

LETTER FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

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ASA Softball Players,

I hope this message finds you in good health and I hope your softball season has been going well for you and your team.

Sorry it has taken me so long to get this letter out but it seems like there is never enough time to get everything done that I need to do for softball.

Alaska ASA Softball is rolling along, increasing the number of teams and individual JO player registrations this year. I am still waiting for the umpire numbers to come in so we can see if we have increased their numbers as well.

Fifteen umpires are traveling outside for Regional or National Tournaments this year so we all should thank Mike Graeber, our State UIC, for the work that he and his staff put in this year training and working with the umpires.

Kevin Smiley, our State JO Commissioner, has done a tremendous job this year in getting the Alaska JO players individually registered, increasing the number of players by 10%. Thanks to the Interior Girls Softball Association for jumping on board with us in this endeavor.

Don Brooks, Roger Garcia, Greg Paul, Wade Morgan and Greg DeArmond (the State Classification Committee) have done a really good job of dealing with the classification issues around the state. Without them life would be harder on all of us.

I hope that each of your teams enters championship play on the local level to try and qualify for a State Tournament. I wish each of you good luck and safe journeys during your tournaments.

Please feel free to email me with any concerns you may have.

Thanks for playing ASA softball!

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