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USA Softball of So Cal Santee Article I: Overview

PLEASE READ AND BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 1.01: General

It is the intention of the Board of Directors that these rules shall be strictly enforced. Ignorance of a rule shall not prevent the enforcement of a penalty.

Section 1.02: Responsibility

- A. USA Softball of Southern California Santee, referred to as "The League" and its Rules and Regulations Committee has the responsibility for drafting and reviewing the rules and regulations found in this document.
- B. The League's Executive Board has the responsibility for enforcing these rules.

Section 1.03: Interpretations and Appeals

- A. Any request for explanation or interpretation of a rule, or an appeal of an interpretation or decision made by a Board member in exercising these rules shall be made in writing and directed to the Committee Chairperson. The request shall cite the relevant rule at issue and specific concern of the complainant.
- B. All rule interpretations and decisions made by the Committee are subject to appeal to the board. The Committee shall forward a written response to the appellant and other affected parties and report their action to the board.
- C. In making their interpretations and decisions, the committee shall consider and follow the intent of the rule in trying to reach a fair and equitable decision.
- D. Any issue may be appealed to the full board. Board decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

Article II: Code of Conduct and Ethics

All participants in the League, including but not limited to Board Members, Managers, Coaches, Players, Parents, Umpires and all Spectators are held to the same level of responsibility related to the Code of Conduct therefore all participants are subject to the same consequences if a violation occurs; See Article 3



Section 2.01: Expectations and Responsibilities

- A. Become familiar and follow with the League's objectives, policies, code of conduct, Rules and Regulations and USA rules governing play regardless of personal views.
- B. Voice concerns, opinions, and objectives directly to Board Members.
- C. Volunteer whenever possible (any adult that comes into direct contact with players MUST have a current background check through the League- See Article 4.03)
- D. Maintain a positive, team-oriented relationship with all participants in the League in addition to Umpires.

Section 2.02: Code of Conduct

Standards of Conduct are part of the USA National Code and USA Softball of So Cal Santee Rules and Regulations. Every USA member shall respect these standards. Any manager, coach, player, parent or other individual affiliated with any USA Softball So Cal team shall stay committed to the following:

- A. Conduct self in a sportsmanlike manner, refraining from any derogatory actions on or off the playing field.
- B. Abstain from using verbal or physical attacks or threats upon an umpire, USA Official, board member, manager, coach, player or fan.
- C. Refrain from committing destruction of property, abusive behavior or violation of city, state or federal law.
- D. Paying any and all team incurred debts i.e. debts incurred from the purchase of socks, banners, team equipment, travel costs, etc.
- E. Not playing under an assumed name or falsifying an official USA document.
- F. Not writing checks with insufficient funds or checks associated with a closed account to an USA official, umpire, team member, individual or business.
- G. Not Participating in the commission of larceny or fraud perpetrated against an USA official, team or individual.
- H. Abstain from the commission of any acts that are contrary to the objectives and purposes of USA Softball or the League in which you are associated with.
- I. Cooperate with the administration of the organization in the enforcement of League Rules and Regulations and report any irregularities that violate sound competitive practices.
- J. Abstain from competing with or against any individual or team who is currently serving a suspension from USA Softball play
- K. Refrain from contacting a USA Softball National Championship Tournament Director regarding "fill in" berths.
- L. Abstain from using any alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or illegal substances while participating, spectating or volunteering in any USA Softball and/or League affiliated activities.
- M. Using Social Media appropriately without the use of negative or derogatory remarks associated with the League including Umpires. See Article II Section 2.04 for a more detailed explanation.



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- A. Put the welfare of the athletes above all else while maintaining a professional relationship with them.
- B. Encourage all participants to exhibit good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other events related to USA Softball or the League.
- C. Follow all USA Rules and Regulations and League's Rules and Regulations, including Bylaws.
- D. Insist that all players participate in a safe and healthy environment.
- E. Support all participants in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- F. Demand that the playing environment remain free from alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and illegal substances.
- G. Require all treatment of players, managers, coaches, officials and all other participants with dignity and respect at all times regardless of race, gender, creed or ability.
- H. Be a role model to players and participants.
- I. Maintain an equal partnership with the League and all Participants.
- J. Strive for all athletes to have an opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation.
- K. Behave in such a manner that shall bring positive credit to the League and all participants.
- L. Act in full accordance with USA Softball of So Cal Santee and the USA of So Cal Junior Olympic rules and bylaws.

Section 2.04: Social Media, Texting, Group Messaging Policy:

Applies to all USA Softball of So Cal Santee affiliates/participants.

- A. All Participants
 1. Protect the privacy of all youth participants unless you have direct written permission from a parent or guardian.
 2. Do not post inappropriate, derogatory, or offensive writing, gestures, photos or videos.
 3. Do not post personal or sensitive information about any participant including but not limited to Players, Manager, Coach, Board Member, USA official, or Umpire.
 4. Do not "vent" on social media about issues pertaining to the League, it's Board members, Managers, coaches, participants, USA officials, or Umpires.
 5. Keep messages focused and relevant to the entire team. (Personal or individual issues shall be dealt with privately)
 6. Any unresolvable issues need to be addressed in writing through the proper channels. See Article 3.01
- B. Managers and Coaches
 1. Obtain written permission to contact minors electronically.
 2. Communication with minors must be professional in nature.
 3. Avoid one on one contact with minors, if necessary, another adult must be included.
 4. Communications with minors should be kept between the hours of 8am and 8pm.



5. Avoid connections with unrelated minors.

Article III: Disciplinary Actions: Violations, Complaints, Ejections and Suspension

Any Participant who violates the Code of Conduct and/or the Code of Ethics is subject to disciplinary action includes, but not limited to, any of the following:

Section 3.01: Complaints

- A. Protocol for Emergent Situations
 1. Verbally report any incidents to the proper person of authority (Police, Board Member, Manager, Coach)
 2. Follow up incident with detailed, written documentation of the situation
 3. Submit it to the League's Board
- A. Protocol for Complaints
 - a. Must be submitted in writing
 - b. Must document the situation as accurately as possible with specific details
 - c. Site specific violations from the USA Softball of So Cal Santee Rules and Regulations and/or Bylaws.
 - d. Must be signed by complainant
- A. Protocol for review of Complaints
 - a. All complaints that are submitted in the proper format will be reviewed by the League's President who will delegate the situation through the proper channels
 - b. Complaints may be reviewed by a committee or Board

Section 3.02: Ejections

- A. General:
 1. **Any Participant:** ejected from a game involving any USA Softball or League sanctioned team shall be suspended for the remainder of the game in progress.
 2. The ejected member has one (1) minute to leave the premises, remove him or herself from sight and sound or the game shall be forfeited at the Umpire's discretion.
 3. The ejected member may have no contact with the team during the postgame activities.
 4. It is the Managers/Coaches responsibility to make sure the ejected person leaves the premises, if they are unable to effectively remove the individual, they shall contact the Board Member on duty and/or the most convenient Law Enforcement Agency.
 5. It is the Manager's, Coach's, or Team Parent's responsibility to ensure the safety including the safe return of any player whose parent or responsible party who has been ejected.
 6. **All ejections have to be reported to the League Vice President 1, Player Agent, and the UIC.**
- B. **Player Ejection:**
 1. Any player ejected from the game will serve a bench ejection.
 2. The player will be removed from the lineup but remain in the dugout at the discretion of the Umpire.



