

BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES
OF
SUNRISE GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.

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BYLAWS

Article I. NAME OF LEAGUE

Section 1.01- Name

This nonprofit organization shall be known as **SUNRISE GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.**, DBA as **SUNRISE GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE**.

Article II. OBJECTIVES

Section 2.01- Objectives

- (a) The objectives of the League shall be to instill in the girls of the community the ideas of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and pride. So they may grow to be productive members of their community.
- (b) The objectives will be achieved by providing supervised, competitive softball games under the rules and policies of the League. The Coaches shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional skills or winning of games is secondary, and the molding of mature citizens is of prime importance.

Article III. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3.01- Management

The management of the property and affairs of the League shall be vested in the Board of Directors (Board). The Board shall, upon election and installation, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office.

Section 3.02- Members

The Board shall consist of the following Officers- President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Division Player Agents (Major, Minor, Jr. Minor, Rookie, and Mini), Equipment Manager, Field Manager, NorCal Representative, Snack Bar Manager, Fundraiser and Sponsorship Manager, Umpire-in-Chief, Uniform and Awards Manager, and Web Site Manager.

Section 3.03- Executive Members

The Executive Board shall consist of the following Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Umpire-in-Chief, and Registrar. To be eligible to serve on the Executive Board, a candidate must have one year of prior Board experience.

Section 3.04- Attendance

When an Officer fails to attend TWO consecutive regular meetings or fails to perform his or her duties, he or she may be relieved of office by a majority vote of the Board present.

Section 3.05- Money or Property Due

Any general member, manager, coach, or player failing to submit property owed to the League within 14 days of a written request from the Board, shall appear before the Board at the next meeting with funds, property, or explanation of when funds or property will be turned in. Failure to appear may constitute grounds for removal from his or her position or the League.

Section 3.06- Vacancies

Any vacancy on the Board, whether he or she cannot meet the qualifications as set forth in Article IV, may be filled by the President with the approval of the Board.

Section 3.07- Final Reports

All Board Officers, at the end of their tenure in office, should file a report of criteria and recommendations for their said position. All annual reports, financial records and projected budgets for Treasurer are due at this time. The Secretary should remind Officers and collect reports before the new Board is installed.

Section 3.08- Duties

Each Officer shall fulfill the specific described duties, and each shall perform such other duties as from time-to-time may be prescribed by the Board.

- (a) **PRESIDENT**- shall be responsible for conducting the affairs of the League and executing the policies established by the Board. This includes but is not limited to, securing "Use of Facility Permits" from school site and getting the Permit approved by the San Juan Unified School District Security Services Division. Also ensuring all League Insurance is up to date, and ensuring copies of the field use permits and insurance card are located in the snack bar. He or she shall attend and participate in the Spring season schedule meeting, and provide scheduling updates.
- (b) **VICE PRESIDENT**- shall aid the President and preside in the absence of the President. He or she shall be responsible for safety in the League and file all claims as a result of player injury. He or she shall act as standing Committee Chairperson to monitor the progress of those special committees indicated under Article IX, Section 4. He or she shall assist the Division Player Agents in any issues concerning coaches, players, or parents not following League rules or standards. He or she shall be responsible for public relations of the League.
- (c) **SECRETARY**- shall record the minutes of meetings, be responsible for sending out notice of meetings and maintain records of the League's activities. Shall prepare ballots of Board Officer Nominees to be voted on at the September meeting and prepare Board Officer voting ballots for manager/coach selection.
- (d) **TREASURER**- shall keep accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and render to the Board or President each month, or as requested, a complete statement of the League's financial condition. The Treasurer shall deposit funds in the bank as the Board may direct and disburse the same on checks. There will be THREE authorized signatures on record with the bank consisting of current Officers, and EVERY CHECK WILL REQUIRE TWO OF THOSE SIGNATURES. The Treasurer shall not pay any bills, statements, or obligations unless properly verified and approved. The Treasurer shall act as Budget Committee Chairperson and obtain from Vice President, Registrar, Equipment Manager, Field Manager, Snack Bar Manager, Sponsorship & Fund Raiser Manager, and Uniform & Awards Manager a list of projected expenditures for the coming year and present the Board with a budget showing the monies needed for the coming year at the NOVEMBER meeting.
- (e) **UNIFORMS & AWARDS MANAGER**- shall chair the uniform and awards committee and be responsible for said committees stated duties and/or requirements (Article IX, Section 4L). Shall be responsible for getting uniform and award quotes to present to the Board for voting purpose. Shall be responsible for ordering and distributing League-supplied uniforms and trophies/awards.
- (f) **DIVISION PLAYERS AGENTS**- shall be in charge of the conduct of their division's program. He or she shall act as chairperson on a committee, composed of the agent and two Board Officers whose daughters play in a different division, to conduct the annual player selection for their division teams and placing girls on teams from the waiting list. He or she shall be responsible for all late registrations from their divisions, obtaining registration forms and birth certificates, to be turned over to the Registrar IMMEDIATELY. He or she shall assist the Registrar in checking birth records and eligibility of players. He or she shall keep their division managers informed of all Board decisions and shall represent them at League meetings. He or she shall see that division managers are kept informed of rules and rule changes. He or she shall verify that official scorebooks are kept in order, and that each manager keeps player records. He or she shall be available on the playing field during each game of league play for no less than one-half hour per game, or to designate someone in their place. He or she shall be responsible for maintaining a copy, and distributing to the managers the original, of the player insurance cards, and to ensure distribution of the original insurance cards to the players at the end of the season. He or she shall be responsible to settle any disputes between players, coaches, and parents with another Board Official.

- (g) **EQUIPMENT MANAGER**- shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining needed equipment, including first aid kits, and shall purchase this equipment upon approval of the Board. He or she shall be responsible for maintaining an inventory system and for distributing equipment to managers, including Fallball and All-Star managers. He or she shall be responsible for catcher's equipment (mask, chest protector, shinguards), chalk, plates, pitching rubbers, balls and equipment bags and shall provide the Treasurer with budget estimate for the coming year by the OCTOBER meeting.
- (h) **FIELD MANAGER**- shall chair the Field Maintenance Committee and be responsible for said committee's stated duties and/or requirements (Article IX, Section 4D). He or she shall ensure that all fields and playing areas are safe and ready for practice and game play. He or she shall be responsible to schedule field work days and assign divisions areas to maintain. He or she shall be responsible for creating a trash removal schedule for League play. He or she shall provide a budget to the Treasurer by the OCTOBER meeting for any field repairs that will be needed for the next year.
- (i) **NORCAL REPRESENTATIVES (Primary and Alternate)** - shall see that the League is represented at each meeting. They shall inform the Board of all NorCal activities. They shall represent the League for annual All Star Tournaments and be responsible for ensuring the timely performance of Tournament assignments. They shall be responsible for organizing the League's Fallball season. They will be responsible for completion of all forms required to facilitate the League's participation, including boundary maps.
- (j) **REGISTRAR**- shall chair the Registration committee and be responsible for said committee's stated duties and/or requirements (Article IX, Section 4G). Maintain League Birth Certificate files, maintain League registration files on players and League personnel. Provide copies or same to Division Player Agents, Season Managers, All-Star Managers, and Fallball Managers. In cooperation with Treasurer, will be responsible for insuring all players and League personnel, for issuing insurance cards to Division Player Agents, and for maintaining copies of all insurance cards on file. He or she is responsible for producing copies of team rosters to Player Agents. Registrar shall appoint the Registration Committee at the SEPTEMBER meeting.
- (k) **SNACK BAR MANAGER**- shall chair the Snack Bar Committee and be responsible for said committee's stated duties and/or requirements (Article IX, Section 4J). He or she shall be responsible for purchasing supplies, creating and maintaining snack bar schedule, turning money over to Treasurer for deposit. He or she shall maintain accurate records of Snack Bar income and expenses to report to the Board. He or she shall prepare a budget estimate to provide to the Treasurer by the OCTOBER meeting.
- (l) **SPONSORSHIP & FUND RAISING MANAGER**- shall chair the Sponsorship committee and be responsible for said committee's stated duties and/or requirements (Article IX, Section 4K and 4M). He or she shall solicit sponsors for all teams and ensure that all sponsors receive Board approved team pictures, certificates and/or plaques. The Sponsorship fees will be set by the Board. He or she shall also organize the League's annual Candy Sale, purchase candy and distribute candy to team Managers. He or she will help coordinate sales of League logo shirts, sweatshirts, etc. with the Uniform & Awards Manager. He or she will collect all candy sales money and turn into Treasurer. He or she shall turn in a budget proposal by the OCTOBER meeting to the Treasurer.
- (m) **UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF**- shall be responsible for arranging the training and supplying of umpires for all League games and disbursing umpire fees. He or she shall assist in the annual orientation of team managers. He or she shall be responsible for the development of practice and playing schedules prior to League orientation. He or she shall provide the treasurer with a budget estimate for the coming year by the OCTOBER meeting. He or she shall be responsible for storing criminal Offender Record

Information (CORI) as described in Article XIII of these Bylaws, and to inform the Department of Justice (DOJ) of any change of League name, address, telephone number or contact person.

