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Welcome to Ohio District #22

2026 Coaches Rule Books

Rule books for teams will be digital in 2026. The team sanction card will be sent online at ohsoftball.com You will print your own card after registering your team.

2026 Rule Books and Umpire Books

The rule books and umpire manual will be digital for 2026. The pdf files are located on the Umpire tab. Click this **link** to view rule book from Team USA Softball website.

2026 Administrator Contact - Warren Jones

Please contact Warren Jones at 419-651-3335 or wjonesjr3@frontier.com for any questions on website issues, team insurance, tournaments, SafeSports, background check and roster changes.

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2026 USA Softball Tournament List (Fast & Slow)

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION
JUNE		
5-7	Laser Nation	Berliner
12-14	North Ridgeville (Sheer Madness)	North Ridgeville
JULY		
10-12	Stingrays	OSU, Hilliard, Pickerington
17-19	North Ridgeville (Moneyball)	Pickerington
August		

31- Sept 5	Gay World Series	(Slow Pitch)	Berliner

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All Umpire forms are located on the bottom of the page on the UMPIRE tab.

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2026 COSUA Meetings

Meetings

Mechanics with HUB/OHSAA

When: 2-15-26 Saturday 9:00 - 11:30 Where: Olentangy Orange

3584 Home Rd
Powell, OH

When: X-XX-XX Sunday 1:00 - 2:30 Where:

VFW - Whitehall
4100 E Main St
Whitehall, OH

Umpire Manual

The Umpire Manual will not be printed starting in 2018. The USA Softball National Office will publish the manual in pdf form and is available on their website. This allows them to make needed enhancements to the umpire manual easily and at any time. It also allows updates to any errors on an ongoing basis and highlight things that they may see being done incorrectly during the year. If wanting a printed version, you will need to download the file and print a copy. A link to the manual is located at the bottom of this page.

Umpire Links

COSUA Website cosua.us
ASA Website usasoftball.com
Ohio ASA Website usasoftballohio.org
Hub Website hubsoftball.org

OHSAA Umpire Class

Sponsored by Ohio High School Athletic Association, HUB and USA Softball, this is an opportunity to obtain your OHSAA and USA Softball officiating permit for the 2026 season. Class sessions are online from OHSAA. The mechanic clinic dates are to be determined (TBD). Contact Mike Burwell at 614-374-8735 or wmtc2001@yahoo.com.

COSUA Dues (Local)

The local dues will not be collected for 2026. Each umpire will do their own registration, background check and SafeSports. See below for umpire application.

Sanction Dues ,Background Check and SafeSports

All umpires are **required** to be sanctioned, complete a background check and take SafeSports course for 2026.

NEW FOR 2026 - All items will be done on website at ohsoftball.com

Payments made by credit card for sanctioning and background check. SafeSports course is free. Since using a new website, you will have to create a new account and password.

1) Each umpire must create an account. Select **Register** button (located on top of ribbon).
   - This is a one-time procedure to create your dashboard going forward.
   - Follow the prompts for sign-up process and create a password.
   - The website will send email to your email address for verification.
   - Click on the link in the email to compete the registration.
   - Remember your password for future years.

2) After completing registration, log back in and click on **Dashboard**
3) Select **My Family** tab
4) Select the **Officials** tab to pay for sanction fees.
5) Select **Compliance** to access Background and SafeSports links.
   - Click on Background and follow the process
   - Click on SafeSports and follow the process
     - You will need your previous year password or create a new one
     - Attach your SafeSports certificate after completing the course.
   - Click on Concussion and attach your certificate.

6) Once all is entered, Compliance will show check marks for each category and will update to green color when completed. The background check will take a few days to complete.
7) Once the background has cleared and all is completed, print your umpire sanction card under the **Umpire** tab. **NO CARDS WILL BE MAILED. THIS IS YOUR NEW CARD.**

All umpires will need the following four items for 2026:

1. USA Softball Sanction Umpire Card
2. Ohio Concussion Certificate
3. USA Softball Background Check Card
4. SafeSport Certificate

Keep these with you at all times. Take them with you to the diamonds. You must be able to show them when asked by tournament or league directors and UICs.

