



TO: ASA ♦ USA-MSF Junior Olympic Fastpitch and Slowpitch Teams

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RE: 2009 ASA ♦ USA-MSF Cost/Benefit Analysis of Team Insurance versus Individual Registration/Insurance

We hope this note finds your off-season going well! Attached is ASA ♦ USA-MSF comparison of team insurance versus individual player/coach registration which includes insurance.

By carefully comparing options you'll determine that individual player registration/insurance is less expensive and always less restrictive than the team insurance you may have purchased in the past. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND IF YOU'RE PURCHASING TEAM INSURANCE, THAT YOU OPT FOR INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION TO SAVE MONEY AND OBTAIN MORE COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE!**

Individual player/coach registration/insurance also provides several value added benefits which are delineated below.

Insurance Cost Comparison

ASA Team Insurance vs. ASA Individual Player/Coach Registration

(Based on single team rates and an average of 15 participants on a team)

(**Note:** Even if your teams qualify for the lower league group rate, individual registration is still cheaper and provides greater benefits considering the fact you do not pay an additional \$25.00 per team membership fee).

	\$0 Deductible				\$250 Deductible			
	10-12U	15 Players	13U-19U	15 Players	10-12U	15 Players	13U-19U	15 Players
Single Team	\$270.00	\$18.00	\$315.00	\$21.00	\$184.00	\$12.30	\$223.00	\$14.86
Individual	\$180.00	\$12.00	\$180.00	\$12.00	\$112.50	\$7.50	\$112.50	\$7.50

(Note: If you have an average of less than 15 participants on each team, your total fee for your individual registration would be even lower than shown)

Individual Membership Benefits

- ♦ \$2,000,000 liability insurance plus \$250,000 excess accidental medical insurance
- ♦ Paper ID cards for each player on the team are provided
- ♦ Insurance and ASA Team Registration included in the fee
- ♦ Coverage follows the individual throughout the calendar year for all ASA ♦ USA softball activities, even if the player changes to another ASA ♦ USA softball team
- ♦ Liability Coverage extends to the team as an insured entity if all team members register individually.
- ♦ Liability Coverage extends to the leagues as an insured entity, as well as to league officers, if all league members register individually
- ♦ Coverage includes fundraisers, clinics, practice, try-outs, etc
- ♦ Membership in the Olympic Organization, National Governing Body
- ♦ Copy of *Balls and Strikes* Magazine
- ♦ Each registered coach, manager, assistant coach and scorekeeper receives a rulebook and a scorebook
- ♦ Option to purchase photo ID cards for coach (1) for \$5.00 and for each player (2) for \$7.00. Shipping cost per team for all cards is \$1.50 First Class

Other Register ASA Benefits

- Printable ASA National Tournament/Qualifier Rosters
- Bracket Wizard for Tournament Directors

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Important Notes

- Because ASA ♦ USA is the National Governing Body for Softball and head and shoulders the largest Junior Olympic softball organization in the USA, its insurance costs are lower and coverage greater than other softball organizations. Please Compare!
- Teams from leagues that apply for the lower league team insurance rate will be checked to verify that at least four teams in their league did indeed purchase team insurance. **EVEN IF YOUR TEAMS QUALIFY FOR THE LOWER LEAGUE RATE, INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION IS STILL CHEAPER AND PROVIDES GREATER BENEFITS).**
- Teams that register players/coaches individually do not pay the ASA ♦ USA-MSF team membership fee, a \$20-25 savings.

Summary

Individual player registration/insurance costs less and provides greater benefits than team insurance.

Remember to inform your league director that you have registered your players individually because you then do not pay the \$25.00 per team ASA ♦ USA-MSF membership fee. (The \$25.00 fee is included in the individual player fee)

*** JO Individual Registration ***



Instructions for Registration with MN ASA

1. Go to www.registerasa.com and create an account. An email will be sent to you containing your password for future logins.
2. Go back to www.registerasa.com and login. Your left hand menu will be updated with new options.
3. Click on "Edit My Team Info" and complete any further information that is required. Click "Submit" on the bottom of page.
4. Go back to Main Menu and click on "Edit Players/Staff". Players must be entered by the name on their birth certificate. You will need to upload a head shot of the player on this site if you desire photo I.D.'s (RegisterASA will keep the picture for two years to reuse on future cards).
5. Once all players/coaches have been added click on "Player Registration" on menu and follow the on-screen instructions.
6. Once complete print invoice and mail invoice, amount due (\$7.50/individual for \$250 deductible or \$12/individual for \$0 deductible), **copy** of birth certificates and application(s) to:

Minnesota Sports Federation
JO Individual Registration
10701 93rd Ave N Suite D
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Once the MSF is informed of your registration, all materials will be shipped, including insurance certificates.

