

STANDING RULES FOR NORWALK GIRLS FASTPITCH A
NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION
LEAGUE GOVERNMENT
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ARTICLE I

Section 1: These Standing Rules are set down as the governing basis for the administration of the league.

Section 2: The Bylaws shall be the main governing basis for this organization and shall supersede All Standing Rules.

Section 3: These Standing Rules may be amended at any meeting, or Special meeting called for that purpose.

Norwalk Girls Fastpitch is registered under USA Softball. USA softball is the governing body of Softball in the United States. As approved by the Congress of the US and accepted as the NGB (National Governing Body) by the U.S. Olympic Committee and the International Softball Federation. As the NGB, USA represents the game of softball for the United States of America.

ARTICLE II

Section 1: A proposed budget shall be prepared at the beginning of each fiscal year by the Finance Committee consisting of the President(Administrator), First Vice President (Fields), Second Vice President (uniforms), Third Vice President (Concessions), and Treasurer.

ARTICLE III UNIFORMS

Section 1: The league will provide the uniform jerseys for One (1) Manager, One (1) Coach, One (1) Team Mom/Parent and all players for each team for SPRING season. The cost of the jersey is included in the registration fees. New jerseys will be provided each year. There will be a choice of jersey colors for each team within each division as approved by the division commissioner. No two (2) teams in a division may have the same jersey color. If two teams request the same color, team color will be decided based on a coin flip.

A. Depending on funds available the governing Board of Directors will decide on jersey style and logo coloring as well as ability to provide Jersey for Manager, Coach and Team Parent.

B. Any color sliding pants and/or shorts may be worn by the team providing that the entire team participates at the cost of the individual player.

C. The individual player must replace unserviceable shirts, at the players cost. D.

The price of the rest of the uniforms should be kept to a minimum.

E. All players will be required to wear the official Norwalk jersey. There can be NO EXCEPTIONS. There will be no cutting or altering of any kind of the uniforms.

F. There will be NO visible advertising of any sponsor on any part of the uniform. Banners can be made to advertise team names and sponsors

G. All players must wear Softball rubber/plastic cleats. Metal spikes/cleats are allowed in 14U division and up only.

ARTICLE IV FUNDRAISING

Section 1: During the season, your daughter will be required to participate in at least two (2) mandatory fundraisers. If player does not turn in fundraiser fees/buyout they will be benched until they do so. In addition to the mandatory fundraisers, the league may choose to hold additional fundraisers throughout the season, which will be considered voluntary. Revenue from these fundraisers goes directly to benefit the girls in the league, and your support is essential to the success of all fundraisers. Please encourage your daughter(s) to help as much as possible. Parents have the option to pay an amount designated by the league in lieu of participating in the fundraiser.

Section 2: Team fundraising may take place only during your home team game. (Limited to your field of play.)

Exceptions: Teams that are playing on other fields at the same time may ask the home team manager if they will allow them to do their fundraising at their field.

Eligible items to fundraise: Baked goods, raffles, 50/50 raffles, arts & crafts, car wash tickets. Any items not listed above must be approved by the Executive Board prior to any game.

Section 3: It is the duty of the manager to keep accurate records on all fundraisers and donations. Managers must submit monthly financial reports for all team funds to the Treasurer. Receipts must accompany reports.

Section 4: Each team can look for their own sponsor and 85% of proceeds will go to that team and 15% will go to the League and Business will get form for Tax Write off. The following is NOT mandatory.

- a) Sponsors will be leagues guest to league events.
 - b) Sponsors will receive a team picture and sponsor plaque.
- Team sponsored will be responsible to purchase this.**

ARTICLE V SCHEDULING HOLIDAY WEEKENDS

There will be no league games scheduled for the following:

- Easter Weekend
- Memorial Weekend (except All Stars)
- July 4th Weekend (except All Stars)
- Labor Day Weekend
- Thanksgiving Weekend

ARTICLE VI EQUIPMENT / FIELDS

Section 1: Equipment will be assigned to each team at the beginning of each season requiring a \$250 check deposit (will not be cashed unless equipment is not returned), and It will be the manager's responsibility to turn to all equipment to the equipment manager no later than one week after the end of each playing season. All star team will be reissued equipment for the duration of the all star playing season to be turned in no later than one week after the all star season.

