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The Mid-America Region is a geographical entity of the Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA),” hereinafter referred to as the Mid-America Region (12), Region 12, and Region or Regional.

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The geographical area of the Mid-America Region (12) consists of following ASA Associations: Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, metro Kansas City, metro St. Louis, and Iowa. The authority of the Mid-America Region is derived from the current edition of the ASA Code. The Mid-America Region shall follow the current edition of the National Code and Official Playing Rules with the exceptions listed herein. Should any item in the Regional Code be in conflict with the National Code, then the National Code will take precedence.

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The Mid-America Regional Council is composed of the following Association Members and each is entitled to one vote.

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| 1. Commissioner (6) | 6. At-large Player Representatives |
| 2. Player Representative (6) | 7. ASA Allied Members |
| 3. Junior Olympic Commissioner (6) | 8. ASA past Presidents from the Mid-America Region |
| 4. Umpire-In-Chief (6) | 9. Commissioner Emeritus from the Mid-America Region |
| 5. Region Umpire-In-Chief (1) | |

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104.01 Regional Director:

1. The Regional Director shall be a member of the National Council, nominated by a State or Metro commissioner and elected every even year for a term of two (2) years, by a majority vote of the Regional Council Members.
2. Duties: The Regional Director shall be responsible to:
 - a. Print and distribute the Regional Code to all Regional Council members.
 - b. Represent the region at all National ASA meetings.
 - c. Serve as chairperson at all Regional Council meetings.
 - d. Pay out of Regional funds assessment fees and registration fees levied by the National Council for the Regional Director, Regional U-I-C, Regional Player Representative, and Regional J. O. Commissioner for the purpose of attending the Annual Meeting.
 - e. Pay out of Regional funds costs associated with producing and distributing a *newsletter on a periodic basis* to all Mid-America Regional Council Members.
 - f. Maintain a web site for the Region and pay costs associated with maintaining the web site.
 - g. Pay out of the Regional funds expenses submitted by the Regional Umpire-In-Chief, Regional Director, Regional Player Representative and Regional J. O. Commissioner.
 - h. Assess each association the amount to cover expenses, if funds are not sufficient to defray these expenses.
 - i. Mail the minutes of all Regional meetings to all Region 12 members within Fifteen (15) days following the meeting.
 - j. Notify each Mid-America Association Commissioner at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting to allow for bids for regional tournaments at that meeting.
 - k. Reimburse Regional Officers for any approved expenses, other than those reimbursed by the National Office, incurred while acting in their official capacity for the Mid-America Region.
 - l. Appoint the J. O. and Adult Classification Committees annually.
 - m. Notify each voting Council member of the location of the annual meeting not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.
 - n. Notify each voting Council member of any special meeting no less than ten (10) days prior to the special meeting.
 - o. Fill the Regional Player Representative position if it becomes vacant by appointment until the next Regional meeting.

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104.02 Regional Player Representative:

1. Regional Player Representative
 - a. The Regional Player Representative shall be a State or Metro Player Representative or a State or Metro at-large Player Representative, nominated by the Player Representative Committee and elected every year for a term of one (1) year (and is eligible for re-election), by a majority vote of the Regional Council members.
 - b. Vacancy. If the Regional Player Representative becomes vacant, it shall be filled by appointment of the Regional Director until the next Regional meeting.
2. Duties of the Regional Player Representative shall be:
 - a. Represent the Region at all National ASA meetings.
 - b. Serve as the Chairperson at all respective Regional committee meetings.
 - c. Serve other duties as may be requested by the Regional Director.
 - d. Submit expense vouchers to the Regional Director for approved expenses incurred while acting in their official capacity for the Mid-America Region.

104.03 Regional Junior Olympic Commissioner:

1. The Regional Junior Olympic Commissioner shall be a State or Metro Junior Olympic Commissioner, nominated by the Junior Olympic Committee, and elected every year for a term of one (1) year (and is eligible for re-election), by a majority vote of the Regional Council Members.
2. Duties of the Regional Junior Olympic Commissioner shall be:
 - a. Represent the Region at all National ASA meetings
 - b. Serve as the Chairperson at all respective Regional committee meetings.
 - c. Serve other duties as may be requested by the Regional Director.
 - d. Submit expense vouchers to the Regional Director for approved expenses incurred while acting in their official capacity for the Mid-America Region.