3. An out shall be recorded each time the ejected player was to appear as a batter for the remainder of the game.
- C. **Manager/Coach Ejection:**
 1. First Ejection- Manager/Coach shall leave the premises as stated above in Section 3.02.A
 2. **Any Coach or Manager ejected from a game will serve a mandatory 2 game suspension.**
 - a. Ejected Manager/ Coach will not be allowed to participate in pregame or postgame activities.
 - b. 2 games shall be the next consecutive scheduled games, regardless of circumstances.
 - c. Managers/ Coaches will be allowed to participate in practices and batting cages.
 3. Second Ejection: Manager/Coach shall be removed from their Leadership Role on the team AND will become ineligible to Manage/Coach for the remainder of the current season.
 - a. "Spring Season" is defined as January 1-July 31 or until all post season or All-Star activities have completed
 - b. "Fall Ball Season" is defined as August 1-December 31
 4. At the discretion of the Board, Managers and Coaches may be subject to permanent removal as a Team Representative.
- D. **Spectator(s) (Parent, Grandparent, Relative, Friend, etc)**
 1. If asked to leave the premises by a Manager, Coach, Board Member, Umpire or any other USA Official the participant has 1 minute to leave the area and remove themselves from sight and sound.
 2. The ejected member has one (1) minute to leave the premises, remove him or herself from sight and sound or the game shall be forfeited at the Umpire's discretion.
 3. **Spectators are to serve a mandatory 1 game suspension.**

Section 3.03: Suspensions and Appeals

- A. General
 1. All ejections will be reviewed by the League Board and subject to a suspension.
 2. Any participant has the ability to appeal their suspension in writing. Appeals must be sent to any Board Member and will be reviewed by a committee of Board Members.
 3. At the discretion of the Board, conduct and ethics violations will be brought to the attention of the USA Softball of Southern California Commissioner.
 4. At the discretion of the League Board any Player, Parent or Spectator who is ejected from a second (2nd) game involving any League or USA Softball sanctioned team, may be suspended from attending any games the team is participating in for the rest of the season.

Section 3.04: Voluntarily Resignation

- A. Any participant that voluntarily resigns shall not be reinstated on any team in any division for that season.
- B. Shall not be eligible for Championship Play or All Stars.



Article X: Managers Responsibilities and Conduct

Section 10.01: Responsibilities

1. To the League
 - a. All Managers and coaching staff are representatives of the League and as such, are expected to always support the League and its Board Members.
 - b. Know the League's Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and the USA rules governing play.
 - c. Conduct themselves, always, in a manner that follows the League's Code of Conduct. See Article 2
 - d. Acquire Certifications for Safe Sport and Heads Up training.
 - e. Attend all other trainings required/ requested by the League and USA Softball governing Board.
 - f. Supervise Coaching staff and Parents including enforcement of the League's Code of Conduct
 - g. Cooperate with the Board Members by responding promptly to inquiries or request for information.
 - h. Support and implement all league objectives, policies, rules and regulations regardless of personal views.
 - i. Communicate these objectives and policies to players and parents.
 - j. Work with the Board to voice objections or opinions.
 - k. Maintain a positive team-oriented approach to coaching
2. Overall Team Operations
 - a. Be actively involved in the majority of the team's activities.
 - b. Recruit assistant coaches, team parents, scorekeepers
 - c. Evaluate players at Evaluations, dates will be determined by the board
 - d. Participate in team selection process (if required)
 - e. Keep team participants and parents/guardians informed
 - f. Conducting practices and games
 - g. Attend coaching and player trainings and/or clinics
 - h. Ensure that the coaching staff is properly informed and trained
 - i. Keep all Team paperwork on hand and organized including but not limited to Registration forms, Transportation Release, Emergency Contact Information, and field permits.
3. Questions/Concerns
 - a. Managers are to contact a Board Member concerning questions about league rules, player misconduct, parental problems or any other matter pertaining to the operation of their team.
 - b. Any matters that a Manager would like brought to the Board's attention are to be reported to the League's President in writing, who is responsible for placing the item on the Board's Agenda at their next meeting.
4. Parent meeting
 - a. Managers shall conduct at least one (1) parent or team meeting prior to the team's second scheduled practice.



- b. The Manager shall explain, in detail, their coaching philosophy and the policies, team rules, League Policies and any other subject matter as instructed by the League.
5. Players
 - a. Managers may require players to serve consequences by benching a player for a specified period of time, not to exceed one (1) game for failure to comply with league or team rules, chronic unexcused absences, unsportsmanlike conduct or other action by the player not in the best interest of the team. The benching period shall be reported to the Player Representative immediately.
6. Reporting to Player Representative: changes cannot be made by anyone other than the Player Representative.
 - a. Any disciplinary action including but not limited to a benching
 - b. Anticipated roster change
 - c. Injuries
 - d. Players chronically left unattended by parents
 - e. Abuse of a player on any team
 - f. Request Pool Players
 - i. Adds or Drops
 - g. For pitching/catching position only after they have exhausted their roster; in which no player has played or is willing to play the pitcher/catcher position; all other pool player rules will be followed.
7. Supervision
 - a. Managers shall ensure that there is ALWAYS two (2) adults at all team activities.
 - b. At no time shall any adult be left alone with a player.
 - c. Meetings with players shall be conducted in an open, observable, and interruptible setting.
 - d. Players shall not be left unattended before or after a practice or a game.
 - e. If a player continually has a problem with parent drop-offs or pick-ups, the manager shall report it to the Player Representative.
 - f. Mandated Reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect when they have reasonable cause to suspect that a player is a victim.
8. Tobacco Use:
 - a. The coaching staff is prohibited from using any tobacco products (including but not limited to cigarettes, chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes, cigars, etc.) or the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the vicinity (no closer than 250 feet) of the playing or practice fields, batting cages or any USA Softball of So Cal Santee function, regardless of location. {California Health and Safety Code: 104495 (d)}

Section 10.02: Disciplinary Action and Removal See Article 3

1. Managers and Coaching misconduct
 - a. Any Violation of the League's Code of Conduct and Ethics is subject to review
2. Charges of Manager/Coach misconduct shall be made in writing to any member of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall act upon the charges of misconduct within four (4) days.



3. Disciplinary action may include oral or written reprimand, ejection, suspension, removal or any other penalty the Executive Board might decide to impose.
4. Any Decision of the Executive Board is subject to final approval of the Board.
5. A report of any action taken by the Executive Board shall be filed with the Secretary.
6. The Executive Board may forward a recommendation to the USA Softball Commissioner.

Article IV: Registration

Section 4.01: Responsibility

- A. The league's Secretary and Player Representative have the responsibility for conducting the league's registration process. The Secretary and Player Representative shall act in accordance with these rules, the League's Bylaws and all other directions given by the Board.
- B. Any question, comments or other correspondence regarding registration should be directed to the Secretary and the Player Representative. In making any discretionary decisions, the Secretary and the Player Representative primary duty shall be to act in the best interest of the players.

Section 4.02: Registration / Sign ups

ALL registrations will be completed online.