Section 2: Managers are financially responsible for any equipment assigned to them. Managers will replace any equipment that has been lost or stolen, or willfully damaged.

Section 3: Failure to turn in all equipment by the end of the season will result in dismissal from the league for the following season.

Section 4: All players must wear protective clothing at all practices and games.

Section 5: Catchers must wear full protective gear at all times. Any player warming up a pitcher must wear the full catchers gear. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Section 6: All players on defense must be using and wearing a Softball/Baseball glove.

Section 7: All players on offense must wear a protective batting helmet from the time they leave the dug-out to the time they return to the dug-out. **Girls may not**

remove their helmet before they reach the inside of the dug-out. Chin straps must be worn.

Section 8: Any broken or worn equipment should be returned to the equipment manager. Please do not try to make any repairs yourself.

Section 9: Home team is responsible for setting up the field before each game. Visiting team is responsible for cleaning field, bleachers and dugouts after the game.

Section 10: Every pitcher in every division must wear a protective face mask. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

ARTICLE VII TROPHIES

All participation trophies for all divisions will be uniform, and they are purchased by the league at one time. Managers & Coaches trophies will not be purchased by the league they may order trophies at their own expense.

ARTICLE VIII AGE

Section 1: The Norwalk Girls Fastpitch age chart will show that all girls born on or before December 31st will fall under the following divisions:

T-Ball 4-6
8&Under 6-8 If they played 2 years in T-ball they can move
10&Under 9-10
12&Under 11-12
14&Under 13-14
16&Under 15-16

Section 2: Managers/coaches must be 18 years of age male or female. In the 14 & under division, Manager must be 21 years of age or older. Any minors under the age of 18 will be allowed to assist on the field but will be registered as a player under ASA.

Roster staff will consist of the following:

One (1) Manager
Two (2) Coaches
Team Mom

Team should have at least one (1) official scorekeeper.

ARTICLE IX REGISTRATION AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Section 1: Registration will be open up to 2 weeks prior to Opening Day with the exception of the High School Division or until filled.

- NGFP is open to all girls that meet the age requirements.
- No player may participate in any other City Recreation similar sanctioned athletic program simultaneously. School athletics excepted.
- All players will be considered for All Stars
- All NGFP players will not be allowed to participate on any travel type teams beginning April 1st of the current year until AFTER USA championship is over. ****NOTE**** participate means any games, practices, tournaments and multiple tryouts.

Section 2: Registration for the draft will close the weekend of tryouts and all forms must be in the hands of the Player Agent the day of try-outs.

Section 3: Any girl signing up after the teams have been drafted will be placed on the next team eligible for a girl in the same order as the draft until the teams are full. The Player Agent will wait until there are at least two (2) girls have registered and will be drawn out of a hat to the next available team. If at the end of one week, a second girl has not signed up for any one (1) division that player will be placed on the next available team. A list must be submitted to the President WEEKLY. This shall be a confidential list.

Section 4: Any girl signing up after any one division teams are full will be added to the any existing waiting list.

A.) Managers must notify their division commissioner, player agent or president within twenty-four (24) hours after they lose a player. The commissioner must verify the loss of a player within forty-eight (48) hours, then report the loss to the Player Agent.

B.) Upon verification from the commissioner, the Player Agent will fill the vacancy from the player's waiting list according to the first team entitled to a girl on the team's waiting list. All other options must be board approved.

Section 5: Every girl selected for a team must be an active part of that team for the entire playing seasons. Players will not be traded, substituted or transferred. A school ball player MAY NOT register for a team while playing school ball per High School CIF regulations.

Section 6: No sign-ups are official until the form is turned into the Player Agent. Also, the Registration Manager or the President of the league may accept registration. The Player Agent must contact the Registration Manager and the President before placing the girl on a team to insure that no prior registration has been accepted.

Section 7: Birth Certifications, Hospital Birth Certificates, Baptism Certificates shall be presented at registration and verified only by an Executive Board member. No girl will be allowed to try out unless her birth date is verified correctly.

Note: A returning player whose birth records were verified the previous year will not need to be verified again.

Section 8: Upon registering a girl the time and date will be placed on the registration form.

Section 9: All registered girls must be at evaluations. Except for the Managers & Coaches daughters as they are already frozen on that team.

