

List of Required and Optional Equipment

Required Equipment

1. **Ball Glove**. Should be big enough so that the player can close the glove around the ball. No bigger than the dimensions listed in the ASA rule book. Please see enclosed ASA rule on size and dimension of approved gloves.

GLOVE

DON'T BUY A BASEBALL GLOVE! Softball players require gloves that are slightly longer in length and deeper in the pocket than baseball gloves to help field the bigger ball. Keep these things in mind when buying a softball glove:

- *Youth gloves are smaller to help kids maintain control (avoid the urge to buy a bigger glove that she'll "grow into")*
- *Leather gloves are the preferred material*
- *Buy a glove that is comfortable on the hand applicable to the size of the girl*

Division Glove Size

6U 9 – 11 inches

8U 10 – 11 inches

10U 10 ½ – 12 inches

12U 11 ½ – 13 inches

14U 11 ½ – 13 inches

2. **Batting Helmet**. Batting Helmet must be NOCSAE approved and certified and labeled as such. It must also have a NOCSAE approved and certified face mask. **It must have a chin strap** to secure the helmet to the players head while running.

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Manufacturer Certifies



3. **ASA Approved Softball Bat**. The bat cannot exceed the size and weight dimension listed in the ASA rule book and must have an ASA certification stamp of approval embossed on the bat, normally near the barrel end.

ASA Bat Testing & Certification Program

The official bat in ASA Championship Play must meet all of the requirements of Rule 3, Section 1 and:

1. must bear **either** the ASA approved 2000 certification mark **or the ASA 2004 certification mark** as shown below, and must not be listed on an ASA non approved list, **and**



2. must be included on a list of approved bat models published by the ASA National Office; or
3. Must, in the sole opinion and discretion of the umpire, have been manufactured prior to 2000 and if tested, would comply with the ASA bat performance standards then in effect.
4. ***Softball Shoes.** Even though rubber cleated softball shoes are not specifically required, it is highly recommended that each player have a pair which will give them a better competitive advantage when playing. NO STEAL or METAL cleats allowed. The sole must be molded rubber.
5. **Softball pants.** We recommend black softball pants since they color match any jersey and are easier to keep clean. Look for pants that have thicker material around the knee area which helps protect the player's knee area while sliding.

Optional Equipment

1. **Batting Glove(s).** Any type of batting glove is fine and players may wear batting gloves on both hands while batting to help with gripping the bat and to lessen impact vibrations when they hit the ball.
2. **Sliding Pad "Slider".** An additional elastic padded attachment that slides up over the lower leg and knee area to give the player added protection while sliding.

3. **Sliding Shorts.** These are shorts made of a thicker material to help protect the players back side while sliding and are worn underneath the softball pants.
4. **Mouth Piece/Guard.** This is totally parent and or player preference if they wish to wear and mouth piece or mouth guard. Even though softball is not an impact sport, there can sometimes be players that may run into each other while going after a ball or while running the bases.
5. **Sports/Equipment Bag.** Makes it easier for the player to carry their equipment in to and from practices and games. It is recommended that it have a clip or hook on one end so it can be hung up out of the way.
6. **Face Mask (Fielding).** Players in the field may wear a molded clear plastic or metal frame fielder's face mask. Those players who choose to pitch, it is recommended that they wear a protective mask but it is not mandatory.