 A team may be a single league team, an All-Star Team, or a Select Team as certified by the league Board of Directors.
 - 2.2.2.1 If the league chooses an All-Star Team, the All-Star Team may not nominate, choose or tryout before the **first Sunday in May**. Practice and/or playing together before the **first Monday** following All-Star Selection is not permitted.
 - 2.2.2.2 If the league chooses a single league team or most players are from a single team, this team must meet the requirements of paragraph 2.1 above.
- 2.2.3 A team shall not have more than four (4) players who played with a travel type team after **February 1** of the current season.
- 2.2.4 A team that plays in a USA Softball "A", or **any non-USA Softball travel type event, including friendlies**, is not eligible for participation in "B" Classification Championship Play.
- 2.2.5 Leagues may not choose All-Star managers before **April 26** of the current season.
- 2.2.6 Teams participating in recreation tournaments between January 1 and May 1 of the current season must be composed of the original drafted league team. No pickup players or Select Teams are allowed.
- 2.2.7 The Championship Season (e.g., All-Star) shall commence not earlier than **the first Monday after All-Star Selection** and ends immediately after the National Championships. Every team participating in Championship Play must acknowledge and be prepared to accept a berth, if earned, to the next higher level. Refusal to accept a berth can result in the loss of eligibility for All-Star participation the following year.
NOTE: Travel Type Team is defined as any team that is not part of the player's approved Recreation League Team or League Select Team.

- 2.2.8 All Player Clinics held after March 31 of the current year must have approval of the District Commissioner.

2.3 Player Eligibility

- 2.3.1 A player must play a minimum 75 percent of the current season's league games. **EXCEPTION:** High School students who are age eligible to return to the 14U Age Classification may return to the league in which they played during the previous year providing the league has less than 30 14U eligible players. The 14U All-Star Team shall not include more than four (4) players who attended High School. A player returning to the 14U Age Classification must have been registered with the league before **May 15** of the current season. Returning High School players must be approved by the league Board of Directors.
NOTE: A player may appeal the 75 percent minimum rule to their respective District Commissioner in cases of documented injury.
- 2.3.2 A player who played in a higher Age Classification during the current season is eligible to play in their proper Age Classification in Championship Play.
- 2.3.3 A player who played on a High School team or other recreation league team after **March 31** of the current season is eligible to play if all other eligibility rules are met.
- 2.3.4 A player playing in more than one USA Softball recreation league must declare in writing by **April 15** to both the League Player Agent and the All-Star Administrator in which league they wish to be eligible for All-Star selection. The league is required to provide a copy of the player's declaration to their respective District Commissioner.
- 2.3.5 A player who participated on a team other than a team in their recreation league after **March 31** of the current season is NOT eligible, per paragraph 2.2.3 above. For example, a player shall not participate on any **non-USA Softball team**, All-Star Team, or travel type team after **March 31**.
- 2.3.6 A league that has more than one post-season team within an Age Classification may elevate a player within the same league from the second All-Star Team to the **first** All-Star Team with the approval of the respective District Commissioner. When a player is moved that player is locked on the team to which they were moved until the team is eliminated from Championship Play.
- 2.3.7 A player shall not participate with more than one team in USA Softball Championship Play during the same season. **EXCEPTION:** Pick-Up Player.
- 2.3.8 A player participating in Championship Play shall have USAS SoCal authorized photo identification.
NOTE: "Participate", above, is defined as a player or team taking part in a tryout, practice, practice game, scheduled game, friendly or tournament.

2.4 League "Pick-Up Players" (See USA Softball Code)

- 2.4.1 A "B" Classification All-Star Pick-Up Player shall meet all player eligibility requirements in this section.
- 2.4.2 A player can be a Pick-Up Player only once per season.
- 2.4.3 A "B" All-Star Player whose team is no longer eligible for Championship Play is eligible to be a Pick-Up Player per the USA Softball Code.
- 2.4.4 A Pick-Up Player must have played on a USAS SoCal registered "B" or "C" Team during the current season.
- 2.4.5 A Pick-Up Player, after District Championships but before the USAS SoCal All-Star Championships (State), may be picked up only from their own league. After the USAS SoCal Championships (State), a Pick-Up Player may be picked up from within the appropriate Age Classification from anywhere in Southern California.
- 2.4.6 Pick-Up Players must be approved by the league Board of Directors.