Section 10: Evaluations dates shall be set and all girls shall be notified of the date and time. Also, all Managers will be notified as to the time of the evaluation and draft.

Section 11: The Executive Board will set down a registration fee at the start of each season. This fee will be collected at the time of registration. Late sign ups must be paid prior to the first scheduled game.

Note: Sister's registration –The first two (2) sisters registering must pay the regular fee.

The third (3rd), fourth (4th), etc., sisters will pay \$10.00 each for registration.

(Cousins, nieces, etc., **DO NOT QUALIFY FOR THE "SISTER ACT"**)

Section 12: Registration fees will only be refundable up to Opening Day. After that point, if a girl quits or is terminated from her team, her money will not be refunded. If uniform has been ordered and league registration has been paid those fees WILL be deducted from refund.

ARTICLE X DRAFT

Section 1: The league will hold an evaluation and draft out method for the 8 & under, 10& under, 12& under, and the 14 & under, 16 & under divisions.

Section 2: The daughters of the managers and First Head Coach will be placed on their team, (if desired) with a team using their third(3rd) draft choice for the first girl, and their seventh (7th) draft choice, for the second girl, and so on, until all girls are placed on teams. If there is only one daughter, she will be the third (3rd) draft choice. Each manager is allowed to save 5 players max. That includes coaches kids. EX: if manager has 1 kid and 3 coaches, and each coach has a kid, that is 4 saves. So Manager will only have 1 more save eligible.

Section 3: Once a player has been placed on a team in a specific division (drafted or frozen), she may not move to another team under the Managers or Coaches clause, as noted under Article X Section 2. If the daughter decides to enter the draft any team may draft her.

Section 4: Managers and coaches with frozen daughter(s) who fail to perform their duties will be brought before the Executive Board and will be dropped from the team staff. The frozen player would be dropped from the team and placed on the first team with an opening other than the team they were dropped from.

Section 5: If a girl is drafted who has a sister eligible for the division, the Manager must give up the next draft choice for that sister it is required for the sister to play on the same team.

Section 6: There will be NO TRANSPORTATION DECLARATIONS. It will be the team's responsibility to obtain transportation.

Section 7: Each team will have an equal distribution of all age groups available from the girls registered up to the date the draft. The Player Agent will determine the average number of girls available per team for each age group, based on all registered girls signed up prior to the draft. Once a team consists of the average number of girls in each age group, they may draft additional girls from any age group in any sequence they desire to fill the team roster. A MAX OF 4 ALL STAR GIRLS PER TEAM.

Section 8: Prior to the draft, Managers of the teams may draft a minimum of twelve (12) girls and no more than fifteen (15) girls, if available. Each team must stay with the amount of girls requested on the original roster; if a girl drops from the team, they must take the next girl available on the Player Agent's waiting list, to keep their roster at the original number. **Only if there are girls that are available.** If teams

are at their maximum capacity, the Board will meet with Managers to expand their roster.

ARTICLE XI TRY-OUTS

Section 1: Evaluations shall be held following the last weekend of registration for all divisions except for the T-Ball division. Which the Player Agent and T-Ball commissioner will put together.

Section 2: If a girl can not make the evaluations, she will be eligible to be drafted until all girls that have met the requirements of evaluations are drafted first. If there are still openings available, all the remaining girls will be pulled out of a hat according to the draft order until all girls are placed on a team.

Section 3: Prior to each season the Executive Board will decide how the evaluations will be ran.

ARTICLE XII PRACTICE

Section 1: Practice cannot be held without an adult female present.

Section 2: Practice will be held at a place and time set by each team's manager. Practice site does not need to be at our fields, however, all League rules **MUST** be followed. Your division commissioner must be notified of your practice location. You will need a permit by the School District or City of Norwalk to be able to practice at other locations.

Section 3: During any practices, unruly conduct, bad sportsmanship etc., shall be left to the discretion of the manager. Reprimands may include benching the player. The reason for benching a girl must be noted on both the official score book and the line-up sheet. Also, the Division Commissioner and the league President must be notified.

Section 4: A practice schedule will be assigned by The Board. Each team will be designated a practice field, day and time for practices. A team can only take the field if there is an adult female with the team's equipment and four (4) of your roster players.