104.04 Regional Umpire-in-Chief:

1. The Regional Umpire-in-Chief shall be elected by the Regional Council, by a majority vote, and serve a term of one (1) year.
2. Duties of the Regional Umpire-in-Chief shall be:
 - a. Represent the Region at all National ASA meetings.
 - b. Serve as Chairperson at all respective Regional committee meetings.
 - c. Serve other duties as may be requested by the Regional Director.
 - d. Submit expense vouchers to the Regional Director for approved expenses incurred while acting in their official capacity for the Mid-America Region.
 - e. Organize and conduct meetings with State and Metro UIC's in Region 12.
 - f. Conduct State and Metro clinics upon the request of these organizations.
 - g. Conduct regional clinics in cooperation with and approval of the Regional Director.
 - h. Answer requests for rule interpretations under the guidelines of the National Rules Interpreter.
 - i. Serve as Regional Tournament UIC when requested.
 - j. Observe and evaluate umpires in the Region upon request.
 - k. Complete projects as assigned by the Regional Director.
 - l. Attend Regional Council Meetings and provide an annual report.
 - m. Coordinate assignment of umpires for rotation of Regional and Area tournaments.
 - n. Recommend umpires to the National Supervisor of Umpires for Major tournaments, International competitions, National Modified Fast Pitch Tournaments, and Inter-service Championships.

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105.01 Annual Regional Meeting: The Annual Regional Meeting shall be held on the weekend containing the second Saturday of October. The date may be changed by a majority vote of the state and metro commissioners. The Regional Director shall notify each voting Council member of the location and date of the meeting no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Regional Director will mail the minutes of the meeting to all Region 12 Council members within fifteen (15) days following the meeting.

Exception: The 2008 Regional Council Meeting will be held in conjunction with the ASA Council Meeting.

105.02 Proxy for Regional Meeting: The State or Metro Commissioner may obtain authorization for representation by proxy for any Regional Council member, except regional officers, by submitting a request to the Regional Director before the start of the regional meeting. A proxy properly certified shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Council with the right to vote.

105.03 Special Meetings:

1. The Regional Director may call a special meeting of the Council with the approval of four (4) State or Metro Commissioners.
2. A special meeting may be called by four (4) or more State or Metro Commissioners.
3. The Regional Director shall notify each voting Council Member of any special meetings no less than ten (10) days prior to the special meeting.

105.04 Quorum: A simple majority of voting members must be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business for any meeting of the Mid-America Region.

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Each State/Metro Association shall pay annual dues of three hundred dollars (\$300.00). Dues are payable to the Regional Director before the annual fall meeting.

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107.01 Regional Player Representative Committee: The Regional Player Representative Committee shall consist of each of the State and Metro Player Representatives and the State and Metro at-large Player Representatives. The Committee shall meet at the Annual Meeting and may make recommendations to the Regional Council.

107.02 Regional Junior Olympic Committee: The Regional Junior Olympic Committee shall consist of each of the State and Metro Junior Olympic Commissioners. The Committee shall meet at the Annual Meeting and may make recommendations to the Regional Council.

107.03 Regional Umpire Committee: The Regional Umpire Committee shall consist of the State and Metro Umpires-in-Chief and the Regional Umpire-in-Chief. The committee shall meet at the Annual Meeting and may make recommendations to the Regional Council.

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108.01 Amendments and Rule Changes:

1. Amendments to the Mid-America Code and Playing Rules may be made at any meeting. A sixty percent (60%) vote by the Regional Council members present is required to approve amendments to the Mid-America Code and Playing Rules.
2. Proposed amendments to the Regional Code and Playing rules must be submitted to the Regional Director at least thirty (30) days prior to the Fall Meeting.
3. Copies of all proposed legislation will be sent to all Regional Council members by the Regional Director at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting.

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The ASA Mid-America Region hereby adopts the current Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Competition and Playing Rules with the following amendments:

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The Mid-America Region shall use the berths granted each Region in the ASA Code to conduct the following tournaments for the purpose of advancing teams in Championship Play or to declare a Regional Champion.

