

RULE 3.00 – INDIVIDUAL PLAYER & TEAM ELIGIBILITY

3.01 Age Based Divisions:

Note: Rules 3.01.A – 3.01.F.7 apply to Age Based Divisions ONLY.

3.01.A (Chart 3.01.A-1) Participation is based on age. A player who before May 1st of the current season reaches the listed restriction in the Birthday Restriction column shall not be eligible to participate in the listed Age Division column and is required to participate in the next older age division.

3.01.B A player shall be eligible to compete in the program as long as he abides by the USSSA Constitution and the Official Rules when his first name, last name (**no alias names, middle names, nick names, slang names, shortened names, initials, prefixes or suffixes allowed**) and date of birth (in proper format – mm/dd/yyyy) are listed **EXACTLY** as they appear on his original birth certificate, as a member on an eligible team's Official Online Roster.

Rule 3.01.B Comment: Circumstances involving adoption, legal name changes and / or similar require the player's legal name be listed on the Official Online Roster and the proper Certified Court Documentation to accompany the player's photocopied original birth certificate.

3.01.C All players participating in the program shall have photocopies of their original birth certificate in the possession of their team manager at all times. Upon protest, failure to have a photocopy of the original birth certificate **IMMEDIATELY** available upon demand shall result in the player being adjudged an illegal player.

3.01.D Player Eligibility:

3.01.D.1 Prior to (before) being frozen to an Official Online Roster;

3.01.D.1(a) Players shall be permitted to be rostered on multiple teams within the same age division as well as multiple teams in multiple age divisions.

3.01.D.1(b) Players shall only physically play for one (1) team per day, event, tournament, week or weekend, regardless of location, age division and / or classification.

3.01.D.2 Subsequent of (after) being frozen to an Official Online Roster;

3.01.D.2(a) Players shall be permitted to be rostered on only one (1) team per age division regardless of classification and shall only participate with such frozen team.

3.01.D.2(b) Players rostered in multiple age divisions shall not be rostered on a team below the classification of the oldest age division team which they are frozen to and shall only participate with such frozen team(s).

3.01.D.2(c) Players shall only physically play for one (1) team per day, event, tournament, week or weekend, regardless of location, age division and / or classification.

Rule 3.01.D Comment: The team manager shall be responsible for knowing the eligibility of the players rostered on the team's Official Online Roster pursuant to these rules including but not limited to what other possible team(s) Official Online Roster(s) player(s) may be rostered on in other age divisions and classifications.

3.01.E Team Eligibility:

3.01.E.1 (Chart 3.01.E-1) Teams shall be limited to rostering a maximum of a **THREE (3) Team Total** "Player Drop Down Rating" to their unfrozen and / or frozen Official Online Roster. Any team rostering more than a **THREE (3) Team Total** "Player Drop Down Rating" shall be reclassified to the next higher classification.

Rule 3.01.E.1 Comment: A **ONE (1) Player Drop Down Rating** is assessed to any player whom the previous season, regardless of age division, was at any time

frozen to an Official Online Roster with an End Year Class or End Year Reclass one (1) classification higher than his current season team. A **TWO (2) Player Drop Down Rating** is assessed to any player whom the previous season, regardless of age division, was at any time frozen to an Official Online Roster with an End Year Class or End Year Reclass two (2) classification higher than his current season team. Drop down players shall be prohibited from being rostered on any team regardless of age division that is classed more than two (2) classifications below their previous season End Year Class or End Year Reclass.

Rule 3.01.E.1 Example: A Double-A (AA) team may roster three (3) players that have a **ONE (1) Player Drop Down Rating** for a **THREE (3) Team Total**; or, a Double-A (AA) team may roster one (1) player that has a **TWO (2) Player Drop Down Rating** and one (1) player that has a **ONE (1) Player Drop Down Rating** for a **THREE (3) Team Total**.

3.01.E.2 Teams shall maintain an Official Online Roster with a minimum of nine (9) eligible players and a maximum of twenty-five (25) eligible players.

3.01.E.3 Players may be rostered to an Official Online Roster as late as twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled start of an entered event.

3.01.E.4 A teams "home" state shall be determined by the home residency of fifty-one percent (51%) or the majority (whichever is greater) of the players on the team's Official Online Roster.

3.01.E.5 The team manager shall be responsible for all aspects of eligibility of the players and the information of the players rostered on the team's Official Online Roster pursuant to these rules. This includes but is not limited to; age eligibility, classification eligibility (in the team's age division as well as other age divisions), classifications of previous teams the players may have been rostered on, spelling of legal names of the players, and correct dates of birth of the players.

3.01.E.6 The intentional or unintentional act(s) of rostering ineligible players to the team's Official Online Roster, the intentional or unintentional act(s) of incorrectly spelling a player's name on the team's Official Online Roster, the intentional or unintentional act(s) of incorrectly entering a player's date-of-birth on the team's Official Online Roster shall be grounds for team manager suspension and ineligibility of the player on **ANY** team in the program.

3.01.E.7 The State Office shall have the authority to approve or reject all players rostered on a team's Official Online Roster. Such authority is to include player additions and / or releases prior to and subsequent of being frozen except when a player addition or release has been approved by the USSSA Baseball National Committee. State Office approval of a team's Official Online Roster **SHALL NOT** release the team manager of his responsibilities pursuant to these rules.

DIVISION OF PLAY	BIRTHDAY RESTRICTION
4U	Fifth
5U	Sixth
6U	Seventh
7U	Eighth
8U	Ninth
9U	Tenth
10U	Eleventh
11U	Twelfth
12U	Thirteenth
13U	Fourteenth
14U	Fifteenth

Chart 3.01.A-1

PLAYER END YEAR CLASS OR RECLASS	TEAM CURRENT SEASON CLASS	PLAYER DROP DOWN RATING
Major	AAA	1
Major	AA	2
AAA	AA	1
AAA	A	2
AA	A	1

Chart 3.01.E-1