- (n) **WEBSITE MANAGER**- shall be responsible for updating and maintaining the League's Official Web Site. All information entered onto the web site must be Board approved. This is a Board appointed position not an Officer of the General Board of Directors and is not required to attend nor participate in all League functions.

ALL BOARD OFFICERS are required to participate in **ALL LEAGUE** activities, including organization of and participation in opening and closing day activities.

Article IV. BOARD ELIGIBILITY

Section 4.01- Requirements

Each nominee shall have been an active member of the League for a period of not less than THIRTEEN consecutive calendar months just prior to the JUNE Board elections. All Board Officers may be eligible for re-election. When needed, due to lack of eligible nominees, the minimum requirements shall be active for the "current playing season" for the following offices only: Secretary, Snack Bar Manager, Sponsorship & Fund Raising Manager, Uniform & Awards Manager, Equipment Manager, and Activities Committee Chairperson.

Section 4.02- Additional Requirements

The following offices shall have these additional Requirements:

- (a) DIVISION PLAYER AGENTS- A manager or coach may be a player agent of his or her respective Division, whenever there are no other acceptable nominees, as determined by the Board.
- (b) NORCAL LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES (PRIMARY & ALTERNATE) - He or she should know the rules of the League. One representative should have been a representative previously.
- (c) TREASURER- Basic knowledge of bookkeeping and accounting.
- (d) UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF- He or she must know the rules and regulations and umpiring duties. He or she should have knowledge of the scheduling of umpires for each division.

Article V. ELECTIONS

Section 5.01- Candidates

At the JUNE meeting, the Board shall select a person or persons for the purpose of canvassing the league for possible candidates for the offices on the Board.

Section 5.02- Nominations

A general meeting will be called in JULY to accept nominations for officers on the Board. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

Section 5.03- Voting

The AUGUST Board meeting will be held on the last Wednesday of the month for the SOLE purpose of voting on Board Nominees.

Section 5.04- Ballots

The Secretary will prepare individual ballots for each position. If a candidate is running unopposed, they need 51% (excluding absentee) of ballots. Absentee ballots are not counted as a ballot. If two or more candidates are running, the candidate needs to win with the majority of ballots to be elected.

Section 5.05- Joint Meeting

The SEPTEMBER meeting shall be a joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming Boards to help ensure a smooth transition. The incoming Board shall be installed and assume their positions.

Article VI. MEETINGS

Section 6.01- Regular Meetings

A meeting of the Board shall be held the THIRD TUESDAY of each month unless otherwise ordered by the Board or the President. Notice of Board meetings must be given TWO days in advance to all Board

Officers. Regular Board meetings will be attended by all elected Board Officers, all of whom will hold one vote on regular League business. The President shall vote only in the case of a tie.

Section 6.02- Special Meetings

The Secretary shall provide all Board Officers with sufficient notice of time, place, and purpose of meeting.

Section 6.03- Quorum

Fifty-one percent of the voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 6.04- Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings except where same conflicts with the Constitution or Bylaws of the League.

Article VII. CALENDARS

Section 7.01- Board Term

The Board year shall be from August 1st through July 31st.

Section 7.02- Fiscal Year

The Fiscal year of the League shall be from September 1st to August 31st (Ref Article 8.2).

Section 7.03-Regular Events

(a) AUGUST

- Joint meeting of old and new Board (Ref Article V. Section 5)
- New Board installed
- Rules committee appointed

(b) SEPTEMBER

- Annual reports and records due.
- Audit committee reports findings.
- Proposed rule changes submitted to the rules committee.
- Rules committee reviews rules- hold committee meeting.

(c) OCTOBER

- Reading of proposed rule changes at Board meeting for discussion.
- Equipment Manager submits budget estimate to Treasurer.
- Field Manager submits budget estimate to Treasurer.
- Sponsorship & Fund Raising Manager submits budget estimate to Treasurer.
- Registrar submits budget estimate to Treasurer.
- Snack Bar Manager submits budget estimate to Treasurer.
- Umpire-in-chief submits budget estimate to Treasurer.
- Uniform & Awards Manager submits budget estimate to Treasurer.
- Rules Committee presents proposed changes for approval/disapproval vote.

(d) NOVEMBER

- Treasurer submits League budget to Board for review.
- Deadline for rule changes vote.
- Early Registration begins.
- Set up Softball season calendar. Sign-ups, try-outs, clinics, coaches meetings, pictures, opening/closing day ceremonies, etc.
- Board approves budget.

(e) DECEMBER

- Early registration continues.
- Rule changes, boundary maps, compliance form and Application fee due.

- Field use permits submitted to schools.
- (f) JANUARY
- Regular registration closes.
 - Managers/Coaching staffs are selected and background check forms due.
 - NORCAL registration fees due.
 - League insurance paid.
 - Opening day ceremonies finalized.
- (g) FEBRUARY
- Late registration (closes by the 15th).
 - Managers/Coaches Meeting.
 - Tryouts
 - Draft and Divisions formed.
 - NORCAL inter-league meeting.
 - Team and League Sponsorship fees due.
 - Umpire Clinic.
 - Uniforms ordered.
 - Field work days scheduled.
- (h) MARCH
- Practice begins.
 - Game schedules to be turned in.
 - Team uniforms handed out.
 - Snack Bar schedule handed out to teams.
 - Opening Day Ceremonies.
- (i) APRIL
- Official League games begin.
 - All Star Managers/Coaches approved.
- (j) MAY
- All Star tryouts. Teams selected.
 - Nominating Committee selected.
 - Official League games end on 31st.
- (k) JUNE
- Closing Ceremonies.
 - All Star practice begins.
- (l) JULY
- All Star Tournaments.
 - NORCAL Fallball meeting.
 - Fallball season begins.

Article VIII. FINANCES

Section 8.01- League Funds

The Board shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the League. All funds shall come from donations, Sponsorship & Fund-Raising Committee, and Snack Bar. ALL funds shall be placed in a common treasury and will be distributed in such a manner as not to give any individual or team an advantage over the others as to equipment, uniforms, or otherwise.

Section 8.02- Financial Records

The Financial Records of the League shall be maintained on a fiscal basis from SEPTEMBER 1st through AUGUST 31st. It shall be the responsibility of the outgoing Treasurer to ensure that all monies are deposited and all known expenditures paid before the books are closed.

Section 8.03- Budget

The Board shall develop and approve an annual budget by the NOVEMBER meeting to encompass all anticipated income and expenditures for the new year. This budget may be amended as necessary throughout the year.

Section 8.04- Sponsorship

The Sponsorship fee shall be set by the Board yearly and paid by FEBRUARY 15th or two weeks prior to the printing of uniforms.

Section 8.05- Donation/ Fees

The registration donation/fees shall be set by the Board yearly.

Section 8.06- Snack Bar

See Section 9.04 regarding monies received by the operation of the Snack Bar.

