

2009 IFA GUIDELINES

- **Arkansas, Mexico, New Mexico and Oklahoma** has been assigned to the Area 7 **IFA** organization. **The Area 7 Director is Harry Hosey.**
- **IFA** Area 7 reserves the right to refuse or revoke membership to any party that does not meet the ethical conduct code or poses a risk to any participant in the organization. Coaches that are ejected from three separate **IFA** tournaments in one year will be suspended for the rest of the year.
- **All participants may not have exceeded their 18th birthday as of January 1, 2009.**
- All tournaments are qualifiers and will be classified as “**open**” or “**closed**”. Any **IFA** registered team whether qualified or not qualified can play in the “**open**” tournament. Only **IFA** registered teams that have not qualified can play in the “**closed**” tournaments. In a “**open**” tournament the highest finishing non-qualified team will receive the berth.
- All teams are responsible for having an **up-to-date roster, insurance card and team registration card** in their possession when attending **IFA** tournaments. All rosters are subject to review by the tournament director if challenged or questioned.
- It is the coach’s responsibility to update any roster changes to the **IFA** Area 7 Office before a player may become eligible. Send roster changes to:

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Area 7 Website: www.ifaoklahoma.com
National **IFA** Website: www.ifasoftball.com

- There are no pickup players for IFA Qualifiers. Players may only play for one team at a time.**
- Players are allowed one move by July 1st. Players on teams that disband or do not proceed or intend to proceed in **IFA** Championship play may be added to another team roster. This will not count as a move.
 - After May 15th, 2009 players on teams that are qualified for Nationals and have followed the proper procedures may not move or play in another Qualifier with another team unless unusual hardship dictates such a move. This move must be approved by the Area 7 **IFA** Executive Board.
 - Any team that wins an “A” Qualifier will be considered an “A” team and will not be allowed to participate in a “B” National except in very unusual circumstances. “B” teams may be considered for an at-large berth to the “A” Nationals.
 - Qualified Teams that change their roster by more than five (5) players **must** re-qualify.
 - All teams **must** have some form of team insurance. It **does not have** to be ours!

- **IFA** strongly recommends that players play within their own age group. However, if the coaches and parents request their daughters to play up in age, **IFA** has no rules or limits that would prohibit this. Please use good judgment.
- **IFA** does not recognize territorial boundaries for its participants; however, **IFA** strongly recommends that teams stay as geographically intact as possible.
- **IFA** rules specifically prohibit teams from recruiting players while these players are on another **IFA** roster. **IFA** considers the season to be officially over after the **Independent Fastpitch Associations** Championships in July/August.
- The Tournament Director reserves the right to change fields, adjust time limits and administer the tournament so as to accomplish the sole purpose of “Qualifying Teams” to their respective **IFA** National Tournaments.
- **FACEMASKS and CHIN STRAPS are MANDATORY** for all age divisions for the 2009 playing season.
- 18U Teams will pitch from **43 Feet** in both “A” and “B”.
- State Tournaments are open to all **IFA** registered teams. You do not have to qualify.
- In order to attend a 2009 **IFA** National or NIT a team must compete in **two** qualifiers.
- All “**B**” teams must be **confirmed** by their league or association director that they are in fact a “**true**” **B** team before they can compete in any designated “B” National, NIT, or State Tournament event.
- All tournaments will award bids based on the following criteria.

3-8 teams participating	1 bid
9-16 teams participating	2 bids
17-24 teams participating	3 bids
25+ teams participating	4 bids

*******IFA 10U Nationals will have an “A” division played like 12U except for pitching distance. “B” division will have restricted base running.**

Teams or players playing REC or “C” ball may not play for an “A” or “B” team or “A” and “B” tournaments after May 1st.

PROBLEMS????????????????

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