2.5 Interleague All-Star Teams. Leagues that combine to participate in interleague play may choose a combined All-Star Team providing all the above and below listed requirements are met.

- 2.5.1 A league that combines with another league must have approval of their District Commissioner.
- 2.5.2 More than two (2) leagues may combine to form an All-Star Team.
- 2.5.3 No player from either league interested in participating on the combined All-Star Team shall be denied the opportunity. **EXCEPTION:** A player who declines to participate in Championship Play.
- 2.5.4 An All-Star Team formed by combined "B" Leagues shall be classified "B". All other combined All-Star Teams shall be classified by the District Commissioner.
- 2.5.5 Combined teams must be approved by the Board of Directors of each league that combines.
- 2.5.6 Leagues may combine to form a second All-Star Team when approved by their District Commissioner.

2.6 The Select Program was established to provide an additional opportunity for players who wish to improve their softball skills beyond the regular league season but who have not yet reached the Junior Olympic "A" Classification skill level. This program is for 10U through 14U players who wish to improve their softball skills and thereby benefit themselves as well as their league. The Select Program will be in effect January 1 through March 31 of the current season.

2.6.1 Select Player Eligibility

- 2.6.1.1 Select players must be individually registered with a recreation league, as required in paragraphs 1.1 and 2.1 above.

- 2.6.1.2 Select players must be drafted onto an active recreation league team roster in the current season.
- 2.6.1.3 Select players must play in a minimum of 75 percent of the leagues scheduled games during the current season.

2.6.2 Select Team Eligibility

- 2.6.2.1 Select teams may be established in the 10U, 12U and 14U Age Classifications ONLY.
- 2.6.2.2 The team roster may include up to 20 players.
- 2.6.2.3 Participation is limited to one day per week. **NOTE: USAS SoCal Select events in January may occur over two (2) days since leagues normally have not started league play.**
- 2.6.2.4 Select team participation may not interfere with any regular season participation.
- 2.6.2.5 Select teams may not have more than four (4) players who have participated on a travel type team after **February 1** of the current season.
- 2.6.2.6 Select teams shall be comprised of players from a single Recreation League.
- 2.6.2.7 Select teams must be approved by the League Board of Directors.
- 2.6.2.8 A Select Team or player that participates in a USA Softball "A", Gold or any non-USA Softball travel type qualifying event shall NOT be eligible for participation in "B" Classification Championship Play.

2.6.3 Recreation Leagues may not host their own Select Tournaments.

- 2.6.3.1 Select Teams may not participate in Select Team friendlies that conflict with their District Select Tournament.
- 2.6.3.2 The District Commissioner shall approve all Select Team friendlies.
Note: Select teams participating in nonapproved Select friendlies may adversely affect their league's All-Star eligibility.

2.6.4 Select teams registered for a Select Tournament may not withdraw without the concurrence of both the Tournament Director and their respective District Commissioner. Teams that withdraw and participate in another venue may adversely affect their league's All-Star eligibility.

2.7 "B" Classification 16U and 18U Teams. These Age Classifications provide competition and Championship Play for players and teams that have not yet reached the Junior Olympic "A" Classification skill level. This program is devoted to High School age players who wish to improve their softball skills and thereby benefit their league, their high school as well as themselves.

2.7.1 Classification 16U and 18U Team Eligibility

- 2.7.1.1 A team shall register before **June 1** with a minimum of five (5) players who are individually registered with USAS SoCal. A minimum of eight (8) players shall be

individually registered before **July 1**. Every player on the roster shall be individually registered before the start of Championship Play.