Section 8.07- Expenditures

Board approval is required for purchases/reimbursement over \$20.00.

Article IX. COMMITTEES

Section 9.01- Establishment

The President shall establish the committee's necessary for the function of the League, with the EXCEPTION of the Audit Committee. The President shall not be a part of a committee, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

Section 9.02- Planning

Those in charge of the committees shall meet with the President prior to a project and form a plan. The chairperson of the committee shall be expected to deliver to the Board a complete report of the plan prior to initiating said project.

Section 9.03- Reports

The committee chairperson shall be expected to deliver, at each and every Board meeting, a report of the progress of the committee and expenditures. A written report shall be submitted to the President at the conclusion of any project.

Section 9.04- Standing Committees

- (a) **ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE-** shall be under the general direction of the Vice President and shall be responsible for organizing any special activities of the League, including Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
- (b) **AUDIT-** shall consist of the president as chairperson, the incoming and outgoing Treasurer, and the Parliamentarian. They should audit the previous year's financial records before turning them over to the new Treasurer. A full report of their findings will be presented to the Board at the OCTOBER meeting.
- (c) **BUDGET-** shall consist of the Treasurer as chairperson. The members of the committee shall be appointed by the Treasurer.
- (d) **FIELD MAINTENANCE-** shall consist of the Field Manager as chairperson. They will review all available playing fields which will be used for practice and League play, and develop a plan to have fields in acceptable condition prior to the beginning of tryouts, practice, and League play. The plan must include methods to maintain the fields during the season and a schedule of work party

requirements. The committee shall be expected to arrange for equipment rentals, work parties, etc. to maintain fields. They shall provide a budget estimate of anticipated expenditures to the Treasurer by the OCTOBER meeting.

- (e) **PROTESTS**- shall consist of Vice President as chairperson, the Umpire-In- Chief, and any other three Board Members present. Any Board Officer who is associated with one of the protesting teams will be disqualified from voting. The protest must follow the guidelines as stated in the "Amateur Softball Association Official Guide and Rule Book" Rule #11, Section 5 & 6. The committee shall provide the decision(s) in writing to the League Secretary for the official file and copy all concerned parties. Decisions rendered must have the affirmation of three committee members.
- (f) **PUBLIC RELATIONS**- shall consist of the Vice President as chairperson. They shall prepare a publicity plan for Board approval by the NOVEMBER meeting. The plan should provide methods to notify the general public of League registration activities and a plan to maintain public interest in League activities. Shall provide budget estimate of anticipated expenditures to the Treasurer by the OCTOBER meeting. They shall ensure that information provided to the public is consistent with League Bylaws and Standing Rules. They shall arrange for registration sites. ***** All Fliers must be submitted to District offices for approval before distribution to any schools.
- (g) **REGISTRATION**- shall consist of the Registrar as chairperson. They shall be responsible for creating the roster books and organizing registration activities.
- (h) **RULES COMMITTEE**- shall consist of the Vice President as chairperson. Members of the committee shall be appointed by the President at the AUGUST meeting. There shall be no requirement to serving on the Rules committee. They shall be responsible for reviewing rules submitted during the SEPTEMBER meeting and recommending changes in writing to the Board no later than the October meeting. All suggestions and proposed amendments must be submitted to the Committee by the September meeting. The committee is bound to present all properly submitted suggestions and proposed amendments.
- (i) **TEAM PARENT COORDINATOR**- shall be responsible for informing Team Parents of their duties, deadlines, and responsibilities for Opening and Closing Day activities and throughout the playing season. He or she will be available during League play to assist team parents of all teams. He or she will work in conjunction with the Snack Bar Manager to ensure The Snack Bar is staffed properly on all Leagues playing days.
- (j) **SNACK BAR**- shall be responsible for the purchase and storage of supplies. They shall arrange adequate support from the general membership for sales operation. They shall maintain accurate and complete accounting of all income and expenses. A \$50 dollar cash account for change and miscellaneous expenses will be retained, and all other monies and accounting will be turned over to the Treasurer weekly. They shall provide a start-up budget estimate by the OCTOBER meeting.
- (k) **SPONSORSHIP**- shall consist of the Sponsorship & Fund-Raising Manager as chairperson. They shall solicit sponsors for all teams. They shall see that sponsors receive team pictures, certificates, etc. as approved by the Board. Sponsorship fees shall be set annually by the Board.
- (l) **UNIFORMS & AWARDS**- shall consist of the Uniform & Award Manager as chairperson. With Board approval shall purchase trophies and awards for players and sponsors. With Board approval will order and purchase uniforms for all teams within the League. They shall provide a budget estimate of anticipated expenditures to the Treasurer by the OCTOBER meeting.
- (m) **FUND RAISING**- shall consist of the Sponsorship & Fund-Raising Manager as chairperson. They shall be responsible for the raising of monies to support the League. The chairperson should have knowledge of fundraising techniques and the ability to direct and monitor necessary activities.

Shall work with the Treasurer in gathering all income derived from fundraising. Shall coordinate with the Treasurer to maintain accurate and complete accounting of all income and expenses.

Article X. RULES AND AMENDMENTS

Section 10.01- Rules of Play

The NORCAL Rules of Play will be the official rules except where amended by the Standing Rules of the League.

Section 10.02- Bylaws

The Bylaws shall be amended in the following manner:

- (a) Amendments, restrictions or changes must be put in writing and a copy given to each Board Officer.
- (b) An Officer may at any regular Board meeting introduce an amendment, restriction or change which must be seconded, then read and voted upon at the following meeting.
- (c) Written reasons for each amendment must be entered into the official record for future reference.
- (d) It must be carried by a majority vote of the Officers present.
- (e) The amendment, restriction, or change will become effective on the date of the vote.
- (f) Any changes will be properly published and distributed to all appropriate League personnel.

Section 10.03- Standing Rules

The Standing Rules shall be amended in the following manner:

- (a) All amendments must be presented to the Rules Committee by the September meeting in writing and signed by the author. A vote will be taken at the OCTOBER meeting.
- (b) The Rules Committee shall present all properly submitted amendments to the Board no later than the OCTOBER meeting.
- (c) Each amendment presented at the meeting must be read, seconded, and then opened for discussion. The final version must be read again into the minutes and the motion tabled until the following monthly meeting. At the next meeting each amendment must be read again and voted on.
- (d) Provisional rules may be put into effect on an emergency basis before the first game of the season by presenting the rule, seconding it, discussing and voting on it during a meeting before the season starts. Provisional rules expire at the end of the season. The Rules Committee will act upon them as above.
- (e) Written reasons for each amendment must be entered into the official record for future reference.
- (f) Each amendment must be carried by a majority vote of the Officers present.
- (g) The amendment will become effective on the date of the vote.
- (h) Any changes will be properly published and distributed to all appropriate League personnel.

Article XI. MANAGERS AND COACHES

Section 11.01- Approval

Managers and Coaches of teams shall be approved and voted on by secret ballot by the Board. Managers are also encouraged to attend monthly Board meetings.

Section 11.02- Managers

Managers may be male or female and not less than EIGHTEEN years of age. They MUST be Board approved. They should exhibit good sportsmanship and leadership. They must be able to cooperate with the Board and abide by the Board's decision.

Section 11.03- Coaches

Coaches may be male or female not less than EIGHTEEN years of age. They may be chosen by the Managers but MUST be Board approved. Each coaching staff must have ONE FEMALE STAFF MEMBER, which can be the Manager, Coach, or 1st Assistant Coach, that has been approved by the Board.

Section 11.04- Assistants

Assistant Coaches may be under eighteen years of age, but MUST be approved by the Board.

Section 11.05- DOJ Records

No Manager or Coach may have on their DOJ record a conviction for crimes against Children, sex offense, drug offense, or violent crimes as set forth in Standing Rules Section II-I (Managers and Coaches). Each person selected for a Manager or Coaching position MUST have a CORI on file with the League to verify compliance with Standing Rules Section II-I (Managers and Coaches).