- A. Spring Recreational Season
 1. The League shall provide at least 3 days of online registration.
Cost of registration may vary at the discretion of the Board
 2. Late Registration is considered any registration request that is received after the original open online registration dates and is subject to a Late Registration Fee.
- B. Fall Ball Registration: See Article XVI Fall Ball
- C. Upon registration, each participant may be required to provide documentation of the player's age.
- D. Non-siblings living in the same house, as siblings must provide proof of legal guardianship in order to qualify as siblings. Please contact League Official for more information.
- E. All documents provided to the league shall be kept confidential except in cases where proof of eligibility is required.
- F. No player shall be permitted to participate in any team function without a signed registration form, liability release, and proof of age or without having paid the required registration fees, including any outstanding fundraiser monies.

Section 4.03: Volunteer registration

- A. All managers, coaches and any adult volunteer including team parents directly associated with players must complete the following BEFORE volunteer is permitted to be in direct contact with youth participants:
 1. Volunteer form



2. Background Clearance (completed online)
- B. Background check fees, up to 4 per team, shall be absorbed by the registration fees or as determined year to year based on budget restraints.
 1. Any additional adults will be required to pay the fees associated with adult registration and background check through USA Softball of SoCal.
- C. Upon Board approval and Background Clearance Managers, Coaches, Team officials shall be required to complete further training and certifications.
 1. SafeSport training
 2. Heads Up Certification
 3. Additional training as deemed necessary

Article V: Registration Fees and Refunds

Section 5.01: Fees

- A. A registration fee is required for participation in the league.
 1. Determined by the Board prior to the opening registration date.
 2. Can be adjusted for different age divisions.
 3. Can fluctuate due to the change in operating costs.
- B. All such fees must be paid on a registration date provided by the League.
- C. Late Registrations will have an additional charge applied.
- D. A \$15.00 fee will be charged for all players not residing in the 92071-zip code per City of Santee.
- E. For multiple related registrants residing within the same household, a sibling discount may be applied to each additional registrant after the first is paid in full. Contact the League's VP2 for more information.
- F. A \$50.00 snack bar deposit is required at the time of registration.
 1. You have the option to have the deposit returned after snack bar volunteer hours are completed.
 2. You have the option to buy-out at the time of registration without volunteering or refund.
 3. If snack bar volunteer hours are not completed, the \$50.00 deposit is not refunded by the League.

Section 5.02: Scholarships

- A. The league will accept up to 25 scholarships per Recreation Season.
- B. Applications can be requested at any of the Registration dates.
- C. The League may request proof of financial needs.
- D. A Scholarship recipient shall pay: \$40.00 (PLUS \$15 nonresident fee, if applicable.)
- E. Work three (3) additional snack bar shifts, making 4 shifts total

Section 5.03: Fundraisers

- A. The League reserves the right to implement fundraisers.



- B. All team fundraisers must be reviewed and approved by a League Board Representative or the League's Board.

Section 5.04: Refunds

- A. Full Refund
 - 1. Inquiry must be made before the first official team practice.
 - 2. High School Students who are playing for their school's team.
- B. No refunds for:
 - 1. Fundraisers
 - 2. Snack bar buyout
 - 3. Scholarships
 - 4. Requests after Opening Day
- C. Partial Refund of \$50.00
 - 1. First (1st) day of team practice until opening day.
- A. Refunds may take up to 7 business days to be processed by a League Representative and will be returned the same way original payment was processed.

Section 5.04: What do fees pay for?

- A. Uniform Jersey (Spring ONLY)
- B. City of Santee fees
- C. Field Lights
- D. Officials (Umpires)
- E. Background checks for League officials

Article VI: Eligibility

Player's eligibility is governed by the USA Softball of Southern California "Yellow Book" Rules and Regulations which covers all eligibility including Recreation, Travel, Select teams/players and High School players.

Section 6.01: Recreation League Eligibility

- A. USA Softball of So Cal Santee is open to any interested youth with a "League Age" of 4-16 years old.
- B. "League Age" is determined as the players age as of 12:00am, September 1st
- C. A player is a youth of "League Age" whose registration with the league is current, and who is in good standing with the league, having no outstanding balances due and serving no suspensions.
- D. The Player representative determines final player eligibility for the League. See Article XV: All Stars- for complete regulations see the USA Yellow Book.

Section 6.02: All Star Eligibility See Article XV: Championship Season "All Stars" Section 15.04



Article VII: Divisions

Section 7.01: Divisions

- A. The league is separated into divisions in accordance with the USA Softball age guidelines.
- B. Depending on the number of players, the league shall offer the following divisions of play:

League Division	Current Ages (as of Sept 1)	Birthdates
T-Ball	5, 4	Sept 2020 - Aug 2022
6u	6, 5	Sept 2018 - Aug 2020
8u	8, 7	Sept 2016 - Aug 2018
10u	10, 9	Sept 2014 - Aug 2016
12u	12, 11	Sept 2012 - Aug 2014
14u	14, 13	Sept 2010 - Aug 2012
16u	16, 15	Sept 2008- Aug 2010

- C. The league shall try to accommodate girls 15-16 years of age through the establishment of a 16u team to compete against teams in the same age division from other leagues around San Diego County. The formation of such a team shall depend upon the number of registrants and availability of a qualified coach.
- D. If a 16u team is not formed, 15 and 16-year olds may play in the 14u division at the discretion of the Player Representative. However, 15 and 16-year olds may NOT pitch in the 14u division.
- E. Players who fall into a lower (younger) division MAY try out for an upper (older) division. Players will only be eligible for alternate divisions if they rank in the top 25% of the upper division, in which they are trying out for. See Article: 11.05 for additional information.

Article VIII: Cash Policy

USA Softball of So Cal Santee is a non-profit organization. All fees and funds are used to better the experience for the youth registered within the League.

Section 8.01: Registration Fees

- A. All registration fees shall be processed online.
- B. Shall be deposited directly in the league's account as soon as possible.

Section 8.02: Sponsorship Monies and Fees

- A. All Sponsorships shall go through the League's Sponsorship Coordinator.



- B. Sponsorships acquired will be used for the League.
- C. Sponsors cannot choose to sponsor a specific player, participant, or team.
- D. All sponsorship fees shall be submitted to the Treasurer as soon as possible for deposit.

Section 8.03: Fundraiser Money

- A. All fundraiser money shall be submitted to the Treasurer as soon as possible for deposit.
- B. The league shall keep an individual accounting of each fundraiser.

Section 8.04: Snack bar Income

- 1. Opening Cash
 - a. The Snack Bar Coordinator or Board Member on Duty shall be responsible for counting and recording the daily opening cash.
- 2. Operational Day
 - a. The Snack bar shall accept no bill larger than \$20.00.
 - b. The cash drawer shall be drawn down on a regular basis.
 - c. Cash drawn down procedure
 - i. Counted by a Board Member and one additional snack bar worker.
 - ii. Money will be placed in an envelope.
 - iii. Amount written in the daily logbook (binder)
 - iv. Indicate amount on the front side of the envelope
 - v. Initialed by a Board member and one additional snack bar worker.
 - vi. Dropped into the snack bar safe for collection by the League Treasurer
- B. Logbook (Binder)
 - 1. All daily cash shall be maintained in the snack bar.
 - 2. Dated and signed by a Board member and one additional snack bar worker
 - 3. Shall balance at the end of the day.
- C. All proceeds will be removed daily from the snack bar.
- D. All cash shall be submitted to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

Section 8.05: Venmo, PayPal, Credit Cards, Bank Cards

- 1. When available all forms of payment may be used.
- 2. Additional fees may apply and will be added automatically, without notice.
- 3. The League Treasurer shall be responsible for accounting and documenting all funds acquired through these means of payment.

