

Welcome to USA Softball

**The National Governing Body of Softball for the
United States!!**



USA Softball of Oklahoma
where Champions Compete!

This booklet is intended to introduce you to USA Softball of Oklahoma and explain who we are and what we can do for you and your organization. We are very excited to share this information with you and we **THANK YOU** for taking the time to read through this material.

This booklet contains information about the association, the structure of the Board of Directors, sanctioning fees, benefits and insurances.

USA Softball of Oklahoma (formerly the Oklahoma Amateur Softball Association or OASA) is an affiliate of USA Softball, the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States. We are a non-governmental and not-for-profit organization (501.c.3). Staffed by volunteers and dedicated to the advancement of softball, in Oklahoma, at all levels of play. Our funds go to the administration of activities and other related events that benefit our membership.

Our Mission Statement...

In partnership with players, coaches, fans and officials who reside within the State of Oklahoma, the mission of USA Softball of Oklahoma is:

- To promote softball within the boundaries of the state.
- To promote all phases of softball including men's, women's and youth.
- To establish standard rules and regulations that can be observed by all members.
- To conduct well-organized championship tournaments
- To provide opportunities for participation and best possible experience for those involved.

USA Softball of Oklahoma offers to actively assist you, your staff and your organization in achieving:

Vision

Execution

Education

Success

Vision

One of the goals of USA Softball of Oklahoma is to assist leagues and teams in reaching their fullest potential. Another goal of USA Softball of Oklahoma is to provide your parks and recreation department and your community with the most successful and highest quality softball program possible. Hosting high quality sanctioned tournaments will have a positive economic impact on your parks and recreation department and your community.

Execution

The USA Softball of Oklahoma staff will work to assist you and your organization at every step. We can guarantee your teams the highest liability insurance coverage available. You, your staff and/or board members can be named as district commissioners or to other staff positions. USA Softball of Oklahoma staff members can attend your league meetings to answer any questions. All USA Softball sanctioned teams are eligible for Championship tournaments. To ensure the highest level of safety for your players, all members of the Board of Directors, coaches and adult umpires are required to complete yearly background checks and SafeSport.

We understand that your league belongs to you and all leagues govern themselves. USA Softball of Oklahoma is simply a resource. We are available to assist in executing the steps towards helping you build your league to be the very best league possible.

Education

All USA Softball sanctioned teams receive a current year rule book and a scorebook

USA Softball offers yearly umpire training in both rules and mechanics

USA Softball of Oklahoma hosts an annual conference to network and share thoughts and ideas about all aspects of the game.

USA Softball hosts a biennial U-I-C clinic to train the U-I-C's in the most up to date umpire practices.

USA Softball hosts a biennial Junior Olympic Workshop to teach the JO Commissioners and coaches the most recent trends in youth sports

USA Softball offers coaches education classes in the form of ACE (**A**spire, **C**hallenge, **E**ncourage) certification, National Coaching Schools and the "Candrea on Coaching" newsletters

Scholarship opportunities for the league participants as well as the tournament player.

Success

USA Softball of Oklahoma will supply support to leagues and complexes in any way possible.

USA Softball of Oklahoma can assist in obtaining better pricing on softballs and field equipment

Should you have any questions or concerns, USA Softball of Okla.'s staff is just a phone call or email away.

USA Softball of Oklahoma offers the opportunity to compete in the All-American games (GFP-12U).

USA Softball of Oklahoma Junior Olympic (youth) registration year is from September-August

Structure of the Association

USA Softball of Oklahoma has divided the state into five sections and ten districts. Each district consists of the leagues within that district. The 16-member Board of Directors is comprised of Deputy Commissioners from each of the five sections, a Player Representative from each section, the State U-I-C, the Assistant State U-I-C, the State JO Commissioner, the Assistant State JO Commissioner, the Deputy State JO Commissioner and a Parks and Recreation Representative. The District Commissioners, Area (League) Commissioners, U-I-C's and Player Rep's are selected from each area. You, your board members, coaches and/or players are eligible to serve in these positions. Members of your staff and organization can also serve as members of any of the six association committees.