201.01 USA|ASA NATIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS AND BERTHS:

Division of Play	Age Group	Class	Berths
Girls' Fast Pitch	10-Under	A	One to the USA ASA Fast Pitch National Championship
Girls' Fast Pitch	12-Under	A	One to the USA ASA Fast Pitch National Championship
Girls' Fast Pitch	14-Under	A	One to the USA ASA Fast Pitch National Championship
Girls' Fast Pitch	16-Under	A	One to the USA ASA Fast Pitch National Championship
Girls' Fast Pitch	18-Under	A	One to the USA ASA Fast Pitch National Championship

201.02 MID-AMERICA REGION - NATIONAL & HALL OF FAME QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS AND BERTHS:

Division of Play	Age Group	Class	Berths
Girls' Fast Pitch	12-Under	A	One to the USA ASA Fast Pitch National Championship Two to the Hall of Fame Tournament
Girls' Fast Pitch	14-Under	A	One to the USA ASA Fast Pitch National Championship Two to the Hall of Fame Tournament
Girls' Fast Pitch	16-Under	A	One to the USA ASA Fast Pitch National Championship Two to the Hall of Fame Tournament
Girls' Fast Pitch	18-Under	A	One to the USA ASA Fast Pitch National Championship Two to the Hall of Fame Tournament

Note: Berths for the Hall of Fame Tournament are determined yearly.

201.03 MID-AMERICA REGION - NATIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS AND BERTHS:

Division of Play	Age Group	Class	Berths
Men's Slow Pitch	None	B	Four to the ASA-West National Championship
Men's Slow Pitch	None	C	Four to the ASA-West National Championship
Men's Slow Pitch	None	D	Four to the ASA-West National Championship
Women's Slow Pitch	None	C	Four to the ASA-West National Championship
Women's Slow Pitch	None	D	Four to the ASA-West National Championship

201.04 MID-AMERICA REGION - CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS AND BERTHS:

Division of Play	Age Group	Class	Berths
Girls' Fast Pitch	10-Under	A	One to the USA ASA Fast Pitch National Championship
Girls' Fast Pitch	12-Under	A	One to the USA ASA Fast Pitch National Championship
Girls' Fast Pitch	14-Under	A	One to the USA ASA Fast Pitch National Championship
Girls' Fast Pitch	16-Under	A	One to the USA ASA Fast Pitch National Championship
Girls' Fast Pitch	18-Under	A	One to the USA ASA Fast Pitch National Championship
Girls' Fast Pitch	10-Under	B	None to the ASA Northern National Championship
Girls' Fast Pitch	12-Under	B	None to the ASA Northern National Championship
Girls' Fast Pitch	14-Under	B	None to the ASA Northern National Championship
Girls' Fast Pitch	16-Under	B	None to the ASA Northern National Championship
Girls' Fast Pitch	18-Under	B	None to the ASA Northern National Championship
Girls' Fast Pitch	18-Under	Gold	Two to the USA ASA Fast Pitch National Championship

201.05 Regional Championships - ASA Tournament Representative:

1. **The local ASA association hosting a Regional Championship will appointee an ASA Tournament Representative and will pay his/her fee.**
3. **The ASA Tournament Representative will have a working knowledge of the Regional and National ASA Codes and playing rules.**
2. **The ASA Tournament Representative will be responceible for all reports, digital photo of the Championship Team, and any fees due the Regional Director.**

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202.01 NOTIFICATION: All tournament locations must be announced to the Regional Council members no later than January 1 of the year of the tournament. A completed tournament fact sheet (supplied by the Regional Director) will accompany all announcements.

202.02 COMBINED TOURNAMENTS: The following tournaments will be played at the same site and date as separate tournaments:

1. ***GFP 10-Under Class A, & B Mid-America Region Championship.***
 GFP 12-Under Class A, & B Mid-America Region Championship.
 GFP 14-Under Class A, & B Mid-America Region Championship.
 GFP 16-Under Class A, & B Mid-America Region Championship.
 GFP 18-Under Class A, & B Mid-America Region Championship.
2. Men's Slow Pitch Class B & C Mid-America Region National Qualifier.
3. Women's Slow Pitch Class Open, C, and D Mid-America Region National Qualifier.

