



THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY OF SOFTBALL

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National Indicator recipients for 2010

This honor is one of the most prestigious to be bestowed upon an ASA umpire. To qualify, an umpire must have officiated in three national tournaments, been active as an umpire for at least seven years and been recommended by the umpire's commissioner and regional umpire-in-chief.

The National Indicator Fraternity members inducted will have their names permanently displayed in the National Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City and the Nebraska Softball Hall of Fame in Hastings.

Adult Slow Pitch Information

Entry Fees \$225.00 Tournament

Deadline July 15

1. Rule 6 Section 3H: The ball must be delivered with a perceptible arc and reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground while not exceeding 10 feet from the ground.
Comments: The height of the arc went from 12 feet to a maximum height of 10 feet. Slow Pitch players wanted this implemented.
2. All adult slow pitch (MSP, WSP, Masters & Coed) will provide their own softballs in Championship play. The softball will be an optic yellow red stitch .44 core and .375 compression. Tournaments may begin Friday at 7:30.
3. Coed all classes, a line will be marked in the outfield 200 feet from home plate. Outfielders must remain behind the line until the ball is hit.
4. Teams with a .500 record at a state tournament will be classified in the same class or higher the following year provided the team has four (4) or more players that participated the preceding season.
5. Home runs – 4 home runs – MSP Church, Masters 35, 40, 45-over, Class B and C; Coed Class B and C; WSP C. 2 home runs – MSP Class D; Coed Class D; WSP Class D. For any in excess, the ball is dead, the batter is out, and no runners can advance.



Dwaine Ladwig Honored for 25 years of service

Dwaine has recently completed twenty-five years of service with Nebraska Softball as District 5 Junior Olympic commissioner. As JO commissioner his duties include registering teams, organizing district tournaments, advancing teams to State tournaments, and taking rule changes to the teams. Dwaine and wife Michelle live in Shelby and are the proud parents of Chris and Taylor. Dwaine is the PolkCounty Sheriff, and wife Michelle is employed by at the bank in Columbus.

JO Information

Roster deadline

Junior Olympic Class A deadline May 31

Junior Olympic Class B and C deadline June 7

Championship Tournament Entry Fees

District Tournament \$175.00

State Tournament \$225.00

Omaha Metro Tournament \$225.00

JO state tournament championship play for Class B, C and D may not begin prior to 3:00 pm on Friday. Class A ONLY – Games may begin as early as 9:00 am on Friday.

Championship Tournament Awards

Nebraska ASA will provide all State Champions with a State Championship t-shirt. Only members present will receive shirts and not to exceed 20 shirts per team.

2010 Key JO Rule Changes

1. Rule 2 Section 1: The pitching distance for Junior Olympic Girls Fast Pitch 18-Under Class A & B and 16-Under Class A & B will be 43 feet.
2. Rule 3 Section 6G: Junior Olympic Fast Pitch Girls 18-Under Class A & B, Gold and 16-Under Class A & B classifications of play may wear metal cleats.
3. Rule 4 Section 7C: no electronic equipment to include cell phones, pagers, ect is allowed to be worn or carried on the playing field. Comment: This would change the rule from communication to electronic and eliminate the use of video equipment from the dugout.
4. Article 501 B 03 a: New b – All JO team personnel assisting in the dugout must have an ASA background check (current year). Comments: Mandates that one Junior Olympic be ACE certified each year with a background check and all team personnel in the dugout be background checked.
5. Article 501 C 05 a: Once a player participates in an intercollegiate softball program for a university, college, or junior/college, she is ineligible be play in the Junior Olympic Class B, C, D and Gold Classification. Comment: College players that meet the age requirements may only participate in Class A