



Method for obtaining a berth to USA National Tournaments

Option 1: Top 3 teams from the Missouri State Championships.

Option 2: At-Large berths can be obtained by participation in at least 5 USA Softball events. Three (3) of those tournaments **must** be tournaments sanctioned by USA Softball Missouri, including the **Missouri** state championships. Remaining tournaments can be KC Metro, St. Louis Metro or out-of-state sanctioned USA Softball tournaments. All Missouri sanctioned tournaments can be found on www.tournamentusasoftball.com.
(Please remember Kansas City and St. Louis are not part of USA Softball Missouri)

Distribution of Berths:

Berths to Nationals may be awarded for the current year or the next year's National tournament. If a team opts for the following years' National, they must still play in at least 5 events within that year and meet the returning player requirements.

Intent to Advance:

Once a team has earned a berth to Nationals, they must notify the Missouri Junior Olympic Commissioner of their intent to advance. Teams cannot officially enter any National Tournament without the express consent from either the Missouri Junior Olympic Commissioner or the Missouri State Commissioner.

Rosters:

All teams must enter their roster online on the www.tournamentusasoftball.com website. After the team declares their intent to advance to Nationals, Official Championship rosters will be due within 7 days to the USA Softball Missouri office. The Official Championship roster can be found on the USA Softball Missouri website (www.usasoftballmissouri.net).

Official Entry:

Once a team has earned and accepted a berth to the USA Softball Nationals, the Missouri Junior Olympic Commissioner will complete the official tournament entry form and forward it to the national tournament director. Teams will be responsible for paying the national tournament entry fee on or before the tournament deadline date.

Reclassification:

If the team accepts a berth for the following season and has to move up in age division, the berth will follow the team provided they meet the returning player requirements.

Contact Information:

For additional information or to request a berth to USA Softball Nationals, contact:
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