



# USSSA Fastpitch Post Season Qualification Guidelines

## Direct Qualification Through Events

At the conclusion of designating qualifying events (based on stature) the system will identify and award the appropriate teams with a Qualified designation. The following is the criteria being used:

1. Event Statures to Award Berths:
  - a. One Day Tournament
    - i. Top 20% of teams that are unqualified will receive a berth
    - ii. Team must be at or above .500 in the event
  - b. Qualifier
    - i. Top 25% of teams that are unqualified will receive a berth
    - ii. Team must be at or above .500 in the event
  - c. NIT
    - i. Top 30% of teams that are unqualified will receive a berth
    - ii. Team must be at or above .500 in the event
  - d. State
    - i. Top 30% of teams that are unqualified will receive a berth
    - ii. Team must be at or above .500 in the event

## At-Large Qualification

There are two processes by which a team can gain an At-Large USSSA Post Season berth:

1. USSSA Points: Teams can earn an At-Large by participating in USSSA events throughout the season. If a team earns 150 Points through USSSA participation they will automatically be granted an At-Large Berth
2. State Director Application: A team can apply for an At-Large Berth with their State Director. For a team to be given an At-Large Berth by their State Director, it is recommended that they accrue a minimum of 4 USSSA Event Credits. USSSA Event Credits are earned by Stature of the event:
  - a. League/One Day Shootout/Qualifier = 1 Point
  - b. NIT = 2 Points
  - c. State Championship = 3 Points
3. For Teams located in an area without a State Director, they can apply to the USSSA National Championship director by emailing <add email for this position>.



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## Roster Freezing

Prior to March 1: All teams that earn a Post Season Berth are NOT Frozen

- Any team that earns a berth (Direct or At-Large) will not be frozen at the time the berth is earned.
- On March 1, all teams that are Qualified will be frozen.

After March 1: All teams that earn a Post Season Berth ARE Frozen

1. As soon as a team is qualified after March 1 (Direct or At-Large) it will be frozen.

When Frozen, appropriate roster moves are made

- Team is Marked as Frozen
- Players are removed from other rosters
- Team/Players notified regarding removals
- Only players on the permanent roster are frozen, guest players are allowed to fall off.

## Notification Process

Prior to March 1:

1. If a team earns a Direct Berth or collects 150 Points through USSSA Events:
  - a. Team is sent an email to inform them of their Post Season Berth.
    - i. Email will detail Freezing Process on March 1
  - b. Team is marked as "Qualified"
  - c. On March 1, team will get an email detailing their Frozen Status

After March 1:

1. If a team earns a Direct Berth or collects 150 Points through USSSA Events:
  - a. Team is sent an email to inform them of their Post Season Berth.
  - b. Email will detail their Frozen Roster
  - c. Team is marked as "Qualified"

## Additional Rules

World Series/National Championship Berths are not required to play in a State Tournament to validate.