Section 11.06-Responsibilities

Managers will assume full responsibility by signing for equipment and keys issued to their teams. During the playing season equipment shall be used by the Team, and will be checked off when returned to the Equipment Manager at the end of the season. Use of equipment other than during the playing season shall require the approval of the Board. All keys and misc. League property must be returned by the end of the playing season.

Section 11.07- Dress

All Managers/Coaches will dress appropriately when supervising the players. Shorts should be mid-thigh or longer and midriff area covered.

Article XII. MEMBERSHIP

Section 12.01- Rights

- (a) Any person meeting the requirements as to age and residence and having an active interest in the League shall be eligible to participate in the program. They are to be considered associated members as defined by Section 5332 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Law and should perform any reasonable service required.
- (b) All rights which would otherwise vest in members under the California Corporations Code or otherwise by law shall vest solely in the Board.
- (c) Nothing in the Bylaws and rules shall be construed as limiting the right of the League to refer to persons associated with it, who participate in any activities or programs of the League, as "members" even though such persons are not members as defined in Section 5056 of the California Corporation Code.

Section 12.02- Hardship

No girl shall be denied participation due to financial hardship. The family can apply for a Scholarship for the registration cost, but must pay the League "hard" cost per player at the time of registration. A Scholarship agreement must be signed for every player who applies. The Board can limit the amount of Scholarships per season. Payment plans can be accepted at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Section 12.03- Suspensions

The Board, by majority vote of the Officers present at duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to suspend any member, Officer, Manager, Coach, Player, or Official whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interest of the League.

Section 12.04- Inter-League Play

Generally inter-league play will not be permitted unless the Board approves a schedule for traveling teams. Inter-league play will be allowed if there is a lack of teams in a division. Girls will not be permitted to be transferred from one league to another during the playing season.

Section 12.05- Rosters

A complete roster of every Mini, Rookie, Jr. Minor, Minor, and Major team, with full name of every girl, her confirmed birth date, exact address, and the name and address of the Manager and Coaches will be sent in duplicate to NORCAL and G.S.S.A. by the League Registrar, when and if requested by NORCAL or G.S.S.A.. Lists shall be furnished by the Division Players Agents to the Registrar. In the event of a change of information on submitted rosters, written notice shall be sent by the Registrar (information to be furnished by Players Agents) to NORCAL and G.S.S.A. immediately.

Section 12.06- Registration Forms

Girls will not be permitted to participate in the League until registration forms have been submitted to the Player Agents.

Section 12.07- NORCAL and G.S.S.A. Approval

The League Bylaws and Standing Rules will be submitted to NORCAL or G.S.S.A. for approval, when and if requested by either.

Section 12.08- Boundaries

Proposed League boundaries must be approved by the Board and NORCAL.

Section 12.09- Number of Teams

The number of teams representing the League in any season will be at the discretion of the Board. The League will be limited to as many teams as the League can effectively administrate.

Section 12.10- Age

The playing age of a girl will be determined by her age January 1st of the year in which the spring season is played. The division will be as follows:

- (a) MINIS- will be girls 4-1/2, 5, and 6 years old. The Board will set any special playing rules for this Division.
- (b) ROOKIES- will be girls 7 and 8 years old. A 6 year old may play up if Board approved.
- (c) JUNIOR MINORS- will be girls 9 and 10 years old.
- (d) MINORS- will be girls 11 and 12 years old.
- (e) MAJORS- will consist of two divisions which can be combined, depending on amount of players signed up. 14U- 13 and 14 year old girls. 16U- 15 and 16 year old girls. If division combines they must play under the 16U designation.
- (f) SENIOR- team(s) will be represented by girls 16 through 19 years of age.
- (g) EXCEPTIONS- any exceptions to division age groups MUST be Board approved.

Section 12.11- Playing Down

Any player requesting to play down a division, due to ability, must attend tryouts and be Board approved. They must be a FIRST YEAR player, and will ONLY be eligible to play down a division ONE SEASON. After that they must play in their age correct division. Any player playing down will NOT be eligible for All Stars or any other Tournaments. If that player wishes to play Fallball, they must move up to their appropriate division.

Article XIII. CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD INFORMATION (CORI)

Section 13.01- CORI

- (a) CORI shall be used for the sole purpose of determining fitness of persons to supervise minors in compliance with Standing Rules, Section II-I.
- (b) CORI will be known only by the Umpire-In-Chief.

- (c) CORI will be kept under lock and key and accessible only to the Umpire-In-Chief or other designated Board Officer.
- (d) CORI may not be reproduced.
- (e) CORI will be destroyed after volunteer determination has been made, and copies of same will be destroyed in such a way that the volunteer's name can no longer be identified.
- (f) All personnel with access to CORI must have a "Volunteer Statement Form" on file acknowledging an understanding of prohibiting its misuse.
- (g) All personnel with access to CORI will have a fingerprint clearance record check completed through DOJ prior to the submission of fingerprints for volunteers.

STANDING RULES

INTRODUCTION

The NORCAL Rules of Play will be the official rules except where amended by the Standing Rules of the League.

Article I. THE PLAYER

Section 1.01- Donation/ Fees

Registration donation/fee, reduced additional daughter donation/fee, and family maximum will be determined by the Board prior to registration. Donation/fee will include a team T-Shirt for the player to keep. Also included in the donation/fee will be Team Picture, Participation Award, player Insurance, and Opening and Closing Day activities.

Section 1.02- Uniforms

Players must wear Board approved uniform. Uniform includes League-supplied shirt, player-supplied black shorts or pants, athletic type shoes or non-metal cleats, and optional hat or visor. If one girl chooses to wear a hat/visor, not every girl on that team is required to wear one. If a player chooses to slide, protective-sliding gear is highly recommended.

Section 1.03- Inactive

Any girl currently playing or trying out for any other chartered or official league or school ball, will be eligible for team selection on an inactive basis. She will become eligible for team play upon completion of league conflict.

Section 1.04- Active

Every girl selected for team play will be an active member of that team for the entire season, excluding school ball players or other inactive players.

Section 1.05- Openings

When a player is needed for a team, the Division Players Agent, for that division, shall be notified and a name shall be taken from that division's waiting list.

Article II. MANAGERS AND COACHES:

Section 2.01- Manager & Coaches

Each team in the League shall be under the direct authority of a Manager, who may have 1 Head Coach and 2 Assistant Coaches. (See Article XI., Sections 2, 3, and 4 for qualifications). Additional coaches will be allowed, but they must pay for their League insurance, background check, and uniform.

Section 2.02- Female Adult

A BOARD APPROVED FEMALE ADULT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO BE IN THE DUGOUT AND PRESENT AT ALL TEAM ACTIVITIES AND SEE THAT NO PLAYER ON THAT TEAM IS LEFT WITHOUT TRANSPORTATION

AFTER PRACTICE AND GAMES. Managers are **REQUIRED** to advise parents to escort player to all League activities.

Section 2.03- Rule Books

Official rule books will be obtained by the League for every Manager yearly in order that he/she understands the program and will have knowledge of the general regulations and any changes of emphasis from year-to-year.

Section 2.04- Umpire Clinic

All Managers and Coaches should attend the umpire clinic conducted by the Umpire-In-Chief prior to League play.

Section 2.05- Scorekeeping

All Managers and Scorekeepers must attend a scorekeeper clinic provided by the League prior to League play. Coaches and substitute Scorekeepers are encouraged to attend also.

Section 2.06- Coaching Clinic

Prior to the start of League practice in each and every playing season, the League shall provide a Manager and Coaches clinic. Attendance is encouraged for all Managers and Coaches.

Section 2.07- CORI Background Check

- (a) All persons applying as a Manager or Coach with the League must submit, or have previously submitted, a fingerprint card to the League to be submitted to DOJ to facilitate verification of compliance with Standing Rules Section II-I (Managers & Coaches). Livescan application may substitute for fingerprint card.
- (b) All persons selected as a Manager or Coach with the League must have CORI on file with the League to verify compliance with Standing Rules Section II-I (Managers & Coaches).
- (c) The League may at any time require the Manager or Coaches to be run under the "Megans' Law". The President of the League will contact all necessary Managers and Coaches for information required for the search to be completed. All information will be given directly to local authorities only.
- (d) All Adults must pass a SAFESPORT Class.

