

JUNIOR OLYMPIC CODE METRO KANSAS CITY

1.00 GENERAL

1. Age qualifications: a player's age on December 31 of the current year determines the age classification in which the player is eligible to compete - Per ASA code.
2. Players of younger age classification may play in older age classifications, but an older age classification player may not play in the younger age classification - Per ASA code.
3. The ASA Code is adopted by the Metro Kansas City ASA. All registered teams and players shall be governed by this code. The Metro Kansas City ASA Commissioner and the Metro Kansas City Junior Olympic Commissioner reserves the right to make rules and regulations not specifically covered in the ASA code or the Mid America Region Code.
4. The Metro Kansas City ASA commissioner and the Metro Kansas City JO commissioner have the right to award Regional and ASA National Championship berths at their discretion.
5. **New for 2010** → Teams who wish to participate in an ASA National Qualifier, Metro, Regional or National Championship must have at least 1 Coach who is ACE Certified and all dugout / base coaches must pass a Background Check. No Exceptions!

1.01 CODE OF ETHICS

1. Fair play and good sportsmanship are the goal for all KC Metro ASA teams.
2. A player's commitment to play on a particular team should be a commitment for the entire season. A player moving from one team to another during the season will not be tolerated. Certain situations do arise, when it is in the best interest of all, for a player to change teams.
 - a. In the case of a player leaving a team, all property of the team (helmets, uniforms, bats, etc) and fees owed to the team must be returned to the team manager before the player is eligible to play for another team.

Failure to do so may result in the suspension of the player for the current season.
3. Discourteous remarks and or actions by players, coaches, parents, and fans will not be tolerated. This includes remarks to players, coaches, umpires, and tournament directors. It is the coach's responsibility to remind players, parents, & fans of this policy and comply with it.

Failure to do so may result in ejection of said perpetrator and/or forfeiture of game.
4. Teams may not accept travel money for participating in a "local" tournament. Players forfeit their amateur status if a team accepts travel money when not eligible to do so.
5. Scorekeepers are a part of the umpire crew and are to remain totally unbiased.

Failure to comply may result in ejection from the complex.
6. Coaches ejected from a game for violent behavior may be subject to a formal ASA hearing by the KC Metro Commissioner, the JO Commissioner, and any other parties involved in the situation.
7. The use of tobacco products within the dugout or the playing field is prohibited. If violated, immediate ejection will occur. The use of alcoholic beverages within the confines of the complex, including the parking lot is prohibited. If violated, immediate ejection will occur.

8. Any debt owed to KC Metro ASA must be satisfied by January 1 of the following year. If not the team and or players will be subject to an official ASA hearing and possible suspensions from ASA play for 1 year.

1.02 CLASSIFICATION OF PLAYERS

1. Class A. Class A teams are well established and are competitive and well coached.

They are skilled offensively and defensively and the players have good athletic ability and experience. They generally have good team speed and power. They have more than one good pitcher or one who can dominate the game. They place high in their league or finish in the upper half of tournaments they enter. They may recruit players.

2. Class B. Class B teams lack consistency in their players and pitchers. The team plays mostly in their league and some invitational tournaments. They may not recruit players. They may have try-outs.

3. Class C. Recreational teams only. Class C may not have played in the KC Metro Championships the previous year and may not play in the KC Metro Championships in the current year.

4. A team or player in tournament play, invitational, or championship play may select to play at a higher classification however they may not return to their original class group in the same season. Exception: Class B teams may participate in Class A National Qualifiers and then return to Class B. However, this could affect their classification.

5. A player may not elect to play at a lower age group.

1.03 REGISTRATION

1. KC Metro teams who wish to participate in ASA sanctioned tournaments must individually register their players/team. No exceptions.

2. A team must register with the metro or state association in which the greatest number of their players resides. Exception: Teams in adjoining counties to a Metro or State may register in either association by mutual consent of the Commissioners involved.

3. Illegal players (tournament play). Any team found using an illegal player will be disqualified immediately from the tournament. The opposing team will be declared the winner.

4. Players must be able to establish proof of age upon request by a tournament director or assigned ASA official. The proof of eligibility shall be of the picture ID type and birth certificate.

1.04 TEAM ROSTERS

1. Championship rosters for ASA championship play shall be submitted to the JO Commissioner on or before the roster deadline of 5:00pm on the Sunday of June that falls 12 days before the Metro Championships. Failing to do so by the due date may result in the team not being allowed to play in championship play.

