

RULES AND REGULATIONS
of the
POWAY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.
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SECTION 1 OVERVIEW

A. Responsibility

1. The Rules and Regulations Committee (the “Rules Committee”) of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Poway Girls Softball League, Inc. (the “League” or “PGSL”) has responsibility for reviewing and interpreting the rules and regulations found herein, and making recommendations for changes to the Board. The Board shall have the responsibility for adopting and amending these rules and regulations, and through its selected designees, shall have the responsibility for enforcing these rules and regulations.
2. Rules and Regulations for the appropriate season must be read in the general board meeting at a minimum of one month prior to the registration deadline to refresh all Board members on proper proceedings.

B. Interpretations and Appeals of Rules and Regulations

1. A request for an explanation or interpretation of a rule, or an appeal of a decision or interpretation of a rule made by a League representative, shall be made in writing and directed to the Vice President, as chairperson of the Rules Committee. The request or appeal shall cite the relevant rule at issue and the specific concern of the requestor or appellant.
2. All rule explanations, interpretations and decisions on appeals made by the Rules Committee are final. In the case of a ruling on the appeal of a decision or interpretation made by a League representative, the Rules Committee shall forward a written response to the appellant and other parties involved and report their action to the Board.
3. In making rule interpretations and decisions, the Rules Committee shall consider and follow the intent of the rule in trying to reach a fair and equitable decision.

C. Application of Rules and Regulations

1. Sections 2 through 6 apply to the League’s Recreational Seasons. Section 7 applies to the League’s All Star Season. Section 8 applies to the League’s Fall Ball Season. Section 9 applies to Spring Select.
2. All rules and regulations found in Sections 2 through 6 shall apply to the governing of the All Star, Select, and Fall Ball programs unless superseded in Sections 7-10.

SECTION 2 REGISTRATION

A. Responsibility

1. The League's Player Agent has responsibility for conducting the League's registration process. The Player Agent shall act in accordance with the League Bylaws the rules and regulations herein and at the direction of the Board or its designees. Any questions, comments, concerns, or other correspondence regarding registration should be directed to the Player Agent. In making any discretionary decisions, the Player Agent's primary duty shall be to act in the interest of fair play and team equity.

B. Eligibility

1. All interested youth.
2. A "Player" is a girl whose registration with the League is current and who is in good standing with the League, as determined by the Board of Directors.
3. If any Player, parent or guardian discloses the existence of a physical or medical condition that may create a safety risk, or if the existence of such condition is apparent or evident, the League may require that the Player provide a medical certification, to the Player Agent, clearing her to play before participating, or continuing to participate, in the League's activities.
4. Player eligibility is also governed by the USA Softball of Southern California Yellow Book (<http://www.usasoftballsocal.com>) (hereafter referred to as "USAS SOCAL Yellow Book") and covers eligibility issues regarding recreation league players, travel team players and high school players. Final Player eligibility is determined by the Player Agent.

C. Divisions

1. The League is separated into divisions in accordance with the USA SOFTBALL age guidelines.
2. Depending on the number of registrants, the League shall offer the following intramural divisions of play:
 - a. T-Ball (6U) four, five and six (4-6) year olds
 - b. Rookies (8U) seven and eight (7-8) year olds
 - c. Division 1 (10U) nine and ten (9-10) year olds
 - d. Division 2 (12U) eleven and twelve (11-12) year olds
 - e. Division 3 (14U) thirteen and fourteen (13-14) year olds
3. The League shall make an effort to accommodate girls fifteen through eighteen (15-18) years of age through the establishment of a Division 4 team to compete against teams in this same age division from other leagues around the North County area. The formation of such a team shall depend upon the number of registrants, the availability of a qualified coach, and the formation of other local teams.

D. Registration Process

1. Registration for the League's Spring Recreational Season shall remain open for sixty days, and shall close no later than the day before evaluations (generally November to late December/early January). Registration for the League's Fall Ball Season shall be open for at least thirty-five days and shall close no later than the day before evaluations (generally July to early August). Registrations shall be accepted in a manner prescribed by the Player Agent. The Executive Board shall determine the date, time, and location for registration and determine the date after which would constitute late registration. The League shall make every effort to place on a team every girl registering within the League's deadlines and meeting the League's eligibility requirements.

2. Special placement requests shall be submitted to the Player Agent in writing, along with an explanation for the request, at the time of registration, but no later than the end of the final Player skills evaluation. There is no guarantee that special requests outside of the League's rules and regulations described herein shall be granted. The Player Agent determines final Player placement.
3. The League shall accept late registration of Players until such date established by the Executive Board, after which no registrations shall be accepted nor team assignments allowed. Late registrants shall be assigned to a team in accordance with the rules and regulations described herein.
4. No Player shall be permitted to participate in any team or league function without a signed registration form and liability release, or without being in good standing with the League, as determined by the Executive Board.

E. Fees and Refunds

1. A registration fee is required to participate in the League. All such fees shall be approved by the Executive Board and paid before a date established by the Player Agent.
2. The Player Agent shall collaborate with the Treasurer about requests for financial aid to be approved on a case by case basis.
3. A full refund shall be made to any Player that is not able to be assigned to a team. A player resigning prior to a team assignment will receive a refund minus registration processing fee. Upon written request and explanation by the parent or guardian of the Player, the Player Agent, in collaboration with the Treasurer, may elect to give a full or partial refund to a Player after a team assignment (minus processing fees). A player resigning from her assigned team will be ineligible for reinstatement to any team in any division for the remainder of that season, and will be ineligible for league-sponsored functions, unless those events are open to non-registered members. The Recreational season, the All Star season and the Fall Ball season are considered separate seasons.
4. Division 3 and 4 Players only: The League shall refund the registration fee of a Division 3 or 4 Player if she subsequently makes a high school team or if sufficient teams cannot be formed.

SECTION 3 COACHING STAFF

A. Responsibility

1. The League's five Division Directors, have responsibility for oversight of the coaching staff, which includes Head Coaches and any other coaches who will be directing play on the field during a game. The Division Directors shall act in accordance with the League's Bylaws, the rules and regulations herein, and at the direction of the Board of Directors or its designees. Any questions, comments, concerns, or other correspondence regarding coaches, assistants, or other team officials should be directed to the appropriate Division Director. All decisions shall be made in the best interests of all participants within the League.

B. Coach Selection

1. The Division Directors are responsible for recruiting and recommending to the Executive Board the coaching staff for all of the League's teams. All Star coach selection is referenced in Section 7. Fall Ball coach selection is referenced in Section 8. The Executive Board shall vote to approve all coaching staff recommendations. The Directors shall not communicate coaching appointments prior to receiving permission from the Executive Board. Assistant coaches shall be appointed at the discretion of the Head Coach and Division Director; however, the Executive Board may remove any coach directing play on the field, with cause.
2. Opportunities to coach shall be advertised by the Board to attract as many well-qualified candidates as possible. All applicants for Head Coach must complete registration and submit interest to the appropriate Division Director.
3. Head Coaches must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age; Assistant Coaches must be at least sixteen (16) years of age. The primary qualities sought in coaches include the following:
 - a. Dedication to providing a positive experience for all Players while stressing teamwork and personal responsibility;
 - b. Willingness to contribute to and support the League and the welfare of all its participants beyond coaching;
 - c. Ability to reflect a positive image of PGSL, its teams, and its Players; and
 - d. Knowledge of the game and the ability to teach the game and develop players.
4. The recommendations of Division Directors shall be presented to the Executive Board as soon as possible prior to player evaluations. The Division Directors shall notify coaches immediately upon receiving permission from the Executive Board. Any subsequent recommendations for the coaching staff shall be presented to the Executive Board for approval.
5. Head Coaches in T-Ball division are permitted to have one designated Assistant Coach. The daughter(s) of each coach shall be reserved to that team and known as a "Reserved Player" or "Reserved Players." In all other divisions, the Head Coach's daughter(s) only is/are a "Reserved Player" or "Reserved Players."
6. A list of all designated Head Coaches shall be posted publicly on the League's website.
7. Any adult who will assist in the dugout or on the field during practices or games will be required to have a background check as required by USA SOFTBALL guidelines. The League will pay for the background check for the Head Coach and up to two (2) Assistant Coaches and 1 Team Parent. Any individual who refuses to sign the background check consent form is ineligible to hold a coaching position within the League. Once the background check has been successfully completed, and the coach is cleared to be a coach within PGSL, that coach will be declared "Certified" by the League. Such certification may be withdrawn by the Board of Directors at its sole discretion, with cause.
8. During games, no more than four (4) adults will be permitted in a dugout at one time except in T-Ball.

C. Coaching Responsibilities and Conduct

1. All Head Coaches and their staff, are representatives of the League and, as such, are expected to support the League and the Board in the following manner:
 - a. Know the League Bylaws, rules and regulations herein, and the USA SOFTBALL rules governing play;
 - b. Cooperate with Board members and their designees by responding promptly to inquiries or requests for information;
 - c. Support and implement all League objectives, policies, rules, and regulations regardless of personal views;
 - d. Communicate these objectives and policies to Players and their parents or guardians;
 - e. Communicate with the appropriate Division Director regarding coaching-related issues; and
 - f. Maintain a positive, team-oriented approach to coaching and in working with Players and their parents or guardians.

2. The Head Coach is responsible for the overall operation of the team and is expected to be actively involved in a majority of the team's activities. Head Coaches who are not actively participating may be subject to disciplinary action and possible removal. The duties and responsibilities of the Head Coach include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Evaluation of Players at skills evaluations;
 - b. Participating in the team selection process as required;
 - c. Picking up, maintaining and returning the League issued team equipment;
 - d. Holding a team meeting for parents and guardians to set expectations for the season before the second scheduled practice;
 - e. Holding regular post game / practice summary meetings;
 - f. Conducting practices and games;
 - g. Ensuring player safety before, during and after practices and games;
 - h. Attending coaching and Player training and clinics;
 - i. Ensuring that the coaching staff is properly trained;
 - j. Designating a team parent, scorekeeper, field parent, etc. to assist with League related team responsibilities; and
 - k. Preparing, maintaining and breaking down the fields before and after games and practices.

3. Head Coaches shall contact the Division Director concerning questions about League rules, Player misconduct, parental problems, or any other matter pertaining to the operation of their team. Any matter that a Head Coach would like brought to the attention of the Executive Board is to be reported to the Division Director, who is responsible for placing the matter on the Executive Board's agenda at their next regular meeting. Any matter that a Head Coach may have regarding a Division Director can be reported to any member of the Executive Board.

