

**NORTHWEST GIRLS SOFTBALL
LEAGUE RULES
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Section 1 - League Information

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Section 2 - League Mission Statement

Northwest Girls Softball (the "League") is a non profit organization run solely by volunteers, whose mission is to provide an opportunity for our community's children to learn the game of softball in a positive and safe environment, and develop an understanding of fairness, sportsmanship, and teamwork toward each individual.

Section 3 - Board of Directors

The League Bylaws set forth by the Board shall be evaluated on a yearly basis for possible amendments.

Board Overview

This section outlines each of the Board positions and the responsibilities associated with each position. All the Board positions listed shall have the right to vote on any Board issue so long as it is not a conflict of interest to their respective position.

Board Member Requirements

It is the responsibility of each Member to attend every Board Meeting.

- Each board Member shall assist with the construction and cleanup of Opening Day and End of Season ceremonies.
- Each Board Member shall participate in the League's semi-annual fundraiser(s).
- Each Board Member and committee chair will cover one night at the field on a bi weekly schedule. Schedule accommodation may be made at the discretion of the league President and the Secretary.
- Assist the Vice President with special events as needed.
- Any Board Member with at least three (3) unexcused absences for meetings set forth will be subject to removal from the Board by a majority vote of the Board.
- Members of the League who are on probation or suspension are not permitted to run for or serve on the board.
- Each Board Member shall assist with the construction and cleanup of opening day and end of season ceremonies.
- Vote on matters before the Board so long as it is not a conflict of interest to his or her position or involves a matter regarding his or her own child.
- Carry a Nevada Food Handler Safety Card.
- Each board member shall keep all working documents related to league business on the League's Google Drive with at minimum viewable access for all board members. For example, but not limited to: bank account ledgers, evaluation forms, draft documents, uniform order forms.

President

The President shall:

Conduct the affairs of the League and execute the policies established by the Board.

- Communicate to the Board such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the League. Present a report in cooperation with the Vice President about the condition of the League at the annual meeting.
- Conduct the League in conformity with the policies, principles, rules, and regulations of USA Softball ("USA"), as agreed to under conditions of the charter issued to the League.
- Designate in writing other officers, if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of the League such contracts and leases they may receive, and which have had prior approval from the Board.
- Investigate complaints, irregularities, and conditions detrimental to the League and report thereon to the Board as circumstances warrant.
- Represent the League at meetings.
- Chair with cooperation from the Vice President at all Board meetings.

Vice President

The Vice President shall:

- In the absence or disability of the President, conduct and execute all affairs of the League. When acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of the President.
- Organize and implement All-Star Formation with the cooperation of the Player Advocate.
- All communication shall be copied to the President.
- Evaluate disciplinary guidelines. Follow-up and investigate all disciplinary matters.
- Coordinate with the President, Player Advocate, and Division Representatives in responding to player-related complaints, disputes, and concerns.
- Coordinate special events as needed.

Player Advocate

The Player Advocate shall:

- Review all player applications and confirm age eligibility.
- Coordinate player evaluations.
- Conduct, with assistance of Division Representatives, the formation of divisions/teams (based on numbers of registering players).
- Conduct, with the assistance from the Board and the Draft Committee, the draft each season.
- Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
- Coordinate with Division Representatives and Vice President in responding to player-related and manager-related complaints, disputes and concerns.
- Coordinate with the Board the transfer or pick up of players for all divisions.
- Prepare All-Star/Tournament team eligibility rosters.
- Organize and implement All-Star formation with the cooperation of the Vice President.
- All communication shall be copied to the President, Vice President, and corresponding Division Representatives.
- Onboard Division Representatives.
- Lead Division Representatives.
- Monitor Pitcher and Catcher outs all season. This is to include going through the P/C spreadsheets monthly verifying that all drafted and or designated P/C are on track to hit 20% by the end of the season.
- Keep record of all players who tried out as a pitcher or catcher, those who were designated, and those who were drafted as such.

Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- Be responsible for recording the activities of the League and maintain the appropriate files and necessary records, and posting to the public website.
- Provide copies of minutes to the Board members to be ratified at the next meeting.
- Give notice of all Board meetings to the appropriate members.
- Prepare the annual calendar and update it with the Board at each meeting.
- Notify Members, Directors, Officers, and committee members of their election or appointment.
- Receive and submit player injury forms. Notify respective Division Representatives.
- All communication shall be copied to the President and Vice President.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- Keep all financial documents related to the league up to date and viewable for all League board members on the League's google drive, including but not limited to monthly ledgers, bank statements, team sponsorship accounts.
- Keep record and manage all components of team sponsorship funds including providing at minimum bi-weekly reimbursement to coaches for approved team expenses.
- Send out tax donation receipts to all sponsors within two weeks of the conclusion of the end of season tournament or by December 31st whichever may come first.
- Receive funds and deposit them into a depository approved by the Board.
- Pay all bills and balance bank statements monthly.
- Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all League funds.
- Prepare and present an annual financial report to the Board.
- Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
- Prepare or manage the League's annual tax filing to the IRS and for submission to the Board of Directors.
- Keep a record of and coordinate all player scholarships, family voluntary repayment schedules, and contracts.
- Present to the Board a financial report and updated ledger at each Board meeting.
- All communication to be copied to the President.

Concession Director

The Concession Director shall:

- Manage the concession stand and all workers with the assistance of a co-director, and coordinate the scheduling of volunteers.
- Be responsible for maintaining the concession stand and meeting all health department regulations.
- Be responsible for opening and closing the concession stand during all scheduled games.
- Select the appropriate volunteers to work the concession stand.
- Carry a Nevada Food Handler Safety Card.
- Be responsible for ordering food and other items used.
- Organize and train the members of the concessions committee.
- Keep a running tally of expenses and profit throughout the season. This should be reconciled at the end of each week and given to the treasurer along with any monies that the Snack Bar has taken in.

Division Representatives (6u, 8u, 10u, 12u, 14u, 16/18u)

Division Representatives shall:

- Assist the Player Advocate with all player evaluation dates.
- Serve as the independent evaluator for your assigned division try-outs.
- Assist the Player Advocate with assigned divisions, and player promotions.
- Assist the Player Advocate in age eligibility.
- Observe the conduct of Managers and Coaches during practices and games throughout the season and correct any identified concerns.
- Keep abreast of player-related issues including roster changes, vacancies, long-term injuries, etc.
- Distribute and collect important league information to their specific division coaches via email.
- Update scores and pitcher/catcher outs weekly.
- Review player of the week nominations and select a recipient with an assigned Board Member.
- Coordinate receipt of player injury forms with the Secretary.

Equipment/Field Manager

The Equipment/Field Manager shall:

- Maintain a proper inventory of safe equipment as required by USA Softball.
- Order and distribute game balls.
- Be responsible for the ordering, distribution, maintenance, and return of all equipment.
- Assist the City Park Officials and USA for repairs to fields and other improvements.
- Assist with requesting bids for any major upgrades including cost estimates, plans, and timeline of projects and how it will impact the League.
- Supervise maintenance of fields, and report issues to the Board regarding any field maintenance contractor.

Scheduler

The Scheduler shall:

- Ensure that schedules are updated when the season is active.
- Schedule and post all practice and games for the season and ensure that schedules are posted on the league team management program.
- Work with USA/permit holders to secure the use of fields for each season.
- Ensure game and practice schedules are reported to USA in the required time frame for field permits.

Uniforms/Pictures/Trophies/Medals

The Uniform/Pictures/Trophies director shall:

- Organize Closing Ceremonies. This is to include the distribution of all league trophies and medals.
- Solicit and secure multiple bids for league uniforms, team pictures, and placement awards.
- Organize team picture days during the regular season All-Stars and B-Select.
- Order plaques for league sponsors.
- Distribute uniforms, and pictures with the assistance of available Board members.