ARTICLES XIII ALL STAR SELECTION

Section 1: Registered Norwalk Girls Fastpitch Softball Players will not be allowed to participate on any travel-type team from April 1 through July 31 of a given year.

As defined in the ASA rules and regulations for recreational leagues. Note: "Participate" in the above shall be defined as "A PLAYER TAKING PART IN A PRACTICE GAME, SCHEDULED GAME, and/or TOURNAMENT. A SINGLE TRYOUT IS NOT CONSIDERED PARTICIPATION; HOWEVER, MULTIPLE TRYOUTS ARE PARTICIPATION. "

Section 2: All-star draft will be held at the Norwalk Girls Fastpitch snack bar. In attendance will be each team's Manager and One (1) Coach, Division Commissioner, President and Player Agent. This meeting shall be run by the Player Agent and the Division Commissioner. Each team regardless of the number of people in attendance, will have one(1) vote, per round.

Section 3: All stars will be chosen after May 1st for each division. All star practice may start immediately after the draft per division.

Section 4: NGFP has the right to host an All Star Tryout if needed. NGFP has the right to deny all divisions All Star opportunities if said division lacks commitment, players or coaches approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 5: Any All star girl, who will not be available for All Star practices due to vacations, school activities, etc, will not be nominated.

Section 6: Each girl receiving a majority on the first round will become an All Star. Each girl selected on the first round will then be withdrawn from the master list. The total number of All Stars elected in the first round will be subtracted from Nine (9) to determine the maximum number of players each team can vote for in the round.

Example: Seven (7) girls receive a majority of votes on the first round ballot; each team can then vote for a maximum of two (2) girls on the second round. (A majority is 50%+1) This procedure will be repeated on the second round, third round, etc., until nine (9) girls have been selected.

Section 7: The selection of the All Star Manager will be made by the following method: The manager of the first place team will be in charge of the All Star team, providing that they have been rostered for one (1) more game than half of the season as well as be in good standing with the board, shows respect and represents NGFP properly. Managers may select "additional coaches" only from their own division. The above is upon Board approval.

Section 8: If for any reason, the manager or coaches of the first (1st) team is unable to participate the second (2nd) place team's manager will be awarded the All Star team. If for any reason the second place team can not participate, the All Star team will go to the third (3rd) place team. The above is upon Board approval.

Section 9: There will be nine (13) girls drafted for the All Star team. All Stars chosen will go to the tournament(s) set up by the league. The entire All Star staff will choose four (4) girls from the girls remaining on the All Star nomination list. The remaining 1 player must be called before first practice.

Section 10: A girl missing practices may be dropped at the discretion of the Manager with the Executive Board approval only. However, if she misses fifty (50%) percent of the practices, she must be dropped, with Executive Board approval.

Note: There will be no mandatory All Star practices over the long Fourth of July weekend.

Section 11: If a player or staff voluntarily quits, they will not be awarded team benefits and they will not be nominated for All Stars for a period of One (1) calendar year, subject to Executive Board approval.

ARTICLE XIV FALL BALL/WINTERBALL SEASON

Section 1: The winterball season is to start August 1, and will end with a Turkey tournament if one is being hosted that is funded by the individual teams.

Section 2: Winterball registration of each team will be from the close of spring season to the first (1st) Executive Board meeting in August. Managers must submit a letter of acceptance prior this meeting. No sign-ups are official until the form is turned into the Player Agent. Also, the Registration Manager or the President of the League may accept registration. The Player Agent must contact the Registration Manager and the President before placing the girl on a team to insure that no prior registration has been accepted.

Section 3: The registration fees will include: Insurance, umpire fees, for all games, in all divisions, game balls, and scorebooks and other things for the season such as but not limited to snack bar supplies, chalk etc. This fee varies each year, and will be set by the Executive Board at the start of each Winterball season.

Section 4: A girl will not be exempt from paying registration fees because her parent(s) is an active Manager, a Coach, a Team mom, etc.,

Section 5: A shirt and socks will be provided by the League.

Section 6: Participation in a fundraiser will be mandatory by each player who registers for Winterball.

Section 7: For equipment information refer to the Standing Rules Equipment Section;

ARTICLE IV EQUIPMENT / FIELDS

ARTICLE XV UMPIRES

Section 1: Paid umpires will be used for all games in all divisions, except T-Ball.