Section 2.08- Criminal Acts

Any person who has been convicted, or has a case pending, as set forth by DOJ, will be deemed unfit to be a Manager or Coach in the League.

Section 2.09- Money Due

Any general member, Manager, Coach, or player failing to submit any money or property owed to the League within 14 days after written request from the Board, shall appear before the Board at the next meeting with funds, property, or an explanation. Failure to appear may constitute grounds for immediate removal from his/her position or League.

Article III. MISCONDUCT AND PROTESTS:

Section 3.01- Conduct

Conduct of a board Officer, Manager, Coach, Team Parent, Player, or Helper is to be maintained on a high level at ALL times.

- (a) Any charges of misconduct will be presented in writing to the League President and must be acted upon within FIVE days. The accuser (witnesses, if any) and the accused will state their case in secret, each separately, at a special Executive Board meeting. The accused will be cleared, warned, suspended, or expelled (depending on the seriousness of the charge) by majority vote of the Executive Board. Suspended persons must not attend any League activities during suspension period.

- (b) If the League President feels a charge to be very serious, he/she must contact and suspend each individual immediately pending the outcome of the special Executive Board meeting concerning the matter. The complete protection of the players is a serious responsibility of the League so that nothing in our program will be to their detriment.

Section 3.02- Player Suspension

A Manager may temporarily suspend or bench a girl on their team as a disciplinary measure. Physical punishment of a League player is strictly prohibited. The record of a regular game played, while a player is suspended or benched, must show this information to comply with Standing Rule IV-E.

Section 3.03- Protests

All protests must be made in accordance with NORCAL or G.S.S.A. Rules. The notification of intent to protest and the positions of all players involved must be noted in the official scorebook.

Section 3.04- Complaints

It is the responsibility of this League to resolve its own complaints and charges of misconduct or protests. Therefore, it is inappropriate for any member to bring such a matter to NORCAL or G.S.S.A. attention without first being acted upon by this League. Such individual actions reflect unfavorably on the League and normally do not reflect the League's position. Any complaints or protests to NORCAL or G.S.S.A. should be submitted thru the League, at which time documentation of League actions can be attached. The League will not recognize charges or protests submitted to NORCAL or G.S.S.A. which have not been appropriately submitted to this League.

Article IV. RULES OF PLAY-GENERAL:

Section 4.01- Season Start

No official practice or games sessions will start until permission is granted by the Board. Typically practices start March 1 and games begin April 1.

Section 4.02- Fields

Only League-approved fields (covered by insurance) will be used for practice or games.

Section 4.03- Number of Players

All League teams shall have a minimum of eleven players and a maximum of thirteen players. During League play teams will field the following players: Pitcher, Catcher, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Shortstop, Right Fielder, Center Fielder, and Left Fielder. A Rover will be allowed in 10U and lower divisions when ten players are present, and both teams agree to play ten on the field.

Section 4.04- Batting Team

All players must remain on the bench, except the batter, the on deck batter, and any girls on base. Except in Tournament, when only nine players bat, all players on roster in attendance shall bat.

Section 4.05- Playing Times

- (a) MAJORS, MINORS, and JR. MINORS- Each girl present must play a minimum of TWO innings (12 consecutive outs) within the first FOUR innings.
- (b) ROOKIES- Substitutions will be allowed at the end of each inning. No player will sit for more than two consecutive innings. All girls will play within 18 innings of each other at the end of the season. Substitutions may be made during an inning only in the case of injury or other emergency.
1. The rule will apply in play-off and championship games.
 2. When the home team does not have to play the last half of an inning to win the game, the remainder of the inning will count as being played under this rule.
 3. Any violation of this rule will be treated as a violation of the re-entry rule. [Effect: Forfeit]

Section 4.06- Game Time

Games will start between 5:45pm and 6:00pm. Teams must be ready to play as defined in NORCAL Rule 4, Section 6 [except change A, 8 player's minimum] at game time. If teams are not ready after a TEN

minute grace period they must forfeit 7-0 to the other team. If neither team is ready, both teams will forfeit 0-0 and the game will count as a loss to both teams.

Section 4.07- Line-ups

A roster of active players and substitutes must be submitted to the opposing Manager prior to the beginning of any game. Innings available to pitchers must be submitted at even-numbered games. All make-up games scheduled will use the innings that were available to the pitcher at the time of the originally scheduled game. All players are considered "active" except those playing school ball during school ball season and those excused due to illness or injury by their division's Player Agent.

Section 4.08- Postponements

When postponement of games becomes necessary for any reason, the games shall be played at the next available date. Day and time will be set by the Umpire-In-Chief. All make-up games scheduled and set by the Umpire-In-Chief are final. Managers need to be aware that make-up days/times will be scheduled on Friday, Saturday, or the next available date pending field/umpire availability. It is the Manager's responsibility to confirm the date and time of a rescheduled game with the Umpire-In-Chief. Failure to comply on a rescheduled game shall result in a forfeit. If both teams fail to comply, both will receive a forfeit.

Section 4.09- Failure to Appear

Any team failing to appear for two consecutive scheduled League games will be considered for suspension from the League, and the players on the team for a period designated by the Board.

Section 4.10- Innings

No new inning will start after 1 hour and 30 minutes. These games will be called at the end of the last inning started before the 1 hour 30 minute time limit (1 hour 20 minutes for Rookies and 1 hour for Minis). If that much time has been played, the current inning shall be played to completion and it shall be considered a regulation game. If at the end of any inning time has expired and the score is tied, one inning will be allowed to try to break the tie. If still tied, then the game will count as a HALF win for each team. The starting time shall be logged in the home team scorebook.

Section 4.11- Scorekeeping

Each team shall have a scorekeeper present at all League games who will record the game. The home team shall have the responsibility of providing the official scorebook.

Section 4.12- Game Ball

A ball designated the "Game Ball" shall be provided by the home team and a backup ball shall be provided by the visiting team. The "Game Ball" will be used at all times unless damaged beyond use or out of play.

Section 4.13- Ties

(a) Divisional ties shall be determined as follows:

1. Head- to- Head (win-loss record of games played between tied teams).
2. Total run differential between tied teams.
3. Total runs allowed differential between tied teams.
4. Playoff game if time allows.

ARTICLE V. SAFETY:

Section 5.01- Helmets

All girls in each age group must wear a form-fitting batting helmet (which must have the approval stamp) with chin strap and approved face mask, while batting or running the bases. Helmets must not be removed until player is in the dugout when leaving the field of play. ALL GIRLS MUST HAVE THEIR OWN HELMETS, NO SHARING OF HELMETS WILL BE ALLOWED.

Section 5.02- Catchers

When acting as a catcher for the pitcher, persons in each division must wear the correct protective equipment. A catcher must wear an approved catcher's helmet including face mask and throat protector, chest protector, and shin guards. Equipment must be worn even if only warming up the pitcher. **EXCEPTION: ADULTS.**

Section 5.03- Practice Swings

Practice swings are to only be taken in the on deck circle, when everyone is clear of area. If practice swings are taken in the batter's box, the catcher and umpire must be safely positioned as to not be struck with the bat.

ARTICLE VI, SPORTSMANSHIP:

Section 6.01- Cheering

Only positive cheering will be allowed from team and fans. ***ABSOLUTELY NO HIGH PITCHED SCREAMS OR INAPPROPRIATE NOISES WILL BE TOLERATED BY THE TEAM OR FANS.*** The Managers are responsible for the bench and spectators' behavior.

Section 6.02- Noise

Noise from behind the backstop meant to rattle the pitcher or batter **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.**

Section 6.03- Defense

Defensive players may not say "**SWING**" at the batter. After **ONE** warning, at the direction of the umpire, the ejection of the offending person(s) or forfeit of game may result.