4. All coaching candidates shall sign the "Code of Conduct" in order to be eligible for appointment.

5. Head Coaches and their coaching staff are to maintain professional conduct at all times and shall report all incidents of coaching misconduct as described herein to the Division Director within twenty-four (24) hours.

6. The Head Coach shall conduct at least one parent and guardian meeting before the team's second scheduled practice. The Head Coach shall explain, in detail, his or her coaching philosophy and his or her policies, team rules, and any other topics or League information as instructed by the League during the coaches' training program.

7. The Head Coach shall use GameChanger or league approved equivalent program to communicate with the team and schedule games. At least one Executive Board member shall be on each team's GameChanger. The presence of the board member in the team communication does not replace the coach's requirement to communicate information to team members.

8. Excessive physical exercise, mental, physical or verbal abuse, the use of profanity, or the unsportsmanlike conduct by any member of the coaching staff toward the Players, other coaches, parents or guardians, or umpires is strictly forbidden regardless of any personal relationships. If a coach cannot successfully deal with a Player, coach, or parent or guardian, the coach shall direct this issue to the Division Director.
9. The Head Coach may bench a Player for a specified period of time, exceeding the player participation rules, not to exceed one game, for failure to comply with League or team rules, chronic unexcused absences, unsportsmanlike conduct, or other action by the Player not in the best interest of the team, as further described herein. The benching shall be communicated to the Player and reported to the Division Director and the Player Agent prior to imposing or the next day if the incident occurred on game day. The game umpire and the official scorekeeper shall be notified of any Players benched and the benching shall be noted on the official umpire scorecard.
10. The Head Coach shall report any of the following within twenty-four (24) hours to the Division Director and the Player Agent: poor attendance of a Player (three or more unexcused absences as described herein), a benching of a Player resulting from a game day incident, a resignation or anticipated resignation of a Player, a Player request to transfer to another team, severe injuries, Players chronically left unattended by parents, the physical, mental or verbal abuse of a Player on any team, or the ejection of a Player, member of the coaching staff, parent or guardian or spectator affiliated with the team from a game.
11. The Head Coach shall report to the Division Director and the Player Agent any action that may affect a change in the team roster, including requests for transfer, drops, disciplinary actions, etc. Roster changes cannot be made by anyone other than the Player Agent, with approval of the Division Director. Any such roster change not made by the Player Agent and approved by the Division Director shall result in the subject Player being deemed an "Ineligible Player."
12. The Head Coach shall report to the Division Director and the Player Agent any Player who has three unexcused absences (games and/or practices). Advanced planned family events, other sport activities, school or religious activities, and illnesses or injuries communicated to the Head Coach in advance of the absence are considered excused absences.
12. The Head Coach is responsible for ensuring the safety of the Players, and that Players shall not be left unattended before or after a practice or game. If a Player continually has a problem with parent drop-offs or pick-ups, the Head Coach shall report the situation to the Division Director and the Player Agent.
13. The coaching staff is forbidden to use any tobacco products or the consumption of or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs in the vicinity of the playing or practice fields, including parking areas.
14. Only coaches who are "Certified" (as described herein), or in the process of becoming "Certified", with the League are permitted to conduct a practice. If a coach meeting either of these criteria is not available, for whatever reasons, no practice shall take place. Failure to abide by this rule may result in the removal of the Head Coach from the team.

D. Disciplinary Action and Removal

1. Coaching misconduct includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:
 - a. Poor sportsmanship;
 - b. Inappropriate cheers or comments that demean or otherwise make fun of girls on the opposing team;
 - c. Chronic absences from coaches' meetings, clinics, team practices and/or games;
 - d. Foul and/or abusive language;
 - e. Use or influence of alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs at or around any playing or practice facility, including parking areas;
 - f. Behavior displaying a lack of moral character;
 - g. Mental, verbal and/or physical abuse of a Player, parent, spectator, or game official;
 - h. Multiple ejections from games involving PGSL teams

- i. Verbal or written intimidation to a Player, parent, spectator, coach, or game official; and
 - j. Blatant, purposeful, or multiple violations of PGSL or USA SOFTBALL rules.
2. Allegations of coaching misconduct shall be made in writing to the appropriate Division Director or to any member of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall act upon allegations of misconduct within seven (7) days. First minor offense will result in a counseling session with appropriate Division Director and/or Executive Board member. Coaching Counsel letter (example in Appendix A) must be signed by the counseled member, counselor, and an Executive Board witness. A report of any action taken by the Executive Board shall be filed with the Secretary and shared with complaining member. Further infractions or serious infractions may result in suspension, removal, or any other penalty the Executive Board might impose. Any decision of the Executive Board is final and cannot be appealed. In addition, the Executive Board may forward a recommendation to the Board for revocation of League membership in accordance with the League Bylaws.
3. Any member of the coaching staff who is ejected from a game involving any PGSL sanctioned team shall be suspended for the remainder of the game in progress and the following game. The ejected coach has one minute to leave the premises, removing himself or herself from sight and sound of the game, or the game shall be forfeited at the umpire's discretion. The ejected coach may have no contact with the members of the team during the pre- or post-game activities of either game for which he or she is suspended. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach, or acting Head Coach, or his or her designee, to make sure the ejected party leaves the premises. The ejection shall be noted on the official scorecard, the Division Director and the Player Agent shall be notified by the Head Coach, and a report shall be made by the Division Director to the Executive Board.
4. Any member of the coaching staff ejected from a second game within the same season involving any PGSL sanctioned team, may, at the discretion of the Division Directors, be removed from the coaching staff and/or suspended from attending any games in which a PGSL team is participating for the rest of the same season. The Spring Recreational season, the All Star season and the Fall Ball season are considered separate seasons.
5. Any Head Coach who resigns voluntarily shall not be reinstated in any division on any team for that season. The Spring Recreational season, the All Star season and the Fall Ball season are considered separate seasons.

E. Training

1. Head Coaches, and any other coaching staff members are required to attend meetings, clinics, and training programs conducted by the League or as directed by the League, unless excused by the Division Director. Failure to do so may result in removal from the coaching staff for that season. The Spring Recreational season, the All Star season and the Fall Ball season are considered separate seasons.

F. Fields and Equipment

1. Due to liability concerns and the limited number of fields, teams shall practice and play on assigned fields both during practices and regular season games. The Scheduling Director must approve any use of fields other than those assigned.
2. Any cancellation of practices or games shall be reported to the Scheduling Director at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the use of such fields so that the city may be notified. Failure to do so may result in reimbursement by the Head Coach for any charges the League may incur.
3. The Head Coach is financially responsible for his or her team equipment. All equipment issued to team officials or Players must be returned to the League at the conclusion of the last game or at any other such time as the Equipment Director designates.
4. A deposit, in the form of a check and for an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), shall be required of each Head Coach upon issuance of equipment. If the equipment is returned complete and in

satisfactory condition, the check will be returned to the Head Coach uncashed. If equipment is found missing or damaged beyond normal wear and tear, some or all of the deposit may be used to defray the cost of replacement or repair and the remainder, if any, will be returned.

5. Equipment must be issued to and returned by the Head Coach only; no designee shall be permitted for this task. If the Head Coach cannot be at the place and time designated by the Equipment Director, other arrangements must be made.

G. Safety

1. The Division Director and the coaching staff are responsible for the Players wearing proper clothing, using safety equipment properly, and using safe practices of play at all team functions to minimize chances of injury.
2. The Head Coach shall report to the Division Director and Player Agent, who shall then timely report to the League Secretary, any injuries occurring during a team event which results in a missed game or practice or which requires a doctor's attention, within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident. The coaching staff shall also report any unsafe playing conditions to the Field Director immediately.

SECTION 4 TEAM SELECTION AND PLAYER PLACEMENT

A. Responsibility

1. The League's Division Directors and the Player Agent have responsibility for conducting the League's team selection and Player placement process. The Division Directors and the Player Agent shall act in accordance with the League Bylaws, the rules and regulations herein, and at the direction of the Board or its designees. Any questions, comments, concerns, or other correspondence regarding team selection and Player placement should be directed to the Division Directors or the Player Agent. In making any discretionary decisions, the Division Directors' and Player Agent's primary duty shall be to act in the interest of fair play and team equity.

B. Team Selection and Player Placement Policies

1. It is not the policy of PGSL to grant requests for placement with or within a specific division, team, coach, or other Player; nor are Players typically allowed to play outside of their age division. The League may make certain limited exceptions to this policy using the guidelines established within the rules and regulations herein. Special placement requests shall be submitted to the Player Agent in writing, along with an explanation for the request, at the time of registration, but no later than the end of the final Player skills evaluation. This is NOT a guarantee that the request will be granted.
2. It may be necessary, in order to fill out teams or coaching positions in an upper age division, to allow a small number of qualified Players to be moved to a more advanced division. Placement in an upper division requires that all of the following criteria be met:
 - a. A Player must have the permission of the parent or guardian;
 - b. A Player must have the consent of the Player Agent and the Division Directors involved, after consideration given to roster availability, Player skills and individual safety; and
 - c. A Player is encouraged to attend the Player skills evaluation in the upper division, and must be drafted into the upper division (skill qualified). Failure to attend a scheduled Player skills evaluation for that division may prevent the Player Agent, Division Directors and/or Head Coaches from being able to assess whether the Player is skill qualified or to satisfy safety concerns.
3. It may be necessary, due to safety considerations, to allow Players lacking sufficient softball experience to be placed in a lower age division. Placement in a lower division requires that all of the following criteria be met:
 - a. A Player must have the permission of the parent or guardian;
 - b. A Player must be of a League age within one year of the lower division in which she is attempting to play;
 - c. A notification from a League representative associated with the upper division that there is a safety concern; and
 - d. A Player must have the consent of the Player Agent and the Division Directors involved.
4. The number of Players on each team shall vary by division according to the following:
 - a. T-Ball Division seven through nine (7-9) players
 - b. Rookie Division (8U) ten through thirteen (10-13) players
 - c. Division 1 (10U) ten through thirteen (10-13) players
 - d. Division 2 (12U) ten through twelve (10-12) players
 - e. Division 3 (14U) ten through thirteen (10-13) players
 - f. Division 4 (16U) ten through fifteen (10-15) players
5. The final number of players per team shall be determined by the Player Agent, with input from the Division Directors.