Section 2: Rescheduling of games will be determined by the Division Commissioner and the Umpire-In-Chief. Rescheduling must be played off within seven(7) days. The Umpire-In-Chief, will notify team Managers, Field Maintenance Staff, and the Snack Bar Manager, about the rescheduled game. Any games, not played off within seven (7) days shall be considered a half win/ half loss for both teams. In case of a tie, tie breaker game must be played within 7 days.

ARTICLE XVI SCOREKEEPING

Section 1: Official scorekeepers must sit behind the backstop.

Section 2: A team Manager must be allowed to inspect the opposing team manager's scorebook.

Section 3: An official score book will be designated for each diamond in each division. All games played on each diamond will be entered into its score book by the official scorekeeper during the game. The official book will supersede all other individual team books. The responsibility of caring for the official score sheets between games will be designed each year by the Executive Board. Home team must keep the official book and must furnish the official scorekeeper.

ARTICLE XVII RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 1: All divisions (except T-Ball and 8U) will go seven (7) innings or one hour twenty minutes no new, one hour thirty minutes drop dead for the first half and one hour thirty minutes no new, one hour forty-five minutes drop dead for the second half. Which ever comes first. The game will revert back to the previous completed inning if called due to darkness or expired time. Official game will be 3 complete innings.

8U will be 1 hr 20 min NO NEW INNING or 1 hr 30 min DROP DEAD for the first half. 1hr 30 min NO NEW INNING or 1hr 45 min DROP DEAD for the second half. Which ever comes first.

6U will be 1hr 20 min DROP DEAD.

Section 2: A game that ends in a tie will remain as tie and each team will be awarded with half a win and half a loss.

Section 3: If league will be involved with any Inter-League play all games will not be part of the overall standings. Pitching is not accounted for with Inter League games.

Section 4: Any Board Member, Team Manager, Coach, and/or team staff member found to have suggested and/or persuaded any player to register late and/or fail to attend try-outs shall be immediately suspended from the league for a period of one (1) year.

Section 5: Any team staff member ejected from a game, the offender is required to leave the area sight and sound of any official. **IF THIS IS NOT COMPLIED WITH WITHIN ONE (1) MINUTE, THE OFFENDERS TEAM WILL BE SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE OF THE GAME.** Also, the offender is suspended from the field for his or hers next game.

Section 6: The protest deposit fee will be \$50.00. This will be refunded if the protest is won. Protest specifications shall be as is in ASA book.

Section 7: Any team with at least 8 girls present for a game will be able to play a scheduled game without having to forfeit.

Section 8: If a player is injured, and must leave the game, at her first at bat following the injury an out will be counted against that team. No out will be registered at any other at bats during that game for that player.

Section 9: The throwing of the bat, whether intentional or not, after one warning will be an automatic out. Runners will not advance.

Section 10: There will be round robin batting in all divisions.

Section 11: All players present at game time and on the official line-up card must be in batting order. Unlimited defensive change substitutions may be made at any time as long as no girl sits more then two (2) consecutive defensive innings. Players arriving late must be added to the bottom of the batting order upon arrival. Violation

of this rule will result in forfeiture of the game. Manager or coach must notify the umpire, and the opposing team and official scorekeeper of a change to the batting order.

Note: If a player shows up after the 4th inning that girl will not be allowed to play.

Section 12: Any player who is being disciplined for any reason by a manager may not be kept out for more than one game without written approval of the Executive Board. Division Commissioner must be notified.

Section 13: The time limit of one hour thirty minutes is an official game, regardless of innings played. No new innings will be started after 1 hour and 20 minutes after play, if a new innings has started after 1 hour 20 minutes that inning will be completed.

Section 14: If a team is unable to fill the required number of player's (8) in up to 15 minutes on the scheduled game time, the game shall be declared a forfeit. Any game must be completed with no less than eight (8) players. If for any reason a player is removed from the game and the team is left with only 7 eligible players, the game will be considered a forfeit.

Section 15: The official game time of a game starting late (not enough girls to start) will be the originally scheduled game time and no new innings will be started after 1 hour 20 minutes of play from the scheduled time.

