

From: CLEVELAND "BROWNIE" BROWN Dept. J.O. Commissioner

Re: New Local Tournament Sanctioning Procedures

Beginning October 1, 2007, a new local tournament sanctioning policy will be in effect.

All Local Tournament Sanction forms must be completed and submitted with a check or money order for \$25 per tournament to the Maine ASA Deputy J.O. Commissioner by APRIL 30 2009 All Sanction forms submitted after this date are subject to a \$25 per tournament late fee.

Local Tournament Sanction forms will be submitted by the Maine JOASA Commissioner to the appropriate local area ASA Commissioner for approval. The local area commissioner has until MAY 1,2009 to review and approve said tournaments. Approvals will be made based on the availability of ASA umpires in the area along with a review of other ASA events taking place in that area and adjacent areas. Please note that cashing of a check does not constitute approval of the tournament. If a tournament is not approved, a full refund will be issued.

Once the tournament has been approved by the local ASA commissioner, a sanction certificate will be e-mailed to the tournament director. This certificate **MUST** be displayed at all times during the tournament. The tournament will also be listed on the Maine A.S.A. website under local tournaments. Tournaments are encouraged to send a flyer that will be attached to this website, so teams can download it to register.

PLEASE NOTE:

Preference will be given to those teams, leagues, or organizations that agree to host a MAINE ASA Championship event (National Qualifier, States, or Regionals)

Open tournaments **CANNOT** be held on the same weekend as 'A' State Championships or the 'A' Regionals. They may be held on 'B' State or 'B' Regional weekend so long as the local ASA area or adjacent area is not hosting a 'B' Championship event. The local ASA Commissioner or Maine ASA Commissioner may supercede this.

'B' tournaments **CANNOT** be held on the same weekend as the 'B' State Championships or the 'B' Regionals. They may be held on 'A' State or 'A' Regional weekend so long as the local ASA area or adjacent area is not hosting an 'A' Championship event. The local ASA Commissioner or Maine ASA Commissioner may supercede this.

Tournaments that have been approved to hold a local ASA tournament during the same weekend as an ASA Championship event MUST refund a team's entry fee in full if they give a two weeks notice to the tournament director that they are dropping out in order to play in the ASA Championship event. Teams must furnish the tournament director proof of entry and final standings from the ASA Championship event prior to receiving a refund.

In order to receive sanctioning by the Maine ASA, the tournament agrees to the following: (ASA Code Article 522C)

Only ASA-registered teams are eligible to participate. A list of currently registered teams is available on the maineasa.org website under registrations. League teams MUST also be registered as travel teams in order to participate in local ASA sanctioned tournaments. This is in order for your insurance as well as the umpire's insurance to be in effect for your tournament.

All entry forms and websites MUST display 'Sanctioned by the MAINE ASA Logo

Teams must complete ASA rosters and have them available to the tournament director at all times. This MUST be listed on all entry forms and e-mails to the teams.

All teams from outside the Maine ASA area must obtain a travel permit and present it to the tournament director prior to their first game of the tournament.

ASA registered umpires MUST be used. Tournaments must contact the local ASA Commissioner a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of the tournament in order to schedule umpires. The Maine ASA has a list of the local ASA Commissioner for your area. Two umpires are recommended for 14A, 16A, & 18U events.

Tournaments must have a website that list teams entered into this event. Once the tournament has been completed, the tournament must submit to the Maine ASA the final results of the event. This will be posted on the Maine ASA website.