

## **SDASA Junior Olympic State Tournament Classification**

Statement of Purpose – We are breaking the State Tournament in to A, B and C divisions in an attempt to create more evenly matched competition for everyone. This should encourage more team participation in the State Tournament.

***The criteria below will be used as a guideline when determining classification of play.***

**Class A Teams** – are highly competitive travel teams that may be formed by tryouts/recruitment. They have more than one good pitcher or one that can dominate the game. They place high in their league or finish in the upper half of A tournaments that they enter. These teams would qualify for advancement to the USA/ASA “A” National Championships or to the Northern National ASA “A” National Championship in their age division.

**Class B Teams** – are good, above average teams, but do not dominate the opposition with their pitching. In most invitational tournaments, these teams may win 1 –2 games. They may have one or two pitchers, of which one is somewhat better than the other. These teams would qualify for advancement to the USA/ASA “B” National Championships or to the Northern National ASA “B” National Championship in their age division.

**Class C Teams** - are strictly recreational teams that compete only in league sponsored tournaments. Modified fastpitch teams would qualify for C Team classification. These teams do not advance past State Tournament play.

\*\*Pick up players for ANY classification of play must be picked up from the same classification division or below.

The SDASA State Board will have the final say as to what class your team will be placed in based on the level of play where your team will be competitive.

The SDASA State Board reserves the right to cancel or combine two or more classes of competition when an insufficient number of tournament entries exist to conduct a specific class of play.