

## **Girls Fast Pitch Travel Team Policies:**

*(November 21, 2010)*

### Gold Team Classification

1. All teams must register their players and coaches with Central California ASA and declare their intent to play Gold by January 7th of the current year in writing to the Association Junior Olympic Commissioner.
2. Any Gold team that qualified for the previous year's Gold nationals and returns at least 5 players will automatically be classified Gold for the current year.
3. Should more than 3 non-classified teams declare their intent to play Gold by the deadline, Central California ASA will conduct a classifying tournament between January 15<sup>th</sup> and the CIF mandated last date to start practice. The top 3 teams in the classifying tournament will have the option to classify Gold for the current season.
4. Any team classifying Gold from the classifying tournament must retain at least 7 players on their Official Championship Roster to retain their Gold classification.
5. There will be NO appeals or exceptions to this policy.

### "A" Travel Team USA/ASA Berth Distribution Policy

1. Up to 4 berths to the USA/ASA National Championship Finals will be offered to teams participating in the Central California ASA Association Championships.
2. Berths will be offered in order of finish from 1<sup>st</sup> place through 5<sup>th</sup> place.
3. Berths will only be offered to teams finishing in the top 5 positions of the Association Championships.
4. If necessary, the 5<sup>th</sup> place tie will be broken in accordance with ASA code.
5. Additional berths or berths not being accepted by one of the top 5 finishers, up to a maximum of 2, will be offered in other tournaments as follows:
  - a. One berth will be awarded to the highest finishing team at their respective Region 14 National Qualifier as long as they have at least one win in the tournament. Should Central California ASA teams finish in a tie we will apply the following tie breakers in order until the tie is broken:

- Head to head record in the National Qualifier AND the Association Championships combined
  - Team advancing furthest in the winners' bracket of the National Qualifier
  - Team advancing furthest in the winners' bracket of the Association Championships
  - Highest finisher at the Association Championships
  - Overall record in the National Qualifier AND the Association Championships combined
  - Coin flip
- b. One berth will be awarded to the highest finishing team at their respective Regional Championship as long as they have at least one win in the tournament. Should Central California ASA teams finish in a tie, we will apply the following tie breakers in order until the tie is broken:
- Head to head record in the National Qualifier AND the Association Championships combined
  - Team advancing furthest in the winners' bracket of the National Qualifier
  - Team advancing furthest in the winners' bracket of the Association Championships
  - Highest finisher at the Association Championships
  - Overall record in the National Qualifier AND the Association Championships combined
  - Coin flip
6. Should only one berth be available, it will be awarded at the Regional Championships.