- 2.7.1.2 A team roster may include 20 players, including Pick-Up Players.
- 2.7.1.3 A team shall be comprised of players who meet all the 16U and 18U "B" eligibility requirements.
- 2.7.1.4 A team may be single league team, or an All-Star Team as chosen and approved by the league.
- 2.7.1.5 A team shall not have any players who participated on a **travel type team** after **March 31**.
- 2.7.1.6 A team represented by more than five (5) high school players requires approval of the USAS SoCal Junior Olympic (JO) Commissioner.
- 2.7.1.7 A team may participate in "A" and/or "B" Classification *invitational tournaments* after **May 1** but risks being reclassified. If reclassified, a team may appeal the reclassification to the USAS SoCal Junior Olympic (JO) Commissioner.
- 2.7.1.8 A team that participates in a USA Softball "A" or Gold qualifying event shall not be eligible to participate in "B" Classification Championship Play.
- 2.7.1.9 A team participating in USA Softball Championship Play shall abide by all USA Softball codes pertaining to Championship Play and the policies outlined on the back of the Official "B" Championship Roster.
- 2.7.1.10A player who pitched at the high school varsity level may pitch in these classifications unless they are classified above the "B" Classification by their respective District Commissioner. The decision of a District Commissioner may be appealed to the USAS SoCal Junior Olympic (JO) Commissioner.

2.7.2 16U and 18U Player Eligibility

- 2.7.2.1 Player age eligibility is in accordance with the USA Softball Code.
- 2.7.2.2 A Player shall not be on two (2) Championship Rosters during the same season. For example, a player may not be on a USA Softball "B" 16U/18U Classification Team and a USA Softball "A" Classification Team during the same season.
- 2.7.2.3 A player is eligible to become a Pick-Up Player for a USA Softball "A" Classification (Travel) Team only after their current team is eliminated from Championship Play.

2.7.3 16U and 18U Pick-Up Players (see USA Softball Code)

- 2.7.3.1 A "B" Classification Pick-Up Player shall meet all the player eligibility requirements in this section.
- 2.7.3.2 A player shall be a Pick-Up Player only once per season.
- 2.7.3.3 A "B" Classification Player whose team is eliminated from Championship Play is eligible to be a Pick-Up Player for either an "A" or "B" Classification Team in the same or higher Age Classification.

2.7.3.4 A Pick-Up Player must be registered with USA Softball during the current season. Players must be registered at least seven (7) days before the start of the National Championship Final.

2.7.3.5 All Pick-Up Player requirements contained in the USA Softball Code apply.

2.7.4 Rural or Remote Location Team Eligibility. Contact the "B" 16U/18U Age Classification Commissioner for team eligibility policy.

3 **Championship Play Procedures.** The All-Star Championship Play procedures are:

3.1 USAS SoCal is divided into sevens (7) districts which are used for qualifying teams for the USAS SoCal "B" Classification All-Star Championship (State).

Central District	North San Diego District
Eastern District	South San Diego District
Los Angeles/South Bay District	Western District
Northern District	

3.2 Each District Commissioner shall conduct a District Championship. Each USAS SoCal League within a District may enter a minimum of one (1) team per Age Classification. The District Commissioner is authorized to add entries based on registrations.

3.3 District Championships should be hosted by a league in the District and will be sanctioned by USAS SoCal. USAS SoCal Staff shall administer all District Championships.

3.4 District Championships shall be conducted on the dates published.

3.5 Player proof of age and photo identification are required.

3.6 The first, second, and third place teams in Age Classifications 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U in each District Championship shall advance to the USAS SoCal "B" Classification All-Star Championships (State). Additional berths shall be awarded based on participation.

3.7 The "B" Classification USAS SoCal All-Star Championships top finishers in the 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U Age Classifications shall advance to the "B" Classification USA Softball Western National Championship Finals. The number of teams that advance depends on the number of berths allotted to USAS SoCal.