Note: The 8th player must show up no later than 15 minutes from scheduled game time.

Section 16: Teams must exchange line up cards declaring any player present but not playing, prior to start of the game with the reason for her not playing noted on the card. Managers must provide the teams pitching innings left to the opposing manager prior to the start of each game.

Section 17: Team chatter must be done to encourage your own players. No negative yelling or cheers will be allowed. The umpire has discretion. In the event that a game is called before the full seven innings are played, a pitcher will only be credited for the actual innings pitched. Pitchers are credited with a full inning pitched once they have taken the pitcher's rubber and delivered one pitch to a batter. Any games, which are canceled or forfeited, will not count towards the pitchers record, and will be considered not to have existed for the purpose of the pitching records. Pitching stats for rescheduled games will be according to how many games fall into one week of the rescheduled game.

Rescheduled games will be played the next available day, and must be played within seven calendar days if applicable per the discretion of the Division Commissioner.

Section 18: During the playoffs a flip of a coin will determine the home team.

Section 19: No more than three (3) time outs per game will be allowed to each team. The purpose of this is to prevent the delay of the game.

Section 20: The season will consist of two halves. First half of scheduled games, second half of scheduled games. The team with the best record in the first half will play the team with the best record in the second half at the end of the season for first and second place. In the event the same team takes the first half and second half, there will be no championship game. Other standings will be determined by overall record in all divisions except T-Ball.

ARTICLE XVIII GENERAL INFORMATION

Section 1: Every manager and coach must submit an application prior to the beginning of each season. The returning spring season Manager/Coaches have priority to a team within the same division and only if they submit their application before the draft. The **Executive Board** must approve all applicants with returning to the league or new to the league.

Section 2: Team staff members will be submitted by each Manager for approval by the Executive Board. The entire team staff must not be roster with more than one team per season.

Section 3: Any Manager and/or Coach who steps down from his/her position can not go back to the previous position of Manager or Coach should the new Manager/Coach vacate his/her position. Another Manager/Coach will be appointed by the Executive Board to fill that vacancy. Team recommendations will be considered.

Section 4: Home teams setups fields and home team of the last game of the day on each field will put equipment away.

Section 5: Any team staff member, who has resigned his/her position before the end of the season, may not assume staff position without special approval from the Executive Board.

Section 6: All staff is required to read and know the By-Laws and Standing Rules for this league. In the occasion the Manager or Coach is removed from the team at the discretion of the Board of Directors, the Executive Board will replace the manager or said coach to finish the Season.

Section 7: **CONDUCT**

All Managers, Coaches, Team Moms, Scorekeepers, Board Members, Umpires, Parents, Spectators and players will conduct themselves in a sportsmanship like manner, and refrain from the use of foul language and poor sportsmanship. Anyone exhibiting these faults will be subject to immediate ejection from the field. Anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be asked to leave. Note: Any Player, Manager, Coach or Spectator that has been ejected from the game must leave the area, sight and sound of any official. **If this is not complied with within one (1) minute, the offender's team will be subject to forfeiture of the game. Also the offender will not be allowed in the area as noted previously for their next scheduled game.**

Section 8: In the event that a game is called before the full seven innings are played, a pitcher will only be credited for the actual innings pitched. Pitchers are credited with a full inning pitched once they have taken the pitcher's rubber and delivered one pitch to a batter. Any games, which are canceled or forfeited, will not count towards the pitching record, and will be considered not to have existed for the purpose of the pitching records. Pitching stats for rescheduled games will be according to how many games fall into one week of the rescheduled game. Rescheduled games will be played the next available day and must be played, within seven (7) calendar days.

Section 9: Any Board Member, Managers, Coaches, Parents, Spectators, and Players in possession of any alcoholic beverage or narcotics on the field during a game, practice or during any league event is subject to immediate expulsion from NORWALK GIRLS SOFTBALL, with out exception. **YOU ARE AN EXAMPLE TO THE GIRLS -PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DRINKING.**

Section 10: The spring season will start on January 1st and will go to the end of All-Star season.

