

Why Play ASA/USA Softball in Montana?

The ASA and Montana Softball Association realize the benefits of sports participation:

Fitness – Sports provide fun reasons to get off of the couch and get active.

Friendships – Teammates often become life-long best friends.

Wisdom – Many of life's most valuable lessons are learned.

Softball is a great activity. It gets adults and youth outside to play a game that they can play at all levels of competition. But more importantly you can make so many lifelong friendships and you cannot wait to make more. The fun you have with teammates is more important than wins and losses. Make it a friends and family experience. Build memories.

The Montana Softball Association realizes that players, parents and coaches have a unique opportunity to teach valuable sports lessons, including:

- Teamwork - Working together with fellow athletes to achieve a goal.
- Sportsmanship - Teammates, opponents, parents, coaches and officials treating one another with respect.
- Skills of Sport - Practicing to improve technique and skills.
- Playing Hard - Giving 100% during practices and on game day.
- Sacrifices - Committing to responsibilities and putting the team before the individual, even when tired or not in the mood.
- Being a good winner or loser and behaving appropriately.

As member of ASA/USA Softball the Montana Softball Association and your local leagues provide you with unique benefits and opportunities:

- ASA/USA Softball is the National Governing Body of the sport of Softball in the United States. It is the **ONLY** softball association recognized by the United States Olympic Committee.
- A Not-For-Profit 501 C3 Organization and is comprised of 74 Local Associations across the country of which Montana is one.
- Provides affordable recreation for men and women ages 8 to 80!
- Provides affordable insurance through Bollinger Insurance to its athletes, coaches, field owners and umpires.
- Provides the best Coaching Certification program called ACE (Achieve, Certify, Educate) where coaches of all levels gain expert training opportunities every year. ASA also provides background checks on ALL coaches who are involved in championship play.

- Offers softball at ALL LEVELS: Recreational, League, Tournament, National Championships, International.
- Known for having the most knowledgeable and trained umpires in the country.
- The BEST OF THE BEST in competition and crowns TRUE champions who have to qualify and earn berths to become National Champions.
- The leader in the industry to protect the integrity of the sport. Each year, the ASA's equipment testing and specifications committee examines the current rules and specification governing various items of equipment.