

Council Members,

This past November you passed the National Adult Fast Pitch Pitchers Classification Board. This Board has been working to come up with the first Classification list for the Adult men's program. You can find the list at the following location on the ASA web

<http://downloads.asasoftball.com/adult/pdf/MensASAFPitchersClassificationList.pdf> . This list will be updated as appeals are approved by the committee.

Any pitcher not on this list would be allowed to pitch at any level.

Below is the a copy of the code that was passed. Please make sure to get this out to your teams so that they know the appeal process laid out in 04.

F. National Adult Fast Pitch Pitchers Classification Board.

01. Responsibilities. The National Pitcher Classification Board will oversee all aspects of the adult fast pitch pitcher classification. The Board will create procedures regarding classification.

a. The Board will consist of five people, one representative from each territory plus one at-large member, as shown:

- Eastern Territory
 - Northern Territory
 - Southern Territory
 - Western Territory
 - At large member to be assigned by ASA President.

NOTE: If a territory cannot elect a representative, then the president will fill the vacancy by appointment.

b. Each territory representative shall name a territorial subcommittee comprised of no less than five and no more than 9 people from their territory. Local association representatives will be assigned in conjunction with the Association Commissioner.

02. Duties.

- a. Each territory shall create and maintain a fast pitch pitcher classification.
- b. This board is to uphold the national pitchers list and classification strategy.
- c. This board in concert with the National ASA Office staff will oversee and maintain a national pitchers classification list.
- d. This board in concert with the National ASA National Office staff will communicate with the tournament directors of ASA National Championships to ensure all pitchers participating in ASA Fast Pitch events are within the established procedures.
- e. This board will also seek out further information by contacting local commissioners, player representatives, district commissioners, league directors, and tournament directors to acquire the best and most recent information on fast pitch pitchers.

03. Rules.

- a. Male and Female pitchers that are classified Major Fast Pitch by the local association in which they reside must remain in that classification until changed by the same local association.
- b. Any Men's Class B or C Fast Pitch pitcher who earns First Team All Tournament, MVP or outstanding pitcher awards and whose team is reclassified pursuant to Article 507 (H) (02) or Article 507 (H) (03), must pitch at the higher classification their next ASA playing season.

c. In all adult Fast Pitch, no USA National Team Member may participate below the Class A Classification.

d. All Men's Fast Pitch players and or teams are eligible to participate in the Men's Major Fast Pitch National Championship and retain their eligibility for their original classification in Championship Play.

e. Men's Major Fast Pitch Players will be classified by a restricted fast pitch players list. The restricted fast pitch players list will be available on the ASA website and this list will be updated, modified and/or revised on a regular and continuous basis, but will be finalized by July 1 each year for the current year's National Championship Finals. The players on this list are ineligible to participate in the Men's Class A, B, and C Fast Pitch classification. Any appeals regarding this list can be made through the ASA National Office to the Fast Pitch Classification Board.

04. Classification Appeal. Pitchers classified in accordance with this article have the right to appeal their classification after participating at the higher classification. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the team's local commissioner and should include game results and reason for appeal. The local commissioner shall evaluate the information presented and forward the appeal with their recommendation to the National Adult Fast Pitch Pitcher's Board. The National Adult Fast Pitch Pitchers Board shall review the information presented and make a determination on the appeal.

Sincerely,

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