ARTICLE XIX SNACK BAR

There is one snack bar operated by Norwalk Girls Fastpitch for your convenience and patronage. Funds received from the snack bar sales constitute a large amount of revenue for the league expenses: consequently, they are absolutely vital to the continence for our league. It is a monumental job to run the snack bar efficiently and profitability. It requires a great deal of cooperation, time, and effort of the

board member in charge of the snack bar, the Executive Board, Managers, Coaches and Parents. Your daughter's manager is responsible for the hours assigned to their team. That does not mean that he/she is responsible to work all of the hours only. So parents please volunteer as much as you can.

If your team does not show for a shift, each scheduled parent will be penalized with a \$50 penalty. If parent does not work for their refund back, half of the refund will go to someone who worked and the other half to the league. Penalized child will not be allowed to play until the penalty is paid in full.

All volunteers working in the Snack Bar shall be 14 years of age or older and only 21+ may handle money.

ARTICLE XVIII PITCHING OUTS

Section 1: The maximum number of innings a pitcher may pitch per week is determined by the number of games played by her team in a given week. A week as defined here is seven(7) Calendar days Sunday thru Saturday.

In the 10U, 12U and 14U Divisions:

- a) One (1) game per week, the maximum a pitcher may pitch is seven (7) innings.
- b) Two (2) games per week, the maximum a pitcher may pitch are seven (7) innings.
- c) Three (3) games per week, the maximum a pitcher may pitch is eleven (11) innings.
- d) Four (4) games per week, the maximum a pitcher may pitch are fourteen (14) innings.
- e) Five (5) game per week, the maximum a pitcher may pitch are fourteen (14) innings.

In the 8U Division:

First half of the season will be Coach Pitch. On a walked batter, the Coach will pitch with the current strike count and allowed 4 coach pitches. Coach must pitch with at least one foot on the pitching rubber within the pitching circle.

If coach pitcher is hit, dead ball (If batting - player will be allowed an extra pitch, runners back to last base occupied).

A pitcher can pitch a maximum of 2 innings per game in the first half of the season.

Second half of the season will be full pitching for the entire game. There will be no Coach Pitch for the second half of the season.

A pitcher can pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game in the second half of the season.

***EVERY PITCHER IN EVERY DIVISION MUST WEAR A PROTECTIVE FACE MASK.

2022 DIVISION RULES

6U (T-Ball) • Batting - Round Robin • Base Paths 55ft (if applicable) • Pitchers Circle 30ft (Coach pitcher must have one foot on the rubber while pitching) • 1st Half – Batting will be allowed 5 swings off “T” – No Coach Pitch – All Batters hit each inning • 2nd Half – 3 Coach Pitches and 2 off the tee – If batter does not put the ball in play, batter will be considered an out. – Batters will continue Round Robin unless 3 outs comes first, then switch.

8U • Batting - Round Robin • Base Paths 55ft (if applicable) • Pitchers Circle 30ft • Home is Closed • One base advance per pitch/ no additional bases will be granted on an over throw • Players may advance multiple bases on a hit • Hesitation Rule in effect • 1st Half – On the 4th ball pitched, batter will be assume the strike count but will be allowed 4 additional coach pitches. Coach pitches will be called by the umpire including strikes. If by the last Coach Pitch, batter has not put the ball into play, batter will be considered an out. (Coach pitcher must have one foot on the rubber while pitching)

• 2nd Half – On the 4th ball pitched, batter will be granted first base. No Coach Pitch • You may steal when ball is released from the pitchers hand. •

Pitching: See **ARTICLE XVIII** ○ 1st Half: 2 innings Maximum Per Pitcher Per Game

○ 2nd Half: 3 Innings Maximum Per Pitcher Per Game

10U • Batting - Round Robin • Base Paths 60ft • Pitchers Circle 35ft • Hesitation Rule in affect • Home is

Open at all times • You may steal when ball is released from the pitchers hand. • Pitching: See

ARTICLE XVIII 12U & 14U • Batting - Round Robin • Base Paths 60ft • Pitchers Circle 40ft •

Hesitation Rule in affect • You may steal when ball is released from the pitchers hand. • Pitching:

See **ARTICLE XVIII**

NEW ADDITION TO LEAGUE RULES

ASA SELECT DIVISION

Starting in Spring 2015, ASA is instituting the Select “B” program. Select is a program that provides the option for more advanced players to play softball at a more challenging level during the recreational season. Each year, ASA recreational leagues lose players and volunteers (coaches, coordinators, Board members, etc.) to travel ball due to a desire to play softball at a more competitive level. ASA Select is intended to allow advanced players to play against all star caliber teams from local leagues within the Los Angeles/South Bay District (and potentially other Western Region Districts as well) to get a higher level of competition while keeping costs low, and without compromising the integrity of the primary recreational league.