Article IX: Managing/Coaching Staff Selection



Section 9.01: Responsibility

1. The Manager's Committee, selected by the Player Representative, is responsible for overseeing the selection of Managing/Coaching Staff for all teams. The committee shall act in accordance with these rules, the League's Bylaws and all other direction given by the Board.
2. Any questions, comments, complaints or other correspondence regarding Managers, Coaches or other Team Officials should be directed to this committee in writing.
3. The committee's primary duty shall be to act in the best interest of the Athletes and League.

Section 9.02: Qualities Desired in Managers/Coaches

1. Dedicated to providing a positive experience for players, emphasizing teamwork and personal responsibility.
2. Willingness to contribute to and support the League and the welfare of all its participants beyond coaching.
3. Ability to reflect a positive image on the League and all participants.
4. Knowledge of the game and ability to teach the game.

Section 9.03: Selection Process

1. The Manager's committee is responsible for recruiting and selecting the Managers/Coaches for the league, including other coaches who will be directing play.
2. The board must approve all coaching staff recommendations made by the committee.
3. Opportunities to coach shall be widely advertised by the Board to attract as many well-qualified candidates as possible.
4. All applicants for Managers or coaches must completely follow the League's Volunteer Registration Process. See Section 4.03.
5. The Manager's Committee may conduct interviews with Managers and Coaches.
 - a. The committee has the right to reject an applicant and may withhold reason for confidentiality
 - b. The rejected applicant may appeal to the Executive Board who will make a final decision.
6. An initial list of individuals interested in coaching a team within the league along with recommendations from the Manager's Committee shall be presented to the Board for approval.
7. The Manager's Committee shall notify managers and coaches immediately upon approval by the Board.
8. Any subsequent recommendations for the coaching staff shall be presented to the Board for approval.

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8. Tobacco Use:

- a. The coaching staff is prohibited from using any tobacco products (including but not limited to cigarettes, chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes, cigars, etc.) or the consumption of alcoholic



beverages in the vicinity (no closer than 250 feet) of the playing or practice fields, batting cages or any USA Softball of So Cal Santee function, regardless of location. {California Health and Safety Code: 104495 (d)}

Section 10.02: Disciplinary Action and Removal See Article 3

1. Managers and Coaching misconduct
 - a. Any Violation of the League's Code of Conduct and Ethics is subject to review
2. Charges of Manager/Coach misconduct shall be made in writing to any member of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall act upon the charges of misconduct within four (4) days.
3. Disciplinary action may include oral or written reprimand, ejection, suspension, removal or any other penalty the Executive Board might decide to impose.
4. Any Decision of the Executive Board is subject to final approval of the Board.
5. A report of any action taken by the Executive Board shall be filed with the Secretary.
6. The Executive Board may forward a recommendation to the USA Softball Commissioner.

Article XI: Team Selection and Player Placement

Section 11.01: Responsibility

1. The League's Player Representative has the responsibility for conducting the League's team selection and player placement process. The Player Representative shall act in accordance with these rules, the League's Bylaws and all other such directions given by the Board.
2. Any questions, comments, complaints or other correspondence regarding team selection and player placement should be directed to the Player Representative.
3. In making any discretionary decisions, the Player Representative's primary duty shall be to act in the interest of fair play and team equality.

Section 11.02: Policies

1. It is not the policy of the League to grant requests for placement with a specific division, team, coach or other player; nor is it the policy to allow players to play outside of their age division. The League, however, may make certain exceptions to this policy using the guidelines established within these rules.
2. Special placement request along with an explanation shall be submitted in writing to the Player Representative no later than the player draft. This is NOT a guarantee that the request will be granted.

Section 11.03: Evaluation and Draft Guidelines

It is the goal of the board to give every team a fair chance. Even with all the rules in place; it is up to the honor of the managers and coaches to play fair and to ensure all players are evaluated and play their best.



1. To be drafted on a team; players must be evaluated.
2. Evaluations will be held for all divisions beginning in 8u. (T-Ball and 6u exempted from evaluations)
3. A minimum of two (2) evaluators will be used for ranking players.
4. Evaluators cannot be a coach, manager nor have a player in that division.
5. Managers and coaches are encouraged to keep their own evaluations and notes on players.
6. Scoring will be from 1 (low) to 5 (high).
7. Scoring can be broken down to $\frac{1}{4}$'s (ex: 3.75) but never greater than 5
8. Scores from the evaluators will be added and then averaged.
9. Player ranking will be made from the average.
10. Players will be divided into rounds according to the number of teams in each division.
11. All players with the same score shall be considered in the same round.
12. Players not evaluated with known skill levels will be placed in the appropriate round based on perceived skill level of the player by the Player Representative.
13. Players of unknown skill level will be placed using a lottery system.
14. Overall team score will be the players average scores added up. (No penalties for pitchers)
15. Weaker overall teams' scores will get stronger players as they become available.
16. Teams may not object or reject placement of player by Player Agent unless found to be conflicting with established rules.
17. Manager and 1 (one) Coach may be present at the Draft.
 - a. If the Manager is unable to attend the draft they may select an appropriate replacement.
18. Players who are not evaluated can be moved to another team at any time up to three (3) weeks from the beginning of league play; based on Player Agent's recommendation and Board approval.
19. All players must be picked.
20. Trades will be allowed at the end of the draft, in accordance with the following criteria:
 - a. The Player Agent must approve all trades.
 - b. No appeals after the decision.
 - c. Player Agent may poll managers for their opinions on trades.
 - d. No trades will be honored after the division managers leave the draft room.
 - e. If a trade is considered necessary because of special needs; the Board will hear the case.
21. Carpools are NOT honored; however, teams can trade for them.
22. Same household players will be placed on the same team if they're in the same division. Parents can request separate teams.
23. Managers will be given two (2) player options including one for their daughter and one coach option.
24. Manager's and Coach's players will be posted on the draft board in the round they were ranked.
25. Alternate managers will be notified prior to evaluation.



- a. Alternate Managers must attend the Managers' Meeting and Evaluations.
 - b. Upon need of Manager Position, alternate managers will assume or draft the team.
26. Parents have the option to request their player not to play for up to one (1) specific manager/coach.
- a. This must be recorded with the Player Agent prior to the draft.
 - b. Reason will stay confidential, in the best interest of the player.