C. Player Evaluations

1. The League shall conduct a skills evaluation for all Players eligible for the draft. The Division Directors, with the assistance of the Player Agent, shall be responsible to organize and conduct the skills evaluation for their respective divisions.
2. All Players are encouraged to attend the skills evaluation session designated for their age group regardless of any pending request to play in another division. Any player who wishes to play in an age group other than her designated group is encouraged to attend the skills evaluation for the age group she desires to play in. EXCEPTION: Players approved to play in a lower division may attend the skills evaluation session for the lower division only.
3. To be eligible to pitch during the season, a player who is the daughter of a Head Coach (participating in draft) must participate in pitcher evaluations, regardless of the Head Coach's intent to use the player as a primary or secondary pitcher. Any player that does not meet these requirements will be limited to pitching a maximum of twelve innings during the regular season, and will not be eligible to pitch during tournament play.
4. T-Ball shall not use a draft for team selection and therefore shall not require a skills evaluation process.
5. Reserved Players must participate in Player skills evaluation.
6. If a Player is not present for Player skills evaluation, and the Division Director determines, in his or her sole discretion, that the Player's abilities are not sufficiently known to the majority of the Head Coaches for the division, that Player shall be selected for team assignment randomly, out of a hat, during the draft process and shall not be eligible for selection to an advanced division. In the case where a Player is determined to be sufficiently known to a majority of the Head Coaches for the division, that Player will be eligible for the draft, and that Player's abilities will be noted to all Head Coaches prior to the draft. No make-up skills evaluation shall be held unless approved by the appropriate Division Director and the Player Agent.

D. Player Assignment Procedures for T-Ball Division

1. Player assignments shall be conducted by the Player Agent and Division Director and shall be finalized only after all other division drafts have taken place.
2. The Player Agent and Division Director shall first assign the Reserved Players and make a best effort to grant special requests for team Player or coach assignments. Remaining Players shall be assigned either at random or by direct placement.
3. Siblings within the same division shall be placed together unless otherwise requested by the parent or guardian.

E. Player Draft Rules and Procedures for Divisions Rookies, 1, & 2

1. Player assignments shall be determined by Player draft when there are enough players for two (2) or more teams. The Player Agent and the Division Director shall conduct the Player draft. The Executive Board shall appoint another Board member, who has no apparent conflict of interest (i.e. one in which a reasonable person could conclude that a Board member's judgment may be compromised, such as a coach or a parent or guardian of a Player in the division) in the draft in which they will preside, and with sufficient League rules and draft experience, to act as a third party mediator in case of a dispute.
2. Player drafts shall be conducted after the final Player skills evaluation at a time and place designated by the Player Agent. The Division 3 draft shall take place first, followed by Division 2, Division 1, and Rookies, in that order.

3. Prior to the start of the draft the Player Agent must announce or provide the following:
 - a. The team representatives and other draft officials in attendance;
 - b. A complete draft roster of all eligible Players;
 - c. A listing of pitchers;
 - d. A listing of siblings to be drafted together; and
 - e. A listing of the Players and the number of available roster slots for Players requesting and approved to play up.
 - f. The Player Agent shall inform team representatives of all special requests and advise representatives that they are not required to honor these requests during the draft.
4. The Head Coach or Player Agent shall appoint an acting team representative to draft for any team that does not have a representative present. Should no representative be available, the Player Agent or Director shall act as team representative. No other Players, parents or guardians, or spectators are permitted in the draft room except as permitted herein.
5. A Head Coach or parent/guardian may, prior to the draft, designate his/her daughter as a non-pitcher. If this occurs, that Player shall be ineligible to pitch in any regular season or tournament game. If a non-pitcher does pitch in any game, that game shall be deemed forfeited. A list of all designated non-pitchers will be provided to all coaches of each division.
6. Players eligible for the draft, but who did not appear at the Player skills evaluation and are not known to a majority of the Head Coaches for that division, shall have their names placed in a "hat." A team's representative may choose to draw from the hat at any time during the draft in lieu of making a draft choice. The Player Agent shall announce these Players prior to the start of the draft.
7. The Player Agent shall determine the maximum number of lower division Players requesting to be drafted from the pool of eligible Players.
8. Siblings eligible for draft within the same division shall be drafted together unless otherwise requested by the parent or guardian. Prior to the draft, the coaches and team representatives in attendance and familiar with the siblings' skillsets will discuss the projected round of the draft in which each sibling is likely to be drafted so each coach/team representative can plan their draft accordingly.
9. A representative from each team shall draw numbers to determine the draft order for the First Round, as described below. There shall be no trading of draft order positions for any round of the draft.
10. The First Round of the draft shall be for the selection of pitchers only. Each team will select one (1) ranked pitcher during the First Round and may not draft a non-pitcher. The intent of this First Round selection is to allocate the pitching talent among the teams and minimize the possibility that a team will be fielded without a recognized pitcher; or a Player that is designated as of the time of the draft as a "Ranked" pitcher (see Subsection E.12.).
11. Prior to starting the draft for each division, the Player Agent and Division Director shall determine the number of teams to be fielded in the division. The coaches/team representatives will then collectively rank, in the presence of the Player Agent and Division Director, all pitchers eligible for the draft, with 1 being the highest ranked pitcher. The highest and lowest rankings, and the ranking given by any Coach for his/her own daughter, will not be counted and all other rankings will be averaged to determine a pitcher's ranking ("Ranked" or "Ranking"). Those Rankings shall be shared with all Coaches and team representatives at the draft and they may use those Rankings as a resource during the selection process. The Coach/ team representative with the first selection may select any pitcher, regardless of the Ranking. The team with the second selection may then select any pitcher, regardless of the Ranking, and so on, until each team in the division has made their First Round pitcher selection.
12. In the event a Coach has a daughter who is a League-recognized pitcher, the Coach must draft his/her daughter in the First Round, however, if the daughter/Player is Ranked lower than the total number of teams to be fielded for that division as determined at the time of the draft, then the Coach is not required to draft

his/her daughter in the First Round but must draft the daughter as a Reserved Player as defined below. For example, if a division is fielding 8 teams and the Coach's daughter is not Ranked as a top eight (8) pitcher (the total number of teams), the Coach is not required to take his/her daughter in the First Round, but must draft her no later than the Reserved Player round.

The intent of this section is to promote the likelihood that each team will receive at least one (1) pitcher that is considered to be a top pitcher during the First Round based on the overall pitchers available in the draft. It is not intended to promote Ranking of pitchers in a manner inconsistent with a pitcher's actual or projected abilities for the season, or to unduly benefit or harm a Coach's draft slot in the First Round.

13. The "snake" draft system shall be used in order drawn. No re-draws after pitcher.
14. Each team representative shall be given two (2) minutes to make his or her selection. During Round 1, if the team representative has not made a selection within the two (2) minutes, the representative will be deemed to have selected the pitcher Ranked with their corresponding draft position for that round (ex: the fourth team will receive the fourth Ranked pitcher), and if that pitcher is no longer on the draft board then the team will receive the next lowest Ranked pitcher still available that is not the daughter of another Coach (ex: if fourth is not available, then the next lowest Rank will be the fifth or sixth or seventh, etc.). This section shall not be used by a Coach to circumvent the rules set forth above in this Subsection E, regarding the drafting of his/her own daughter who is a pitcher. For all other rounds after the First Round, failing to make a timely selection will result in forfeiture of the pick for that round and the team representative must wait until the end of the draft to fill out the roster. The Player Agent enforces time limits and his or her decision is final.
15. Teams having a Reserved Player(s) not otherwise drafted in the First Round as a Ranked pitcher shall forfeit their selections in rounds based on the Reserved Player's League Age and pitching status accordingly:
 - a. If the Reserved Player is an 8, 10 or 12 year-old based on USA Softball age, Round 3 is forfeited.
 - b. If the Reserved Player is a 7, 9 or 11 year-old based on USA Softball age or is playing up, Round 4 is forfeited.
 - c. If any two conditions above apply, then non-consecutive, alternating rounds will both be forfeited (e.g., Round 3 and Round 5 or Round 4 and Round 6) based on the older Reserved Player.
 - d. See Section 4.E.8. for sibling exceptions
16. Players approved for playing up a division will be included in the draft. Player Agent and Division Directors will determine the number of players allowed to play up prior to the draft. Players requesting play-up may continue to be drafted throughout the draft until maximum number of allowed play-ups has been reached.
17. The draft is completed when all eligible Players have been assigned to a team and each team has at least the minimum number of Players to form a roster. Note that Players desiring to play up or down a division must meet the requirements described herein in order to be eligible to be drafted. Players otherwise meeting the requirements to play down a division must be drafted; Players otherwise meeting the requirements and desiring to play up a division are not required to be drafted in the upper age division.
18. Upon completion of the draft a five (5) minute break shall be given. Then a period of fifteen (15) minutes shall be allotted for trades among teams. All trades are subject to approval by both the Player Agent and the Division Director. All trades will be final and no trades shall be requested or accepted after this period unless directed by the Player Agent. Trades shall be fair and not be used to circumvent any of the procedures intended to provide equity and fairness during the draft.
19. Team representatives shall complete a roster for their team and turn it in to the Player Agent before leaving the draft. All team rosters are subject to approval by the Player Agent and the Division Director involved. Roster changes may be made if any clear and egregious imbalances occurred during the draft process, at the discretion of the Player Agent and the Division Director involved.
20. Under no circumstances shall Players be notified of their selection until the Player Agent has given approval and approved team rosters have been issued to the Head Coaches. Upon notification of roster approval,

Head Coaches shall notify their Players within forty-eight (48) hours. If a "Meet the Coach" day has been scheduled, Head Coaches shall not notify any player of team placement until "Meet the Coach" day.

F. Player Draft Rules and Procedures for Division 3

1. Player assignments for Division 3 shall be determined by Player draft. Draft rules will be the same as those used in the preceding Subsection 4E except where noted below.
2. The draft shall consist of two separate procedures. The primary draft shall be conducted after Player skills evaluations at a time and place designated by the Player Agent. A supplemental draft shall be conducted after high school team selections are complete. Players must register during the regular registration to be added to a Spring Recreational team in the event they do not get selected for a high school team.

