

**POCKET GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.  
OPERATING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Part A. League Responsibilities for Conduct**

1. The League will provide a climate for the development of good moral, physical and mental standards for all players. Therefore, the League shall see that examples of these ideals are exemplified by all participants, whether involved in League activities or as spectators.
2. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and drugs will not be allowed on the playing field, in the dugouts or in the spectator areas during any game or practice. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and drugs are not allowed on the entire school area when games or practices are on school fields. The League forbids the use of vulgar language at all league-sanctioned events.
3. It is the responsibility of the League to see that all participants' actions are beyond reproach while part of the softball program.
4. Accusations of misbehavior on the local level shall be handled in the following manner:
  - a. Allegations will be set forth in writing and given to the President.
  - b. The President will call a special Board meeting within five days to act on the allegation.
  - c. The meeting will be attended by all participants involved and any person(s) with testimony that has a bearing on the case.
  - d. At the completion of the hearing, the Board will do one of the following: admonish, expel, suspend or acquit the accused.
  - e. The President has the power to immediately suspend any person accused of a serious offense until after a hearing by the Board.
5. The League may conduct fund raising promotions and allow businesses to advertise in game programs, so long as none of these activities are detrimental to the girls, the League or NORCAL.
6. All Sponsors, advertisements and advertising contracts must be approved by the Executive Board.
7. The League will not encourage practices or any regular games to be scheduled on Sunday, with the exception of winter league
8. The Board will be kept informed by the Player Agents of any player who drops from the program, any acts of suspension, or any player violations.

9. All protests will be brought before the Board and will be acted upon at a regular or special board meeting.
  - a. The Board's decision in any protest will be final.
  - b. In the event that a Board member has a child on or is involved in any way with either team involved in the protest, that Board member shall be excluded from any voting related to the protest.

**Part B. Eligibility of Girls**

1. Any girl 4 1/2 through 18 years of age as of December 31st for the following playing year is eligible to play. (Girls will be accepted into the T-Ball Division if they are 4½ years old by December 31st for the following playing season). A girls' playing age is her age on December 31<sup>st</sup> and applies to the following playing year. This playing age will be effective throughout the season and for post-season tournaments. Girls 4½- 6 are eligible for T-Ball play. Girls 7 and 8 years of age are eligible for Rookie play. Girls 9 and 10 are eligible for Mini-Minors play. Girls 11 and 12 are eligible for Minors play. Girls 13 and 14 are eligible for Majors 14 play. Girls 15, 16, 17 and 18 are eligible for Majors 16 play.
2. When registering, girls must bring acceptable proof of their birth date. They must fill out the required registration form, medical release and adult interest finder. All forms require the signature of a parent/guardian. Access to registration data will be granted only to authorized League and Association officials.
3. Sisters playing in the same division will be assigned to the same team unless otherwise requested by their parent/guardian.
4. Manager and coach pairings will not be approved by the Board until after all player evaluations.
5. Team formation will be as follows: There will be five separate formation meetings. One for the selection of Major teams, one for the selection of Minor teams, one for the selection of Mini-Minor teams, one for the selection of Rookie teams and one for the selection of T-Ball teams. The only persons eligible to attend the formation meetings are the appointed managers and coaches, the presiding Player Agent, the President for the Rookie/Major/Mini-Minor divisions and the Vice President for T-Ball/Minors divisions and members of the team selection committee. Additional Board members may be present to assist the Player Agent, if they have the prior approval of the Board. These meetings are not to be attended by other League members or registered girls. The number of girls drawn to each team shall not be greater than 14 in the Major division, 12 in the Minor division and 13 in the Mini-Minor, Rookie and T-Ball divisions. Exceptions to these limits may be allowed by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

Team selection will be based on an open draft. Except for the T-Ball division, all registered players must attend a player evaluation clinic. In addition, girls wishing to pitch must attend a pitcher's evaluation clinic.

At the Player Evaluation Clinic, all participants will be evaluated and ranked individually by the manager and coach of each team in their respective division. All evaluation forms will be given to the Player Agent.

Coaches or managers cannot evaluate any player already placed on their team. Managers and coaches daughters will be evaluated and ranked based on an average of all the scores from each individual evaluator. Once ranked, these players will be placed in the appropriate round corresponding to their ranking. They will then represent that team's pick for that round.

At the Pitcher Evaluation Clinic, all participants will be evaluated and ranked by the managers and coaches in their division, by members of the team selection committee and by anyone else the Board deems appropriate. A pitcher's overall ranking will be determined by averaging all the scores from each individual evaluator.

The number of rounds in the draft will be determined by the Team Selection Committee and will be based on the number of teams, the number of players per team and any other criteria the committee feel is necessary to insure parity.