Section 4 - League Age Structure

Use the table below to determine age eligibility for each division.

	Spring 2022	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Fall 2023	Spring 2024
8u	Birthday: Jan 1, 2013 - Dec 31, 2014	Birthday: Jan 1, 2014 - Dec 31, 2015		Birthday: Jan 1, 2015 - Dec 31, 2016	
10u	Jan 1, 2011 - Dec 31, 2012	Jan 1, 2012 - Dec 31, 2013		Jan 1, 2013 - Dec 31, 2014	
12u	Jan 1, 2009 - Dec 31, 2010	Jan 1, 2010 - Dec 31, 2011		Jan 1, 2011 - Dec 31, 2012	
14u	Jan 1, 2007 - Dec 31, 2008	Jan 1, 2008 - Dec 31, 2009		Jan 1, 2009 - Dec 31, 2010	
16u	Jan 1, 2005 - Dec 31, 2006	Jan 1, 2006 - Dec 31, 2007		Jan 1, 2007 - Dec 31, 2008	
18u	Jan 1, 2003 - Dec 31, 2004	Jan 1, 2004 - Dec 31, 2005		Jan 1, 2005 - Dec 31, 2006	

Section 5 - Player Registrations

- Registration dates will be determined by the Board for the upcoming season and will be posted online in a timely manner.
- Registration will be completed prior to player evaluations. Registration can be extended at the discretion of the board.
- The cost for registration will be determined on a season by season basis.
- Registration dates, locations and times will be announced before each season. All registration may be online.
- Registration fees are due at registration. Registration fees must be paid prior to player evaluations in order for a player to be considered available. Payment plans are available upon requests. Payment plans need to be up to date at the time of the draft in order for a player to be considered available. Any registration fee that is returned not paid will be subject to a \$50.00 fee and the affected registered player may not take the field or receive her uniform until fee and registration is current. Any player with a balance from a prior season may not register until the balance is paid in full.
- Players may request C only on their registration (at registration only). The Board may determine that a player will be made available in the B draft notwithstanding the request. If a player was a B player the previous season, the player will need to be reclassified with the Board/USA approval prior to the draft.
- Player registration fees include a full uniform (pants, jersey, belt, and socks). A team may not require additional funds from players for any reason.
- All League concerns shall be brought first to the head coach, followed by Division Representative, followed by the Player Advocate, and the Board.

Section 6 - Manager and Coach Process

- A coach can only Head Coach one (1) team per season. Upon Board approval, he/she may also Head Coach a secondary team.
- Managers and Coaches must be at least sixteen (16) years of age, be background checked, ACE certified and agree to adhere to the League's policies and procedures at all times.
- All team staff must be able to show proof of a league provided USA card when on the field or in the dugout.
- All team staff must complete a background check, Safe Sport certification, and ACE certification no later than the designated date set forth by the NWGS board.
- **NWGS strongly encourage all coaches to use Team Snap as their primary means of communication with parents.**

- The League will provide registration/insurance for four (4) coaches per team. The team is welcome to carry more than four (4) but will be responsible for the additional fees.
- All League concerns shall be brought first to your Head Coach, followed by Division Representative, followed by the Player Advocate and Board of Directors before contact of USA Commissioner.
- Head Coaches will ensure there is a background checked/Ace certified female in the dugout or at the field at all times during practices and games.
- All team/league adult staff members (i.e. managers/coaches/team parent volunteers) that enter the field of play or the dugout or may have individual contact with a Junior Olympic player must be individually registered, background checked, and ACE certified through the Nevada USA mandatory registration system.
- No Coach is ever guaranteed a team in any given division including returning coaches.
- **The NWGS Board of Directors is able to remove a coach and or coaching staff from the league following a majority vote, due to actions or behavior found to not be in line with NWGS.**