Section 11.04: Pitcher and Catcher Player Placement

1. Pitchers/Catchers must be evaluated.
2. Pitchers/catchers will be graded according to the following scale:
 - a. "A" Pitcher/catcher of record: IS a factor in the outcome of games.
 - b. "B" Pitcher/catcher of record: CAN be a factor in the outcome of games.
 - c. "C" Needs Improvement
3. Pitchers/Catchers not evaluated will be placed according to known skill level. If the number of teams is greater than the number of "A" pitchers/catchers; then two (2) "B" pitchers/catchers equal one (1) "A" pitcher/catcher.
4. Pitchers/catchers who are not evaluated can be asked by the Player Agent to be evaluated.
5. Pitcher/catcher of record at evaluations not evaluated will not be allowed to pitch/catch.
6. Exception registered as a pitcher/catcher with a medical excuse.
7. Pitchers/catchers will be graded by independent evaluators and adjusted by the Player Agent as necessary.
8. All teams must have a Pitcher and a Catcher before the draft starts and will be placed in the draft, by draft order.
 - a. All teams shall have one (1) "A" pitcher/catcher before any team has two (2). Except sisters, when both sisters are "A" pitchers/catchers.
 - b. Pitchers/catchers will be distributed equally whenever possible.

Section 11.05: Playing Out of League Age Division

To fill out team rosters or coaching positions in an advanced/upper division (excluding T-Ball/6U), it may be necessary to allow a small number of qualified players to be moved to an advanced/upper division.

1. Play Up or Down Requests must be submitted in writing to the player agent prior to evaluations.
2. Players can only be one (1) League Age year away from the advanced/upper division.
3. Player must show superior skill level to play in advanced/upper division.
4. Player must be evaluated within the top 25% of their desired division IF their desired division is an advanced/upper aged division.
5. The Board will make the final decisions in the best interest of the participants and the league.



Section 11.06: Player Placement AFTER Team Selection (Draft)

1. The Player Agent has the responsibility of placing players on teams after the selection process is over. The Player Agent's primary duty shall be to act in the interest of fair play and team equality.
2. No carpool options will be honored after team selections.
3. No parent, coach or manager will invite or encourage players to strategically register to play for a specific team; they should encourage the player to join the league.
 - a. Managers and/or Coaches are subject to disciplinary actions if found doing so.
4. Parents will not be allowed to "no" or decline certain managers, coaches or a team and cannot request certain managers, coaches, or a team.
5. Placement will be based on the next in line drafting order UNLESS the Player Agent and League President decide it is in the best interest of the Player, teams, or League to be placed elsewhere.
6. The Player Agent shall place players allowing for an equal number of players on all teams in that division. NO team shall have more than one (1) more player than the smallest team in the division.
7. Player placement at this time will be in the interest of fair play and team equality.
8. The division will be closed after all teams have thirteen (13) players except for T-Ball/6u which is fourteen (14) players.

Article XII: Scheduling

Section 12.01: Responsibility

1. The League's Field Scheduler and Player Representative have the responsibility to draft and implement the schedules regarding field times for practices and games.

Section 12.02: Practice Schedules

1. The Board will have due regard for the age and abilities of the players.
 - a. T-Ball and 6u will start practices two (2) weeks before opening day and will only have early practice and game times
 - b. 12u and 14u shall get later practice and game times when possible.
 - c. 8u will get earlier practice and game times when possible.
2. The practice schedules will be prepared randomly and will be assigned and confirmed at the Team Selection (Draft) meeting. (Managers and Coaches: there are NO picked times.)
3. Practices will be held at League permitted fields only.
 - a. Permits are available on the League's Website

Section 12.03: Game Schedules

1. Each team in a division should be scheduled for the same number of games.



- a. T-Ball and 6u; up to 14 games plus TOC tournament
- b. All other divisions; up to 15/16 games plus TOC tournament
2. Postponed/rained out games
 - a. Games may be postponed or canceled by the Board member on Duty due to inclement weather, field conditions or emergency situations only.
 - b. Games may be canceled or postponed by a member of the Executive Board with 24-hour notice for any reason.
 - c. Should be made up as soon as possible and will be scheduled by the Field Scheduler; IF schedule times are available.
 - d. Due to the unpredictability of the weather, there is no guarantee rainouts will be rescheduled.
3. The Umpire in Chief shall be notified of rescheduled games as soon as possible.

Article XIII: Non-Playing Rules

Section 13.01: Responsibility

1. The League's Executive Board has the responsibility for enforcement of League's rules. They shall implement and enforce these rules, the League's Bylaws and all other such directions approved by the Board. In making any discretionary decisions, the Executive Board's primary duty shall be to act in the best interest of good sportsmanship and fair play.

Section 13.02: Non-Playing Rules

1. All Participants are required to abide by the League's Code of Conduct and Ethics AT ALL TIMES.
 - a. The League's Board must approve any public actions or activities performed prior to any of it's teams or members participating in such actions using the name of the league.
 - b. Contact the Executive Board members with questions concerning:
 - i. The League Rules
 - ii. Concerns regarding manager, coach, player, or parent misconduct
 - iii. Code of Conduct expectations
 - iv. Any other matter pertaining to the well-being of the league.
6. Always maintain civil conduct.
7. Physical discipline, verbal abuse, the use of profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct by any player or spectator is strictly forbidden regardless of the relationship to the player.
8. Two (2) Adults MUST ALWAYS be present with Players.
 - a. An adult female should also be present at all team activities and must remain with the players until a parent/guardian arrives.



9. Coaches, players, parents and spectators are prohibited from using any tobacco products within 250 ft of youth sporting event (per California Health and Safety code 104495 (d)) or the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the vicinity (no closer than 50 feet) of playing, practice fields, batting cages or any League function, regardless of location.

Section 13.03: Playing Field

Field shall be lined according to USA Softball guidelines

Division	Pitching Distance	Base Distance	Coach Pitch Rule	Game Ball
T-Ball/ 6U	30 ft	45 ft (when available) or 60 ft (acceptable)	Coach must have both feet in pitching circle	10" Worth RIF
8U	30 ft	60 ft	Coach must have 1 foot on Pitching Plate	10" Worth Optic Yellow RIF 10
10U	35 ft	60 ft	None	11" Worth Optic Yellow RIF 10
12U	40 ft	60 ft	None	12" Worth C12RYL (Dream Seam)
14U/16U	43 ft	60 ft	None	12" Worth C12RYL (Dream Seam)

Section 13.03: Playing Equipment

1. The uniform jerseys worn by the players of each team shall be approved by the League Board and will be provided by the league during Spring Rec Season.
2. Managers can decide on the color of pants to be worn.
3. Teams can elect, but are not required, to purchase additional items such as socks, sweatshirts, banners, etc. at an additional cost.
4. Metal cleats are permitted for the 14u and 16u division ONLY
5. USA approved batting helmets are mandatory at all practices and games while on the playing field in the on-deck circle, while batting or base running. All helmets shall have a face mask; chin straps are optional. *exception; T-Ball is not required to have a face mask.
6. All bats shall meet USA rules and guidelines, have the USA or ASA approval stamp, and not be listed on the Non-Approved Bat list.
7. Catchers' equipment must be USA Softball approved, fit properly and be in reasonable working order to keep the participant safe.