Should questions arise, please contact Anne or Tami at the MSF offices.

Thank you,

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JO State Commissioner

Tami
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Office Manager

P.S. Effective 2009 all players/coaches advancing to ASA Northern or National Championship play must have ASA individual or team insurance.

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MINNESOTA SPORTS FEDERATION
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❖ Frequently Asked Questions on Individual Membership ❖

1. When is coverage effective?

The master policy is effective January 1st to December 31st of each year. The registration and insurance are effective when your local ASA/USA Softball Commissioner receives the required information & payment. At that point, the insurance is effective back to January 1st and continues through December 31st. As long as you renew your membership each year, the insurance plan will be continuous with no gaps in coverage.

2. Does the insurance coverage follow a player who plays on another team or goes to play in a non-ASA sanctioned event?

A) Yes, the coverage follows the player who plays on a team that is registered with ASA/USA Softball for the current year.

B) Yes, the coverage follows the player if she/he goes on her/his own to play on an ASA/USA Softball registered team in an ASA/USA Sanctioned Tournament.

C) Yes, the coverage follows the players on an individually registered team if the team plays in a non-ASA sanctioned event.

D) No, the coverage does not apply if the player plays on a team that is not registered with the ASA.

E) No, the coverage does not apply if the player goes on her/his own to play in a non-ASA sanctioned event.

3. Why do players need insurance if they have coverage through their parent(s) health plan or other insurance?

ASA/USA Softball has made a commitment to provide accident and liability insurance to all of its participants in the JO programs, as so many other youth sports organizations do. One reason for doing so is that the coaches or managers of the team and leagues cannot know who in their organization has other insurance and who does not. And even if they could, the situations in each family could change during the year, making it impractical to track.

4. What proof of ASA registration and insurance is provided?

Each person receives a registration/ID card with their name and proof of insurance on it.

5. What do we do if a player quits the league after we have submitted the information and payment to ASA/USA Softball?

Once submitted, the registration and insurance continue for the remainder of the year and may not be canceled. That person would be covered for any ASA/USA Softball activities during the year.

6. How do I obtain Certificates of Insurance so my team/league can use softball facilities?

Requests for Certificates of Insurance naming field owners as Additional Insured should be directed to your Commissioner. In most cases, Commissioners have the authority to issue certificates from Bollinger's website.

7. Why is Individual Registration better than Team Insurance?

A) It is less expensive

B) There is only one age group

C) Coverage follows the player when he/she plays on another ASA registered team in an ASA sanctioned tournament. Whereas the team coverage, players must play on a team that has ASA insurance in order to be covered.

8. When do I start sending in the information and payment?

As players, coaches, managers and scorekeepers sign-up with your league/teams, you will send in their information and payment to your Commissioner. This will be an ongoing process throughout the year as you add players and/or coaching staff.

9. I have a large league with many players. What is the easiest way to get the ASA/USA Softball Commissioner the required information?

There are four ways for you to supply the information:

- A) Your local ASA/USA Softball Commissioner can supply you with a desktop software product at no charge.
- B) Ask your ASA/USA Softball Commissioner to grant you access to the ASA's On-Line Registration System (also free of charge).
- C) If you already have the information computerized, your ASA/USA Softball Commissioner can work with you provide the information via disk.
- D) Make a photocopy of your league sign-up form, and send it to your ASA/USA Softball Commissioner.

10. Are players covered while participating in tryouts?

Yes, players are covered prior to actual registration and payment. Be sure to individually register any participant that is injured during tryouts and include a copy of the individual registration form with the claim form in this instance.

11. A registered youth coach also plays on a ASA/USA Softball slow pitch adult team. Is the coach covered when playing?

No, the coverage is only in effect for his/her coaching activities with the youth team.

For more questions about the insurance plan or claims, please contact Bollinger's ASA Department at 1-800-526-1379