Section 6.04- Ten Run Rule

If a team is ahead by ten runs after 5 innings (4-1/2 innings if home team) then the game shall be called.

ARTICLE VII, MAJOR RULES OF PLAY:

Section 7.01- Official Rules

All games will be played in accordance with NORCAL and G.S.S.A. Rules or as modified by these Standing Rules.

Section 7.02- Pitching

No girl may pitch more than **SEVEN** innings in each consecutive group of two scheduled games, with the second game always defined by an even number. A Bye is the same as a scheduled game in the pitching rotation. "Innings available to pitchers" must be submitted to the opposing Manager prior to the beginning of any even-numbered game. If a pitching violation is found and substantiated by the Division Players Agent, the team in violation forfeits the game.

Section 7.03- Other League Rules

Major rules of play may be modified depending on what outside Leagues participate during regular season play.

Section 7.04- Game Balls

A new ball designated as "Game Ball" and a back-up ball shall be provided by the home team.

Section 7.05- Late Arrivals

Any player arriving late must be present prior to the first pitch in the top of the 3rd inning and will be added to the last batting position.

ARTICLE VIII, MINOR & JUNIOR MINOR RULES OF PLAY:

Section 8.01- Innings

No new inning will start after 1 hour 30 minutes of play.

Section 8.02- Batting

All players present will bat and must remain in the same batting order (unless due to a player being removed from game for injury or illness) throughout the entire game.

Section 8.03- Injuries

- (a) When a player is injured at bat, the player making the last out will resume the injured player's turn at bat resuming the count or taking the awarded base.
- (b) If an injured player is unable to take her turn at bat, she will be considered an injured player, out of the game, and scratched from the lineup. NO PENALTIES WILL APPLY.

Section 8.04- Late Arrivals

Any player arriving late must be present prior to the first pitch in the top of the 3rd inning and will be added to the last batting position.

Section 8.05- Six Run Rule

During regular season play, the half inning will be ended once a team scores SIX runs. For Junior Minors the half inning will be ended after FOUR runs are scored.

Section 8.06- Pitching

No girl will pitch more than SEVEN innings in each consecutive group of two scheduled games, with the second game always defined by an even number. A Bye is the same as a scheduled game in pitching rotation. "Innings available to pitchers" must be submitted to the opposing Manager prior to the beginning of any even-numbered game. If a pitching violation is found and substantiated by the Division Players Agent, the offending team forfeits the game.

Section 8.07- Open Inning

The last inning of a game may be considered an "Open Inning" if both teams agree prior to the start of game. Open innings or last inning must be declared by plate umpire before the first pitch of such inning. If an inning before the seventh was declared open and is completed before time limit, the game continues with more open innings until time expires.

ARTICLE IX, ROOKIE RULES OF PLAY:

Section 9.01- Innings

Rookies will play SIX innings. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 30 minutes of play.

Section 9.02- Batting

All players present will bat and must remain in the same batting order (unless removed from game due to injury or illness) throughout the entire game.

Section 9.03- Injuries

- (a) When a player is injured at bat, the player making the last out will resume the injured player's turn at bat resuming the count or taking the awarded base.
- (b) If an injured player is unable to take her next turn at bat, she will be considered an injured player, out of the game, and scratched from the lineup with no penalties.

Section 9.04- Late Arrivals

Any player arriving late must be present prior to the first pitch in the top of the 3rd inning and will be added to the last batting position.

Section 9.05- Pitching

No girl may pitch more than SIX innings in each consecutive group of two scheduled games, with the second game always defined by an even number. A bye is the same as a scheduled game in the pitching rotation. No girl may pitch more than FOUR innings in any one game. "Innings available to pitchers" must be submitted to the opposing team Manager prior to the beginning of each even-numbered game. If a pitching violation is found and substantiated by the Division Player Agent, then the offending team will forfeit the game.

Section 9.06- Four Run Rule

During regular season play, the side will be retired at the end of any half inning in which a team scores four runs regardless of outs or runners on base.

Section 9.07- Leading Off

Base runners may lead off after the ball has left the pitcher's hand, but may not steal.

Section 9.08- Not Enforced Rules

- (a) No "Illegal Pitch" rule called.
- (b) No "Dropped Third Strike" will be played.
- (c) No "Infield Fly" rule.

Section 9.09- Bunting and Sliding

Rookies are allowed to bunt and slide in all games.

Section 9.10- Four Balls

After four balls, the offensive coach will pitch the remaining strike count. The batter will either hit or strike out at that point. Before the ball is pitched by the coach, the player-pitcher must be inside the pitching circle.

Section 9.11- Obstruction

If the batter is obstructed by the catcher, first base will be awarded.

Section 9.12- Records

All Managers will keep track of how many games and half games each girl plays on her team. This will be recorded in the back of the scorebook. All girls will play within three games of each other, unless sickness or absence is a problem. The Rookie Player Agent will periodically gather the scorebooks and check to make sure all the girls are playing the same amount of time. We do not want the same girls sitting out every game. If a girl is absent, an "AB" will be placed in her spot for that game. If she is sick and doesn't feel well enough to play, "SK" will be written in. Otherwise a 1 equals a full game played and ½ equals a half game played. A ½ game is either 45 minutes or to the end of the inning closest to the 45 minute start. Managers who violate this rule will be brought before the Board.

Section 9.12- Base Running

If a base runner is not clearly over halfway toward the next base when the pitcher has possession of the ball in the pitching circle, the runner must return to the base last touched safely and cannot be put out when returning. If the pitcher makes an attempt to get the player out then they may continue to advance with the chance of being put out.

ARTICLE X, MINI RULES OF PLAY:

Section 10.01- Time

Minis will play for ONE hour. No new inning will begin after one hour. Both sides must complete the same amount of innings.

Section 10.02- Changing Sides

Each player on the batting (offense) side will have ONE turn at bat before changing sides.

Section 10.03- Batting

- (a) All players present will bat and must remain in the same batting order throughout the entire game.
- (b) Each batter will be pitched THREE balls by their coach. If she does not put the ball in play, she will hit off the tee until the ball is put into play.
- (c) Before the ball is placed on the tee, the batter may practice swing over the top of the tee. Managers and coaches must monitor and limit the amount of practice swings allowed.
- (d) Before the ball is hit, the pitcher must be inside the pitching circle.

Section 10.04- Leaving the Base

No stealing or leaving the base until after the ball has been hit.

Section 10.05- Base Running

Once the pitcher gets the ball into the pitching circle, the batter/runner must stop at the base she was advancing to.

Section 10.06- Positions

Players should be rotated regularly in the different positions. No player will play the same position for the entire game.

Section 10.07- No Infield Fly Rule

There will be no in-field fly rule played.

Section 10.08- Coaching

A maximum of TWO coaches per game on the field as defensive coaches, the defensive coaches must stay in the field. Coaches may coach bases on offense and on defense.

Section 10.09- Outfielders

Outfielders must position themselves FIVE feet behind the baseline before the ball is hit.

ARTICLE XI, UMPIRES:

Section 11.01- Training

Umpires will be trained by the League. Training shall consist of seminars on softball rules and the mechanics of umpiring. Testing may be required to ensure that proper skills have been developed by the potential umpire.

Section 11.02- Selection

Umpires will be selected and scheduled by the Umpire-In-Chief and the Board. The selection will be in accordance with NORCAL rules regarding Umpires and their duties.

Section 11.03- Clinic

All Coaches and Managers shall attend a Board-provided Umpire Clinic scheduled by the Umpire-In-Chief.

Section 11.04- Coach Umpire

Coaches and Managers may be required to umpire games of all divisions. Any Coach or Manager that fails to complete any umpiring assignment shall forfeit their team's next game.

Section 11.05- Division Umpires

Each division (Rookie, Jr. Minor, Minor, & Major) shall have a Division Umpire, who will work with the Umpire-In-Chief. They will help with choosing umpires, conducting seminars, assigning umpires to games, rescheduling games, and notifying umpires of changes in duties.