G. Player Assignment Procedures for Division 4

1. Historically, PGSL has been unable to field multiple Division 4 teams. Players are recruited, registered, evaluated, and assigned by the Head Coach. The teams are generally not formed until after the high school has had their tryouts and selected their teams. Games are generally scheduled with other local leagues that form a Division 4 team.

H. Post-Draft Registrations and Roster Changes

1. All Head Coaches within the division shall be notified when a Player registers for the League after the draft is complete. Players registering after the draft is complete shall be placed on one of the teams that remained in that round, based on a pick from a "hat". This is to avoid the perception of manipulating the draft. Players shall be placed in the order the registration forms were received by the Player Agent until the maximum number of Players per team has been met. The Player Agent, overseen by the Division Director, shall determine whether assigning Players in this manner creates an imbalance of the team rosters for that division, keeping in mind such factors as the age, experience, years of experience, and positions played by the Player and may make roster adjustments accordingly. In making this determination, the Player Agent and Division Director shall act in the interest of fair play and team equity.
2. The parents or guardians of a Player may submit a written request to the Player Agent, within one (1) week of notification of team assignment, requesting that the Player be placed on another team and providing a reason for the request. The Player Agent, assisted by the Division Director, shall determine whether the situation warrants reassignment, and if necessary, shall either arrange a trade with another team for a Player of equal skills or reassign said Player to another team. In the case of the latter, the team from which the Player was removed will be considered a team in line for Player placement, subject to the guidelines listed in the previous paragraph. In the event a team loses a Player to injury or resignation before the final registration date established by the Board, that team shall become eligible for post-draft registration Player assignment, and considered a team in line for Player placement, subject to the guidelines listed in the previous paragraph.
3. The Player Agent and Division Director must approve any roster change.
4. In the event that the League fails to obtain adequate coaching for any team in the League, that team shall be disbanded and the Players placed on another team or a refund given. The Player Agent, assisted by the Division Director, shall place Players wishing to continue to play on other teams, subject to roster availability and in the interest of fair play and team equity.

SECTION 5 NON-PLAYING RULES

A. Responsibility

1. The League's Board, and its selected designees, shall have responsibility for enforcement of the League's rules and regulations. Any questions, comments, concerns, or other correspondence regarding the rules, regulations, and policies should be first directed to the appropriate Division Director. In making any discretionary decisions, the Board's and the Division Director's primary duty shall be to act in the interest of sportsmanship, fair play and team equity.

B. Player and Member Conduct and Behavior

1. All Players and/or Members (as defined in the League's Bylaws) of the League are expected to support the League in the following manner:
 - a. Become familiar with the League Bylaws, rules and regulations, and USA SOFTBALL rules governing play;
 - b. Volunteer as a League representative (snack shack, scorekeeper, team parent, coach, fields maintenance, etc.);
 - c. Support League objectives, policies, rules, and regulations regardless of personal views;
 - d. Follow the League's Bylaws and rules and regulations to voice your concerns, objections or opinions; and
 - e. Maintain a positive, team-oriented relationship with the coaches and other spectators, parents and guardians.
2. The Board must approve any public actions or activities performed in the name of the League or any of its teams in advance by any of its Players or Members.
3. Players and Members are to contact their Division Director concerning questions about League rules, regulations, policies, procedures, Player or Member misconduct, coaching concerns, or any other matter pertaining to the well-being of the League. Any matters that a Player or Member would like brought to the attention of the Board are to be reported to the Division Director, who is responsible for placing the item on the Board's agenda at their next regular meeting. Any matter that a Player or Member may have regarding a Division Director can be reported to any member of the Executive Board.
4. Players, Members and spectators are to maintain civil conduct at all times.
5. Excessive physical disciplining, mental, physical or verbal abuse, the use of profanity, or unsportsmanlike conduct by any Member or spectator is strictly forbidden regardless of the relationship to the Player.
6. A Player may be benched for failure to comply with League or team rules, chronic unexcused absences, unsportsmanlike conduct, and/or other action by the Player not in the best interest of the team. The Head Coach shall communicate with the Player and report the benching to the Division Director and the Player Agent prior to imposing or the next day if the incident occurred on game day.
7. A Player who has three unexcused absences (games and/or practices) shall be reported by the Head Coach to the Division Director and the Player Agent. Advanced planned family events, other sport activities, school or religious activities, and illnesses or injuries communicated to the Head Coach in advance of the absence are considered excused absences.
8. Players shall not be left unattended before or after a practice or game. If a Player continually has a problem with parent drop-offs or pick-ups, the Head Coach shall report the situation to the Division Director and the Player Agent.

9. Players, Members, and spectators are forbidden to use any tobacco products, vaping, or the consumption of or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs in the vicinity of the playing or practice fields, including parking areas.

C. Disciplinary Action and Removal

1. Player, Member and spectator misconduct may be defined as, but is not limited to, any of the following:
 - a. Poor sportsmanship;
 - b. Inappropriate cheers or comments that demean or otherwise make fun of girls on the opposing team;
 - c. Chronic absences from team practices and/or games;
 - d. Foul and/or abusive language;
 - e. Use or influence of alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs at or around any playing or practice facility, including parking areas;
 - f. Mental, verbal and/or physical abuse of a Player, parent, spectator, coach, or game official;
 - g. Multiple ejections from games involving PGSL teams
 - h. Verbal or written intimidation of a Player, parent, spectator, coach, or game official; and
 - i. Blatant, purposeful, or multiple violations of PGSL or USA SOFTBALL rules.
3. Allegations of misconduct shall be made in writing to the appropriate Division Director or to any member of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall act upon allegations of misconduct within seven (7) days. First minor offense will result in counseling session with appropriate Division Director and/or Executive Board member. Counseling letter (example in Appendix A) must be signed by the counseled member, counselor, and an Executive Board witness. A report of any action taken by the Executive Board shall be filed with the Secretary and shared with complaining member. Further infractions or serious infractions may result in suspension, removal, or any other penalty the Executive Board might impose. Any decision of the Executive Board is final and cannot be appealed. In addition, the Executive Board may forward a recommendation to the Board for revocation of League membership in accordance with the League Bylaws.
4. Any Member or spectator who is ejected from a game involving any PGSL sanctioned team shall be suspended for the remainder of the game in progress and the following game. The ejected party has one minute to leave the premises, removing himself or herself from sight and sound or the game shall be forfeited at the umpire's discretion. The ejected party may have no contact with the members of the team during the pre- or post-game activities of either game for which they are suspended. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach, or acting Head Coach, or his or her designee, to make sure the ejected party leaves the premises. The Division Director and Player Agent shall be notified by the Head Coach, and a report shall be made by the Division Director to the Executive Board.
5. A Player who is ejected from a game will serve a "bench ejection." The Player will be removed from the lineup but may remain in the dugout at the discretion of the umpire. An out shall be recorded each time the ejected Player was to appear at the plate for the remainder of the game. The Division Director and Player Agent shall be notified by the Head Coach, and a report shall be made by the Division Director to the Executive Board.
6. Any Player, Member, or spectator who is ejected from a second game involving any PGSL sanctioned team, may, at the discretion of the Division Director, be suspended from attending any games in which a PGSL team is participating for the rest of the season.
7. Any Player who resigns, after notification of team assignment, shall not be reinstated in any division on any team for that same season. The Spring Recreational season, the All Star season and the Fall Ball season are considered separate seasons.

SECTION 6 PLAYING RULES

A. Responsibility

1. The umpires have responsibility to enforce all USA SOFTBALL playing rules on the field of play. Any questions, comments, concerns, or other correspondence regarding the rules and regulations should be first directed to the appropriate Division Director. Any comments or concerns regarding the umpiring shall be directed to the League's Director of Umpires. In most cases, the field umpire's decisions are final; any appeal of these decisions must be made through the Protest Committee following the rules of protest (see Subsection F below).

B. Game Schedule, Cancellations, and Makeups

1. Game and practice schedules are the responsibility of the Schedule Director. Head Coaches shall notify the Division Director of any request for a change in game or practice schedules. All changes shall be approved by the Schedule Director prior to making the changes.
2. In the event of rain or other occurrences that may affect the condition of the playing fields, the Field Director and/or the city of Poway shall determine whether the fields are playable. If there is any question about field conditions, coaches must check the appropriate means of communication for field conditions. Once the decision to cancel games is made, the Director of Umpires, Head Coaches, and Division Directors shall be notified. For city park fields the city's fields manager determines whether the fields are playable.
3. Coaches may not cancel a game, even when agreed upon by the other team's coach. Any team that cancels a game or fails to appear when the game was not officially cancelled will forfeit that game. Any decision to cancel game(s) will rest with the Fields Director with concurrence by the Board, and will be communicated as early as possible to coaches.
4. Once a game has begun, the umpire shall have sole authority to suspend play if determined the field is unplayable or dangerous. The umpire is empowered to call a game at any time because of darkness, rain, fire, panic, or other causes which compromise the safety of the Players. If the game is regulation, the game will be considered complete.
5. Games that are called or suspended shall be rescheduled, if possible. Teams with the highest number of rescheduled games will have first priority in rescheduling games. Games important to the final standings will get priority.

C. Uniforms and Equipment

1. During games all Players will wear uniforms as required by PGSL, which includes:
 - a. Shirt (provided by PGSL) with number on back (name optional);
 - (1) Approved jerseys are provided by the League and are specific for use in that season (e.g., Spring Rec, Fall Ball, All Stars).
 - (2) Coaches may request to use jerseys from a prior season, provided that every player on the team already has the jersey. A new jersey will not be ordered outside of the approved season jerseys, except as indicated in Section 8.I.1.(a).
 - b. Softball Pants only (No denim or jeans);
 - c. Shirts to be tucked in at all times;
 - d. Age appropriate cleats are strongly recommended (metal cleats are approved for use only at the 14U and above levels); and
 - e. Socks, visors/hats, jackets, sweatshirts, and/or undershirts may also be worn.

2. Pitchers shall not use any glove which does not meet USA SOFTBALL standards. Pitchers wearing any garment or device of a color that, in the umpire's opinion, would conceal the ball or otherwise confuse the batter may be required to remove such garment or device. Failure to comply will cause the pitcher to be removed from that position.
3. Players may not wear exposed jewelry during games, pre-game warm ups, or practices. Medical bracelets may be worn, taped to the body so the medical information remains visible, in accordance with USA SOFTBALL standards.
4. All bats shall comply with USA SOFTBALL standards; no baseball or wooden bats are permitted. All batting helmets must have a metal cage or clear plastic mask. All equipment must be in good working condition. Any equipment not meeting League or USA SOFTBALL standards shall be removed from the dugout.

