

NOR-CAL ASA MEMORANDUM

To: Nor-Cal "A" J O Championships Team Managers
From: Manuel Gomez, Nor-Cal Junior Olympic Commissioner / Tournament Director
Subject: 2012 Nor Cal J. O. "A" Association Championship Tournament
Date: January 2, 2012

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your team to the 2012 Nor-Cal "A" Junior Olympic Championship Tournaments being hosted this year in Sunnyvale, California. (Global Sports/Twin Creeks Complex) **We ask for only teams, which are serious in advancing onto the National Championships**, enter the Nor Cal Association Tournaments in their specific age classification.

All 10u, 12u & 14u teams must have played in one Approved Pre-Qualifier or are planning on playing in an Approved Pre-Qualifier prior to the tournament date. (16u & 18u are exempt from this requirement).

10 Under = Nor Cal ASA is partnering with Oakland ASA and Greater San Joaquin ASA to combine the 10 under age group in one location to give the age group a more competitive tournament. Games will be played at Robertson Park in Livermore. Entry forms are to be submitted to Tournament Director Dan Meewis at the Livermore Area Park and Recreation District, 3200 Robertson Park Rd, Livermore 94550-5053. Dan can be contact at 925 373-5731 or dmeewis@lapd.dst.ca.us

The tournament dates are Friday June 15th through Sunday June 17th. The number of entries in 12U, 14U & 16U age classifications will determine the starting time for Tournament play on Friday. This decision will be made after the May 30th, deadline. With consideration of High School Graduations on Friday, we will begin the 18U games on Saturday, June 16th. The time for the Mandatory Managers meeting will be on Friday June 15th to be announced in the confirmation packet.

First games could begin as early as 1:00 P.M. on Friday

Nor Cal ASA has made arrangements with Santa Clara Marriott Hotel to be our **HOST HOTEL**. Marriott's is making available 100 rooms at a group rate of \$109 Double per night + hotel tax.

Room rate includes a complimentary Grab N Go Pastry Breakfast and FREE parking

These rooms are available June 15th through 17th Deadline to register is Wednesday, May 30, 2012. To make your reservations please call 800/228-9290 or 408-988-1500. **Please ask for the NOR CAL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP** group rate when making reservations. Links:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sjcga?groupCode=ncancaa&app=resvlink&fromDate=6/15/12&toDate=6/17/12>

It is MANDATORY that All Travel Team Manager/Coaches (**any adult in the dugout**) have completed their ACE Coaching Certification with Background Check and submit along with the tournament entry form and tournament fee a copy of their ACE Certification Card, which would have been issued through the ASA National Office.

Coaches must wear lanyards with ACE Card (visible) during this tournament.

It is MANDATORY that each player has a Photo Identification Card for Championship Play (Hall of Fame Qualifier, National Qualifier, Nor Cal Championships). Photo I.D. Cards, which are acceptable: DMV License or Identification Card, Photo Passports within two (2) years or the Photo ID Card through RegisterASA. You can purchase colored credit card like photo identification cards through www.registerasa.com The fee is \$7.00 for two cards. If you purchased an I.D. Card last year through registerasa.com and the player is playing in the same age classification, you can use the same card for AGE Identification only. **(Example: Susie was 9yrs old in 2011 and played on a 10U team. Susie is 10yrs old in 2012 and again playing on a 10u team. Her 2011 ID card is still good for Identification purposes only. You would still need to register her individually as an ASA Member for the 2012 Season).**

All teams that advance to the next level of play will do so at their own expense. Berth breakdown:

Number of Berths to ASA/USA National Championship: 4 in each age group

Number of Berths to Pacific Coach Region 14 Regional: 10u – 4; 12u – 5; 14u – 6; 16u – 6; & 18u – 5

Everyone else can advance to the ASA “A” Western National Championships. Any team that forfeits a game during the tournament will not be eligible to advance in Championship Play, AKA: Regionals, Nationals or Western Nationals.

The Entry Form and Fact Sheet are available on the Nor-Cal website @ www.norcalasa.org. This information will be very useful to you, as your team gets ready for the tournament. The entry fee is **\$450.00** and the deadline to submit your fees is Wednesday, May 30, 2012. **If sending by overnight mail please send to: Sandy Scott 7654 Pineridge Lane, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.** You can reach Office Manager Sandy Scott by email at sscott@norcalasa.org or by phone at 916-962-1631 and fax at 916-962-1634. To help expedite your time at registration check-in you can submit the required paperwork along with your entry form.

NOTE: Please inform your parents that Nor Cal ASA has approved to have a professional photographer at the tournament on the field.

If you have any questions regarding the tournament, please contact Junior Olympic Commissioner/Tournament Director Manuel Gomez (831) 869-8521 or by email at mgomez@norcalasa.org