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### Class C Grand-Slam Series:

1. A four (4) tournament series exclusive only to class C teams. Tournaments will be referred to as legs. Example: Ohio USSSA Class C Grand Slam – Leg One event. There will be 3 total legs and the Class C state will be the 4<sup>th</sup> leg of the series.
2. The focus would be on development of teams and skills for future class B level travel teams.
3. All events will be National Championship qualifiers.
4. Each event will also qualify teams for Ohio USSSA/Softball Zone - Class C Championships in mid-July.
5. There will be a prepay option for teams to pay in advance for all four (4) events and reduce their entry fee for each event. This will be referred to as membership levels.
6. Four (4) events total with two (2) each to be held in both May and June, one (1) of which is the Class C State tournament.
7. The two (2) May events will be 6 g/g – round-robin format. These will be to indoctrinate these teams into a travel environment.
8. One (1) of the June events will be a 4 g/g – 3 pool/single elim format. This will be to ready teams for traditional travel tournament formats. This weekend is also a double points weekend.
9. The last of the June events will be a State tournament consisting of 4 g/g-2 pool into double-elim format. This will be to indoctrinate teams into championship play formats and big event atmosphere. This weekend is also triple points.
10. All tournaments will use the USSSA National Points system. The overall points champion in each age group will pick up a free entry into the Ohio USSSA/Softball Zone Class C - Ohio Championships on July 14-16, 2017. Teams must play in a minimum of 2 Grand Slam Legs to be eligible for this. Only points earned in the four (4) Grand Slam legs will count towards the overall champion.
11. Teams are eligible to participate in other Ohio USSSA events. The Ohio USSSA State Office runs B/C events. When we get enough class C teams in these, we separate class C into their own pool play.
12. Each leg is priced at \$400. All 4 legs will total \$1600. Teams have the option to purchase Grand Slam membership at these levels:
  - a. Gold - \$1400. This will be prepaid into all 4 central Ohio legs. Savings of \$200.
  - b. Silver - \$1050. This will be prepaid into 3 legs of choice. Savings of \$150.
  - c. Bronze - \$700. This will be prepaid into 2 legs of choice. Savings of \$100.



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- d. Any team that chooses Gold or Silver membership will also pick up a discount on any Ohio USSSA B/C Qualifying event of \$50.
  - e. Any team playing in one event and then deciding to enter additional Grand Slam legs will move to the next membership level and qualify for those discounts. Example Mike's Maulers enter one of the May events and then decides to enter the Class C state in late June. Mike's would move to Silver membership and only owe \$300 for the class C state.
  - f. The entries are a use it or lose it proposition. There will be no refunds of unused entry fees. Any team that does not show for an event without prior notice will forfeit all fees paid along with points accrued.
  - g. Any team that wins two (2) Class C events (Grand-Slam or regular events) will be moved up to Class B. If the team has a balance left in prepaid entry fees, those fees will be notated as a credit with the Ohio USSSA State office. This credit can be used to pay for future events thru the remainder of the 2017 season.
  - h. Teams choosing Gold or Silver membership will need to pay \$500 deposit by March 1 to start their membership status. The balance will be due by April 15.
  - i. All teams joining as Gold or Silver members will be entered into a drawing for a paid berth to the Ohio USSSA/Softball Zone Class C Championships in July. This drawing will take place at the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg in Whitehall during Memorial Day weekend.
13. All teams that participate in any Grand Slam series leg are eligible to enter the Ohio USSSA/Softball Zone Class C Championships at a discounted rate of \$375 which is a savings of \$50.