Section 7 - Player Assessments/Evaluations and Player List

- Player assessments/evaluations are held each season so that teams can be as balanced as possible. Coaches and selected Board Members are to observe the players so that teams can be selected with a good mix of pitchers, fielders and hitters. Player assessments/evaluations never cause players to be excluded from teams; it only helps distributing players amongst teams.
- Player assessments/evaluations shall be held prior to the draft.
- All players must attend Player assessments/evaluations unless they are on an existing team reported to the Player Advocate prior to the registration.
- All players participating in softball for the first time will be placed in the C Division unless they attend the player assessment/evaluation and are drafted to the B Division.
- Players not attending Player assessments/evaluation will not be eligible for primary selection in the draft. These players will be placed into a "blind draw". These girls will be placed on a team in the C Division. A known B (or Travel Ball) player, pitcher, or catcher, not attending the player assessment/evaluation, may be identified by the board and be made available for the B draft, or made available in the pitcher or catcher round, as applicable. A known player will be identified by the position of pitcher or catcher.
- Prior to player assessments/evaluation, the Player Advocate shall make a player list showing the names and league age of each player eligible for the draft. This list is to be distributed to each Coach at evaluations.
- Prior to the draft, the Player Advocate shall provide a list of eligible players to be drafted along with any notes specified on each player's application.
- Prior to the draft, all pitchers and catchers will be disclosed to the Coaches.
- To be designated as a pitcher or catcher, the player must have pitched or caught 20% of her team's outs in league games in the immediately preceding season, be a known pitcher or catcher, or have tried out as such at assessments.
- **Teams may have two (2) representatives per team on field at assessments/evaluations. No players of same age division, or parents, will be permitted in dugouts or field during evaluations.**

Section 8 - Player Vacancies

Vacancies occur regularly throughout the season for a variety of reasons.

- A. Coaches shall notify the Player Advocate immediately upon becoming aware that a player may leave the team for any reason.
- B. Once it has been determined that it is appropriate to replace a player on the roster, the following steps may be taken.
 - The Coach has the option to take the next player on the waiting list, or the team may be assigned a player from the waiting list.
 - The Player Advocate shall contact the player and her parent(s) to inform them of the available spot.
 - If it is economically feasible for the league to do so (I.E. uniforms, etc).

Section 9 - Team Selection

All players in the League will be placed on teams in the following manner dependent on the guidelines described in Section 4 (League Age Structure). Note: If a member of the Board has a child in the draft, that member shall not be present for the applicable division unless the member is a coach or the league's Player Advocate. **In the Spring Season, returning teams may keep all returning players from the immediately preceding season as long as they are age eligible. In the Fall Season, returning teams may keep up to six (6) returning players from the immediately preceding season, as long as they are age eligible.**

A. 6u Division - League age 4-6 years old

There are no player assessments/evaluations for this age division. The Player Advocate will place each player onto a team. Requests can be made at time of registration by a parent/guardian to have their child play for a specific manager or with another child. Each Manager in this division may request up to six (6) players as long as those players have requested them on their player application. The League will do its best to honor such requests, but cannot guarantee placement of a child onto a particular team.

B. 8u through 18u Divisions

Player assessments/evaluations will be held for each age division where both B and C Division Coaches will have the opportunity to evaluate all eligible players. All players that did not return to their previous season's team roster are to be evaluated and attend assessments to determine which division they shall play in. No player may move up more than one (1) age division. For example, a player age eligible for the 8u division may play in the 8u or 10u divisions, but not 12u or higher.