1). Appointments, 2). Player Representatives, 3). Tournaments & Awards, 4). Junior Olympic, 5). League Administrators/T.D.'s and 6). Hall of Fame/Rewards/Scholarships.

Sanctioning Information and fees

- Umpire-\$65.00 per year, includes clinic, background check, SafeSport training and insurances

-Adult Teams-\$35.00 per (league) team, includes a scorebook and liability insurance

-Youth Teams:

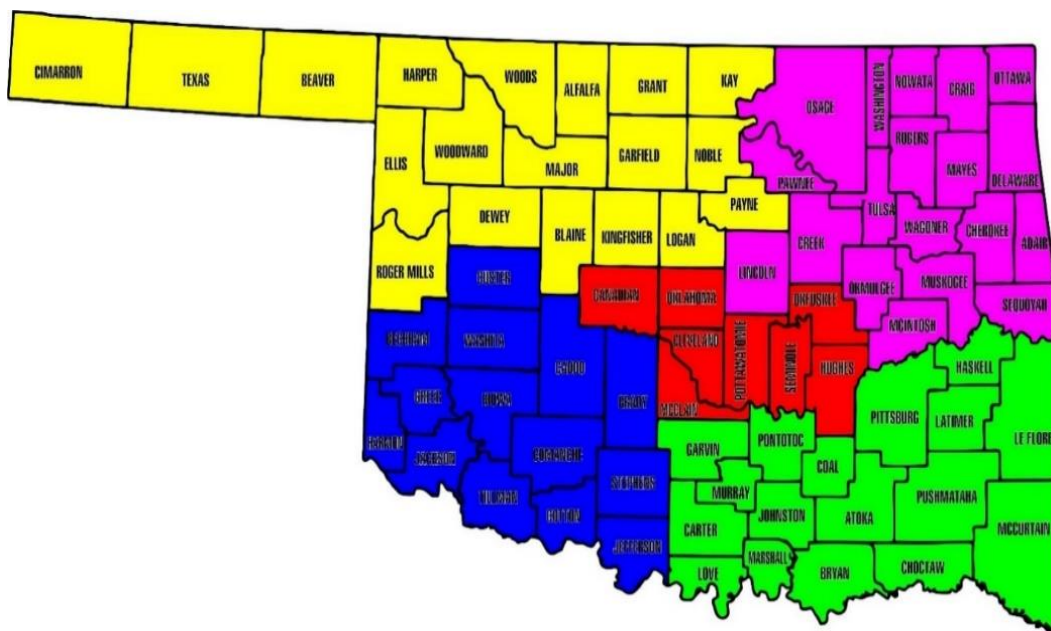
Team Registration \$35.00 per team. Insurance is not required but very highly recommended, (most tournament locations do require insurance). All coaches will be required to complete a USA Softball background check and SafeSport. Team registration can be completed on the state website

www.usasoftballoklahoma.org.

Individual registration with Insurance: Costs will vary depending on the identification card choice (virtual card, photo, or non-photo ID card), of each player/team. All registration must be done through www.registerussoftball.com. For Championship play, teams must have at least one coach in attendance that is currently ACE certified. All adult coaches, scorekeepers and dugout parents must have **and display** proof a current year background check and SafeSport trained ID card. For Championship tournaments, all players must have a current picture ID card. The picture ID can be a school ID card, a state issued ID card or any current picture ID card with signature. The cost of ACE certification is \$27.00, the cost of the background check is included with the ACE. The cost of a background check only is \$14.00 per person. There is no fee for SafeSport training, but it is required for all adults on the field and/or in the dugout.

