



**Benefits of USA Softball of Iowa
2024-25 Individual Registration/Insurance**

The USA Softball of Iowa, is a Non-Profit organization affiliated with USA Softball as one of 67 local associations. USA Softball of Iowa has offered softball membership services since 1936 and has offered amateur youth softball for over nearly 50 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. USA Softball offers an all-inclusive registration that includes the player registration and insurance 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 several hundred dollars with no registration included! The USA Softball 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, including high school and any non-USA Sanctioned events from *Sept. 1st, 2024 – Aug. 31, 2025*. It also covers youth boys' 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 policy has a \$500 accident insurance deductible.

Membership & Insurance	\$500 Ded.
Player Insurance and Membership	\$20.75/yr.
Coach Insurance and Membership	\$24.75/yr.
Coach Background Check (Req.)	\$20/yr.

This fee includes Registration and Insurance (Accident, Medical and Dental) for players and coaches, Registration, Insurance, USA Softball Rule Book, Score Book 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. USA Softball offers the only policy that insures the individual player no matter where they play!
- Officers of league softball boards whose teams are 100% USA Softball registered are automatically covered at no cost as Additionally Insured 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 USA Softball National Online Coaching Certification Program; ACE (Aspire, Challenge, Encourage) if they so choose. This is an excellent program to make sure your league coaches are certified and receive training and includes a nation-wide background check.
- **Background Check** for league coaches for just \$20/coach.
- **SafeSport Training Certification** (*no additional cost*) – All Coaches **and Players** who are 18 years of age and older at the time of registration, who coach or play with Youth Softball Teams (JO – Junior Olympic) must complete the SafeSport Certification Training Program. The SafeSport Core Training course contains 3 modules: Sexual Misconduct Awareness, Mandatory Reporting, and Emotional & Physical Misconduct. Through education, resources, and training, the U.S. Center for SafeSport helps members of the sport community recognize, reduce, and respond to misconduct in sport. We take protecting our members both on and off the field seriously and are dedicated to building and maintaining a supportive and nurturing environment in which our participants may flourish and grow. We are the leaders in the sport of softball and as such our commitment to athlete safety is unmatched.
- 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
- 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 USA Softball of Iowa promoting your tournament and providing certified, insured and trained tournament umpires.

Questions? Please contact the USA Softball Office at 319-330-7030 or email Executive Director Tom Topping at ttopping@earthlink.net