

Women's Slow Pitch

DESCRIPTION OF CLASSIFICATIONS

OPEN

Any team with four (4) or more roster members from any team that:

A. Finishes first or second in USA Softball of Pennsylvania (DBA Amateur Softball Association of Pennsylvania) State Championship Finals in two (2) consecutive seasons of play at the Class "C" level.

An OPEN team can have good power and team speed. They are capable of making things happen on Offense, in that they are able to hit to all fields for both power and average, They are solid defensively in the critical middle positions. They may turn the double play with ease and consistency. They are capable of scoring large sums of runs in any given game, but do not require large leads to win. Their defense is capable of winning without any great number of runs.

It has excellent talent and is strong both offensively and defensively. They too are capable of scoring many runs in any given game but do not require large numbers of runs to win. They are capable of winning with excellent defense. Their overall ability is unquestioned.

Team speed plays an important part in the classification of women's softball, much more so than in the men's game. Power is important as the ability to score runs is a determining factor in the classification of any women's team. Defense plays a much more important role in this classification, also, simply because there are not nearly as many runs scored per game In the upper classifications of women's softball, thus making team speed that much more important.

CLASS "C"

Any team with four (4) or more roster members returning from any team that: 1. Finishes in the top two (2) places in USA Softball of Pennsylvania (DBA Amateur Softball Association of Pennsylvania) State Championship Finals. 2. Finishes in the top four (4) in the Eastern National Championship Finals. 3. Wins three (3) tournaments or finishes first or second in any four (4) tournaments.

CLASS "D"

Any team with four (4) or more roster members returning from any team that: 1. Finishes in the top four (4) places in USA Softball of Pennsylvania (DBA Amateur Softball Association of Pennsylvania) State Championship Finals. 2. Participates in the Amateur Softball Association National Championship Tournament Finals. 3. Finishes in the top four (4) in the Eastern National Championship Finals.

CLASSIFICATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY

A team, who has been classified in any division of play during the previous year, will remain in the same classification during the current season until reclassified by their respective Classification Board. However, if a team is subject to the ASA Mandatory Classification Rule, the new classification is effective immediately.

An adult team may participate in championship play in a higher classification but not below its assigned classification. Participation in a higher classification could affect the team's classification

CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTIONS

Women's Class Open may have Any female player on the roster to play in Open.

Women's Class C may have Three (3) Open classified players on the roster to play in C.

Women's Class D may have Three (3) C classified players and no Open classified players on the roster to play in D.

NOTE: YOU MUST BE AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO COMPETE IN ADVANCED PLAY TOURNAMENTS AND YOUR DISTRICT COMMISSIONER MUST BE SUPPLIED WITH THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS VERIFYING PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE.

ROSTER CLARIFICATION: A women's roster for advanced tournament play can consist of players from different ASA of Pennsylvania registered, league Women's or Coed Teams.

- The players must have played no fewer than 4 games with that ASA of Pennsylvania registered league team.
- The roster turned in for Advanced Play tournaments solidifies that Advanced Play team. There are no additions to the original roster. Additions must be made via a pick up form.
- The fees for an Advanced Play roster that is not a league team will be 40.00\$ more than that of a league registered team. This fee will pay for that Advanced Play Team's registration fee.
- PICK UP PLAYERS – A woman may be picked up for an Advanced Play Women's team from a league registered ASA of Pennsylvania Women's team or a league registered ASA COED Team. Specific woman must have played in no fewer than 4 games with the team from which they are being selected.
- IF YOU ARE A TOURNAMENT TEAM THAT IS NOT A REGISTERED ASA OF PA LEAGUE TEAM, YOUR ROSTER MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE WOMEN'S STATE COMMISSIONER NO LATER THAN JUNE 15TH OF THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR FOR APPROVAL AND CLASSIFICATION. THIS CLASSIFICATION WILL BE BASED UPON THE PERSONNEL SELECTED FOR THE TEAM'S ROSTER.

NOTE: Players that have no ASA playing history should be handled in the following manner. If a track record of a player can be verified in another National Association that player shall be classified at that level within a half of a playing classification. The higher classification level from any association will set the base standard for classification, within a two (2) year time period.

Mandatory Team Reclassification. An adult team that has four or more players on a roster, including pick-up players, from a team or teams that finished in the following divisions and classifications in the same National Championship Final must participate in the next higher classification in championship play for their next ASA playing season unless they played in the highest classification. In all Adult national Championships, the top finishing 10% (plus ties) will be reclassified to the next higher classification. Fractions will be rounded up to the nearest whole number. NOTE: If a team fails to participate in Championship play the next calendar year this restriction will remain in effect until the team participates at the higher class.