Palm Springs Gay Softball League
Policies & Procedures

These policies and procedures supplement the USA Softball National Guidelines, International Pride Softball (iPride) Governing Manual, PSGSL Rules & Regulations, and PSGSL By-Laws and serve to address situations unique to our area and further define policies/procedures where necessary.

Player Eligibility

1. Players must register via the league's online form (www.psgsl.org), and all player registration fees must be received no later than 12:00 PM on the Saturday prior to the first game the player intends to play. If paying by check, payment must be received no later than 5:00 PM on the Friday prior to the first game a player intends to play. Failure to do so will result in player ineligibility unless special arrangements are made with the treasurer prior to the submission deadline. Coaches may not register for their players.

2. Players who assume a false identity while participating in the league are ineligible to play. Consequently, they will be barred from the league, and the team they played for will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player participates or is included in the game lineup.

3. Within a current season, players registered with a PSGSL team may join and register with a different PSGSL team under the conditions detailed below. Violation of this rule may result in the suspension or disqualification of the recruiting team's coach and/or manager. In cases of unique circumstances, a committee consisting of at least 3 PSGSL Board members, the player, and the player's coach will convene to consider any possible exceptions to this rule.

    a. A player must first be released by the coach/manager of their current team. Requests are to be submitted via email or text to the coach/manager, who then has 5 days to respond via text or email. If a coach/manager does not respond within the 5 days or denies the request, a player may request the assistance of the Board.
    b. A player can be picked up for a tournament without first obtaining a release that is valid only for the duration of the tournament. However, the manager must first confirm that the player's team is not participating in that tournament. If the manager fails to acknowledge this, they may be suspended from the tournament.
    c. Players may change teams during the off-season; however, we do recommend notifying your coach as soon as possible.

Ratings and Rosters Information:

1. **Ratings:**
    a. Ratings will be submitted for all players prior to the start of the season to allow for the player and team total to be verified.

b. Ratings from the previous season shall be carried forward with the exception of new player additions to the team roster.
c. Brand new players (anyone without a rating within the last two seasons) must be submitted with a preliminary rating prior to the season but can be updated after 2 weekends of games. Team totals will still need to be confirmed.
d. New league players with existing and current (within the last two seasons) iPride ratings from other leagues or from existing PSGSL teams shall be used.
e. Any adjustments to ratings will be done after specified league council meetings during the season; typically, these are:
    1. Spring season meetings – February, March, April
    2. Fall season meetings – September, October, November
    3. Additional meetings can be added by the board of directors, based on need
f. Prior to the beginning of the season, all managers will receive electronic copies of the current rosters for all league teams.

2. <u>Ratings Meetings:</u>

a. Coaches must submit names of players to be reviewed at the Ratings meeting the Wednesday before the next Ratings meeting. The submissions must be sent to the Vice Commissioner via text or email.
b. Within 72 hours prior to the meeting, Team managers will receive an email with a list of players who will be discussed for ratings review, identifying whether points are requested to be added or dropped. It is the responsibility of managers to review this prior to the meeting.
c. At the meeting, managers will be grouped together by division. Managers who are requesting changes will discuss and present information supporting the reasoning for who and why they wish to change a rating. If there is no supporting evidence, the points cannot be adjusted.
d. Any manager can then discuss and challenge, if desired, the reasoning for why the points should not be added or removed. All discussion should provide objective data to warrant a change.
e. After discussion, the manager can withdraw their request if desired. As well, the manager challenging the request can also withdraw their challenge.
f. Without evidence to support the challenge and provided the manager asking for the change has provided information to support it, the points will then be adjusted.
g. If no decision can be achieved, the discussion, with provided proof/materials, shall be handed over to the ratings committee. The final outcome shall then come from the committee.
h. The ratings committee shall consist of one player from each division (A/B, C, D E, Legends C, Legends D) that is active within the PSGSL.
    1. The Open Division Director will moderate the meeting and record minutes but will not have a vote.
    2. The Vice Commissioner shall be the tie-breaking vote in the event of a tie between the committee members.
    3. Results will subsequently be shared with the team managers.
i. Ratings will be adjusted in the iPride database post-decisions or post-meetings.

