

# THE ROAD TO NATIONALS

## DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A BUMPY RIDE!



Everything you need to know to ensure that your team is well-prepared and eligible to advance to a USA NATIONAL or USA EASTERN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. This outline applies to USA/ASA of PA teams ONLY. Any questions, contact USA Softball of PA State JO Commissioner, Chris Glenn ~ 570-447-7667 ~ [hotwired09@gmail.com](mailto:hotwired09@gmail.com).

Please take time to review additional information provided on the JO/Youth pages of the USA of PA website - [www.usasoftballofpennsylvania.com](http://www.usasoftballofpennsylvania.com)

### CHECKLIST: (Details Follow)

- ✓ 1. Register team through **PASOFTBALL.COM** either individually or as a JO Independent Travel Team.
- ✓ 2. Complete all necessary background clearances (PA and USA Softball mandated)
- ✓ 3. Print USA Softball Official Championship roster or roster from PASoftball.com and obtain signatures. Player 18 & Over may sign for themselves.
- ✓ 4. Participate in USA of PA State Tournament or a National Qualifier Tournament.
- ✓ 5. Contact USA Softball of PA JO State Commissioner so they may complete the Official Tournament Entry Form.
- ✓ 6. Once qualified go to said tournament registration site and register your team for the tournament.
- ✓ 7. Notify State JO Commissioner so they may complete necessary paperwork and forward to tournament director.

**BEFORE YOU HIT THE DIRT – Individual register your team with USA of PA or utilize the JO Independent Trave Team registration found on our website under the Forms tab.**

[Go to PASoftball.com](http://PASoftball.com)

- \*Individual register and insure all players on your team OR register as a JO Independent Travel Team and provide your own team insurance.
- \*Create a Player Page for each player in the order listed on the team roster that includes a picture, player's signature and a copy of their birth certificate. This will be utilized at team check-in.
- \*All adults on the field or in the dugout must have a "cleared" USA Softball background clearance and a current course in Safe Sport (which is mandated by federal law) in the current season.

### **Print OFFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER** (once registration is paid and approved)

Primary team contact must complete the Manager's Affidavit section.

Obtain signatures for each player – MUST BE PARENT'S signature for players under 18.

Obtain your District and/or State JO Commissioner's signature on Championship roster.

If teams are registered individually at [pasoftball.com](http://pasoftball.com), the roster created by [pasoftball.com](http://pasoftball.com) is the roster you will utilize as your Championship roster. Not individually registered you must complete the Championship Roster found on our website under the forms section.

**\*\*PA Teams advancing to an USA Softball National Championship must be in good standing with USA Softball of PA including, but not limited to, satisfying all financial obligations related to their USA Softball of PA membership.**

**\*\*All National Tournament Entry documents must be processed and submitted to the appropriate Tournament Director by USA Softball of PA State JO Commissioner within 5 days of tournament entry deadline. Teams **DO NOT** forward the tournament entry forms to the tournament director.**

**\*\*Any supplemental information, action or certification required by the National Tournament director or staff is the sole responsibility of the advancing team.**

**\*\*Travel expenses are the sole responsibility of the advancing team.**

### **QUALIFYING FOR A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT:**

Class "A" or Class "B" Teams to Eastern Nationals:

1. Participate in the USA of PA State Tournament
2. Qualify thru an Eastern National qualifier.

Class "A" ONE TRUE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT:

This tournament is giving one berth in each age group to each association in USA Softball.

Pennsylvania will invite one team in each age bracket to participate in this tournament and approve them to attend. This will be done by either a committee or the State JO Commissioner.

### **AFTER QUALIFYING:**

- Notify State JO Commissioner via email within 7 days of tournament completion.
- Register for National/Eastern National Championship tournament through the tournament registration site
- **MAIL/E-Mail** the following to the State JO Commissioner within 7 days of accepting your berth or at least 2 weeks prior to national tournament deadline (whichever comes first):
  - ✓ Original Championship Roster – if team participated in state tournament the Official Championship Roster should have been collected at check-in and forwarded to State JO Commissioner.
  - ✓ Pick Up Player forms (if applicable) – See Pickup Player Rules & Forms under "FORMS" tab on USA of PA website.
  - ✓ Copy of tournament entry fee invoice after entry fee has been paid to the tournament director.
  - ✓ State JO Commissioner will create, approve and forward all required documents to the tournament director and a copy of such documents will be forwarded to the team manager so he receives the same documents as the tournament director.

**Any questions concerning national tournament entries should be directed to the State JO Commissioner, Chris Glenn at 570-447-7687 or email to: [hotwired09@gmail.com](mailto:hotwired09@gmail.com).**

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