



Benefits of Iowa ASA Individual Registration in 2016

The Iowa Amateur Softball Association, is a not for profit organization affiliated with ASA Softball as one of 73 local associations. Iowa ASA has offered softball membership services since 1936 and has offered amateur youth softball for over 40 years. As the National Governing Body for Softball in the United States we strive to develop, administer and promote the sport of softball to provide opportunities for participation and the best possible experience for those involved through Teamwork, Fair Play, Common Good, Promotion and Education. Iowa ASA offers an all inclusive registration that includes the player registration and insurance for the entire year for anything softball related (camps, clinics, practices, league play, tournament play etc.) No other organization offers an individual policy at one low rate that follows the player or coach no matter what age group they play in or where they play. Many other organizations sell team insurance which is only good for one team that plays together and is over \$140 for insurance alone! The ASA individual membership follows the player no matter what team they play on throughout the spring, summer or fall and provides coverage in any association they play with, including high school and any non-ASA Sanctioned events (Jan. 1st - Dec. 31, 2016) and also covers youth boy's baseball players. Insurance coverage includes \$5,000,000 in liability insurance on a primary basis and \$250,000 accident insurance on a secondary basis. Each individual can choose a \$125 or \$250 accident insurance deductible.

- *The fee to register individually varies only on the deductible that you chose for the accident insurance. Here is the breakdown:*

| Membership | \$250 Deductible | \$125 Deductible |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Player | \$13.00/yr. | \$24.00/yr. |
| Coach | \$17.00/yr. | \$28.00/yr. |

This fee includes Registration and Insurance (Accident, Medical and Dental) for players and for each coach, Registration, Insurance, ASA Rule Book, Scorebook and many other benefits!

Benefits of Membership Include:

- The best insurance policy in the youth sports market in Markel Insurance Co. through Bollinger Insurance. \$5 million liability coverage and \$250,000 Accident coverage per occurrence. Most other policies are only offered at \$2 million and \$100,000 per occurrence. ASA offers the only policy that insures the individual player no matter where they play ball!
- Officers of league softball boards whose teams are 100% ASA registered are automatically covered at no cost as Additionally Insured's as individuals in their capacity as officers of the league with \$5 million per occurrence limit of Liability. This applies to their league softball boards and invitational tournament committees the local association may host.
- Opportunity for training and coaching certification through the ASA National Online Coaching Certification Program; ACE (Achieve, Certify, Educate) if they so choose. This is an excellent program to make sure your league coaches are certified and receive training and also includes a background check.
- Optional Background check available for league coaches for just \$9/coach.
- Training of your local league umpires by state staff members with local rules and training clinics.
- As the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, the top equipment testing and certification and playing rules properly suited for players of the various age groups.
- Support of Full-Time State and National Staff to assist in membership services, insurance claims, rule interpretations and assistance in ruling on league and tournament enforcement of proper sporting behavior.
- Tournament opportunities for each classification of play in invitational, state, regional and national levels.
- Structured and enforced classification system allowing for fair competitions among local leagues and travel teams
- Collegiate scholarship opportunities for local players (over 80% of all collegiate softball players played in ASA league and tournament programs)
- Opportunity for your local group to run your own sanctioned tournaments through your community with no additional fees, using your own tournament rules and format, with the assistance of Iowa ASA promoting your tournament and providing certified, insured and trained tournament umpires.

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- What is the cost for team registration? We encourage all teams to register using the individual registration method, but a team may choose to register using the team registration method. The cost to register a team is \$27 plus a \$7.00 shipping/handling fee and does not include insurance. If the team needs to purchase team insurance, the cost for the insurance is as follows:

League Insurance (all teams in league purchasing insurance - 4 or more teams to constitute a league)

| <u>Age Group</u> | <u>\$250 Deductible</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 8, 10 and 12-Under | \$97 per team |
| 13-19 years | \$141 per team |

Single Team Insurance for individual teams (not all teams in league purchasing insurance) is as follows:

| <u>Age Group</u> | <u>\$250 Deductible</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 8, 10, and 12 -Under | \$184 per team |
| 13-19 years | \$223 per team |

- Teams that choose the team registration method will receive only one rulebook and one score book per team.
- Compare the cost to register a team individually versus registering the team and purchasing insurance separately. Here is just one example:

12-Under Team with 1 coach and 10 players (\$250 deductible)

Individual Registration Fee - 10 players @ \$13 = \$130, 1 coach @ \$17 = \$17.00, Shipping/Handling = \$7
 Total Fee = \$154.00 (Savings of \$63!)

Team Registration Fee = \$27 plus Shipping/Handling Fee = \$7 Insurance Fee = \$184 Total Fee = \$217

By registering your team using the individual registration method, you save \$74 and have more benefits and flexibility with individual registration!

- If your league is going to have all star teams made up of players from the league who will be participating in ASA sanctioned tournaments and ASA Championship Play tournaments, the team would be required to register as a separate team and purchase the insurance as a team. The individual registration and the insurance coverage with the individual registration goes with the player regardless of which ASA team the player is playing with during the course of the year.
- In the Individual or the Team Insurance Plan, one additional insured may be added to the team policy at no additional charge.

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