ARTICLE XII, PLAYER SELECTION- GENERAL

Section 12.01- Tryouts

- (a) Eligible candidates: Public Notice shall be given for registration and all who register, except for CORE players and the MINI Division, shall tryout. Registrants failing to attend scheduled tryout sessions shall become ineligible for the draft and will be selected by a blind draw.
- (b) Player Agent tryout list: Prior to tryouts Player Agents shall make a list showing names and League age of registrants for distribution to Managers and Coaches at tryouts.
- (c) Tryouts: Each registered candidate shall be given the opportunity to bat, field, throw, and run in competition with girls in the same division. All Managers and/or Head Coaches shall observe and grade each candidate for their reference.
- (d) Candidates shall tryout under the guidance of the Board. Candidates shall participate in the tryout of their respective division in order to be eligible for the draft. CORE players do not tryout except to be rated for pitching designation, if applicable.
- (e) Two tryout dates will be scheduled in case of rain. If both tryout dates are rained out, a blind draft will be implemented for all divisions. Players will be categorized by the Executive Board based on pitching, All Star selection, experience, and age.

- (f) Pitching tryouts will be held prior to the general tryouts and CORE information sheets being submitted to the Player Agents:
 - 1. All CORE players in the Rookie, Jr. Minor, Minor, and Major Divisions shall participate in pitching evaluations.
 - 2. CORE players failing to attend without prior approval from the Division Player Agent or President (if Player Agent is not available) shall automatically be ranked an "A" pitcher or will not be eligible to pitch.

Section 12.02- CORE Players

- 1. Each team may recruit 5 players (hereinafter referred to as CORE players) for their team in the Rookie, Jr. Minor, and Minor Divisions. Seven players may be selected as CORE for the Major Division.
 - (a) CORE players may not be drafted by another team and do not tryout except to be rated for pitching designation, if applicable.
 - (b) Managers must have a signed declaration by the CORE player's parent(s) agreeing to placement on said CORE.
 - (c) Prior to the pitching evaluations, the Division Players Agent must be advised in writing each team's CORE players.
 - (d) Player Agents will verify that CORE players meet all League team formation/pitching requirements.
 - (e) Player Agents will tally points to determine draft order, and will advise all Managers of draft order prior to draft night.
 - (f) No changes to CORE will be allowed after submission of roster to Player agent.
 - (g) If a player has a sibling in the same division, the sibling must be listed as a CORE player in order to be guaranteed on the same team.
 - (h) All CORE players will count as a draft pick for each of the rounds. No other players can be picked during those rounds at which the CORE player is picked.

Section 12.03- Draft

- 1. Girls registered but not at try-outs go into a blind draw and are drafted after the completion of the regular draft. {Exception, known pitchers and All-Stars will go to the team most in need of said classified players per Board Approval.}
- 2. Players registering after the draft will be appointed to the next team to receive a player, with weight given to player experience and ability. {Exception, known pitchers and All-Stars will go to the team most in need of said classified players per Board Approval.}
- 3. The Draft Rounds are:
 - (a) Major/Minor/ Jr. Minor:
Snake order drawn from hat, after coach keepers
 - (b) Rookie:
 - (c) Snake order drawn from hat, after coach keepers
 - (d) Mini: (Appointed by Player Agent)
 - Round 1- Returning 6 year olds
 - Round 2- Returning 5 year olds
 - Round 3- No experience 6 year olds
 - Round 4- No experience 5 year olds
 - Round 5- 4-1/2 year olds
- 4. For draft order purposes only, points will be given to each team based on CORE players experience as follows:

All-Star: 1 point for each All-Star year played.

Experience: 1 point for each year played.

Pitcher: 1 point for A-Pitcher.

½ point for B-Pitcher.

Age: 1 point for youngest age in division allowed.

2 points for oldest age in division allowed.

3 points for a player that is playing down a division.

5. The team with the least amount of points drafts first, second amount of points next, and so on. The order remains the same until draft is complete.
6. After draft round 5 when all Core players have been chosen, the open draft begins for those teams having CORE players. The draft continues using the point system order. Once all Pitchers and All-Star players have been chosen, then general players may begin being picked (general players may be picked in earlier rounds if desired by teams).
7. Managers will attend the draft for their division only. The Player Agents will preside at all draft activities and will be assisted by Board Officers. Player Agent distribution of registration forms is the only authorized system of team formation for Minis. The draft is the only authorized system for team formation for Rookies, Jr. Minors, Minors, and Majors.
8. After draft is complete, there will be a FIFTEEN minute trade period. The trading of ONE player per team will be allowed with mutual agreement of both Managers involved. Trades will be ALLOWED ONLY ON DRAFT NIGHT. "One player per team" applies whether you request the trade or the trade has been requested of you.
 - (a) Each team must have a Manager/Coach present until draft is completed.
 - (b) Player trading will be FORBIDDEN after draft night.
 - (c) The League must make it possible for sisters to remain together during their League tenure provided they are in the same division.
 - (d) The League may assign sisters in the same division to different teams if the parent makes a written request prior to the draft.
 - (e) In case of late registration, a sister may be appointed to her sister's team. {Exception- If the sister is an All-Star or Pitcher as defined in Standing Rules, she will be placed on the next team to receive said classified player.}
 - (f) Siblings and cousins can be placed on the same teams provided the request is approved at the time of registration.
9. The Division Draft List will be given to coaching staffs for each division of all registered players, prior to Managers submitting CORE Player Information sheets to Player Agents.

Section 12.04- Rookie Division Only

1. No Two All-Stars will be allowed on the same team (unless they are sisters) until every team in that division has at least one All-Star. If a Manager/Coach has more than one daughter that is an All-Star, then the second daughter (or third, etc.) shall be his/her next draw(s) in the draft. NOTE: For this rule the definition of an All-Star is any girl who was selected as a Rookie All-Star, whether with Sunrise Girls Softball or another league, whether she chose to participate or not.
2. No team shall have a Pitcher and an All-Star on their team unless each team has at least one Pitcher and one All-Star. Exception- If the Player is a Pitcher and an All-Star, then only the Pitcher designation applies.
3. The definition of a pitcher is any girl who in the previous season pitched THREE innings or more in a Rookie All-Star Tournament, excluding warm-up tournaments, whether with Sunrise or another

league. Or if any girl in the previous season pitched in more than one-half her team's league games in a Rookie Division, whether with Sunrise or another league.

4. No Player younger than SEVEN may play in the Rookie Division, unless approved by the Board.

Section 12.05- Major, Minor, and Jr. Minor Divisions Only

1. All established and recognized pitchers will be entered into a Pitching Pool. The Pitching Pool will then be divided into Two separate pools designated as A-Pitchers and B-Pitchers.
2. At the pitching evaluations each pitcher will be rated by a committee of five pitching evaluators on a scale of 1 – 5 to determine which pool she will be put into. If a Manager's or Coach's daughter is a pitcher, she will be rated and placed accordingly and will be that team's A or B pitcher.
3. Open forum of Manager, Coaches, and Board Officers will be held, and pitchers will be evaluated and placed in pools.
4. Each team will draft one pitcher out of each pool. No one team may have two "A" pitchers unless all teams have an "A" and "B" pitcher and there are only "A" pitchers left in draft. Any pitcher recognized by the League but not attending try-outs will be rated by a Board approved committee and placed in the corresponding pool. Teams may elect to replace their "A" pitcher with a "B" pitcher, thus giving them two "B" pitchers, instead of one "A" and one "B" pitcher.
5. If not enough pitchers are available to fill the pitching pools, those teams will be placed in a supplemental draft prior to player selections. For example: 9-team division needing 18 pitchers with only 14 pitchers available, four teams would enter the supplemental draft choosing one player each to fill their pitching roster. Player selection draft would then commence.
6. Determination of pitching level:
 - (a) Any girl who the previous year pitched FIVE or more innings in an All-Star tournament in her same division on an "A"-All-Star team, excluding warm-up tournaments, whether with Sunrise or any other league will be considered an "A" Pitcher. {Exception: Players who pitched on a "B"-All-Star team can be rated either "A" or "B" Pitchers.}
 - (b) Prior to draft night the try-out evaluators and Division Player Agent will determine pitching level of pitchers. Managers will be notified of all players' pitching level.