A player may pitch even though she may not have attended the Pitcher's evaluation clinic. However, if it is determined that she should have participated in the evaluation based on her experience and/or pitching ability, the team selection committee, with Board approval, may move that player to another team to insure parity within the division.

6. After team assignments are announced, a girl may be reassigned to another team at the discretion of the Board only under the following circumstances: 1) the parent(s) must petition the Board in writing for reassignment, 2) requests must explain the reason(s) and 3) requests must be received by the President or Vice President within two weeks of the announcement of team assignments. The Board shall make reassignment decisions expeditiously based on a two-thirds vote of the Board members using as their primary criterion the best interests of the child. Reassignments shall be made in such a way as to minimize disruption of the balance and numerical equality among teams. The corresponding Player Agent shall work with the managers and parent(s) to arrange a mutually satisfactory reassignment if possible. A request for reassignment shall be denied if the Player Agent is unable to achieve the mutual consent of all affected parties for a satisfactory reassignment, if a two-thirds majority of the Board members is not achieved or if the reason for the request is to transfer a girl to a friend's team, to a specific coach or for any other inappropriate reason(s) as determined by the Board. If a request for reassignment is denied, the parent(s) must be informed of the decision in writing and may withdraw the girl from the League with a full refund.
7. Late registrants will be assigned by an assignment committee consisting of the President, Vice President and the Player Agent for the division in question. Additional members may be assigned to the committee upon request of the President and approval of the Board, to assist in evaluation of the player(s) and or to eliminate the appearance of conflict of interest. A pool will be established for each division as needed. No registration will be accepted after the last day of February (Exceptions may be made with Board approval for players

who have recently moved to the area). Placement of the late registrants will be based primarily upon maintaining parity within the division and secondarily considering the number of players on each team. Players registering after January 15 are considered late registrants.

### **Part C. Managing Personnel**

1. Managing personnel will follow the rules as outlined by **NORCAL** for that particular year.
2. All managers and coaches must be approved by the Board. Manager and coach pairings will be approved only if such pairings are deemed not to adversely impact team balance within the affected division.
3. The manager and head coach must be at least 18 years of age.
4. Either the manager or head coach must be female. The female must be present at all team functions or a woman chaperone (18 years or older) must be present.
5. A manager may, for reason of discipline, suspend a girl from a game but must inform the opposing manager and the Player Agent for the Division. This is the only form of discipline by a manager under the League rules.

### **Part D. Record Books**

1. Official record books will be kept of all games played and will show that each girl on the team has played a minimum of 6 consecutive outs defensively in each regularly scheduled game of the season and that the batting order consisted of the entire roster of players present for the game except those being held out for health or disciplinary reasons (which must be noted). The exception to this is noted in Part G, Regular Season Playing Rules, 1. T-Ball Division.
2. The record book will show all illnesses, absences and suspension.
3. At every game each team will have a qualified person to keep the score in the record book and it will be signed by that person. A scorekeeper's clinic may be held prior to Opening Day. This applies to all divisions except T-Ball.
4. Game scores and team standings are not reported and/or recorded. There are no first place team trophies to the divisions; all players shall receive a participation award from the league at the end of the year picnic. There is an option to have an end-of year round robin jamboree for the Rookies, Mini-Minors and Minors if so desired with prizes to be determined. The Majors 14 and Majors 16 teams are in the NORCAL league and any first place awards are strictly governed by that League.

### **Part E. Team Uniforms**

1. Girls must wear the prescribed uniform during all regularly scheduled games.
2. The team uniform will be composed of shirt, socks, shorts and shoes with either canvas or leather uppers or similar materials. The sole may be either smooth or have soft or hard rubber or polyurethane cleats (soccer cleats are ok). Only those articles furnished or approved by the League may be worn with the exception of shoes. No girl will be permitted to play in a regular season game out of uniform unless agreed upon by the two coaches and the game umpire. Jackets or jerseys may be worn under the shirt. Zipped jackets may be worn except when a player is at bat or is pitching.
3. The uniform for the T-Ball Division will consist of a shirt, shorts, socks and shoes with either canvas or leather uppers or similar materials. The sole may be either smooth or have soft or hard rubber or polyurethane cleats. The League only provides the shirt for the T-Ball Division.
4. **NO JEWELRY IS ALLOWED.** This includes metal or plastic hair clips. Medical alerts bracelets or necklaces may be worn but must be taped securely to the body.

**Part F. Umpires and Duties**

1. The League will provide all umpires with a thorough knowledge of the rules for each season. An umpire's clinic will be held prior to Opening Day.
2. Umpiring will not be done by elected Board personnel except when no regular umpire is available.
3. Persons related to members of a team or that team's coaching staff shall not umpire games in which the related parties are involved unless approved by the League President or Umpire in Chief.
4. Umpires must call "time" before any member of the coaching staff can enter upon the playing field.
5. Umpires will determine the extent of injury or the need to leave early for a player if the situation should arise that a manager must substitute for a member of the team who has not played 6 consecutive outs on defense. If the game umpire approved this change, then we have a skip over in the batting order with no out taken.