Article XIV: Game Rules

Section 14.01: General Information

1. The League's Executive Board has the responsibility for enforcement of League rules. They shall implement and enforce these rules, the League's Code of Conduct and Ethics and all other such directions approved by the Board.
2. Any questions, comments, complaints or other correspondence regarding rules, regulations and policies should be first directed to the Board Member on Duty then to the Executive Board. In making any discretionary decisions; the Board's primary duty shall be to act in the best interest of good sportsmanship and fair play.
3. The requirements of the League's Rules shall not be suspended by agreement between Managers, Coaches, Umpires or any other person.
4. Home Team
 - a. Shall occupy the dugout labeled as "Home"
 - b. Shall play defense first (1st)
5. Visiting Team
 - a. Shall occupy the dugout labeled as "Visitor"
 - b. Shall play offense first (1st)
6. Only Board approved personnel shall be allowed on the playing field or in the dugout

Section 14.02: Field Prep

1. Home team shall be responsible for pre-game field preparation.
 - a. Drag or rake to make the field safe and playable.
 - b. Chalk base lines, batter's boxes, pitching circle, running lane, coach's boxes, warm up circle.
 - c. Place bases
 - d. Place pitching mound at correct distance
 - e. Water if necessary
2. Visiting team shall be responsible for post-game field repair.
 - a. Drag or rake entire field
 - b. Repair any damage made by Pitchers or batters.
 - c. Water if necessary

*Note: If 14u is the hosting team to another league's visiting team they are responsible for both set up and tear down of the field and bases.

3. Following every game, each team shall clean their dugout AND Spectator viewing area ensuring that all trash is in trash cans.



Section 14.03: All Divisions

1. Batting line up shall consist of all players present
2. “Slide or avoid” rule is in effect and will be strictly enforced.
3. The umpire may allow a “courtesy runner” for a temporarily injured player. The “courtesy runner” shall be the player who made the last recorded out for their team.
4. No out shall be recorded for an injured player which is unable to bat.
 - a. Once removed, the player may not re-enter the game.
5. After one warning, a batter will be declared out for an unintentional throwing of the bat.
6. Players are NOT allowed to base coach.
7. Managers and/or Coaches
 - a. Shall meet with the game official prior to the beginning of the game.
 - b. Shall remain within the confines of the dugout area during a game except for offensive base coaching and one (1) defensive coach giving signs for pitches.
 - c. Defensive Manager/Coach calling pitches:
 - i. One manager/coach may be outside of the dugout, at the umpire’s discretion.
 - ii. Must remain adjacent to the dugout gate.
 - iii. Must remain seated, at all times.
 - iv. Individual and bucket shall be considered in play.
 - d. Offensive Manager/Coach:
 - i. One allowed on the first (1st) base side
 - ii. One allowed on the third (3rd) base side
 - iii. Must remain within the confines of the “Coach’s Box” even if it is not visible
8. There shall be no infield warm-up on the infield dirt before the game. Teams are permitted to use foul territory and outfield.
9. Defense has one (1) minute or up to five (5) pitches in between innings.

Section 14.04: Game Time

Division	Game Time No new Inning After	Game Time Drop Dead Time	Number of Innings
T-Ball	1:00	1:00	Up to 3
6U	1:15	1:15	Up to 5
8U	1:30	1:50	Up to 6
10U	1:30	1:50	Up to 7
12U	1:30	1:50	Up to 7



14U/16U	1:30	1:50	Up to 7
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When Drop Dead is reached, Umpire will allow the batter to finish their current at Bat, and the outcome of that at bat will count

1. Regular Season Tied Game (8u, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U Only)
 - a. Once 1:30 has been reached and the inning is complete, the game will end in a tie.
 - b. If the inning is not complete and extends the game to 1:50, then Drop Dead is in effect, and the score will revert to the last completed inning unless the home team has tied or is ahead in runs.
2. All started innings shall be completed unless stopped by darkness, weather conditions, time limit or run ahead rule.
3. Any game stopped for weather conditions or light failure that is relevant to the standings will be:
 - a. Replayed if less than one (1) inning was played.
 - b. Continued if one (1) inning or more was completed.

Section 14.05: Players and Substitutes

1. Playing time
 - a. Each player shall play a MINIMUM of two (2) defensive innings per game. The only exception shall be for games lasting less than four (4) complete innings, in which case each player shall play at least one (1) defensive inning.
 - b. Players shall not sit two (2) consecutive innings.
 - c. PENALTY: Game shall be recorded as a loss, in which all players failed to play the minimum innings.
 - d. If both teams have not played all eligible players the minimum innings during a game, both teams will record a loss.
2. Substitutions:
 - a. Free defensive substitutions shall be permitted for all defensive players, including pitchers, provided that the minimum playing rule and pitching limitations are followed.
 - b. No "courtesy runners" unless a player is temporarily injured.
3. Pool Players:
 - a. Purpose
 - i. To fill a roster when a known shortage of players will drop the team roster below nine (9) players for a game.
 - ii. Not to improve, strengthen, or create a new team.
 - b. A pool player may never be used if enough players are available from the team.
 - c. All pool players must be registered for the season they are participating as a pool player for.
 - d. Abuse of the rule will result in immediate forfeiture of the game.
 - e. All Pool Players MUST be contacted through the Player Agent.



- i. A list will be established by the Player Agent.
 - ii. The list shall be used in a set order.
 - f. Managers may not request specific players.
 - g. Pitching/Catching position.
 - i. Only after Managers/Coaches have exhausted their roster; in which no player has played or is willing to play the pitcher/catcher position.
 - ii. All other pool player rules will be followed.
 - h. Pool Players must bat last.
 - i. Pool players must play the outfield as follows:
 - i. Centerfield
 - ii. Left Field
 - iii. Right Field
 - j. Once the Pool Player has been assigned; she must bat and play at least two (2) defensive innings.
 - k. There are no “walk on” pool players or recruiting players.
 - l. Pool Players will be taken from the older group of the next lower division.
 - i. Exception: 8u shall be a league age 7-year-old from another team or an older 6u player
 - m. Pool Players must have parent permission.
4. Use of Pool Players/Shared Players
 - a. If a team has less than nine (9) players to start or continue a game and Pool Players are unavailable; the other team shall provide a shared player in order to prevent a forfeit.
 - b. Exception: a shared player shall not substitute for an ejected player
 - c. The game may be started on time using up to three (3) shared players and/or Pool Players.
 - d. A team may start with nine (9) players and finish with eight (8) players.
 - e. Except as a result of a player being ejected from the game by the umpire.
5. A fifteen (15) minute grace period from scheduled game time shall be permitted to allow a team to field nine (9) players. The grace period shall be included in the game time limit.

