



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

I. USA SOFTBALL REGISTRATION:

1. **ALL** tournaments (invitational and berth) **MUST** be sanctioned by USA Softball of Georgia and entered on the Tournament USA web site, if you wish to use USA Softball of GA registered umpires and receive approval from USASB of GA.
2. Make sure all teams are USA SOFTBALL registered before the start of the tournament. A list of teams entered into the tournament **MUST** be sent to Ernie Yarbrough (gajocommish@gmail.com) at least 3 days prior to the start of the tournament for registration verification.
3. If teams have not registered through www.registerusa.com a team registration fee of \$35.00 per team should be charged to the team at team check in. NOTE: Teams that are participating in national qualifiers **MUST** go through [registerusa.com](http://www.registerusa.com) for USA SOFTBALL OF GEORGIA registration.
4. Registration Form: This form needs to be completed listing all of the teams that were sanctioned at the tournament.
5. 2018 USASB rulebooks and scorebooks will be sent to the tournament director prior to the tournament. These materials should be given to any team that registers with on-site USA Softball of GA.

II. USA SOFTBALL FEES:

1. After the completion of your tournament you **MUST** forward the following information and funds within (7) days to the USASB of GA J.O. Commissioner:
 - a. The completed USA SOFTBALL registration form with teams that sanctioned along with the registration fee for each team. Registration fees need to be made payable to USA SOFTBALL OF GEORGIA.
 - b. USA SOFTBALL OF GEORGIA Association Berths - \$70.00 per team; USA SOFTBALL Region 3 Qualifiers - \$55.00 per team - USA SOFTBALL OF GEORGIA State & JO Series \$45.00 per team
USA SOFTBALL Fees include – awards, assessment fees, Tournament USA fees, USA SB of GA fees, and national tournament reimbursement fees.
 - c. A completed set of brackets (Can be printed from tournamentusa.com)
 - d. A report or summary of your tournament and any problems encountered.
 - e. Team entry fees: GA Association berth tournaments (\$400.00) – USASB Region 3 Qualifiers (\$425.00) GA State tournaments (\$450.00). These are the entry fees to be charged for these events.
 - f. There will be a \$50.00 charge on all checks returned for insufficient funds. Payment must be made prior to registration for any USASB of GA event.

III. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. ALL USA SOFTBALL sanctioned tournament dates, fees, locations **MUST** be sent to Ernie Yarbrough for approval (berth and invitational). Tournaments will then be listed on the USA SOFTBALL OF GEORGIA website (usasoftballgeorgia.org) or (georgia.usasoftball.com).
2. Entry fee deadline is (7) days prior to the first day of play.
3. Official USA SOFTBALL brackets **MUST** be used for all sanctioned tournaments. Brackets shall be finalized and sent out no less than (5) days prior to the first day of play. Once the brackets are set no refunds will be made after that point.
4. Contact must be made with Rick Hearn (rick@gwinnettumpires.com) for scheduling of umpires. Rick will then put you in contact with the UIC for the tournament.
5. Official USA SOFTBALL signage should be used when available. Balls are \$65/dozen and can be shipped at no cost by contacting Ernie Yarbrough at gajocommish@gmail.com.
6. The use of official USASB of GA Wilson softballs is required at ALL USASB berth/championship play tournaments. The balls can be obtained from Ernie Yarbrough at gajocommish@gmail.com. The cost is

\$65/dozen with no shipping costs. Please order the balls as early as possible so we can order additional balls when needed.

7. Tournaments shall be operated in a professional manner.
8. USA Softball of Georgia has been selected as one of the sites TEAM USA will visit in 2020 prior to the 2020 Olympics. As such, a small fee increase will be implemented during the 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 seasons. This fee increase will supplement the \$30,000 - \$50,000 event fee required by USA Softball. During the 2021-22 season the fees will revert back unless the National Office has an increase in their registration/sanctioning fees. More details will be circulated as they are received.

IV. USASB OF GA ASSOCIATION BERTH PROCESS – The following are the options available to USASB of GA registered teams to earn association berths to the USASB “A” National Championships.

1. 1st place finish in a USASB of GA association berth qualifying tournament with a minimum (4) teams entered
2. 1st or 2nd place finish in a USASB of GA association berth qualifying tournament with a minimum (8) teams entered
3. Play in a minimum (3) Junior Olympic Series events
4. 1st or 2nd place finish in a USASB of GA “A” state tournament with a minimum (8) teams entered
5. Play in a minimum (4) USASB of GA sanctioned invitational tournaments and finish 1st in at least (1) event.
6. Play in a minimum (4) USASB of GA sanctioned invitational tournaments and finish 2nd in at least (2) events.
7. Play in a minimum (4) USASB of GA sanctioned invitational tournaments and finish 3rd in at least (3) events.

V. ASSOCIATION/REGIONAL/TERRITORY BERTH – INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If the scheduled Association, Regional, or Territory berth tournaments encounter inclement weather the following procedures will be followed:

1. Game times will be shortened. If game times are shortened this game time will be in effect for the remainder of the tournament.
2. If shorten game times do not allow for tournament to be completed then the losers bracket will be dropped.
3. If the majority of the tournament is completed before being rained out the tournament will be scheduled for a later date and/or location (TBD) with only the winner’s bracket being played out.
4. If any of the above procedures cannot be taken the tournament will be canceled and the berth will go to the next scheduled Georgia Association berth qualifier or the State tournament.

VI. INVITATION TOURNAMENTS

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3. If teams have NOT registered through www.registerusa.com a team registration fee of \$35.00 per team should be charged to the team at team check in. NOTE: Teams that are participating in national qualifiers MUST go through registerusa.com for USA SOFTBALL OF GEORGIA registration.
4. A registration form shall be completed listing all the teams entered in the tournament and submitted to Ernie Yarbrough with the registration fees, including a \$10.00 per team USASB sanctioning fee, no later than (7) days after the completion of the tournament.
5. Official USASB rulebooks and scorebooks will be sent to the tournament director prior to the tournament. These materials should be given to any team that registers with on-site USA Softball of GA.