202.03 ADVANCING BERTHS:

1. Regional Tournaments General - National Championship Berths shall be awarded to the highest finishing team that has NOT previously qualified (See Article 202.07). Unclaimed and other National Championship Berths shall be awarded to the remaining tournament teams in descending order of finish.
2. Girls Fast Pitch 12, 14, 16, & 18-Under Class A Regional National and Hall of Fame Qualifiers:
 - a. Teams shall have their choice of available advancing berths starting with the first place team and continuing in descending order of finish. **Note:** Teams that have previously qualified for their USA|ASA National Championship may compete only for a Hall of Fame Tournament berth.
 - b. Any berths that remain unclaimed shall be played for in their respective Mid-America Region Championship.
 - c. ***12-Under Fall Qualifier - Teams qualifying for a 2008 USA|ASA National Championship or 2008 Hall of Fame Tournament must be 12-under age eligible and meet the returning team rule in 2008.***
3. Any team that wins an advancing berth in Mid-America Region Championship Play shall claim the advancing berth by paying the entry fee at the conclusion of the tournament. Any team that fails to claim their berth within 48 hours of the conclusion of the tournament forfeits their right to the advancing berth. Unclaimed advancing berths will be offered to the remaining teams in descending order of finish. A team accepting an unclaimed berth shall pay the entry fee within 48 hours and will be granted the rights and privileges of the berth.
4. Adult and Junior Olympic (Youth) Association Berths - A local association of the Mid-America Region may award one or more of their unused ASA Adult and/or USA|ASA Girls Fast Pitch National Championship Berths to the Region.
 - a. To award berths to the Region an Association must notify the Regional Director in writing stating the Division of Play and Classification of the berth.
 - b. Once an Association's Berth is awarded to the Region it will be governed by the Regional Code, considered a fill-in berth, and only teams that participate in the Regional Championship/Adult Regional Qualifier will be eligible for the berth(s).

202.04 ADVANCING ENTRIES: The Tournament Director will forward the Official Entry Form, Championship Roster, Pick-up Player Form (if one is used), and the Entry Fee for all qualified teams to the appropriate Tournament Director.

Note: When time is of the essence, the Entry Fee may be sent directly to the appropriate Tournament Director by the qualifying team or their State/Metro Commissioner.

202.05 OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPERS: ***Official Scorekeepers is recommended but not required for all Regional tournaments.***

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202.06 TOURNAMENT LENGTH:

1. Fast Pitch Tournaments shall be a maximum of three (3) days, starting no earlier than 6:00 p.m. Friday.
Exception: Girls Fast Pitch Regional Championships will start no earlier than 12:00 noon on Friday.
2. Slow Pitch Tournaments shall be no more than (2) days, starting no earlier than 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

202.07 PREVIOUSLY QUALIFIED:

1. **PARTICIPATION:** Teams which have qualified for a National Championship Finals may NOT participate in the following tournaments unless they forfeit their National Championship Berth:
 - a. USA|ASA National Qualifying Tournaments.
 - b. Mid-America Region - National Qualifying Tournaments
 - c. Mid-America Region - Championship Tournaments.**Exception:**
 - a. Previously Qualified Junior Olympic (Youth) teams may participate in the following tournaments:
 1. Mid-America Region Championship. The national berth from these tournaments shall be awarded to the highest finishing team not previously qualified.
 2. Mid-America Region National and Hall of Fame Qualifying tournaments. Teams that have previously qualified for a USA|ASA National Championship may compete for a Hall of Fame tournament berth. (See Article 202.03 ADVANCING BERTHS: Number 2)
 - b. Adult Teams: As provided for in the ASA Code.
2. **WITHDRAWAL:** A team entered in additional National Qualifiers must notify the tournament director within 24 hours of receiving a berth to a USA|ASA National Championship that they will withdraw in accordance with Article 202.07 (1) of this code. Tournament Director's shall refund the team's entry fee if notice is received within the required 24 hours of receiving a berth to a USA|ASA National Championship.

202.08 ELIGIBLE TEAMS:

- a. USA|ASA NATIONAL QUALIFIERS: These tournaments shall be open to all ASA member teams.
- b. MID-AMERICA REGION: The following tournaments shall be open to ASA Mid-America Region member teams, which include the associations of Kansas City, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and St. Louis ASA:
 - a. Mid-America Region - National & Hall of Fame Qualifying Tournaments.
 - b. Mid-America Region - National Qualifying Tournaments
 - c. Mid-America Region - Championship Tournaments.