NOTE: A team that qualifies but fails to advance is subject to suspension the following year. "Qualified" is defined as a team that has earned a berth to the next level of Championship Play.

3.8 All USAS SoCal registered "B" 16U and 18U Teams are eligible for the USAS SoCal "B" Classification All-Star Championships (State).

Section C: "C" Classification Program (Recreation)

1. **Purpose.** To provide a "C" Classification Program (Recreation) and Championship Play for leagues registered with USAS SoCal with the express intent to provide those leagues the opportunity to ultimately compete at the "B" Classification level.

- 1.1 **Recreation League Teams.** These teams, in Age Classifications 6U through 18U, shall represent a recreation league. A recreation league is defined as follows:

- 1.1.1 An organized league that is associated with a recognized neighborhood or community.
- 1.1.2 Participation is open to any interested youth.
- 1.1.3 Tryouts or demonstration of skills is not required for participation.
- 1.1.4 A draft, a draw or another method approved District Commissioner is used to ensure equitable distribution of talent amongst all the league teams.
- 1.1.5 All teams must be approved by the league Board of Directors.

- 1.2 "C" Classification of Leagues. A league may request to be reclassified "C" by submitting a "C" Eligibility Request Form to their respective District Commissioner before **March 15** of the current year. At a minimum, evaluation criteria used to evaluate the request shall include the skill level, league play and history of tournament play, including Championship Play. The District Commissioner shall notify the League President of their decision as soon as practical but not later than **April 1**. Based on performance, a "C" Classification team may be reclassified at any time by their District Commissioner. The reclassification may be appealed to the USAS SoCal Junior Olympic (JO) Commissioner in writing within 10 days of the notification. **NOTE:** Leagues and Teams are classified based on their performance relative to their District.

- 1.3 A league that divides Age Classifications into split classifications based on skill or player "impact" is not eligible for "C" Classification.
- 1.4 Teams in the 16U and 18U Age Classifications, see "B" Classification information in Section B above.
- 1.5 A league that qualifies three (3) or more teams for the "C" USAS SoCal Championships (State) in two (2) consecutive years, excluding the 14U Age Classification, is not eligible for "C" Classification the following year.
- 1.6 A league that has been reclassified "B" must send at least two (2) teams in the 8U, 10U or 12U Age Classifications to the "B" District Championships before applying for reclassification to the "C" Classification.

NOTE: Leagues automatically reclassified because of prior performance must apply to the USAS SoCal Junior Olympic (JO) Commissioner for reclassification to "C" Classification.

2 Eligibility Policy and Procedures

2.1 Recreation League All-Star Eligibility

- 2.1.1 Each 6U through 18U player participating in recreation league play shall be individually registered with USAS SoCal before **April 1** of the current season.
- 2.1.2 Each team adult staff member, e.g. manager/coach/team parent and all Board of Directors members, shall be individually registered, and have proof that a background check and **Safe Sport Certification** has been conducted through the USA Softball registration system before the league's opening day (see Appendix D, page 47). Additionally, all Board of Directors members and at least two (2) adults on each team shall be Safe Sport and Concussion Certified (See Appendix F, page 51-61).
- 2.1.3 Each All-Star manager shall be ACE, Concussion and Safe Sport Certified. Must have proof of such.
- 2.1.4 All members of the coaching staff shall be Concussion and Safe Sport Certified. Must show proof of such.
- 2.1.5 A league shall use only the Age Classifications approved by the USA Softball Code and USAS SoCal. The approved Age Classifications are 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U.
- 2.1.6 Pick-Up player is not permitted at District Championships. Roster addition prior to the District Championship is permitted only in case of injury or another unexpected situation. Must be approved by the District Commissioner.