- Returning teams with five (5) or (6) returning players and at least one (1) League Manager/Head Coach from their previous season will be recognized as an existing team. In the B Division, an existing team must include one (1) qualifying pitcher and (1) qualifying catcher. If the Head Coach position is vacated, one (1) of the previous season's staff members may have first right to apply to the board for the vacated positions.
- In the C division, teams with five (5) or (6) players will be considered if there are enough players to adequately fill all teams' rosters including their own. In the event of a tie (same amount of returning players) and there are not enough returning players to fill all rosters, the Board will select the returning team based on the following criteria; seniority, behavior, knowledge, and experience. Remaining positions will be filled by the draft or blind draw.
- Any player not wishing to return to her previous team will be placed in the draft.
- Team merging/splitting is NOT permitted within the same age division.
- A new team will be constructed of the Head Coach's daughter only, and will fill its roster by draft or draw.
- If a team is abandoned, meaning the Head Coach and coaching staff have left the team, the Board may appoint a head coach. The team will be considered an existing team, not a new team, and will follow returning rules including draft order.
- In order for a player to return to her existing team, she must have played on that team the prior season, or the prior Fall if the player was rostered to a High School softball team in the Spring. If she did not play the prior season with the League, she must go in the draft.
- In the B Division, if a team is otherwise eligible to return, but without either a pitcher or a catcher, the Head Coach may declare a pitcher/catcher, as applicable, from the current roster. The Head Coach must ensure that the declared player pitches or catches, as applicable, 20% of the team's outs in the upcoming season. A Head Coach violating this requirement will be suspended from coaching for the rest of the season and the following season.
- If the Player Advocate received a letter from a parent/player with wishes for the player to be selected in the B draft as a general athlete vs. being a pitcher/catcher in the C Division, said player will not pitch/catch one (1) inning in the B Division. A Head Coach violating this requirement will be suspended from coaching for the rest of the season and the following season.

C. Draft

The Player Advocate and the Draft Committee will conduct a player draft as soon as possible after evaluations have been completed.

- **Spring teams can return their entire team from the immediate preceding Fall Season.**
- **Fall teams can return up to 6 (six) age eligible players from their preceding Spring Season.**
- A player may only be placed on a team (or drafted) if they are fully registered and have paid registration fees in full prior to evaluations.
- The oldest age division will draft first and B Division in each age group will draft before C Division.
- The draft is open to one (1) representative per team only.
- Coach will have 2 minutes to submit a draft choice when it has been announced it is their turn.
- **There is to be no trades discussed until AFTER draft concludes. There is no trading of draft picks during draft, only like players AFTER. If it is deemed that any manipulation has occurred, both coaches are subject to removal from league.**
- The draft order will be determined by the previous regular season standings. The team with the lowest overall standing will draft first and the team with the best overall standing the prior season will draft last. Newly formed teams to the league will have first draft pick. Teams moving up age divisions will pick after any new team(s) with their standings dictating order. Team(s) moving up a classification (C to B) will pick next with their standings dictating order.
- In case of one (1) division in an age group, the draft order will be as follows: new teams, C teams coming up divisions, C existing, B team coming up divisions, existing B teams (example for a 12s division would be as follows: new team, 10C coming up to 12s, 12C existing, 10Bs coming up to 12s, When one (1) division is made it will be up to the board to classify the team as a B or C Division. To return to B/C divisions, teams finishing with a less than .500 record may be reclassified as C.
- Known B Player, Pitcher and Catcher Definitions
 - Players not attending player assessment/try-out will not be eligible for primary selection in the draft. These players will be placed into a “blind draw”. These girls will be placed on a team in C Division. A known B player (KBP), known pitcher (KP), known catcher (KC) not attending assessment/try-out may be identified by the board and be made available for the B draft or made available in the pitcher or catcher draft round as applicable.
 - Known B Player is defined as a player who played on a B team in the same age division in the immediately preceding season, was rostered to an all-star/B select team in the same age division in the immediately preceding season, or is coming to NWGS from an A ball team.
 - Known Pitcher/Catcher is defined as a pitcher or catcher who made 20% of their team’s innings at that position in the immediately preceding season.
- Pitchers and Catchers Selected in B Draft
 - In an age division with B and C Divisions (such as 10B and 10C, 12B and 12C), a B team may only select a player qualifying as a pitcher or catcher, a player who tried out as a pitcher or catcher, or a known pitcher or catcher (i) in the pitcher or catcher draft round, as applicable, or (ii) with any of the team’s first three (3) draft picks regardless of round in the general player draft. The Head Coach must ensure that the drafted player pitches or catches, as applicable, 20% of the team’s outs in the upcoming season. A Head Coach violating this requirement will be suspended for the rest of the season and the following season.
 - Once a B team has 2 pitchers and/or catchers who must make 20% outs on their roster, they may not select a 3rd player at that position in ANY ROUND.