2. Each player must sign the Official Championship Roster in her own handwriting. The signature of the parent and/or legal guardian is required. Signatures shall be verified by the team manager.
3. A player who has played in championship play (state, metro, regional) cannot change teams under any circumstances, except as a pick up player after their team has been eliminated from championship play. Per ASA code
4. Birth certificates and or a photo ID will be used to verify the championship roster. Rosters will not be signed without verification.
5. A red pencil or pen line must be drawn on the line immediately below the last players name appearing on the roster - Per ASA code. This is the responsibility of the KC Metro Commissioner or his/her delegate.
6. Any KC Metro team found playing in a state championship tournament will be declared ineligible for 1 year after an official ASA hearing.

1.05 FEES

1. ASA Registration Fees for leagues vary based on either the "team" method of registration or Individual Player Method of registration. Tournament teams must register via the Individual Player method. Fees based on deductible chosen.
2. Any team holding invitational tournaments in the KC Metro area are responsible for their costs in hosting the tournament, umpire fees, and prizes promised winning teams.
3. Refund policy: Will be based upon the number of games guaranteed vs. the actual number of games that were guaranteed. If a team enters a tournament and cancels after the tournament deadline, no refund will be allowed.
4. Invitational tournament gate fees will be set at the discretion of the tournament director.
5. Coaches entering tournaments are responsible for fees to the tournament director. Failure to do so will result in an official ASA hearing.

1.06 UNIFORM

1. In championship play, all players on a team will wear uniforms alike in color, trim, and style. Long pants and short pants may be mixed as long as they are alike in color and style. Coaches must be neatly attired and shirts should be alike. All uniforms and protective equipment will be worn properly.
2. If worn, all hats and/or visors will be alike and worn properly. Handkerchiefs do not qualify as headbands and cannot be worn around the head or neck. Plastic visors are not allowed.
3. All sliding pants will be alike in color. Do not confuse yourself; sliding pads are a part of safety equipment.
4. If a coach elects to wear a hat, it must be a ball cap and must be worn properly.

1.07 PICK UP PLAYERS

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1. Pick up players will be in compliance with the ASA code.

a. Teams advancing in championship play may select pick up players (3 or less) only from ASA KC Metro registered teams that are no longer eligible for championship play.

b. For regional and national competition, the team manager and the pick up players (3 or less) must complete and sign the official "Added Player Form". The form must then be signed by the Metro Kansas City JO Commissioner or delegate and attached to the team's official championship roster before tournament play begins. Team managers must sign their championship roster.

c. Pick up players may be selected only from ASA KC Metro registered teams that have completed championship play and are no longer eligible to advance or from ASA KC Metro registered teams that did not enter championship play.

d. If a team qualifies for, but cannot go to the ASA Nationals and/or USA/ASA Nationals, the players are eligible to be picked up by teams who have qualified for said tournaments.

e. If a team that has qualified for any ASA National and/or USA/ASA National tournament declares its intent to go, their players are not eligible to be picked up. A team must declare its intent to go to the JO KC Metro Commissioner within 48 hours after qualifying.

1.08 FAST PITCH METRO CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Championship rosters and entry fees must be submitted and to the JO Commissioner by 5:00 pm on the Sunday of June that falls 12 days before the Metro Championships. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

2. Failure to meet tournament FEES, ROSTER, AND ENTRY DEADLINE will prevent a team from participating in the Metro Championship. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

3. The KC Metro ASA classification committee will have the final say on team classification.

1.09 GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All teams must be registered ASA.

2. Time limit on most tournaments = 1 hour 15 minutes.

3. International tie-breaker rule will go in effect in the top of the eighth inning or at the time limit, whichever occurs first.

4. Run ahead rule--8 runs after 5 innings, 15 runs after 3 innings.

5. No protests on judgment calls.

6. Good sportsmanship is REQUIRED by coaches, players, parents, and fans. Failing to comply will result in forfeiture of the game or removal of said party from the complex. ASA hearings will be held accordingly, by the KC Metro Commissioner, the JO Commissioner, and all parties involved.

7. The tournament director shall reserve the right to change the tournament format & schedule as is necessary to comply with developing weather situations.

8. Regional tournaments, Qualifying tournaments, and National championships will use the time limit and run ahead rule as is stated in the ASA National & Regional codes.