D. General Rules

1. All games played within PGSL shall follow the rules set forth by USA SOFTBALL and any local playing rules approved by the Board. All rules as written in the USA SOFTBALL rulebook shall apply, unless superseded by the PGSL rules found in the General Rules or Special Rules sections herein.
2. All games shall start at the scheduled time. The umpire shall declare a forfeit if a team does not have the minimum required number of Players within ten (10) minutes of game time (see Special Rules). Forfeits during end of season play shall be annotated on the official scorecard with a score of seven (7) to zero (0). EXCEPTION: T-Ball has no minimum Player requirement to start a game nor do forfeits apply.
3. A regulation game shall consist of a maximum number of innings or a maximum time limit specified for each division (see Special Rules), whichever occurs first. A new inning begins immediately after the final out of the previous inning.
4. No new inning shall start after time has expired. An inning in progress when time expires shall continue to completion, unless the home team is ahead and is up to bat or scheduled to bat, in which case the home team shall not bat and the game will be complete.
5. A game called by the umpire, other than due to the expiration of the time limit, shall be regulation if the number of complete innings played is the number of regulation innings minus two (2). In this case, the score reverts to that of the last complete inning.
6. A late Player may be inserted into the lineup at any point during the game and shall be inserted at the end of the lineup. Position rotation rules in the Special Rules section are not in effect for a Player who arrives after the start of a game.
7. The score of a regulation tie game shall remain a tie. No tiebreaker shall be played except in tournament elimination play.
8. If a maximum runs per inning rule is in force (see Special Rules), no additional runs beyond the maximum shall be counted and the at bat shall be immediately terminated.
9. A Player that is injured and cannot play or must depart the game shall count as an out on her next plate appearance only. EXCEPTION: T-Ball has no penalty for departing Players.
10. All Players shall bat in the lineup and thus unlimited substitution shall be allowed. No Player shall sit on the bench defensively for two consecutive innings, except for disciplinary reasons described elsewhere herein (see Special Rules for participation rules).

11. Pitchers shall be subject to restrictions upon the number of innings pitched (see Special Rules). For the purpose of attributing innings, an inning shall be charged to any pitcher who throws a single pitch in any inning.
12. Rules regarding the participation and rotation of Players as described in the Special Rules shall be strictly adhered to regardless of the innings played in the game. A coach may protest a participation violation during or immediately after the game in accordance with Subsection F below. Umpires cannot enforce League participation rules.
13. Failure to follow any of the participation rules may result in conduct review and counseling of the offending Head Coach. If challenged, the Head Coach must provide sufficient evidence that participation rules have been followed.
14. Only the Head Coach or acting Head Coach may request a discussion with an umpire. No member of the coaching staff shall approach an umpire without permission.
15. The home team shall provide an "official scorekeeper," for games. The "official scorekeeper" shall keep an official scorebook or GameChanger scoring and scorecard. The official scorekeeper shall not alert an umpire, player, coach, or spectator to an illegal player being used but shall answer an umpire's direct question regarding such matters. The official scorecard, signed by the umpire and both coaches, shall be considered the official record of the game.

E. Special Rules

1. The Special Rules set forth in this section are specific to each division of play. They are referred to in the General Rules section and supersede those found in the USA SOFTBALL Rulebook.
2. T-Ball Division
 - a. Minimum Players to Start Game: No requirement.
 - b. Coaches: Three (3) offensive outside base paths, three (3) defensive inside base paths.
 - c. Game Time/Innings: One (1) hour, no inning limit or requirement.
 - d. Game Balls: 10" yellow, reduced injury factor.
 - e. Batting Order: Bat once through lineup each inning and rotate order during season. Announce last batter.
 - f. Position Rotation: Player rotations through all positions throughout season are mandatory. Any safety concerns shall be brought to the attention of the Division Director.
 - g. Player Participation: All Players play the field each inning.
 - h. Pitcher: No. With Head Coach and parent or guardian approval, individual Players may hit off a friendly pitcher when mid-week games begin. Three pitches max. If the Player is unsuccessful, the Player will hit from a tee. No strikeouts.
 - i. Putouts: A Player who is out on the base paths returns to the dugout.
 - j. Bunting: No.
 - k. Stealing: No.
 - l. Sliding: Yes.
 - m. Leadoffs: No.
 - n. Runners Advance: Only on a hit ball. Balls hit from a tee or a pitcher, ball must travel outside of 4' arc to be fair. All runners may advance home when last batter puts ball in play.
 - o. Infield Fly: No.
 - p. Courtesy Runner: No.
 - q. Protests: No.
3. Rookie Division (8u)
 - a. Minimum Players to Start Game: Seven (7).
 - b. Coaches: Two (2) offensive in the coaching boxes.

- c. Game Time/Innings: No new inning after 1 hour 20 minutes or five (5) innings. Drop dead at 1 hour 30 minutes.
- d. Game Balls: 10" yellow, reduced injury factor. (RIF 1 strongly suggested)
- e. Protective face mask / guard: Strongly recommended for Pitchers. Recommended for all players.
- f. Maximum Runs Per Inning: Four (4).
- g. Mercy Rule: No.
- h. Pitching Rubber: Thirty (30') feet.
- i. Position Rotation: Each Player shall play one full inning of infield and one full inning of outfield each game. If necessary, an inning on the bench may substitute for a player's outfield inning. Recommend full position rotations. Any safety concerns shall be brought to the attention of the Division Director. Coaches are expected to manage game time to ensure adherence to this rule.
- j. Player Participation: Must rotate Players to achieve equal playing time; i.e. no Player sits out two innings in a row, and no Player sits more than two innings per game, subject to disciplinary considerations described herein.
- k. Fielders: Ten (10) Players may play the field, no more than six (6) in the infield. Outfielders must be positioned on the outfield grass, or a reasonable distance behind the infielders if no outfield grass.
- l. Pitcher: Player pitchers will be used. After a four (4) ball count a friendly coach will pitch, from within the circle, resuming the strike count, during which time the Player pitcher must keep at least one foot inside the pitching circle. Strikeouts by the friendly coach pitcher are allowed. Friendly pitcher assumes the number of strikes from player pitcher. A maximum of three pitches by the friendly coach will be allowed, except that an at bat cannot end with a foul ball not recorded as an out. There are no walks.
- m. Maximum Innings for Pitcher and Catcher:
 - 1 game per week – 2 innings per calendar week
 - 2 games per week – 4 innings per calendar week (2 max per game)
 - 3 games per week – 6 innings per calendar week (2 max per game)
- n. Bunting: Yes, against player pitching only. No bunting against the friendly pitcher.
- o. Stealing: Yes. Only one base allowed per batter. Home plate is COLD. For the second half of the season, one base allowed per pitch. Home plate is COLD.
- p. Sliding: Yes.
- q. Leadoffs: Yes. If runner leaves early, runner is returned to the base. Once a runner from a team leaves early and is returned to the base, all subsequent runners from that team who are deemed to have left early will be called out.
- r. Errant throws: Runners may advance, at their own risk, on an errant throw a maximum of one additional base (beyond the base the runner is judged to have reached safely as a result of the play) after which the play will be ruled dead. A throw back to the pitcher who is in the circle that is overthrown is not considered an errant throw and runners may not advance. This includes throws from the catcher. Refer to the USA SOFTBALL rule for what constitutes an Overthrow, and for the application of that rule.
- s. Courtesy Runner: For injured Players, Pitchers, and/or Catchers. Last Player out serves as courtesy runner.
- t. Dropped Third Strike: No.
- u. Infield Fly: No.
- v. Protests: No.
- w. Hit by Pitch: If a batter is hit by a pitch that first hits the ground, from the player pitcher, then the offensive team shall decide to either continue the at bat or take first base. Batters hit by a pitch in the air must take first base. If a batter is hit by a pitch from the coach pitcher, the pitch does not count and the at bat shall continue. The intent of this rule is to develop the batter by encouraging her to continue the at bat. If the umpire believes any coach is utilizing this rule to gain a strategic advantage during the game, that coach will be subject to disciplinary action.
- x. No coaches inside the chalk lines except during coach pitch. Coach pitchers must immediately (and safely) move into foul territory upon a hit ball to avoid interfering with the play.

2. Division 1 (10u)

- a. Minimum Players to Start Game: Seven (7).
- b. Game Time/Innings: No new inning after 1 hour 20 minutes or six (6) innings. If a team cannot come back when time expires at 1 hour 20 minutes, the ball game is over.
- c. Game Balls: 11" yellow, reduced injury factor. (RIF 10 highly suggested)

- d. Protective face mask / guard: Strongly recommended for Pitchers. Recommended for all players.
- e. Maximum Runs Per Inning: Five (5).
- f. Mercy Rule: No.
- g. Pitching Rubber: Thirty-five (35') feet.
- h. Position Rotation: Each Player shall play one full inning of infield. Recommend an inning of outfield for each player per game. Any safety concerns shall be brought to the attention of the Division Director.
- i. Player Participation: Must rotate Players to achieve equal playing time; i.e. no Player sits out two innings in a row and no one sits more than two innings per game, subject to disciplinary considerations described herein.
- j. Fielders: Ten (10) Players may play the field, with no more than six (6) in the infield.
- k. Pitcher: Player pitching only.
- l. Maximum Innings for Pitcher and Catcher:
 - 1 game per week – 3 innings per calendar week
 - 2 games per week – 6 innings per calendar week (3 max per game)
 - 3 games per week – 9 innings per calendar week (3 max per game)
- m. Bunting: Yes.
- n. Stealing: Yes. Runner(s) may advance up to two (2) bases per pitch. Continuation to second base is allowed on a walk. Home plate is HOT.
- o. Sliding: Yes.
- p. Leadoffs: Yes. If runner leaves early, runner is returned to the base. Once a runner from a team leaves early and is returned to the base, all subsequent runners from that team who are deemed to have left early will be called out.
- r. Courtesy Runner: For injured Players, Pitchers, and/or Catchers. Last Player out serves as courtesy runner.
- s. Dropped Third Strike: Yes. Continuation to second base is allowed.
- t. Infield Fly: Yes.
- u. Protests: Yes.