2.2 League Team Eligibility

- 2.2.1 Team roster may include up to 20 players.
- 2.2.2 A team may be a single league team, or an All-Star Team selected and approved by the league Board of Directors.
 - 2.2.2.1 If the league chooses an All-Star Team, the All-Star Team may not nominate, choose or tryout before the **first Sunday in May**. Practice and/or playing together before **the first Monday following All-Star Selection** is not permitted.
 - 2.2.2.2 If the league picks a single league team or most of the players are from a single team, this team must meet the requirements of paragraph 2.1 above.
- 2.2.3 A team shall not have more than four (4) players who participated on a **travel type team** after **February 1** of the current season.
- 2.2.4 A team that participates in a USA Softball "A" Gold or **any non-USA Travel Ball type event** is not eligible for participation in "C" Classification Championship Play.
- 2.2.5 Leagues may not choose All-Star managers before **April 26** of the current season.
- 2.2.6 The Championship Season (e.g., All-Star) shall begin not earlier than the first Monday after All-Star Selection (All-Star Selection is not permitted until the first Sunday in May) and ends immediately after the National Championships. Every team participating in Championship Play must acknowledge and be prepared to accept a berth, if earned, to the next higher level. Refusal to accept a berth can result in the loss of eligibility for All-Star play the following year.
NOTE: Travel Type Team is defined as any team that is not a part of the player's Recreation League or League Select Team.

- 2.2.7 All Player Clinics held after March 31 of the current year must have approval of the District Commissioner.

2.3 Player Eligibility

- 2.3.1 A player must play a minimum 75 percent of the current season's league games. **EXCEPTION:** High school students who are age eligible to return to the 14U Age Classification may return to the league in which they played during the previous year providing the league has than 30 14U eligible players. The 14U All-Star Team shall not include more than four (4) players who attended high school. A player returning to the 14U Age Classification must be registered with the league before **May 15** of the current season. Returning high school player must be approved by the league Board of Directors.
NOTE: A player may appeal the 75 percent minimum playing rule in cases of documented injury to their respective District Commissioner.
- 2.3.2 A player who played in a higher Age Classification during the current season is eligible to play in their appropriate Age Classification in Championship Play.
- 2.3.3 A player who played on a high school team or other recreation league team after **March 31** of the current season is eligible to play if all other eligibility requirements are met. A player participating in more than one (1) USAS SoCal recreation league must declare by **April 15** in writing to both the League Player Agent and the All-Star Administrator of the league they wish to be eligible for All-Star selection. The league is required to provide a copy of the player's declaration to their respective District Commissioner.
- 2.3.4 A player who participated on a team other than a team in their recreation league after **March 31** of the current season is NOT eligible, per paragraph 2.2.3 above. For example, a player shall not participate on any **non-USA Softball team**, All-Star Team, or travel type team after **March 31**.
NOTE: "Participate", above, is defined as a player or team taking part in a tryout, practice, practice game, scheduled game, friendly or tournament.
- 2.3.5 A league that has more than one post-season team within an Age Classification may elevate a player within the same league from the second All-Star Team to the **first** All-Star Team with the approval of the respective District Commissioner. When a player is moved that player is locked on the team to which they were moved until the team is eliminated from Championship Play.
- 2.3.6 A player shall not participate with more than one (1) team in USA Softball Championship Play during the same season, except as a Pick-Up Player.
- 2.3.7 A player participating in Championship Play shall have USAS SoCal authorized photo identification.

2.4 League "Pick-Up Players" (see USA Softball Code)

- 2.4.1 A "C" Classification All-Star Pick-Up Player shall meet all player eligibility requirements in this section.