Article 202.09 Format:

- a. All Girls Fast Pitch Regional Championships, Regional National & Hall of Fame Qualifying, and USA|ASA National Qualifying Tournaments conducted by the Mid-America Region will use the Official ASA three (3) or four (4) game format with the exception of the Girls Fast Pitch 18u Gold which will be double elimination.
- b. All other Regional Championships shall be double elimination.

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203.01 SITES GENERAL:

- a. Sites for Regional Tournaments that are included in the regional rotation will be determined by the local association.
- b. Tournaments that are allocated to the Region by ASA, Northern Territory Tournaments on rotation to the Region, and all unassigned Regional Tournaments will be determined by a vote of the local association commissioners from the Mid-America Region.

203.02 SITE ROTATION: The following tournaments shall be awarded to the Mid-America Region Association Members based on a rotation:

- Girls' Fast Pitch 10, 12, 14, 16, 18-Under Class A USA|ASA National Qualifiers.
 - Girls' Fast Pitch 12, 14, 16, 18-Under Class A Mid-America Region National/Hall of Fame Qualifiers.
- The Rotation shall be a procedural part of this code and incorporated as an attachment.

203.03 AMENDING ROTATION: The rotation shall be reviewed annually by the Regional Director and any proposed changes shall be presented at the Annual Meeting. Any changes in the rotation shall be approved by a majority vote of the Mid-America Region State and Metro Commissioners.

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203.04 PASSING TURN IN ROTATION: An association passing its turn must notify the Regional Director at or before the Fall Meeting. The Mid-America State/Metro Commissioners will determine, at the annual meeting, where the tournament will be held.

Note: A change of tournament location shall not change the rotation.

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204.01 The following tournaments shall be conducted on the weekend that includes the second Saturday in July:

1. GFP 18-Under Gold Mid-America Region Championship
2. GFP 10, 12, 14, 16, 18-Under Class A Mid-America Region Championships
3. GFP 10, 12, 14, 16, 18-Under Class B Mid-America Region Championships
4. ***GFP 12-Under Class A Regional Fall National and Hall of Fame Qualifier***
 - a. ***This qualifying tournament is in the 2008 Regional rotation and will be played in the fall of 2007 and should not be confused with the Spring tournament in Topeka, KS.***
 - b. ***The tournament host will select the tournament date.***

204.02 Dates of other tournaments will be determined by the host site. The Girls Fast Pitch Class A USA|ASA National Qualifiers and Girls Fast Pitch Class A Regional National and Hall of Fame Qualifiers will be coordinated through the Regional Director to avoid competition for the same Age Group.

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Awards, including all Team Awards (plaques or trophies), and Individual Awards (trophies or medals) shall be uniform in type and style and approved by the Mid-America Region Commissioners for the following tournaments:

1. USA|ASA National Qualifying Tournaments.
2. Mid-America Region - National/Hall of Fame Qualifying tournaments.
3. Mid-America Region - National Qualifying Tournaments.
4. Mid-America Region - Championship Tournaments.

205.01 ADULT TOURNAMENT AWARDS:

1. Team Awards:
 - a. Seven teams or less: 1st and 2nd place team awards.
 - b. Eight teams or more: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place team awards.
2. Individual Awards:
 - a. Championship patches for Regional Champions only
 - b. Seven teams or less: Sixteen (16) Championship T-shirts or trophies for the 1st place team.
 - c. Eight teams or more: Championship T-shirts or trophies (16 each) for the 1st and 2nd place teams.