ARTICLE XIII. ALL-STAR SELECTION

Section 13.01- Managers and Coaches

1. To be eligible for All-Star selection, Managers and Coaches of record must have participated, as Coach or Manager, in a minimum of 51% of League scheduled games in their division at time of All-Star selection. The All-Star Manager must have been a Manager of record during regular League Play.
2. At least ONE member of the All-Star Coaching Staff must be A.C.E. Certified thru G.S.S.A. and present at all tournament games. If the certified Coach is NOT present at a Tournament game the TEAM MUST FORFEIT the game.
3. Board meeting will be held at which time all divisions' All-Star Managers will present their Coaching Staffs for approval by the Board. Any changes to the staff of an All-Star Team MUST be approved by the Board.
4. There will be ONE All-Star Team per division in Jr. Minor, Minors, and Majors. The league will cover the cost of ONE warm-up tournament and the All-Star tournament only. Any other tournaments played will be at the cost of the teams.

Section 13.02- Player Selection

1. During the first half of the season Managers and Coaches should be considering players that have All-Star potential.

2. All players that do not meet NORCAL or G.S.S.A. eligibility requirements will not be allowed to participate in All-Stars.
3. The Board will schedule a meeting after the mid-way point of the season during which all of the All-Star ballots will be counted. All-Star teams will consist of at least 10 players and 2 or 3 alternates.
4. Any player selected to the All-Star team will be required to pay a non-refundable fee and sign a player agreement form with all the required tournament information on it.
5. Any player who is unable to fulfill her commitment as an All-Star will still be considered an All-Star for draft purposes the next season, provided she remains in the same division.
6. The list of All-Star girls, including girls who decline or are unable to fulfill their commitment, will be noted on meeting notes for the next year's draft.

ARTICLE XIV. FALLBALL

Section 14.01- Managers and Coaches

1. To be eligible a Manager or Coach must have participated in 51% of scheduled League games played on spring season.
2. Any interested Coaches will have a background check on file and approved by Board.

Section 14.02- Players

1. Eligible candidates: All League girls interested in Fallball will have the opportunity to sign-up at closing ceremonies. All players who participate in NORCAL Fallball must have played in the spring season. If they did not play the spring season they must sign-up for the following spring season and pay half the registration dues at that time, the fees are non-refundable if they do not play.
2. Try-outs will be held to determine teams. Fallball Coaching Staff and Board Officers will rate girls if necessary.
3. If the list of girls is exhausted, then girls from other leagues may sign-up. These girls will be subject to a draw. League girls will be given priority over girls from other leagues.
4. If a player chooses not to return to the previous seasons' rostered team (if she played the previous Fallball season in that division) she must enter the draft.
5. Since Fallball is a competitive travel league run by NORCAL and is separate from Sunrise Girls softball Spring Season, financial scholarships will not be accepted. Therefore all fees are required to be paid in full by all participating players, prior to practice beginning.

ARTICLE XV. RULE CHANGES

The Executive Board has the authority to delete or amend any rule deemed necessary. These changes will require a 51% majority vote of the Board. See also Bylaws Section 10.03.

ARTICLE XVI. DIVISION QUICK REFERENCE

Mini's Division:

1. Ages- 4-1/2 to 6 years old.
2. Ball- 10"
3. Base- 50'
4. Team Size- 8 players
5. Game Time- 1 hour or three complete innings
6. No Leadoff
7. Bat the Roster every turn at bat, regardless of outs.
8. No play at the plate.
9. No standings, no score kept.
10. Players may advance only station to station.
11. Pitching will be done by a Coach to his or her team only.

12. Batter will be allowed 4 balls or 3 strikes. If player fails to make a hit, the Tee will be used. She is allowed only 3 swings on the Tee, to put the ball in play, before being declared out.

Rookie Division:

1. Ages- 7 and 8 year olds.
2. Ball- 10" RIF Level 1.
3. Base- 50'
4. Pitching- 30'
5. Team Size- 12 to 15 players.
6. Game Time- 1 hour 20 minutes.
7. Leadoff- Leading off allowed, but no stealing.
8. Batting- Bat entire roster, play 10 defensively.
9. No Walks- After ball 4, the Coach pitches the remainder of the strikes. A foul ball is not strike three.
10. If hit by pitch- Batter must walk to first, if hit by Coach batter receives another pitch.
11. No dropped third strike.
12. No infield fly rule.
13. 4 runs per inning.
14. Pitching Restriction- 2 innings per game per pitcher.
15. Free substitutions BUT each player MUST play 2 innings.
16. Run Rule- 12 runs after 4-1/2 innings.

Jr. Minors Division:

1. Age- 9 and 10 year olds.
2. Ball- 11"
3. Base- 60'
4. Pitching- 35'
5. Team Size- 12 to 14 players.
6. Game Time- 1 hour 30 minutes.
7. Pitching Restrictions- 7 innings in a 2 game set.
8. Courtesy Running- may be used for catcher only when there are 2 outs.
9. Only 5 warm-up pitches between innings allowed.
10. 5 run rule per inning.
11. Dropped Third Strike.
12. Stealing Home Allowed.

Minors Division:

1. Age- 11 and 12 year olds.
2. Ball- 12"
3. Base- 60'
4. Pitching- 40'
5. Team Size- 12 to 14 players.
6. Game Time- 1 hour 30 minutes.
7. Stealing Home Allowed.
8. Dropped Third Strike.
9. Infield Fly Rule.
10. Pitching Restriction- 7 innings per 2 game set.
11. Courtesy Runner- Catcher only with 2 outs, last out becomes runner.
12. Regulation Game- 7 innings
13. 5 warm-up pitches between innings only.

14. Minimum play rules apply- 12 players/ 12 outs by the top of 4th inning.
15. Free Substitution- Bat the entire roster.

Majors Division:

1. Age- 13 thru 16 years old.
2. Ball- 12"
3. Base- 60'
4. Pitching- 43'
5. Team Size- 12 players
6. Game Time- 1 hour 40 minutes.
7. Pitching Restriction- 7 innings per 2 game set.
8. Stealing Home allowed.
9. Dropped Third Strike.
10. Infield fly rule.
11. Courtesy Runner- Catcher only with 2 outs, last out becomes runner.
12. Regulation Game- 7 innings
13. 5 warm-up pitches between innings only.
14. Minimum play rules apply- 12 players/ 12 outs by the top of 4th inning.
15. Free Substitution- Bat the entire roster.

ARTICLE XVII. AMENDED RULES:

Section 17.01- Change in CORE Player Rule:

1. The Board voted to do away with the CORE player model and adopt a model of returning player/ team model. Starting with the 2010 season returning players, coaches, and managers will follow this model:
 - (a) Returning Managers/Coaches in a division will retain their player from the previous year.
 - (b) The team may remain together even if moving up a division. This only applies if the Manager and Coach stay together on the same team/division.
 - (c) If a Returning Player does not wish to return to the same Team, she may so state before the try-outs. She shall then be entered as a New Player and must try-out and then be entered into the draft as a New Player. Players in the Draft cannot exclude any Team for Draft purpose.
 - (d) A Returning Player who fails to meet the Sign-up deadline shall not automatically return to her previous Team.
 - (e) If a Manager/Coach does not return to the division from previous season, any returning players from that team who remain in that division will re-enter the draft.
 - (f) If a returning Team does not have enough players to fill the roster, they will enter the draft in the round beginning with the open roster spot. (For Example- If they have 7 returning players, they will enter the draft in round 8 and continue until roster is filled.)

Section 17.02- Change To Jr. Minors Stealing Home

1. The Board voted effective the 2011 Spring Season that the Jr. Minors Division will have home plate live for the second half of the season.
 - (a) Games played in the first half of the season April 1 – April 30 will have home plate cold and not play the dropped third strike rule.
 - (b) Games played from May 1st thru tournament season will be played with a live home plate and the dropped third strike rule in play.