3. Division 2 (12u)

- a. Minimum Players to Start Game: Seven (7).
- b. Game Time/Innings: No new inning after 1 hour 30 minutes or seven (7) innings. If a team cannot come back when time expires at 1 hour 30 minutes, the ball game is over.
- c. Game Balls: 12" yellow.
- d. Protective face mask / guard: Strongly recommended for Pitchers. Recommended for all players.
- e. Maximum runs per inning: Five (5).
- f. Mercy Rule: No.
- g. Pitching Rubber: Forty (40') feet.
- h. Position Rotation: Each player shall play one full inning of infield. Recommend an inning of outfield for each player per game. Any safety concerns shall be brought to the attention of the Division Director.
- i. Player Participation: Must rotate Players to achieve equal playing time; i.e., no Player sits out two innings in a row and no Player sits more than two innings per game, subject to the disciplinary considerations described herein.
- j. Fielders: Nine (9) Players.
- k. Maximum Innings for Pitcher and Catcher:
 - 1 game per week – 4 innings per calendar week
 - 2 games per week – 8 innings per calendar week (4 max per game)
 - 3 games per week – 12 innings per calendar week (4 max per game)
- l. Courtesy Runner: For injured Players, Pitchers, and/or Catchers. Last Player out serves as courtesy runner.
- m. Dropped Third Strike: Yes. Continuation to second base is allowed.
- n. Infield Fly: Yes.
- o. Protests: Yes.

4. Division 3 and 4

- a. Minimum Players to Start Game: Seven (7).

- b. Game Time/Innings: No new inning after 1 hour 30 minutes or seven (7) innings. If a team cannot come back when time expires at 1 hour 30 minutes, the ball game is over.
- c. Game Balls: 12" yellow.
- d. Protective face mask / guard: Strongly recommended for Pitchers. Recommended for all players.
- e. Mercy Rule: No.
- f. Pitching Rubber: Forty-Three feet (43').
- g. Fielders: Nine (9) Players.
- h. Player Participation: Every other inning.
- i. Division 3 and 4 teams may play teams outside of the League and may be subject to rules different than those shown here, at coaches' discretion.
- j. Metal cleats are allowed.
- k. Position Rotation: Player rotations through positions throughout the season are mandatory. Any safety concerns shall be brought to the attention of the Division Director.

F. Protests

1. There are four types of protests:
 - a. Misinterpretation of a playing rule;
 - b. Illegal Player;
 - c. Ineligible Player; and
 - d. Illegal participation or rotation of players.
2. Protests based on rule interpretation, F1a, shall not be permitted during the Spring Recreational Season. An official protest of Subsections F1b or F1c herein must be submitted to the Division Director in writing within forty-eight (48) hours after the game began. An official protest of Subsection F1d must be submitted to the Division Director in writing prior to the next game, or within forty-eight (48) hours of the final game of the season, including tournament play.
3. The President shall call the Protest Committee at the time the protest is properly filed and appoint the members of Protest Committee. Members shall include the Vice President, as chairman, the Director of Umpires or his or her Assistant Director of Umpires, two members of the Rules Committee, and the Division Director to whom the protest was submitted. It shall be the duty of the Division Director to collect the facts regarding the protest and present them to the Protest Committee. The Protest Committee shall have discretion to fashion an appropriate remedy and shall render a decision within forty-eight (48) hours of having the facts presented to them. All decisions made by the Protest Committee are final and cannot be appealed.
4. USA SOFTBALL's illegal player rule does not apply to a Player deemed illegal by virtue of the League's participation rule requirements. Participation enforcement is not the responsibility of the umpire.
5. A Player who does not meet the requirements of USA SOFTBALL code or the League's eligibility criteria shall be considered ineligible. The determination of eligibility is not the responsibility of the umpire. The use of an ineligible Player will constitute a forfeit of all games in which that Player participated.
6. Failure to follow any of the participation rules may result in disciplinary action that could include a single or multiple game suspension of the offending Head Coach, at the discretion of the Protest Committee. If challenged, the Head Coach must provide sufficient evidence that participation rules have been followed.

G. Scorekeeping, Season Standings, and Championship Tournament Rules

1. Head Coaches are not required to keep their own scorebooks. However, home teams shall provide an "official scorekeeper", who shall keep both a scorebook and scorecard. All coaches are required to be able to show proof that they have met the League's participation requirements (typically done by a spreadsheet showing each player's position by inning or in Gamechanger).
2. T-Ball Division shall keep no score or standings, nor shall it participate in any post-season play.

3. The Rookie Division, Division 1, and Division 2 shall not keep standings during the regular season; however, runs scored per inning, pitcher innings, and catcher innings played shall be tracked in accordance with the Special Rules herein. A post-season round-robin or elimination tournament will determine the division champion and other placements.
4. Divisions may be divided into two (2) sections should the number of teams in a division reach twelve (12) or more. This shall be determined before the start of the season and each section will have a champion.
5. Divisions 3 & 4 shall keep scores and standings to the extent possible within the structure they are playing in. Champions and tournament play will be determined by the multi-League organization governing their play. Should Division 3 or 4 play an intramural schedule within PGSL, they shall follow the rules and regulations herein for Divisions 1 and 2.
6. All tournament play shall have a 1 hour and 30 minute time limit after which no new inning may start. No drop dead time shall be used. The maximum number of innings for pitchers and catchers in tournament play shall be determined on a per game basis as listed below:
 - Rookies (8U): 3 inning max.
 - Div 1 (10U): 4 inning max.
 - Div. 2 (12U): 4 inning max.
 - Div. 3&4 (14/16U): No limit.
7. Additional 8U/Rookie Division rules for Pool and Tournament play. Prior to the commencement of Tournament play, the Division Director and Player Agent will coordinate with coaches to select ONE of the two below approaches to Tournament Play:
 - a. Player pitchers will be used. Walks will be allowed. Coach pitch will only be utilized, as described in Spring rules, if a player is hit by a pitcher or the bases are loaded. A walk cannot be used to score a run. Pitchers will be allowed to pitch a maximum of three innings, subject to rule G.8. below. Stealing will be allowed. One base allowed per pitch. Home plate is COLD.
 - b. Player pitchers will start; Coach pitchers will also be used, as indicated above in Section 6.E.3.I.
8. All other Player Participation rules required during the regular season shall remain in force during tournament play.
9. If a tournament elimination game is tied after regulation, the international tiebreaker rule shall be in effect. During the tiebreaker, each team's pitchers and catchers inning counts shall revert to zero (0), and shall again be limited in the tiebreaker to the number of innings per game in the applicable division.
11. The championship game shall be a regulation game with no time limit.
12. The home team for all tournament games shall be as follows:
 - a. Pool play by coin toss.
 - b. Elimination by higher seed.
 - c. Championship games at all divisions shall be determined by a coin toss.

SECTION 7 ALL STAR PROGRAM

A. Introduction

1. Players and parents or guardians interested in the All Star Program should carefully read this section to understand the requirements and expectations for participating in the All Star Program. Applicants and their parents or guardians will be asked to acknowledge this understanding through a signed letter as a requirement to participate in the All Star Program.

B. Eligibility

1. Player eligibility for the All Star Program is based upon participation in the League's Spring Recreational Season. Only a Player who has participated in 75% or more of her League recreational team's regular season completed games may participate in the All Star Program. The definition of participation is per the USA Softball of Southern California Junior Olympic Rules and Regulations, as amended from time to time ("USAS SoCal Yellow Book Rules").
2. Any Player who plays or practices with any travel team on or after April 1st is ineligible for the All Star Program. A player playing with a recreational team in any league other than PGSL must declare commitment to PGSL prior to April 1st. A high school player eligible to return to the League may be eligible to play only if she meets the USAS SoCal Yellow Book Rules. All Star teams are limited to four returning high school players.
2. A Player must participate within her designated age bracket for All Stars regardless of the division she participated in during the recreational season. An exception is made for a T-ball aged player who has played up in Rookies during the recreational season. T-ball aged players playing up in Rookies will be eligible to play in the Rookies All-Star program.
3. Refer to the USAS SoCal Yellow Book Rules and those sections regarding Player Eligibility for further eligibility requirements. The foregoing sections are intended to complement, and not contradict, the USAS SoCal Yellow Book Rules. The USAS SoCal Yellow Book Rules shall control in the event there is a contradiction with the League's eligibility rules.

C. Divisions

1. The All Star Program offers competitive softball to girls who meet eligibility requirements and have participated in the League's Rookie (8U), Division 1 (10U), Division 2 (12U), Division 3 (14U), or Division 4 (16u) Spring Recreational Season. The League does not require or make definite that teams will be fielded in all divisions, nor does it make definite the number of teams in each division.

D. Applications and Participation

1. The All Star Program is competitive and there is no guarantee that all interested Players will participate. Players will be selected competitively in a manner described in Subsection G., herein. Players wishing to be considered for the All Star Program must fill out an application form and submit it per league rules. The deadline for player's applications will be set forth by USAS SoCal Yellow Book rules (typically the last Friday in April).
2. Players on an All Star team will be playing against teams from other leagues and communities and, thus, are representatives of the League. Participation should be considered a privilege by parents, guardians and Players, not a right, and those abusing that privilege or engaging in any behavior that in any way reflects poorly upon the League may be removed from the team in accordance with Section 5 above.

3. There are no minimum participation or rotation requirements or guarantees of playing time in the All Star Program. Coaches are encouraged to make the best use of the Players on their roster, but there is no guarantee that Players will play for a specified amount of time, or at a specified position.

E. Fees and Associated Costs

1. There are no fees payable to the League for participation in the All Star Program. Teams are responsible for paying for such expenses as uniforms, tournament fees, travel costs (which may include out-of-town travel and related costs), and other costs not paid for by the League. These costs are the responsibility of the individual Players and their parents or guardians, and are due and payable at the direction of the League.
2. Teams are free to solicit team members' families, friends, and associates for funds to be applied towards that team's expenses not covered by the League. However, if the team solicits and receives funds on behalf of the League or payable to the League (i.e. the check is made out to Poway Girls Softball League), any funds derived from those sources shall be turned over to the League for use in the General Fund.
3. Provided the League hosts an All Star Tournament, the League will provide each Poway All Star team with a paid entry into Poway's All Star Tournament. The League will pay one-half (1/2) of the entry fees for all other USA SOFTBALL sanctioned tournaments. In addition, the League will pay full entry fees for Districts, State, Regional, and National USA SOFTBALL sanctioned tournaments.
4. The League's participation in USA SOFTBALL sanctioned tournaments shall be recommended by the Division Directors to the Board for approval. Not all teams shall necessarily participate in all the same tournaments. In making this determination, the Division Directors and the Board should consider individual team competitiveness, location of the tournament, condition of the facilities, costs and such other factors that they deem necessary in the circumstances.