205.02 JUNIOR OLYMPIC (YOUTH) TOURNAMENT AWARDS:

1. Team Awards General:
 - a. Seven teams or less: 1st and 2nd place team awards.
 - b. Eight teams or more: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place team awards.
2. Individual Awards General:
 - a. Seven teams or less: Medals (16 each) for the 1st, and 2nd place teams.
 - b. Eight teams or more: Medals (16 each) for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams.
3. Regional Championship Awards:
 - a. Mid-America Plaques 1st & 2nd Place
 - b. Mid America Medals 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place
 - c. Mid-America T-Shirts 1st Place

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206.01 ENTRY, ROSTERS, AND PICK-UP PLAYER FORMS:

1. ENTRY FORM: The Official Tournament Entry Form signed by their State/Metro Commissioner must be submitted to the tournament director before competing.
2. CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER:
 - a. Teams must submit to the tournament director a completed Official Championship Roster signed by their State/Metro Commissioner before competing.
 - b. Under no circumstances should a team be eliminated from a Regional Tournament until all possible channels to establish eligibility has been exhausted. The Host commissioner shall call the Commissioner involved, and upon his/her approval, sign for the Commissioner who did not sign properly.
3. PICK-UP PLAYER FORM: Teams adding pick-up players must submit a completed official ASA Pick-up Player Form before competing.
 - a. NO players may be picked up for the following tournaments:
 1. USA|ASA National Qualifying Tournaments.
 2. Mid-America Region - National/Hall of Fame Qualifying tournaments.
 3. Mid-America Region - National Qualifying Tournaments

206.02 ENTRY FEES:

1. Mid-America Region Championships:
 - a. **Girls Fast Pitch Class A & B** **\$250.00 (ASA Three Game Format)**
 - c. Girls Fast Pitch 18u Gold \$175.00
2. Amateur Softball Association National Qualifiers: Set by the Host Site
3. Mid-America Region National Qualifiers: Set by the Host Site
4. Mid-America Region National/HOF Qualifiers: Set by the Host Site

Note: Each association shall be responsible for all Regional Championship entry fees, including no shows. Associations will NOT be responsible for any Gate Fee as provided for in Article 206.03.

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1. Admission will be set by the local association and published in all Tournament Information/Fact Sheet.
 - a. Three (3) Adult Team members (Manager, Coaches, Scorekeeper) and all players will be admitted free of charge.
 - b. No Gate Fee will be added to the Tournament Entry Fee.
Exception: In lieu of an admission fee as stated above in number 1, letter a & b, the host association may add a gate fee to the Tournament Entry Fee NOT to exceed \$100.
Note: Any Gate Fee will be due and payable with the Entry Fee and will be noted as a separate item on all tournament information.

206.04 NUMBER OF ENTRIES:

1. Tournament Hosts are prohibited from accepting entries prior to January 15 for the following tournaments:
 - a. J. O. GFP Class A USA|ASA National Qualifying Tournaments.
 - b. J. O. GFP Class A Mid-America Region National/Hall of Fame Qualifying Tournaments.After January 15, entries shall be accepted on a first paid, first served basis. A tournament host shall have facilities for a minimum of twenty-four team entries. While team entries may be more or less than twenty-four, a tournament host must accept the first twenty-four team entries per age group.
2. MID-AMERICA REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS:
 - a. All available teams may enter their respective Regional Championship after participating in their local Association's Championship, or at the discretion of the local Association Commissioner.

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206.05 NOTIFICATION OF TEAM ENTRIES: Association Commissioner's or his/her designee must notify the host Commissioner or person designated on the Tournament Fact Sheet as to the number of teams he/she is sending to the Regional Championship by 12:00 noon Monday, the week of the tournament. The Association Commissioner or his/her designee shall enter each team on the Official ASA Entry Form, and shall guarantee the entry fee for each team entered to the host Association Commissioner.

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207.01 INFORMATION PACKETS:

1. MID-AMERICA REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS: One for each team will be mailed 45 days before the tournament entry deadline.

207.02 REPORTS: Each tournament director or **ASA Tournament Representative** shall submit a tournament report to the ASA National Office, Mid-America Regional Director, each Mid-America State/Metro Commissioner, and the person appointed to update the Mid-America Region Website, within seven days of the conclusion of the tournament. Tournament reports will consist of the following:

1. A completed tournament bracket with game scores.
2. An Official Order of Finish.

Note: The official order of finish form shall be supplied by the Regional Director. It shall be the responsibility of each state/metro commissioner to distribute these reports within their association.

207.03 ASSESSMENT FEES: A per-team assessment fee as required by the ASA Code shall be paid to the National Office.

207.04 TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE REIMBURSEMENT:

1. Regional National & Hall of Fame Qualifiers as listed in Article 201.02 - Each Regional Host Commissioner or his/her designee will reimburse the entry fee to the highest finishing team to accept USA|ASA National Championship and the highest finishing team to accept a Hall of Fame Berth.