Section 14.06: T-Ball and 6U Special Rules

1. T-Ball
 - a. Batting Tee or Coach Pitch Only
 - i. Coach shall have both feet inside of pitching circle while pitching
 - ii. First half of the season: (up to the 5th week of regularly scheduled)
 1. Hit off the tee until fair contact is made
 - iii. The second half of the season: (5th week and beyond)
 1. Manager/Coach will pitch up to three (3) pitches to the player



2. If the ball is not hit, the player will then hit off the tee until fair contact is made
 - b. No base on balls or bases awarded from "HIT BY PITCH" to any batter
 - c. No bunting
 - d. No base stealing
 - e. All players will play defense
 - i. The infield will consist of a maximum of seven (7) players
 - ii. All other players will be placed in the outfield.
 - f. All players will play infield for a minimum of one (1) defensive inning.
 - g. A team may start and finish a game with any number of players.
 - h. Scheduled teams shall use shared players if a team is short players.
 - i. An imaginary line shall be drawn on a twenty-seven (27) foot radius from the back of home plate, beyond which defensive players shall not advance until the ball reaches the plate.
 - j. An imaginary line shall be drawn in an arch seven (7) feet from home plate; a batted ball is not "in play" until going beyond the arch line.
 - k. Managers/Coaches are allowed on the playing field as needed to coach their team's players.
2. 6U Division
- a. Batting Tee or Coach Pitch Only
 - i. Coach shall have one foot touching the pitcher's plate while pitching
 - ii. During the first half of the Season: (up to the 5th week of regularly scheduled games)
 1. Batter will get 3 pitches from their coach
 2. After 3 misses, the batter will hit off the tee
 3. During the second half of the season: (5th week of play and beyond)
 1. Batter will get 3 pitches from their coach
 2. After 3 misses, the batter will be declared "out", except for the last batter who will bat until the ball is put into play.
 3. If the batter fouls off the 3rd pitch, she is entitled to continue her at bat until she misses or puts the ball into play.
 - b. Each team, during their time at bat, will bat the entire line up
 - i. After three (3) outs are made the bases will be cleared
 - ii. The team will continue to bat their entire lineup
 - iii. The last batter in line up will bat until she hits the ball.
 - c. No base on balls or bases awarded from "HIT BY PITCH" to any batter
 - d. No bunting
 - e. No base stealing
 - f. All players will play defense
 - g. The infield will consist of a maximum of seven (7) players



- h. All other players will be placed in the outfield.
- i. All players will play infield for a minimum of one (1) defensive inning.
- j. A team may start and finish a game with any number of players.
- k. Scheduled teams shall use shared players if a team is short players.
- l. An imaginary line shall be drawn on a twenty-seven (27) foot radius from the back of home plate, beyond which defensive players shall not advance until the ball reaches the plate.
- m. An imaginary line shall be drawn in an arch seven (7) feet from home plate; a batted ball is not "in play" until going beyond the arch line.
- n. Managers/Coaches are allowed on the playing field as needed to coach their team's players.

Section 14.07: 8U Special Rules

In the interest of building the division, coach pitch will be in effect through week 4 of regularly scheduled games when all bases are occupied and ball 4 is delivered to the current batter OR if the current batter is hit by a pitch delivered by the defensive team's pitcher.

*****IN EFFECT: Opening Day through March 7, 2026*****

- a. The offensive Manager/ Coach will pitch up to 3 pitches from inside the pitching circle with 1 foot on the pitching plate.
- b. If the 3rd pitch is fouled the batter will continue at bat until the pitch is missed or put into play.
- c. If a player is hit by coach pitch that pitch will not be counted as 1 of the 3 allotted pitches.
- d. No bunting allowed during coach pitch
- e. Warnings will be given to coaches and players who violate the Look Back Rule.
- f. Warnings will be given to coaches and players who are pitching illegally.

1. Offense

- a. No infield fly
- b. No drop third strike
- c. No stealing home
- d. 1 steal per pitched ball
 - i. Any runner attempting to advance more than one base is liable to be put out.
 - ii. Any runner who safely makes it to any additional base will be returned to the proper base without liability to be put out.
- e. Hit by Pitch shall be treated as such per USA Rules (batter is awarded 1st base)
- f. Batters and Runners may advance up to 2 bases on a batted ball through



March 7 of the season (in effect during the same time frame as Coach Pitch). During this time, if a runner advances more than 2 bases. Any runner who makes it safely to any additional base will be returned to the proper base without liability to be put out. After March 7, the play will remain live until the ball is controlled by the pitcher in the circle.

2. Defense
 - a. 10 defensive players are allowed.
 - i. Standard Infield
 - ii. Up to 4 Outfielders
 - b. Outfielders must be a minimum of 10 feet behind the baseline.
3. Game Time
 - a. 1:30 No New Inning, 1:50 Drop Dead or up to a maximum of 6 innings
4. Scoring
 - a. There shall be a maximum of five (5) runs allowed per team per inning up to four (4) innings.
 - b. During each of the first four (4) innings the half inning shall end immediately when the offensive team has scored five (5) runs.
 - c. The fifth (5th) inning and beyond shall have no run limits.
 - d. "Run Ahead Rule": If after five (5) complete innings of play (four and one-half (4 ½) if home team is ahead) and there is a ten (10) run differential, the umpire shall declare the game ended.

Section 14.08: 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U Divisions

1. USA Softball of Southern California Rules are in effect, unless otherwise noted.
2. Scoring
 - a. There shall be a maximum of five (5) runs allowed per team per inning up to four (4) innings.
 - b. During each of the first four (4) innings the half inning shall end immediately when the offensive team has scored five (5) runs.
 - c. The fifth (5th) inning and beyond shall have no run limits.
 - d. "Run Ahead Rule": If after five (5) complete innings of play (four and one-half (4 ½) if home team is ahead) and there is a ten (10) run differential, the umpire shall declare the game ended.

Section 14.09: Pitching



Division	Allotted Innings Per Week
T-Ball/ 6U	N/A
8U	6 Innings
10U	7 Innings
12U/14U/16U	No Limit

1. USA Softball of Southern California Rules are in effect unless otherwise noted.
2. A pitcher shall not pitch more than the allotted innings in a week (Sunday through Saturday) in which two (2) games are scheduled.
3. Three (3) additional innings per week shall be allotted for each additional game that shall be played within that week.
4. Innings pitched shall be recorded by whole innings; if a pitcher pitches one (1) pitch during an inning it is counted as a full inning.
5. PENALTY:
 - a. Loss of the game they exceeded the pitching limits.
 - b. If in the opinion of the Board, the infraction was intentional, the Manager may be suspended for one (1) game.
6. Postponed/ Canceled/ Incomplete games that are rescheduled shall be limited by the number of innings pitched in the week in which they were originally scheduled.

Section 14.11: Tournament of Champions Rules

All divisional rules will be in effect with the exception of the following:

1. TOC Ranking or end of regular season placements shall be determined by:
 - a. win/loss/tie record or winning percentage if unequal number of games has been played
 - b. Head to Head (2 teams only)
 - c. total run differential
 - d. runs allowed
 - e. runs scored
 - f. coin toss
2. Home Team
 - a. The higher seed will be the home team in the top bracket and occupy the home dugout
 - b. The bottom bracket will always flip for home. The team listed on top will be in the 1st base dugout. The team listed on bottom will be in the 3rd base dugout.
 - c. The "IF" game in championship play is a flip for home.
3. Pitching



- a. No inning limits for pitchers, effective in all divisions.
 - b. No Coach pitch in 8U Division
4. Game Time
- a. All TOC games except for the championship game and “IF” game will be no new inning after 1:20
5. Scoring- All Divisions
- a. Five (5) runs per inning for the first (1st) four (4) innings
 - b. No run limit in fifth (5th) inning and beyond
 - c. Run Ahead Rule is in effect
 - d. Tie Breaker
 - i. Must have a winner
 - ii. In effect after no new inning time limit has expired
6. Championship Game
- a. Game Time
 - i. 8U- 1:30 No New Inning or 6 innings
 - ii. 10U- 1:40 No New Inning or 7 innings
 - iii. 12U- 1:40 No New Inning or 7 innings
 - iv. 14U- 1:40 No New Inning or 7 innings
 - v. 16U- 1:40 No New Inning or 7 innings
 - b. Scoring
 - i. Five (5) runs per inning
 - ii. The fifth (5th) inning and beyond shall have no run limit.
 - iii. Tie Breaker will be used if the game is tied after the seventh (7th) inning, sixth (6th) inning for 8U Division

