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"Providing Iowa's Softball Services Since 1936"

**Dear USA Softball of Iowa Youth Softball Team Administrators and Coaches:**

Welcome and thank you for registering with USA Softball of Iowa for the 2026 season (Sept. 1, 2025-Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026)! We look forward to your team playing with USA Softball and hope your team will take advantage of the many membership benefits offered. **Enclosed are your Registration materials including your 2026 USA Softball Rule Book, Scorebook and your Team Registration Card.**

**Insurance (Accident, Medical, Dental, and Liability)** PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO INSURANCE WITH THIS TEAM REGISTRATION. IF YOUR LEAGUE, TOURNAMENT OR FACILITY YOU ARE USING REQUIRES INSURANCE, WE SUGGEST YOU REGISTER USING THE INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION METHOD, WHICH INCLUDES INSURANCE AND REGISTRATION FOR EACH PLAYER AND COACH. TEAMS MAY USE INSURANCE FROM ANOTHER SOFTBALL ORGANIZATION, AS LONG AS THAT ORGANIZATION'S POLICY NAMES USA SOFTBALL AND THE FACILITY THEY ARE PLAYING AT AS ADITIONALLY INSURED. For more information on Individual Registration and Insurance, please view our registration webpage at: [www.asasoftball.com/iowa/asareg.htm](http://www.asasoftball.com/iowa/asareg.htm)

**REQUIRED FOR ALL COACHES AND ANY ADULT IN THE DUGOUT OR ON THE FIELD OF PLAY - Coaches Background Checks/SafeSport Certification** - Each Coach 18 years of age or older is required to take the USA Softball Background Check and Coaches and PLAYERS 18 years of age and older must complete the SafeSport Online Certification. Each Coach must login to <https://ia.registerplay.com/pages/cms/home> and complete these two items before your team is Approved to play.

**SafeSport Training Certification** – All Coaches (anyone on the field or in the dugout) and players 18 years of age and older who work with or play with Youth Softball Teams (JO – Junior Olympic) is required to complete the SafeSport Certification Training Program. The SafeSport Core Training contains 3 modules: Sexual Misconduct Awareness, Mandatory Reporting, and Emotional & Physical Misconduct. The U.S. Center for SafeSport seeks to create a healthy, supportive environment for all participants. 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.

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**ACE Coaches Training Program** - ACE (Aspire, Challenge, Encourage) is an optional, but highly encouraged continuing education training program available through the <https://ia.registerplay.com/pages/cms/home> Coach Education Program is a coaching program, developed and designed to provide softball coaches of all levels – from beginning coaches to experienced veterans – an opportunity to be educated as a coach with a national softball organization. The Background Check fee is included in the ACE Coaching Certification.

As the National Governing Body of Softball, it is the USA Softball's responsibility to ensure that our coaches achieve a certain level of understanding of what their duties are as coach of a youth softball team. The ACE Education videos are a practical guide to the everyday situations you will encounter as a youth softball coach. After obtaining your ACE education, you will be well prepared to coach a youth softball team.

The guiding principles behind the ACE Coaching Education Program are:

A-spire: to achieve a comprehensive level of knowledge for the game.

C-hallenge: your understanding and knowledge through continued education and growth.

E-ncourage: yourself and others to be prepared and knowledgeable as a coach in order to provide your athletes with an environment in which they can achieve success.

There are four levels of the ACE Coach Education Program: Levels 1-3 and then ACE Continuing Education. In each of the first three levels you will watch the ACE video that corresponds to your education level and then be tested on the material in the video. The videos cover such topics as Principles of Coaching, Legal Issues in Sports, First Aid, Practice Organization, Coach/Umpire Relations, and Sport Specific Skills.

Offering expert training and quality insurance and benefits, USA Softball gives each Coach, Player and Umpire the ability to achieve his/her goal - To Be The Best He or She Can Be! We would like to welcome you to the 2026 season as we work together to bring the players, coaches and spectators to the best game of softball game possible! On behalf of the entire USA of Iowa Softball Staff, we thank you for playing USA Softball and we hope you have a great 2026 season!