Exception # 1: The amount reimbursed will not exceed \$50 per team entered in the tournament. Under this exception the \$50 per team reimbursement fund will be distributed as follows:

- a. 60% of the total available funds will be awarded to the highest finishing team to accept the USA|ASA National Championship berth.
- b. 40% of the total available funds will be awarded to the highest finishing team to accept a Hall of Fame Berth.

2. Regional National Qualifying Tournaments as listed in Article 201.03 - Each Regional Host Commissioner or his/her designee will reimburse a team's entry fee to their ASA National Championship that qualify or qualifies at their respective Regional National Qualifier.

Exception # 1: The amount reimbursed will not exceed \$50 per team entered in the tournament. Under this exception the \$50 per team fund will be distributed equally among all teams that qualify.

3. Regional Championship as listed in Article 201.04 - No reimbursement will be provided.
4. No reimbursement of entry fees or \$50 per team fund will be paid to teams that receive a National Championship or Hall of Fame Berth as a fill-in team.
5. Reimbursement of entry fees or \$50 per team fund will be paid to advancing Team Manager's following verification of the team's participation in their USA|ASA National Championship or Hall of Fame Tournament for which they qualified.
6. No cash prizes, travel money, or awards of monetary value may be given based on order of finish, or athletic ability to players participating in Junior Olympic (Youth) Championship Play.

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208.01 TIME LIMITS:

1. USA|ASA National Qualifiers: These tournaments shall use the same time limits as established by the ASA Code.
2. Mid-America Region National/Hall of Fame Qualifiers, Mid-America Region National Qualifiers, and Mid-America Region Championships:
 - a. Girls Fast Pitch 10, & 12-Under Class A and B 75 minutes
 - b. Girls Fast Pitch 14-Under Class A and B 90 minutes
 - c. Girls Fast Pitch 16, and 18-Under Class B 90 minutes
 - d. Girls Fast Pitch 16, and 18-Under Class A None

208.02 RUN RULE:

1. All Mid-America Region tournaments shall use the same run rules as established by the ASA Code.

208.03 TIE BREAKER:

1. The ASA tie breaker rule shall be used in all Junior Olympic/Women's Fast Pitch Regional tournaments. In tournaments where a time limit has been established, the tie breaker rule shall go into effect after seven (7) complete innings, or at the beginning of the next inning after the time limit has expired.

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ASSOCIATIONS IN ROTATION	TOURNAMENT	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	GFP 18A REG, NATL. & HOF QUAL	NE	STL	KC	KS	MO
	GFP 16A REG, NATL. & HOF QUAL	STL	KC	KS	MO	NE
	GFP 18A USA ASA NATL. QUAL	KC	KS	MO	NE	STL
KANSAS CITY	GFP 16A USA ASA NATL. QUAL	KS	MO	NE	STL	KC
KANSAS	GFP 18A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	MO	NE	STL	KC	KS
MISSOURI	GFP 18B REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	NE	STL	KC	KS	MO
NEBRASKA	GFP 16B REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	STL	KC	KS	MO	NE
ST. LOUIS	GFP 16A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	KC	KS	MO	NE	STL
	GFP 18 GOLD REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	MO	NE	KC		

ASSOCIATIONS IN ROTATION	TOURNAMENT	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
KANSAS CITY	GFP 10A & B REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	IA	KS	MO	NE	STL	KC
IOWA	GFP 10A USA ASA NATL. QUAL	KS	MO	NE	STL	KC	IA
KANSAS	GFP 12A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	MO	NE	STL	KC	IA	KS
MISSOURI	GFP 12B REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	NE	STL	KC	IA	KS	MO
NEBRASKA	GFP 12A USA ASA NATL. QUAL	STL	KC	IA	KS	MO	NE
ST. LOUIS	GFP 12A REG, NATL. & HOF QUAL	KC	IA	KS	MO	NE	STL
	GFP 14B REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	IA	KS	MO	NE	STL	KC
	GFP 14A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	KS	MO	NE	STL	KC	IA
	GFP 14A USA ASA NATL. QUAL	MO	NE	STL	KC	IA	KS
	GFP 14A REG, NATL. & HOF QUAL	NE	STL	KC	IA	KS	MO

Note: All tournaments that are lined out will be assigned by a vote of the Regional Commissioner.