Concussion Certificate

All USA Softball contest officials officiating youth sports (students younger than 19) must complete either the NFHS or the CDC concussion course listed below OR possess the Pupil Activity Program Permit (PAPP). Beginning **April 26, 2013** officials must be prepared to show either their PAPP or a certificate of completion for one of the online courses to a school official or assignor when requested. ASA advises that officials carry evidence of completion of one of these training options at all times while officiating during the sports season. Complete concussion course offered by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). The certificate is good for three years.

http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000

USA Softball 2026 National Umpire School

Ohio will be hosting National School on March 6-8 in Canton. Click on link for dates
National Umpire Schools (teamusa.org)

Umpire Forms

2026 National Umpire School registration form

2026 How To Guide for SafeSport Account

2026 Rule Book

2026 Umpire Manual

2026 Umpire Exam

2026 Umpire Exam Blank Answer Sheet

2026 Rule Changes

2026 Unapproved Bat List

2025 USA Softball, NFHS, NCAA Rule Differences

2023 USA Fastpitch - Slowpitch differences

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USA Softball

USA Softball, formerly the Amateur Softball Association (ASA)/USA Softball, a volunteer driven, not-for-profit organization based in Oklahoma City, OK, was founded in 1933 and has evolved into the strongest softball organization in the country. The growth and development of the association led the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) to name ASA the National Governing Body of Softball, pursuant to the Amateur Sports Act of 1978. In 2015, ASA/USA Softball announced a re-brand of the organization to USA Softball, which would be effective September 1, 2016. USA Softball has many important responsibilities as the National Governing Body of softball in the United States, including regulating competition to insure fairness and equal opportunity to the millions of player who annually play the sport.

When the ASA entered the softball picture in 1933, the sport was in a state of confusion with no unified set of playing rules and no national governing body to provide guidance and stability. The ASA changed all that by adopting softball's first universally accepted rules of

play and by organizing consistent and fair competition across the nation. From this beginning, ASA Softball, now USA Softball, has become one of the nation's largest and fastest growing sports organizations and now sanctions competition in every state through a network of 70 local associations. USA Softball has grown from a few hundred teams in the early days to over 160,000 teams today, representing a membership of more than four million.

There are many ways you can get involved with USA Softball whether it be through hosting an event as the National team tours the country each summer, donating to one of the many funds dedicated to supporting the athletes of USA Softball or by joining our tradition of excellence as a sponsor or business partner. Be sure to check out all the ways you can be a part of USA Softball and see which one is best for you!

Vision: USA Softball will be the standard of excellence in softball

Mission: USA Softball is the National Governing Body of softball in the United States. We develop, administer and promote the sport of softball to provide opportunities for participation and the best possible experience for those involved.

Values:

- Teamwork
- Fair Play
- Common Good
- Promotion and Education
- Sportsmanship and Civility

Goals:

- Ensure our future success as the leader in softball by improving the leadership and governance of our organization.
- Continue and enhance our long standing focus on the player, the quality of the game, quality of service, and overall service.

- Be accountable to each other and our sport in our mutual efforts to be the international leader in the sport of softball.
- Focus on financial and organization effectiveness that enhances our service, products and image.
- Craft effective external and internal connections with our players, officials, parents affiliates and the public.
- Create an internationally recognized, world class venue that meets our needs, and supports our mission and vision.

Objectives:

As defined in Article 103 of the USA Softball Code, the objectives of the USA Softball shall be:

1. To promote amateur softball for all persons regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin or ancestry.
2. To establish uniform softball rules and regulations.
3. To provide it with proper safeguards in accordance with the spirit of true sportsmanship and establish principles for ethical behavior and matters relating to conflict of interest as provided by the ASA Council and Board of Directors.
4. To encourage the union of all eligible teams, organizations or groups into such separate associations with active membership in the USA Softball as may from time to time be deemed best adapted to advance the cause of amateur softball.
5. To establish and maintain by allied membership, alliances with non-profit associations or organizations devoted wholly or partially to the promotion and development of the game of softball on a state, regional or national level.
6. To promote and conduct annual amateur softball championships.
7. To educate and train in the proper skills of amateur softball play and rules of the game through promoting, organizing, and conducting clinics, seminars and training courses.

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OHSAA Fastpitch Softball Class

Sponsored by the OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, HUB of OHIO SOFTBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION and Ohio USA Softball.

This is an opportunity to obtain your OHSAA officiating permit and USA Softball registration. Registration is currently open.

Click this link for instructions to Become an Official.

If you have questions please contact **Mike Burwell 614-374-8735** or by email wmtc2001@yahoo.com

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