- Draft Day Procedure
 - It is imperative that an exhaustive list of all players eligible to be placed on teams be created and posted prior to the start of the draft. Players eligible to be drafted will be listed and all players in the blind draw will be listed at the bottom. Pitchers and Catchers will be evaluated by Division Representative, and will be disclosed at Draft Day for selection as “Starting” Pitchers/Catchers.
 - Pitcher and catcher round picks will be slotted prior to draft to align with eligible pitchers and catchers to be drafted. Keeper players will be slotted into their occupying draft positions so coaches are aware where they are picking.
 - Once the draft is complete, including trades, rosters will be printed and all players who are required to make 20% outs pitching or catching will be marked on the roster. The Head Coach or Team Representative at the draft will sign the roster acknowledging their understanding.
- If a team has an existing pitcher or catcher (player A) and another player (player B) that qualify for both, they must declare player B as the opposite of Player A.
- If requested by a family, age eligible siblings (Sisters/Step-Sisters) must be placed on the same team. If a girl with one (1) or more siblings is chosen, then her siblings will be assigned to the team's lowest draft slot. Once all teams have drafted the allotted number of players, as determined by the Player Advocate in advance to the draft, any players having not been drafted shall be entered onto a waiting list as described above.
- In an age divisions with B and C Divisions (such as 10B and 10C, 12B and 12C), a B team may only select a player qualifying as a pitcher or catcher, or who tried out as a pitcher or catcher, (i) in the pitcher or catcher draft round, as applicable, if they do not already have 2 players designated at that position. The Head Coach must ensure that the drafted player pitches or catches, as applicable, 20% of the team's outs in the upcoming season. A Head Coach violating this requirement will be suspended from coaching for the rest of the season and the following season.
- All pitchers and catchers will be designated prior to the draft
 - B Division – Any pitcher/catcher drafted must make designated inning % unless directed by player/parent to Player Advocate prior to the draft.
 - B Division – No Qualified/Designated pitcher/catcher may be drafted AFTER the team has 2 designated at that particular position.
 - B Division – If a Known Pitcher is selected in the third round (Player Round 1) they must have a form on file indicating their desire to play the B Division as a general player and understand they may not pitch or catch one inning.
 - C Division – Not permitted to take a pitcher OR catcher, if the team already has two (2) known players at that particular position in the first two athlete rounds (unless the player has signed a waiver form stating they will not pitch/catch this season OR all other teams have two (2) known players at those particular positions).
 - All issues concerning pitchers and catchers are subject to review and decisions made by the Player Advocate, the Division Representative, and the President.

Draft Order Outline

C Draft

1. Pitcher (P) Round 1
 - a. New teams without a P will select in order drawn.
 - b. Upcoming teams without a P select in reverse order of previous season standings.
 - c. Returning teams without a P select in reverse order of previous season standings.
 - d. If a team has 1 P they will not pick this round.
2. Catcher (C) Round 1 (snake back)
 - a. Returning teams without a C select in reverse order of P Round 1.
 - b. Upcoming teams without a C select in reverse order of P Round 1.
 - c. New teams select C in reverse order of P Round 1.
 - d. If a team has 1 C they will not pick this round
3. Player Round 1
 - a. New teams redraw for order and pick first.
 - b. Upcoming teams select in reverse order of previous season standings.
 - c. Returning teams will select in reverse order of previous season standings.
4. Remaining Player Rounds
 - a. Starting in full reverse order from Player Round 1, teams draft round 2.
 - b. Returners are slotted in the following rounds: 4, 5, 6, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 2, 11, 1, 12
 - c. P/C picks are represented within the player round in rounds surrounding keepers. Top and bottom.
 - d. Draft order continues in snake fashion until all available players are selected.