Select **IS NOT** all stars. It is an entirely separate program. A player who participates on a Select team **may not** also participate on an all star team. For most leagues, it is contemplated that a Select team will replace what has been commonly known as the “Gold” All Star team, and become the primary tournament team for the league in the relevant division. Leagues that have sufficient enrollment and qualified players are not prohibited from forming a Select team, as well as a “Gold” All Star team.

Select will be only for the 10U division; only one Select team per division is permitted. The Select team becomes the primary tournament team in the league in that division, and is restricted to playing in ASA “B” championship events (District, States, Nationals), and must be entered in any other tournaments as a “Gold” caliber team.

All Select players must have been registered with an ASA recreational league during the prior year.

Select players may not play or practice with a Travel Ball team after February 1st.

Select players **MUST** play in the recreational league as well, and must play a minimum of 50% of all recreational league games to remain eligible for Select. Any player who fails to play the required amount of games, which is assessed at the conclusion of the recreational league game schedule, will be dismissed from the Select team, and may not play on any other league all star team. The Board may allow exceptions for injuries, illness, or other justifiable circumstances. However, in no case may recreational league game participation fall below 50%. Should that happen, the player will be dismissed from the Select Team. A player who fails to meet at least half of her weekly recreational team obligations, including all games and practices, may be prohibited from participating in that week’s Select Team event.

Select does not replace All Star teams. Leagues are free to create a Gold All Star team in addition to a Select team, and such a team is governed by ASA rules as provided for in the “Yellow Book.” If a league has only a Select team playing in “Gold” caliber events, the league’s “second” tournament team

(i.e., what is traditionally designated the Silver All Star team) may request “C” classification and play in the “C” District (and any subsequent “C” ASA championship) tournament upon being approved.

Select teams may play only one day a week (i.e., either a practice or game(s)). District Commissioners will set a game schedule once all Select participants for the District have been confirmed. The schedule will run from the beginning of March until the end of April (so about 8 weeks total). Select Teams may begin practicing (one day a week) any time after the recreational league’s player draft has taken place. ASA may schedule one or two single-day Select tournaments during the Select season.

Following the conclusion of the Select season, Select Teams will participate in summer ASA tournaments, like any Gold all star team.

Player Selection Procedure

To be eligible for Select, a player must be registered with the league and on the active roster of one of the recreational league teams for the relevant division.

There will be an open tryout date scheduled for any eligible player who wants to be considered for the Select program. The date will be announced on the website, and social media outlets. Any player who wants to be considered for the Select team **MUST** attend the tryout session. Players will be evaluated by the Select coaching staff.

Following the conclusion of the open tryout session, up to 12 players will be chosen for the Select team prior to March 31. Accepting the invitation constitutes a commitment to participate on the Select team through the two-month Select season, and the summer tournament season, including but not limited to participation in the ASA B District Championship. Players not invited to participate on the Select team are still eligible for All Stars. A player who declines an invitation to play on the Select team is likewise still eligible for All Stars. Any player chosen for the Select Team is expected to make softball a priority over other extracurricular activities, given the time commitment required.

The final roster for a Select Team may be between 11 and 14 players, at the discretion of the Manager.

Select Manager Selection Process

To be eligible to manage a Select team, the volunteer must have managed or coached at Norwalk the prior year, and must have at least one year of experience managing or coaching (i.e., a dugout coach) at the all star level in any division.

The Manager will be chosen by the Board of Directors.

The Manager and Head Coach must be ACE Certified.

Fees and Costs

No additional registration fee is required, but there will be additional costs. Just like the All Star teams, the Select Teams will be self-funded, in terms of uniforms and tournament entry fees, with the exception of any ASA championship events, for which league will pay the entry fee. Paying umpire costs for Select league games will be the obligation of the Select Team(s) and not the league. Select Teams may participate in fundraising.

****TO BE REVISTED AND LOOKED AT BY EXECUTIVE BOARD 12/2024****