Article XV: Select Teams

See Additional excerpt titled Select Teams Rules and Regulations

Article XVI: Championship Season “All Stars”

Section 16.01: General

1. The League Board shall determine the number of All-Star teams for the various divisions.
 - a. Gold, Silver and Bronze teams when possible
 - b. Multiple factors go into determining number of teams per year
2. Cost- The League Board will determine the cost of registration based on yearly fiscal changes.
 - a. Payment in full must be made during All Star registration



- b. No scholarships are available
 - c. Registration fees DO NOT include the cost of Uniforms, Gear, Travel expenses or additional items teams or players may want to purchase.
 - d. Deposit check of \$150.00 will be required for Volunteer hours
 - i. Option to buy out for \$150.00 is available
 - e. Fundraising: See Below
3. Required Volunteer Hours
- a. \$150.00 deposit check will be held and cashed for non-compliance
 - b. Per Child
 - c. At least 3 hours at an All-Star Tournament hosted by the League.
 - d. Managers are exempt from serving additional volunteer hours
4. Conduct
- a. All participants (Managers, Coaches, Parents, Players, Spectators) will be held to the League's Code of Conduct and Ethics even while traveling to other locations.
 - b. No refunds for consequences resulting from violation of the Code of Conduct and Ethics

Section 16.02: Important Dates

USA Softball of So Cal Santee intends to follow all rules and regulations found in the USA Softball of So. California Junior Olympic “Yellow Book”. Reference this document for all clarifications.

Date	Event Description	Additional Information
January 1	Leagues are registered and classified	
	Travel Type play ceases/ Non USA Softball events	Players who participate in Non USA Softball activities risk becoming ineligible for USA Softball Championship play
March 31	Ineligible for Championship play if participated in Non USA Softball	Exception: High School Participants
	Players must declare league	Players in multiple USA So Cal Leagues must declare in writing
April 1	All Players must be registered with USA Softball So Cal	Exception: High School Players returning to League for



		Championship Play must be registered by May 15
April 30	All Star Managers can be declared	
May 1	All Star Selection May Begin	
May 4	Practice May Begin	

Section 16.03: Managers

1. The Board shall approve an All-Star Manager Committee in accordance with the Bylaws.
2. The All-Star Manager Committee shall solicit, recruit and interview candidates for managers of potential teams.
3. The All-Star Manager Committee shall consider the opinions of the Managers in the various divisions.
4. The order for selecting an All-Star Manager is as follows:
 - a. Managers/Coaches in that division
 - b. Managers/Coaches in a different division
 - c. Other qualified candidates
5. The All-Star Manager Committee shall make its recommendations to the Board and the Board shall appoint the All Star Managers on April 30th of the current season.
 - a. While not secret, manager appointments will not generally be publicized immediately.
6. All Star Managers may choose their coaches.
 - a. The Board must approve

Section 16.04: Players

1. Eligibility
 - a. Players must be in good standing with the league throughout the current season
 - b. Must have played at least 75% of regular season games
 - i. Exception: documented injury
 - ii. Exception: high school players
 - c. Each age division may NOT have more than four (4) players who participated on a travel type team after January 1 of the current season.
 - d. Any player who participates on a team other than a team in their recreational league after March 31st forfeits any opportunity to play in a league’s All-Star season.
2. Selection Process
 - a. Guidelines: in interest of building the league and each division for the future
 - i. Gold Teams shall have no more than 3 younger players



- ii. Silver Teams shall have no more than 3 older players
 - iii. Bronze Teams shall have no more than 6 older players
 - iv. Managers may seek exceptions to these guidelines during the selection process
- b. The All-Star Manager may, at their discretion, conduct a general try-out to which all players are invited.
 - i. This may not occur before May 1
- c. The managers of each division shall vote for the six (6) top age eligible players in each division.
 - i. If Gold and Silver teams are approved; the Managers shall vote for the top six older players and the top six (6) younger players.
- d. Managers may only vote within the division they manage.
- e. The four (4) top players receiving the most votes shall be guaranteed a spot on an All-Star Team.
 - i. Exception: if more than four (4) players are selected because of a tie, only the top vote getters exclusive of the tie (if any) shall be placed on the team.
 - ii. This process can select no more than four (4) players, per team, and ties that cause the number to exceed four (4) will be exclusionary of the subject players.
- f. "Play Ups"
 - i. Eligible in the division they played
 - ii. Eligible in their League Age division
 - iii. If a player is selected for the same level of team in both upper and lower division it will be up to the parent/guardian
 - iv. Parents cannot turn down one all star team for another in the same division; cannot turn down a Gold team for a Silver Team.
- g. The All-Star Manager will pick the remainder of the team, subject to Board approval.
- h. The Board must approve the number of players and the final roster for each All-Star team.

Section 16.04: Parents

1. All Parents shall sign and comply with the All-Star Parent Code of Conduct.
2. Parents shall agree to serve three (3) volunteer hours for an All-Star tournament hosted by the League.
3. Players may be removed from the All-Star team by the Board due to persistent parent misconduct without refund of any and all fees including volunteer hours deposit.

Section 16.06: Fundraising

1. The League will not provide any funds towards expenses acquired during the Championship Season.
2. All fundraisers must be approved by the All-Star Coordinator.
3. Each team is responsible for planning, preparing and executing all fundraisers.



4. Fundraising information is public to the entire Board and team who raised funds.
5. All monies acquired for All Star Teams is required to be tracked and accounted for through the League's Treasurer.
 - a. All funds will go into a team account handled by the League's Treasurer.
 - b. All funds will be distributed evenly to the team who acquired it.
 - c. Requests for payment can be made through the League's Treasurer.
6. Any additional funds not used during the All-Star Season will be distributed evenly among all participants rostered on the team.
7. See All Star Fundraising Guidelines for more detailed information.

Article XVII: Fall Ball

See Additional excerpt titled Fall Ball Rules and Regulations

Article XVIII: Board Member Requirements

Section 18.01: General Requirements

See Bylaws for complete details.

1. Requirements (Yearly):
 - a. Current background check through the League
 - b. Completed Safe Sport Training and submit Certification
 - c. Completed Heads Up Training and submit Certification.
2. Meeting
 - a. Monthly meetings
 - b. Additional meetings as needed or requested
 - c. Additional Committees as needed or requested
 - d. Board members are subject to loss of voting rights if non-compliant with attendance.
3. Board Member on Duty Shifts
 - a. One week during Spring Season
 - b. One shift for Bring on the Heat All Star Tournament
 - c. One week during Fall Season
 - d. One Shift for Fall TOC Tournament
 - e. Subject to immediate dismissal for noncompliance of shifts
 - i. The Executive Board will review the case and make the final decision.
4. Snack bar BMOD
 - a. Cash deposit along with completed log