- 2.4.2 A player may be a Pick-Up Player only once per season.
 - 2.4.3 A "C" Classification All-Star Player whose team is eliminated from Championship Play is eligible to be a Pick-Up Player, per USA Softball Code.
 - 2.4.4 A Pick-Up Player must have played on a USAS SoCal registered "C" team during the current season.
 - 2.4.5 A Pick-Up Player, after District Championships but before the USAS SoCal All-Star Championships (State) may be a Pick-Up Player from their own league only. After the USAS SoCal All-Star Championships (State) teams may Pick-Up eligible "C" Classified players from within their District.
 - 2.4.6 Pick-Up Players must be approved by the league Board of Directors.
- 2.5 Interleague All-Star Teams. Leagues that combine to participate in interleague play may pick a combined All-Star Team, providing all the above and below listed eligibility requirements are met.
- 2.5.1 Any league that combines with another league must have approval of their District Commissioner.
 - 2.5.2 More than two (2) leagues may combine to form an All-Star Team.
 - 2.5.3 No player from either league interested to participate on the combined All-Star Team shall be denied the opportunity.
EXCEPTION: A player who declines to participate in Championship Play.
 - 2.5.4 All "C" Leagues combined All-Star teams shall be classified by the District Commissioner.
 - 2.5.5 Combined teams must be approved by the Board of Directors of each league that combines.
 - 2.5.6 Leagues may combine to form a second All-Star Team when approved by their District Commissioner.

3 Championship Play Procedures. The All-Star Championship Play procedures are as follows:

- 3.1 USAS SoCal is divided into seven (7) Districts for qualifying teams for the USAS SoCal "C" Classification All-Star Championships (State).

Central District	North San Diego District
Eastern District	South San Diego District
Los Angeles/South Bay District	Western San Diego District
Northern District	

- 3.2 Each District Commissioner may conduct a "C" District Championship. Each USAS SoCal "C" League may enter a minimum of one (1) team per Age Classification. The District Commissioner may add entries based on the registrations.
- 3.3 A District Championship should be hosted by a league in the District and shall be sanctioned by USAS SoCal. USAS SoCal Junior Olympic (JO) Program staff shall administer each District Championship.

- 3.4 District Championships shall be conducted on the dates published.
- 3.5 Player proof of age and photo identification are required.
- 3.6 The first, second, and third place teams in Age Classifications 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U in each District Championship shall advance to the USAS SoCal "C" Classification All-Star Championship (State). Additional berths will be awarded based on participation.
- 3.7 The USAS SoCal "C" Classification All-Star Championship finishers in the 8U/10U/12U and 14U Age Classifications shall advance to the "C" Regional Tournament. **NOTE:** When USAS SoCal is the host of the "B" Western National Championship, the top six (6) teams from the "C" State Championship shall be awarded berths to the "B" Western National Championship.

"B" and "C" Classifications (Recreation) Championship Play Eligibility Responsibilities

1. **District Commissioner.** Responsible for verifying the classification and eligibility of each team from their District participating in Championship Play.
2. **League President or Chief Softball Administrator**
 - 2.1 Responsible for verifying the league's players/teams' eligibility.
 - 2.2 Shall notify the District Commissioner of any possible infraction.
3. **Team Manager**
 - 3.1 Responsible for verifying their team and player eligibility.
 - 3.2 Be prepared to provide proof of age and photo identification for each player on the team roster at every Championship.
 - 3.3 If found to be in violation of USA Softball policy may be suspended from USA Softball.
 - 3.4 Team shall abide by all rules and regulations of the USA Code and USAS SoCal.
 - 3.5 Must sign the Official Championship Roster confirming the eligibility of their players.

USA SOFTBALL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

2020 "B" and "C" Classification (Recreation) Championship Play

"B" Classification (Recreation) All-Star Championship Play

June 26-28	All-Star District Championships (8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U)
July 10-12 Lancaster, CA	All-Star USAS SoCal Championships (8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U)
July 17-19 San Diego, CA	All-Star USA Softball of Pacific Coast Region Championships (8U) California State Games

"C" Classification (Recreation) All-Star Championship Play

June 19-21	All-Star District Championships (8U, 10U, 12U and 14U)
July 3-4 Lancaster, CA	All-Star USAS SoCal Championships (8U, 10U, 12U and 14U)
July 17-19 San Diego, CA	USA Softball Pacific Coast Region Championship, California State Games (8U, 10U, and 12U)

The above listed USA Softball Championship Play is open to all eligible teams from USAS SoCal.