B Draft

1. Pitcher (P) Round 1
 - a. Upcoming teams (age) without 2 P's select in reverse order of previous season standings.
 - b. Upcoming teams (division) without 2 P's select in reverse order of previous season standings.
 - c. Returning teams without 2 P's select in reverse order of previous season standings.
 - d. If a team has 2 P they will not pick this round.
2. Catcher (C) Round 1 (snake back)
 - a. Returning teams without 2 C's select in reverse order of P Round 1.
 - b. Upcoming teams (division) without 2 C's will select in reverse order of P Round 1.
 - c. Upcoming teams (age) without 2 C's select in reverse order of P Round 1.
 - d. If a team has 2 C they will not pick this round.
3. Player Round 1
 - a. Upcoming teams (age) select in reverse order of previous season standings.
 - b. Upcoming teams (division) select in reverse order of previous season standings.
 - c. Returning teams will select in reverse order of previous season standings.
4. Remaining Player Rounds
 - a. Starting in full reverse order from Player Round 1, teams draft round 2.
 - b. Returners are slotted in the following rounds: 4, 5, 6, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 2, 11, 1, 12
 - c. P/C picks are represented within the player round in rounds surrounding keepers. Top and bottom.
 - d. Draft order continues in snake fashion until all available players are selected.

D. Classification Guidelines

- For a team to be reclassified from a C to B team, they must finish above .500 and finish in 1st or 2nd place in their division.
- The Board may reclassify teams in order to balance divisions.
- A team cannot be reclassified B to C without permission from the Board and USA.
- No team is guaranteed to move in any age division and or classification status.
- If necessary to complete divisions, the Board has discretion to exempt a team from any rule.
- 16/18u Summer league teams are not considered intact teams unless they come as a High School team.

Section 10 - Player Trades

- Player trades must be completed at the draft prior to leaving the draft room. No trades will be considered afterwards.
- All trades must be approved by the Board and must be determined to be in the best interest of each player.
- Blind draws and keeper players cannot be traded. Pitchers and catchers selected in the pitcher or catcher round may only be traded for a pitcher or catcher also selected in the pitcher or catcher round.

Section 11 - League Ground And Park Rules

- All Las Vegas City and Clark County park rules must be followed.
- Commonly used softball chants by softball teams are permitted. Negative cheering that is felt to be excessive, or done to humiliate a player is not permitted, and should be brought to your Division Representative's attention to review. Any necessary disciplinary steps needed will be addressed by Vice President.
- Alcohol is not permitted at any game or practice facility.
- Tobacco of any kind is not permitted on the playing field, in the dugout or around players at any time.
- No smoking or nicotine products are permitted in or around the stands/dugouts etc. This includes e-cigarettes.
- No artificial noisemakers of any kind.
- **Teams are responsible for cleaning up the dugout and spectator area after each game. Failure to do so may result in the team having trash duty, or be considered for additional Snack Shack shifts.**
- **Teams are responsible for raking practice fields after each practice. The Away team is responsible to perform a quick rake/tamp on the batters area before leaving field when a game immediately follows them.**
- The home team will occupy the 3rd base dugout, unless back to back games are played, in which case the team(s) playing the prior game shall remain in the same dugout.
- Teams must show up for all scheduled games regardless of weather conditions, unless notified by a League official. Only a League official or umpire can cancel or postpone a scheduled game. These games only will be rescheduled, time permitting.
- **There will be a drop dead time limit on all games of 1 hour and 30 minutes. If a final full inning is not completed at 1 hour 30 minutes then the game score will revert back to the score from the previous fully completed inning. Player will complete at bat only if at bat can determine outcome of game.**
- **Each team will be required to sign up for two (2) snack bar shifts. The head coach must ensure there are four (4) volunteers available for two (2) hour shifts**; one (1) of them may be a minimum of 16 years old. If snack bar duty is not fulfilled, or signed up for one (1) week prior to start of season (i) the team will forfeit its most recent prior win, or its next win if the team has no wins, (ii) the head coach will be suspended for the next game, and (iii) the team will be rescheduled for snack bar duty at a later date.**
- ****In the event there are more teams than spots available for every team to take two spots, the Concession Director will have full discretion to determine which teams will have one (1) or two (2) shifts.**