F. Coach Selections

1. Any current Head Coach or Assistant Coach meeting all USA Softball eligibility requirements may submit an application to the appropriate Division Director to become an All Star Head Coach. The deadline for coaches' applications will be determined by the Executive Board no later than the first Monday in April. Eligibility is limited to Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches in good standing with the League. Should the League not receive suitable applicants, at the discretion of the Division Directors, the League may solicit other coaches after the deadline. Application ants may also be required to participate in an interview process with the all-star selection committee in order to answer any questions as well as to set forth the league's expectations regarding all-star head coaches.
2. The Division Directors, Executive Board, and two at large board members shall form the Coaches Selection Committee. The Coaches Selection Committee shall review all applicants, and is responsible for nominating Head Coaches for each of the All Star teams supported by the League. The Coaches Selection Committee shall meet and approve, by majority vote, the All Star coaches. The two auxiliary board members shall not have a vote unless an even number of other Coaches Selection Committee members are present for the division's selection process or where an apparent or actual conflict of interest exists with another member of the Coaches Selection Committee.
3. The All Star coaches shall not be selected before April 24th or such other date as set out in the USAS SOCALYellow Book Rules. Consideration shall be given to the potential placement of a candidate's daughter, where applicable, on the Diamond, Emerald and/or Jade All Star team. Candidates are cautioned that his/her potential selection to coach an All Star team may be contingent on which All Star team his/her daughter is selected. Coaching selections are conditional on team formation.
4. Prior to the All Star season, a coaches' meeting shall be held to discuss the coaches' responsibilities and expectations.

G. Team Selections

1. The All Star team selection committee ("Team Selection Committee") shall consist of all Spring Head Coaches, the Division Director and the All Star Head Coach(es) for the applicable divisions, the Player Agent, the Vice President, and an At-Large Executive Board member. The Vice President shall vote only in case of a tie. Head Coach(es) shall largely select players for their team, taking all recreational Head Coaches recommendations into account. Any member of the Team Selection Committee may voice an objection and call for a veto of a player placement or vote for a different player to the team. If more than one team is formed, players will be selected first for the Diamond team, then Emerald team, and if a third team is formed it will be designated as the Jade team. The Team Selection Committee shall consider all available information in forming teams, including but not limited to, a Player's age, experience, skills, positions played, strength and balance of All Star teams (if more than one team is expected to be fielded in a division), historical data such as statistics and scorekeeping records, behavior of Player and Player's family and any additional skill evaluation if deemed necessary. Previous All Star and/or Select team experience does not guarantee a spot on a current season's All Star Roster.
2. Play ups and "Impact Players"— In order to provide current and future all-star teams with the greatest opportunity for success, there will be a deliberate effort to keep players in the same USA Softball age bracket together. As such and in a situation where at least two All Star teams will be formed within a division, in order for a younger aged player (7, 9, 11) to be considered seriously for a roster spot on the gold/older team, they must be a true "impact" player, where exclusion of said impact player would impact the success of the gold/older team materially. A player will be determined to be "impact" only by majority vote of the Team Selection Committee.
3. Teams shall roster up to a maximum of twelve (12) Players. If any division forms only one (1) All Star team, they shall roster up to a maximum of thirteen (13) Players. After district play has been completed, any team that advances to the State Tournament may expand their roster up to a maximum of fifteen (15) Players. The pool of available Players for roster expansion after district play shall be those Players who have applied and are eligible for All Stars, and is subject to final approval by the Division Director and the Player Agent.
4. Players will be evaluated during the spring recreational season by their performance in games, team practices, league wide clinics, coach evaluations and any other available information as needed.
5. Tryout/evaluations can be used if it is deemed that more information is needed.
6. After team selections, should a team lose a Player to injury, resignation or any other reason, the team's coach may pick another Player from the list of eligible Players. It shall be solely at the Division Director's and Player Agent's discretion as to whether the lost Player's status is permanent or temporary (thus affecting the status of the replacement Player). All Player replacements shall be conducted according to USAS SoCal Yellow Book Rules on supplementing All Star teams.

H. Team Names and Uniforms

1. Team names will be as follows for every division:
 - a. The first team formed in a division will be named "Diamonds";
 - b. The second team formed in a division will be named "Emeralds";
 - c. The third team formed in a division will be named "Jades".
2. Team uniform design is the responsibility of the Uniform Director, at the direction of the Board. Any deviation from the approved uniform design is not permitted.
3. Uniform numbers, names, and ordering shall be coordinated by the Uniform Director. Numbers will be selected so that they will not conflict with the Players ahead or behind their age group.

4. Only a Player's last name and number shall be displayed on the back of the uniform. No other names (including first names or nicknames), symbols or markings are permitted.
4. All-Star uniforms provided by the league may not be worn during games outside of the All-Star season, except as indicated in Section 6.C.1.(a)(2).

I. Contingencies

1. All situations pertaining to the All Star Program not specifically covered in Section 7 All Star Program herein, shall revert to Sections 1 through 6 of the rules and regulations herein.

SECTION 8 FALL BALL SEASON

A. Introduction

1. The Fall Ball program was developed to allow highly motivated players the opportunity to practice and/or play games together outside of the regular rec season. Fall Ball is a more intense, **developmental** program for those wishing to advance their softball skills. With a focus on development, players continue to grow in their abilities and stay safe on the field. Practice and play times are not restricted and limited only by League field availability. Fall Ball may play and/or practice through December 31st, or other date as indicated in USASoftball SOCAL Yellow Book Rules.

2. Players and parents or guardians interested in the fall ball Program should carefully read this section to understand the requirements and expectations for participating in the Fall Ball Program. At the request of the Board, applicants and their parents or guardians may be asked to acknowledge this understanding through a signed letter as a requirement to participate in the Select Program.

B. Eligibility

1. Player eligibility for the Fall Ball Program is described in Section 2B with the following exceptions:
 - a. Fall Ball is open to girls with a "League Age" of 6-16.
 - b. Due to the limited number of teams, not everyone registering will be guaranteed placement with a team. If the league is unable to field enough teams to place all players, those latest to register will be wait listed, and the league shall make every effort to place all registered girls.

C. Divisions

1. The Fall Ball Program offers instructional softball in 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U. 16u and 6U/T-ball divisions will be formed provided there is sufficient interest from players and coaches. The League does not require or make definite that teams will be fielded in all divisions, nor does it make definite the number of teams in each division.

D. Registration

1. Registration for the Fall Ball Program is described in Section 2D with the following exceptions:
 - a. The late registration deadline shall be determined and advertised by the Executive Board.

E. Fees and Refunds

1. Fee and refund policies for the regular Fall Ball season are described in Section 2E.
2. Fee and additional costs associated with play outside of the regular Fall Ball season are addressed in Subsection 8H below.

F. Coach Selections

1. Coaching selections for Fall Ball shall be made by a vote of the Division Directors and approved by the Executive Board with the following exception:
 - a. All Select team coaches shall be selected by majority vote of the Division Directors and Executive Board.

2. No additional PGSL-hosted mandatory coach training is required for Fall Ball. USA Softball mandated training is required per USA Softball SOCAL Yellow Book.
3. Coaching positions will be filled and coaches will be notified as soon as it is feasible and practical to do so.
4. Head Coaches from the recreational season need not fill out another application but should indicate their interest in coaching on player registration, and notify the Division Director of the appropriate division, in writing (email is acceptable) of their desire to coach.

G. Team Selections and Player Placement

1. Team selections and player placement for Fall ball is described below.
 - a. The league may elect to form none, one or more teams in Divisions 1, 2, 3, and 4 as interest and player abilities dictate.
 - b. In each division, an A team will be created and will be designated to compete in the highest bracket of play for the North County league or any other board approved league. The A team will also be eligible for tournament play upon formation. First choice of player placement onto the A Fall Ball team shall be to the second year players (per USA softball age divisions.) Exceptions to adding first years must be voted on by the Division Director of the appropriate division and the Executive Board. See the definition of "impact player" in Section 7 for guidance on this rule. The restriction of first year players from the "A" team gives those players the opportunity to play on a league Fall Ball team (if player interest supports additional teams), which allows opportunity to adjust to ball size, rules, and mound distance. The A team is not designed to be an All-Star team and is instead designed to be a competitive second year team.
 - c. After A team is selected, the remaining players will be placed into a draft. See Team selection and player placement described in Section 4.
 - d. Head Coaches shall be largely responsible for selecting their teams, with input from the division director, player agent, and president. Teams shall roster up to a maximum of twelve (12) Players; exceptions can be voted on by the Executive Board. The Head Coach may elect to invite additional practice players to the team from the remaining list of interested players after all teams have been formed.
 - e. The use of borrowed or practice players must be communicated by the Head Coach to the player's regular Fall Ball coach, Division Director, and Player Agent.
 - f. An A team will not be formed for any division with the ability to only field two teams. Instead, the players will be drafted (See Section 4) and a separate tournament team may be formed, subject to approval by the Executive Board, with recommendations from Division Directors. If there aren't enough players for 2 teams, the Board may elect to combine with another league or make a single large PGSL team that practices together and rosters on an equal rotating basis for Fall Ball games based on player availability. The option of immediately creating a separate tournament team will still apply. Division directors with the support of the EB board, can elect to form additional tournament teams after the start of the fall ball season.
 - g. All tournament teams formed in the Fall ball season will run till December 31st (or other date as indicated in USA Softball SOCAL Yellow Book). and are eligible for all league approved games and tournaments to include all select tournaments.