2020 Calendar for "B" and "C" Classifications (Recreation)

- March 31 **Registration Deadline.** Each player participating in league play shall be individually registered with USAS SoCal **before April 1** of the current season to be eligible for Championship Play.
- Player Eligibility Declared.** For information see League/Player Eligibility in Sections B and C above.
- "C" Classification League Designation.** A league or team requesting "C" Classification designation shall submit a "C" Eligibility Request Form to their respective District Commissioner **before March 15** of the current season. The form is available at the USAS SoCal website.
- All Select teams must disband.**
- April 26 **All-Star Manager Selection may occur.**
- May 3 **All-Star Selection.** All-Star selection may begin.
- May 4 **All-Star team practices may begin.**
- May 31 **Championship Play Entry Deadline.** Championship Play Entry Form and entry fee must be received by the respective District Commissioner **before June 1** of the current season to participate in Championship Play. The Registration Form is available at the USAS SoCal website.
- "B" 16U/18U Team Registration Deadline.** Team shall be USA Softball "B" registered **before June 1** of current season to participate in Championship Play. The Registration Form is available at the USAS SoCal website.
- June 26-28 **"B" Classification (Recreation) All-Star District Championships.** Championship Roster is due before the team's first game in Championship Play. Roster and proof of age for players listed may be submitted at the District Draw or at the Championship site. Roster shall be fully completed with signatures of the Team Manager, players and parents/guardians when required.
- June 19-21 **"C" Classification (Recreation) All-Star District Championships.** Championship Roster is due before the team's first game in Championship Play. Roster and proof of age for players listed may be submitted at the District Draw or at the Championship site. Roster shall be fully completed with signatures of the Team Manager, players and parents/guardians when required.

"B" Classification (Recreation) Team Advances to All-Star USAS SoCal Championships (State)

- June **Advancing to "B" Classification All-Star USAS SoCal Championships (State).** A team that qualifies for the "B" All-Star USAS SoCal Championships (State) must provide payment of the "B" All-Star USAS SoCal Championships Entry Fee before leaving the District Championship site.
- July **"B" Classification (Recreation) All-Star USAS SoCal Championships.** Teams shall check-in not later than one (1) hour before their scheduled first game. Proof of age, authorized photo identification and Pick-Up Player forms, when applicable, shall be provided at check-in.

**"B" Classification (Recreation) All-Star Teams Advancing to "B" Classification
Western USA Softball National Finals**

- July **USA Softball Western National Championship.** Payment of Entry Fee must be received not later than this date. The Championship Entry Form and Entry Fee should be provided to the USAS SoCal "B" All-Star Championship (State) Director at the "B" All-Star Championship (State) site.
- July **USA Softball Western National Championship.** Team shall check-in at the place and time designated in the provided National Championship documents. All applicable documentation must be provided at check-in.

Pick-Up Players. A maximum of three (3) Pick-Up Players from a league may be added to the Championship Roster after the District Championships. A Pick-Up Player shall meet all eligibility Requirements contained in this publication. Pick-Up Player Forms will be in the packets that each team receives upon qualifying for the USAS SoCal Championships (State) and the USA Softball Western National Championship Finals.