Section 12 - Local Division Rules

The League adheres to and will follow rules outlined in the USA "Official Regulations and Playing Rules" Rule Book for the current year, except here amended by our local rules. Local rules as outlined here will supersede the USA Rule Book. Each Head Coach shall carry a rule book along with a League's local rules with them at each game. All Coaches are responsible for knowing and following the rules.

Each team will be supplied with a minimum of one (1) USA Rules Book (as supplies allow) and a set of League Rules.

- **Each season will consist of 12 games. Additional games may be added if scheduling permits.**
- During the season, each team shall meet no more than three (3) times per week on a field and one (1) time per week at a batting cage.
- A coach cannot hold a practice with more than two (2) players in the same age division outside the regular season. The regular season runs from the draft through closing ceremonies.
- Consequences for these actions are at the discretion of the NWGS Board of Directors.
- **The winning Head Coach is responsible for reporting the P/C outs via email to their division rep, prior to their next game. Must include opposing coach on email. Failure to do so will result in an 0-7 forfeit loss being recorded, and suspension from next immediate game.**
- **See rules for each age Division of play.**

Section 13 - Player Equipment

- All equipment, including bats, must be USA approved.
- Head Coaches are responsible for their equipment. Any abnormal damage or breakage will be reviewed by the Board and determined as to who will replace it.
- Head Coaches must turn in their equipment at a designated time and place to be determined each season by the Equipment Manager. All equipment will be accounted for or fees will be assessed accordingly.
- No Clothing depicting alcohol, gaming, or vulgar or inappropriate sayings will be allowed.
- Players helmets must have a USA approved face mask.
- Players in 14u and below playing an infield position are required to wear a face mask.
- **Only molded cleats, no metal cleats, are permitted in any age division.**

Section 14 - Finances

- All funds received, and disbursements made shall be to or from a League account at an FDIC insured financial institution, as approved by the Board.
- A receipt is required to be given to the Treasurer for all transactions. A reimbursement request shall be done in writing. Please see the Request for Reimbursement form located on the website under, Important Documents.
- **Board Members needing a reimbursement of items outside the normal league expenditures, will require either President or Finance Committee's written approval. Any league expense, regardless of reimbursement status, needs Finance Committee approval.**
- The Treasurer shall provide, monthly, and up to date financial report and make it available to the board at each Board meeting.
- Sponsorship funds can be obtained by a team (no limit) and must be paid to the League. The League retains 10% of any additional sponsorship money to help defray (Maximum of \$350.00 per sponsor) League expenses and keep registration fees as low as possible. The teams may use any remaining funds for team related expenses in the current season. Any funds that are not utilized during the same season shall be paid to the League. Teams must submit receipts for reimbursement (by the designated date set forth by the league treasurer).
- A team may obtain a sponsor for a tournament. The sponsor must make a payment in the exact amount. The League will not retain 10%.

- The League will retain 10% of all League wide fundraisers.
- All sponsorship payments must be submitted to the League with a completed sponsorship form. The form is located on the League website.

End of League Rules