USA Softball of Oklahoma realizes we are not the only game in town; however we believe USA Softball is the better choice. We think we offer the most and best opportunities for your players, coaches, umpires and fans. We THANK YOU for everything you do for the great game of softball in your community. We sincerely appreciate your interest in USA Softball of Oklahoma. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any staff member:

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Benefits of Playing Junior Olympic Softball with USA Softball of Oklahoma

- Fun and affordable competition for all ages and levels of competition—from 6 & under T-ball through 18 & under gold.
- Scholarship opportunities for the league participants as well as the tournament player.
- Annual rules clinics for umpires. Coaches are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Annual state meeting(s) for league administrations and tournament Directors.
- Background checks for all registered coaches and umpires.
- Individual Teams: **\$35.00 Team Sanction fee** (or can register individually)
- State tournament for league teams only: for every 20 teams sanctioned within a league, the league will receive one (1) team entry to the “C” State tournament. **“FREE!”**
- ACE Certification training is available to coaches.
- Registration Year is from 1 September through 31 August
- National Team Development for 13-U thru 18-U divisions, through the “High Performance Program” (HPP)
- National exposure to elite athletes in the 12-U division through the “All-American Games” at the Hall of Fame Stadium
- National tournament berths are available through Qualifiers and State tournaments.
- Safesport training and background checks required for coaches and adult dugout personnel.

USA Softball of Oklahoma.....where Olympic Journeys begin



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Benefits of Playing Adult Softball with USA Softball of Oklahoma

- Fun and affordable competition for all ages and levels of competition
- Annual rules clinics for umpires. Coaches and players are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Annual state meeting(s) for league administrations and tournament Directors.
- Background checks for all registered umpires.
- State tournaments for all levels of competition with enhanced and graduated awards packages (depending on number of team)
- Equipment standards and testing protocols to help ensure competitive balance and player safety
- Regional, Territorial and National tournaments available at all levels
- Representatives (in every section of the state) provides direct input on various state committees
- Potential for player, coach and umpire election into the State and/or National Hall of Fame/Honor
- Team Liability insurance provided with registration at no additional cost
- Annual “Open Forum” meeting after Championship Play, for yearly evaluation

Play with Respect Compete with Integrity

Benefits of USA Softball

Leagues, Parks and Recreation and Tournament Director Benefits

- Opportunity for discounted softball equipment, such as balls, through association partnerships
- Opportunity to use USA Softball registered umpires
- Opportunity to purchase optional insurance coverages through [RPS Bollinger](#), including Directors & Officers Liability, Crime and Equipment Insurance
- Adult Team Tournament Directors have ease of mind knowing that their registered teams have liability insurance that is included with their team registration. Tournament Directors may purchase Tournament Accident insurance for additional protection
- Youth Team Tournament Directors have the opportunity to purchase liability and accident insurance for their sanctioned tournaments
- Ability to host local USA Softball tournaments and bid on USA Softball National Championships
- Support from the state association staff for league administration
- Access to lineup cards, bat stickers, brackets and more for league and tournament play
- Discounted organization websites offered by [SportsEngine](#)
- Opportunity to participate with the MLB PLAY BALL and Pitch, Hit and Run initiatives
- Access to [TournamentUSASoftball.com](#) which allows you to list your sanctioned tournaments, results and more

Parents of Youth Athlete Benefits

- Peace of mind, knowing your youth athlete is a part of the ONLY softball organization that
 - Requires background checks and SafeSport training for coaches, umpires and Tournament Directors in youth Championship Play. In addition, each state/metro association may have additional requirements for non-Championship Play
 - Requires state associations to meet state/federal laws regarding concussion protocols
 - Provides the best-of-the-best in coaching education to ensure that coaches understand their duties as a coach of a youth softball team
 - Provides top-of-the-line insurance coverage to provide assistance if the need arises
 - Provides both parent and coach Code of Ethics so that members understand their role in fostering a positive and nurturing environment for youth athletes
 - Equips officials with the best education and training materials, making USA Softball officials the best trained and proficient in the sport of softball
- Educational resources covering topics relating to youth sports such as: recruitment, nutrition, leadership, anti-bullying and more

City and County Governments

- Two million dollars' worth of Liability Insurance
- Opportunity to bid on National Championship and Territorial Finals and USA Softball National Council Meetings