Adjustments must be entered into the iPride portal within 48 hours of decisions made.

j. Team managers will subsequently need to provide an updated roster with the new rating to the Open Division Director.

Team Eligibility

1. Teams must register via the league's online form (www.psgsl.org) and be "in good standing" according to the PSGSL Bylaws. All team registration fees must also be received prior to the start of the scheduled season. Teams will be unable to participate in league games until the team fees are paid.

2. Teams representing PSGSL may only include a maximum of 3 self-identified non-LGBT players as per iPride guidelines for all iPride tournaments. This maximum number of self-identified non-LGBT players must be maintained throughout the season as well as any postseason activity (playoffs, World Series).

3. Teams must submit a revised roster to the PSGSL Board immediately upon any change to the roster. Changes include, but are not limited to, player additions, transfers, removals, ratings revisions, etc.

4. Any team representing the PSGSL at a tournament must adhere to all PSGSL and tournament rules of play. PSGSL tournament rosters must also consist of at least 51% currently registered PSGSL members and must be submitted to the Board for review at least 7 days prior to the tournament submission deadline. Failure to do so may result in the League withdrawing its affiliation with the team. Any subsequent changes must also be submitted to the Board for review prior to submitting to the tournament.

PSGSL Membership

1. The membership of any League member not meeting the definition of "member in good standing" or found to have violated any or all of the PSGSL Rules & Regulations and/or PSGSL Bylaws will be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension, termination, expulsion, forfeiture and/or fines, as determined by the Executive Board.

2. Any member suspended for a period of thirty (30) days, or more is required to meet with the Executive Board, along with the coach/manager of the team he/she wishes to rejoin, before they can be reinstated into the League.

iPride GSWS

1. Teams participating in the iPride Gay Softball World Series must meet all eligibility requirements as detailed in the iPride Governing Manual.

2. Any team wishing to compete in the GSWS must declare to the Executive Board its intent to participate at the time of team registration for the spring season.

3. GSWS Berths: Seeding will be based on the team's divisional record (wins-losses-ties). If two or more teams are tied with the same record, the tiebreaker(s) will be: 1) Winning Percentage, 2) Head-to- Head record, 3)

Run Differential, 4) Total Runs For, 5) Total Runs Against, 6) Coin Toss.

4. All required entry fees and deposits to participate in the GSWS will be the responsibility of each team and the Executive Board, as follows:
   a. Declaration of Intent: A $250 deposit submitted to the Treasurer is required by any team that declares its intent to compete at the GSWS.
   b. Team Deposits: The League shall be responsible for paying the $500 entry fee for each team participating in the GSWS. Any qualifying team that fails to compete at the GSWS after the League paid that team's deposit shall be responsible for reimbursing the League.
   c. Hotel Deposits: A $500 hotel deposit submitted to the Treasurer by the 1st of the month prior to the iPride deadline is required by any team that has declared its intent and qualified to compete in the GSWS. iPride requires a minimum of 15 nights at one of the host hotels for each team. Each team that submits receipts to the Treasurer showing they met these iPride hotel requirements will be refunded their hotel deposit after the GSWS.
5. Any penalties or fines resulting from late roster changes, inaccurate player/rating information, etc. pertaining to participation at the GSWS shall become the sole responsibility of each team.

General Provisions and Policies

1. All League Council meetings shall be attended by at least one representative, identified at roll call, of each League team, and only one representative from each team will have the authority to speak and/or vote on behalf of that team.

2. As stated in the Bylaws, a $25 fee will be charged to any team failing to provide a representative at a regularly scheduled League Council meeting.

3. Manner of Passing Votes. All voting, including general elections, may be by voice, written ballot, or electronic ballot, as determined by a majority of the Board. For in-person voting, the person must be present to vote.

4. Any league-wide vote will conclude the final Sunday of regular Spring Season play. Members of the league are eligible to vote. Voting by proxy is strictly prohibited.

5. As soon as possible, the Board shall develop a budget for the current fiscal year. Said budget shall be approved by a majority of team reps voting at any properly convened meeting.

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