"B" and "C" Classification (Recreation) Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. **Regarding eligibility, there are USAS SoCal rules, USA Softball Pacific Coast Region rules and the USA Softball Code. Which has priority?**
- A. Eligibility rules begin with the USA Softball Code. However, the USA Softball Code is sometimes general and for that reason the Pacific Coast Region expands some rules to clarify their application to the region. In turn, USAS SoCal further expands on those rules to better fit our situation. The USAS SoCal expanded rules may not conflict with the USA Softball Pacific Coast Region rules and the region rules may not conflict with the USA Softball Code.
- Q. **May a player participate with a travel team and then participate on an All-Star Team?**
- A. A player may participate with a travel team and remain eligible for All-Star Team selection if that player stops participating with the travel team before **April 1** of the current year. Before April 1 the player must decide whether to continue playing with the travel team or participate in a recreation league to become eligible for All-Star selection.
- Q. **How does USAS SoCal define "participate" or "participation"?**
- A. A player taking part in a tryout, practice, practice game, game, or tournament.
- Q. **What happens to a player who drops from a travel team before April 1 and is then not selected for an All-Star Team?**
- A. The player may re-join the original travel team or join another travel team.
- Q. **May a player participating in two (2) leagues be selected to an All-Star Team?**
- A. Yes, but only in one (1) league. The player must, by **April 15** of the current year, declare in which league they wish to be considered for All-Star selection.
- Q. **May an 11 years old player who participated with a 14U Team during league play be selected _ for a 12U Team?**
- A. Yes, providing the player meets all other eligibility requirements.
- Q. **May an 11 years old player who participated with a 14U Travel Team be selected for a 12U All-Star Team?**
- A. Yes, providing the player has not participated with the travel team after **March 31** of the current year and they meet all other eligibility requirements.
- Q. **May a league team enter USA Softball Championship Play without approval of the league?**
- A. No.
- Q. **Do these eligibility rules apply to all All-Star Teams and at invitational tournaments?**
- A. No, these eligibility rules apply only to All-Star Teams entering USA Softball Championship Play. Other tournaments sanctioned by USAS SoCal and some invitational tournaments often use USAS SoCal eligibility rules. Check with the Tournament Director.

Q. What is Championship Play?

A. Competition where the winner and often additional teams advance to higher level of Championship Play. The different levels of Championship Play are in the USA Softball Code, or ask a USAS SoCal Staff member.

Q. What are "A", "B" and "C" Classifications of play?

A. The "A" Classification consists of independent travel teams and organizations that may participate in USA Softball "A" and Gold Classification Championship Play only. Independent recreation leagues are designated "B" or "C" Classification and may participate in "B" and "C" Championship Play only. Primarily, but not entirely, the skill level of the players determines the classification.

Q. Why is a player not permitted to play both "A" and "B" or "C" Classifications?

A. This is not permitted because the "A" Classification is intended for players who have as their primary goal the development of competitive softball skills, with much emphasis on competition, while the "B" and "C" Classifications are for players who are registered with a league primarily for recreation purposes. The "B" and "C" Classification players' primary goal is to have fun. USA Softball provides programs for everyone, it is up to the individual or their parents to choose the program best suited for them.

Q. What is the "C" League automatic reclassification?

A. Leagues that qualify three (3) or more teams for the USAS SoCal Championships (State) in any two-year period, excluding the 14U Classification, shall not be eligible for "C" Classification the following year. This can better be explained in the following example: In 2015 a "C" League qualifies one (1) team for the "C" USAS SoCal Championships. In 2016, the same league qualifies two (2) teams for the "C" USAS SoCal Championships. In the two-year period, 2015-2016, the league qualified three (3) teams for the "C" USAS SoCal Championships and is therefore not eligible for "C" Classification play in 2020.

Q. May a league that has been reclassified "B" reapply for "C" Classification?

A. Yes, a league that has been reclassified "B" may submit a "C" Eligibility Request Form; however, a request from a reclassified league that has qualified three (3) or more teams for the USAS SoCal Championships in the past two-year period will not be considered. (See Question/Answer above for further clarifications.)

Q. Can the USAS SoCal eligibility rules be changed?

A. Yes, and they are reviewed annually and often changed. However, be mindful, the USAS SoCal rules may not conflict with either the USA Softball Pacific Coast Region rules or the USA Softball Code. Everyone is encouraged to submit proposed changes, in writing, to their respective District Commissioner.

- Q. **May Select Teams participate in Select events without the approval of their league?**
- A. No. Select tournaments are managed by the District Commissioner. Select friendlies require District Commissioner approval and may not take place on the same weekend as their District Select Tournament. Exceptions may be allowed on a case by case basis if the tournament is full.