H. Fees and Associated Costs

1. The league covers costs associated with play from September 1st through the end of the regular Fall Ball season. Teams participating in the end of season Fall Ball tournaments will have half of the tournament fee paid by the league.
2. The league does not cover any costs associated with a Fall Ball team outside of the Fall Ball organization that PGSL is participating in. Teams are responsible for paying for such expenses as additional uniforms, tournament fees, travel costs (which may include out-of-town travel and related costs), and other costs. Teams will also be responsible for covering field use fees as set by the League. All costs in excess of those covered by regular Fall Ball registration fees are the responsibility of the individual Players and their parents or guardians, and are due and payable at the direction of the League.
3. Teams are free to solicit team members' families, friends, and associates for funds to be applied towards that team's expenses. However, if the team solicits and receives funds on behalf of the League or payable to the League (i.e. the check is made out to Poway Girls Softball League), any funds derived from those sources shall be turned over to the League for use in the General Fund.
4. The team's participation in tournaments and friendlies shall be made at the sole discretion of the Head Coach, with approval by the Division Director. The Head Coach should consider individual team competitiveness, availability of players, location of the tournament, condition of the facilities, costs and such other factors that they deem necessary in the circumstances.

I. Uniforms and Equipment

1. Uniforms and equipment for Fall Ball are described in Section 6C, with the following additional information:
 - a. Teams participating in Select games or tournaments may request, a to procure, at team expense, an additional jersey for use during Select games or tournaments.

J. Playing and Special Rules

1. Some or all of the PGSL playing rules may be superseded by the rules of the Fall Ball organization PGSL will be participating in. If there is no specific rule from that organization then PGSL rules will prevail.
2. Participation and rotation rules will still be used during Fall Ball as described in Section 6D and 6E with the following exceptions:
 - a. Each 8U player will play at least two innings of infield and two innings of outfield per doubleheader.
 - b. Each 10U and 12U player will play at least two innings of infield per doubleheader.
 - c. Pitchers are limited to 6 innings per doubleheader for 10U and 12U and 5 innings for 8U. Exceptions to be made only when one pitcher is available.
 - d. Starting pitchers ONLY are exempt from player participation and rotation rules for games in which they start. This exemption is valid for only one game per doubleheader.
 - e. In the event a team participates in a tournament, minimum participation and maximum innings rules shall not apply unless the tournament rules state otherwise.

SECTION 9 SPRING SELECT

A. Introduction

1. The Select program was developed to allow highly motivated and high-performing players the opportunity to practice and/or play games once a week during the recreational season. Spring Select is more competitive than Fall Ball. Games and/or practices are typically held on Sundays, but play times are at the discretion of the head coach. Select games and/or practice events may happen no more than once per week, with the exception of the USA Softball sanctioned select tournament in January, which occurs before recreation season games begin.
2. Players and parents or guardians interested in the Select Program should carefully read this section to understand the requirements and expectations for participating in the Select Program. At the request of the Board, applicants and their parents or guardians may be asked to acknowledge this understanding through a signed letter as a requirement to participate in the Select Program.

B. Eligibility

1. All players registered for the Spring program who have been assigned and are actively playing for a recreational team are eligible for the select program.
2. Players must participate within her designated age bracket for Select regardless of the division she is participating in during the recreational season.
3. Refer to the USAS SoCal Yellow Book Rules and those sections regarding Southern California USA SOFTBALL Player Eligibility Rules for further eligibility requirements. The foregoing sections are intended to complement, and not contradict, the USAS SoCal Yellow Book Rules. The USAS SoCal Yellow Book Rules shall control in the event there is a contradiction with the League's eligibility rules.

C. Divisions

1. The Select Program offers competitive softball to girls who meet eligibility requirements and are participating in the League's Rookie (8U), Division 1 (10U), Division 2 (12U), Division 3 (14U), and Division 4 (16u) Spring Recreational Season. The League does not require or make definite that teams will be fielded in all divisions, nor does it make definite the number of teams in each division.

D. Applications and Participation

1. The Select Program is competitive and there is no guarantee that all interested Players will participate. Players will be selected competitively in a manner described in Subsection G., herein. Players wishing to be considered for the Select program must indicate so on the Spring registration form.
2. Players on a Select team will be playing against teams from other leagues and communities and, thus, are representatives of the League. Participation should be considered a privilege by parents, guardians and Players, not a right, and those abusing that privilege or engaging in any behavior that in any way reflects poorly upon the League may be removed from the team in accordance with Section 5 above.
3. There are no minimum participation or rotation requirements or guarantees of playing time in the Select Program. Coaches are encouraged to make the best use of the Players on their roster, but there is no guarantee that Players will play for a specified amount of time, or at a specified position.

E. Fees and Associated Costs

1. The league does not cover any costs associated with a Select team. Teams are responsible for paying for such expenses as uniforms, tournament fees, travel costs (which may include out-of-town travel and related costs), field use fees as set by the executive board, and other costs. All costs are the responsibility of the individual Players and their parents or guardians, and are due and payable at the direction of the Head Coach.
2. Teams are free to solicit team members' families, friends, and associates for funds to be applied towards that team's expenses. However, if the team solicits and receives funds on behalf of the League or payable to the League (i.e. the check is made out to Poway Girls Softball League), any funds derived from those sources shall be turned over to the League for use in the General Fund.
4. The team's participation in tournaments and friendlies shall be made at the sole discretion of the Head Coach with approval from the North San Diego District Commissioner. The Head Coach should consider individual team competitiveness, location of the tournament, condition of the facilities, costs and such other factors that they deem necessary in the circumstances.

F. Coach Selections

1. Any member may submit an application to the appropriate Division Director to become a Select Coach. Coaches selected for Fall Ball may continue as Head coaches for a Spring Select team unless the Executive Board deems a change is needed. The deadline for coaches' applications will be determined and advertised by the executive board.
2. Coaches shall be selected by a majority vote of the Division Directors and Executive Board.

G. Team Selections

1. All interested players will be evaluated for Spring Select team placement at Spring evaluations. Previous All Star and/or Select team experience does not guarantee a spot on a current season's Select Roster.
2. Head Coaches shall be largely responsible for forming their teams with input from the appropriate division director, and player agent. If the player agent has a conflict of interest, another executive board member shall attend evaluations and team selection and act in player agent's stead. All available information shall be taken into consideration in forming teams, including but not limited to, a Player's age, experience, skills, positions played, strength and balance of Select teams (if more than one team is expected to be fielded in a division), historical data such as statistics and scorekeeping records, behavior of Player and Player's family and any additional skill evaluation if deemed necessary.
3. There will be a deliberate effort to keep players in the same USA Softball Age bracket together. As such and in a situation where at least two Select teams will be formed within a division, in order for a younger aged player (e.g., 7, 9, 11) to be considered seriously for a roster spot on the older team, they must be a true "impact" player. Determination of "impact" player must be made by majority vote amongst all division select coaches, division director, and player agent or acting player agent. The League President shall be an at large member for this process. Should there be enough interest and talent for a third team, players from different USA Softball Age brackets shall be mixed and selected to make the strongest team.
4. Teams shall roster up to a maximum of twelve (12) Players. The Head Coach may elect to invite additional practice players to the team from the list of interested players, after all teams have been selected. Head Coaches may invite practice players to any friendly or tournament game, but are not required nor expected to do so.
5. After team selections, should a team lose a Player to injury, resignation or any other reason, the team's coach may pick another Player from the list of eligible Players. It shall be solely at the Division Director's and Player

Agent's discretion as to whether the lost Player's status is permanent or temporary (thus affecting the status of the replacement Player).

H. Team Names and Uniforms

1. All formed teams shall be named as Phantoms (coaches name).
2. Team uniform design is the responsibility of the Uniform Director in coordination with the Head Coach.
3. Only a Player's last name and number shall be displayed on the back of the uniform. No other names (including first names or nicknames), symbols or markings are permitted.

I. Contingencies

1. In cases where multiple teams from the same division are entering a tournament, Division Director approval must be granted before registering.
2. All situations pertaining to the Select Program not specifically covered in Section 8 Select Program herein, shall revert to Sections 1 through 6 of the rules and regulations herein.

SECTION 10 AMENDMENTS

2. These rules and regulations may be amended by a majority vote of the Executive Board at any meeting of the Board in accordance with the provisions noted below:
 - a. Rules and regulations governing the Spring Recreational Season (Sections 2 through 6) in place on January 1st of the playing year must remain in force until the season, including tournament play, is complete.
 - b. Rules and regulations governing the Summer All Star Season (Section 7) in place on March 1st of the playing year must remain in force until the season is complete.
 - c. Rules and regulations governing the Fall Ball Season (Section 8) in place on July 1st of the playing year must remain in force until the season is complete.

SECTION 11 EXCEPTIONS

1. The Board may make exceptions to these rules and regulations on a case by case basis by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board at any meeting of the Board in accordance with the provisions noted below:
 - a. Exceptions made should be in the interest of fair play for all parties concerned.
 - b. Any exceptions made shall be reviewed during a subsequent meeting of the Rules Committee to be considered for a recommendation to the Board for a vote of an amendment to the rules and regulations as described herein.
 - c. Agreed upon rule exceptions must be annotated and posted to the minutes.

APPENDIX A

Example of Counseling Letter

January 25, 2025

To: I.B. Badsport

From: PGSL Executive Board

The PGSL Executive Board has received allegations and complaints regarding the harsh and belittling manner in which you address some players and your use of profanity on PGSL and the City of Poway property. While we recognize that these allegations only represent one side of the story, they are very concerning to us as they are contrary to the core values outlined in our Coaches Pledge, the ASA code of conduct and the PGSL Rules and Regulations.

The Executive Board has voted to approve your 2025 Recreation season coach application and would like to take this opportunity to re-iterate our coaching responsibilities, expected conduct and confirm your support and commitment in their enforcement. Finally, PGSL coaches are the most public league representatives therefore the consequence for noncompliance to the rules, responsibilities and conduct are grounds for immediate dismissal.

Please refer to the following rules from the 2025 PGSL Rules and Regulations, Section 3 Coaching Responsibilities and Conduct:

1. Rule 1f: Maintain a positive, team-oriented approach to coaching and in working with players and parents.
2. Rule 4: Head coaches and their coaching staff are to maintain professional conduct at all times and are responsible for the conduct of themselves, their coaching staff, parents, and spectators.
3. Rule 6: Physical or verbal abuse, the use of profanity, or the unsportsmanlike conduct by any member of the coaching staff towards the players, other coaches, parents, or umpires is strictly prohibited regardless of any personal relationship.

Keep these things in mind as you prepare for the upcoming season,

PGSL Executive Board 2024

PGSL Executive Board 2024

I confirm my support and commitment to enforce all of the 2025 PGSL Rules and Regulations and Coaches Pledge.

Counseled member