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301.01 Tournament UIC:

1. The Regional Tournament UIC shall not officiate games in a tournament which he/she is serving as UIC, except in case of an emergency.
2. Regional Championship U-I-C: The U-I-C will be assigned by the local ASA association and will be responsible for umpire scheduling and reports due the Regional Director and Regional U-I-C.

301.02 Regional Tournament Report: The Regional Tournament UIC will send evaluation reports to the Regional Director, Regional UIC, each State/Metro commissioner, and the State/Metro UIC of the At-Large Umpire within thirty (30) days following the completion of the tournament.

301.03 Regional Tournament Rotation: The regional tournament umpire rotation will be developed by the Regional Director and UIC. The rotation shall be a procedural part of this code and incorporated as an attachment.

1. Regional tournaments with ten (10) or less teams will be allowed to use only association umpires. Associations on the umpire rotation schedule would be moved ahead one year.
2. Each local state, or metro UIC must notify the host Regional Tournament UIC by June 1 with the names of the umpires who are coming to that tournament. If no notification is made by June 1, the host UIC will contact the next area on the rotation list for umpires.

301.04 Regional Tournament Umpire Assignments: Adult Major Fast Pitch and Class A Fast Pitch shall use a minimum of three umpires per game. All other Regional Tournaments will use two (2) umpires per game, except in the winners' bracket final and 4th place game through the end of the tournament will use three (3) umpires per game.

301.05 Regional Umpire Fees General:

1. Regional tournament game fees: Minimum of \$25.00 per game.
2. The Regional UIC shall be paid a minimum of \$125.00 for two-day tournaments and \$150.00 for three-day tournaments. Multiple divisions of play at the same site shall be defined as one tournament for the UIC fee.

301.06 Host Umpire Housing: The Host association shall furnish housing, including Friday night, for each umpire traveling over sixty (60) miles one way (city of origin to the tournament city, two umpires per room). If the umpire's family accompanies an umpire, the umpire shall be responsible for paying 1/2 the hotel rate to the hosting association.

301.07 Travel: Transportation from home to tournament is the responsibility of the umpire and/or his/her local association.

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Mid-America Region (Regional) Umpire Assignments:

All umpire assignments will be made by the local ASA Association hosting the tournament.

NATIONAL SLOW PITCH ROTATION - Updated December 18, 2005									
2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
TOURNAMENT	ASSOCIATION	TOURNAMENT	ASSOCIATION	TOURNAMENT	ASSOCIATION	TOURNAMENT	ASSOCIATION	TOURNAMENT	ASSOCIATION
MDSP	KS	WSP "C"	MO	MSP Industrial		WSP "C"		WSP "C"	
WDSP	IA	WSP "D"	STL	MSP "C"		WSP "D"		WSP "D"	
MISP	NE	MSP "D"	KC	MSP "D"		MSP "D"		MSP "D"	

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401.01 Purpose: To establish rules and guidelines for the classification of teams and players for the ASA Junior Olympic GOLD program.

401.02 Authority: The Mid-America Region Council shall adopt classification guidelines and each association's Commissioner shall properly administer this classification code.

401.03 Classification Committee: The Classification Committee shall consist of the following:

1. Regional Junior Olympic Commissioner
2. Regional Director or his designee
3. Three additional Region 12 Council Members appointed annually by the Regional Director.

401.04 Eligibility: Junior Olympic "GOLD" Girls 18 & Under Fast Pitch. A player may play in any one State or Metro association. However, once she makes an election pursuant to the ASA Code, she may not play in the same division in any other association during the current year. EXCEPTION: Transfer of employment and pick-up players pursuant to the ASA Code. TEAM CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURE:

1. Any 18-Under Girls Fast Pitch team in the Mid-America Region may elect to participate in the GOLD program.
2. The following teams will be classified as "GOLD" if they have five (5) or more returning players: Mid-America Region teams that finish in the top fifty percent (50%) in the previous year's Girls 18 & Under Fast Pitch "GOLD" National Tournament.