

## ***Alaska ASA Mandatory Player Classification (Restricted Player List)***

### **History:**

The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Men's softball program at the upper level has seen a decline in team participation, tournament participation, and a lack of parity. In order to help combat this for all league and tournament play in Alaska, the ASA State Leadership has determined it is in the best interest of the upper leagues to put a system in place to help. Therefore, for the 2013 season and beyond, a Restricted Player List has been created. The National Code does not define a Restricted Player; however it utilizes their National list to keep play equitable and competitive. Men's Open, Men's A and Men's B will be combined to create a Men's Comp Division. Within this Division, teams will be allowed a limited number of Restricted Players. The breakdown is as follows:

### **Rating System:**

- Men's Comp: May have no more than four (4) Player's from the ASA Alaska Restricted Players List.
- Men's C rosters may contain one (1) restricted player. No more than three (3) players from a Men's Open, A or B team roster from the previous season may play down to the next lower level of play.
- There are no Restricted Players allowed in Men's D or below.
- Coed Comp may have two (2) players from the Restricted Player List.
- Coed C may have no players from the Restricted Player List and only one (1) player from Men's Comp.
- Coed D & E may have no players from the Restricted Player List or Men's Comp League.

### **Tournament Play:**

No team may exceed the maximum limit of Restricted Players for league or tournament play. If a team has four (4) Restricted Players on their league roster, they are not allowed to add any Restricted pick-up players for tournaments or league games. They may pick-up players from past "A" or "B" teams that are not on the restricted list. If a rostered Restricted Player is not available for a tournament or league game, a team is NOT allowed to pick up another Restricted Player to take their place. A team that does not have the maximum of four (4) Restricted Players on their roster may pick up one or more Restricted Players to get to the maximum allowable number of four (4).

### **Appeal Process:**

Starting January 1st each year, ASA Alaska will start a player appeal process where each player can submit an appeal to have their player rating dropped. This process will end April 15th and at that time appeals will not be accepted until January. Alaska ASA has drafted these guidelines based on the ASA Code, National recommendations from ASA Leadership, and an internal Alaska ASA Committee. In addition, Alaska ASA has met with local jurisdictions and coaches to seek opinions to make the upper Men's leagues the best they can be. This player rating system should create a fair and level playing field for all teams at both the local and state level.