**Part G. Regular Season Playing Rules**

The League will use the fast pitch rules of play established by the **NORCAL** Rulebook with the following exceptions:

1. T-Ball Division

- a. All players will play defense: six on the infield and the remaining players in the outfield. The outfielders must be positioned at least 20 feet outside of the base paths.
- b. The game will consist of 5 innings or 1 hour and 15 minutes. No new inning may be started after 1 hour. An inning is half over when all players from the team at bat have each had one turn at bat.
- c. A batted ball must travel 15 feet onto the playing field to be fair. FULL SWINGS. NO BUNTS.
- d. Play is dead when the pitcher attempts to recover the ball within the pitching circle. Runners must go back to the previous base, regardless of how close they are to the next base, when the pitcher attempts to retrieve the ball within the pitching circle.
- e. An overthrown ball that is thrown out-of-play to first or third base will invoke the 1 + 1 rule, i.e., runner advances one base past the base she was running to at the time of the overthrow.
- f. NO SLIDING.
- g. NO THROWING THE BAT. First offense, warning. Second offense, batter is out.
- h. Adult base coaches will be allowed at each base when team is at bat. Adult field coaches will be allowed--one in the outfield and one on the infield.
- i. The pitching distance will be 25 feet. The distance between bases will be 40 feet.
- j. During the first half of the season there will be NO PITCHING. All batters will hit off of a tee. Beginning in the second half, the manager or coach of the team at bat will pitch to their players. Each player will get 4 pitches per at bat. If, after the 4 pitches, a player is unable to put the ball in play, the tee will be used.
- k. The catcher MUST have her protective mask, chest protector and shin guards on whenever a batter is up to bat. The protective mask can be removed AFTER a ball is hit and there is a base runner in the process of scoring.
- l. All players will be in full uniform for games.

## 2. Rookie Division

- a. The pitching distance will be 30 feet.

- b. The ball used will be a 10" Worth RIF Level 1
- c. The distance between bases will be 50 feet.
- d. After four balls, the Manager, or her designee, from the batter's team will pitch to the batter. In the event of a batter being hit by a pitched ball from the pitcher, the batter has the option of taking first base, continue her at bat, or go to three coach pitches.
- e. The batter will retain her strike count.
- f. The Manager or designee will be allowed a maximum of three pitches with the umpire counting pitches and strikes. The batter must put the ball in fair ground play before the third strike, or three pitches, whichever comes first or she will be out. A foul ball on the third strike is not an out.
- g. All girls present shall be in a continuous batting order and each girl must play a minimum of 6 consecutive outs on defense. The last half inning counts whether played or not. All substitutions must be made by the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. Unlimited substitution is allowed after all substitutions have been made.
- h. There will be a five run limitation on offensive. If the potential 5<sup>th</sup> run of the inning is starting on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base, any runners that are behind her may also score on a fair-batted ball. If the potential 5<sup>th</sup> run is on 3<sup>rd</sup> base, that runner cannot be scored by a bases loaded walk or by a batter hit by the pitch.
- i. "Open Inning". The last inning of the game will be declared the open inning and play will continue until there are three outs. Open inning or last inning must be declared by the plate umpire before the first pitch of such inning. The sixth inning is always an open inning and does not have to be declared an open inning. If an inning before the sixth inning is declared open and is completed before the time limit, the game continues with more open innings.
- j. Runners may lead off from the base when the pitcher's hand and ball reaches her hip during the forward pitching motion. A runner is not at risk of being put out unless the ball is hit fair. There will be no stealing.
- k. An illegal pitch does not result in the advancement of any runner, but a ball will be assessed to the batter.
- l. Bunting and sliding are allowed and are encouraged.
- m. The "dropped third strike rule" will not be used. No base award on a pitched ball over the backstop or into the dugout.
- n. The "infield fly rule" will not be called.
- o. The "double base" will be in use in the Rookie Division.

- p. Rover. Teams shall field ten (10) players on defense. The 10th player (rover) will play in the outfield at least ten feet behind the base lines.
  - q. If one team has a 10 run lead at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, the game is declared over.
  - r. Games will be 6 innings in length or **1 and 1/4 hours** long whichever occurs first. No new inning will be started after **1 hour and 15** minutes of play.
  - s. A game may begin with only 8 players and must end with at least 8 players in order to play the game. No out will be declared for the absent player. If an eligible substitute arrives before the 4th inning, she may enter the game and will be placed at the bottom of the batting order.
  - t. In the **NORCAL** rules on pitching restrictions, all references to 7 innings should be changed to 6 innings. A player may not pitch more than 6 innings for the consecutive group of two games played by her team, with the second game always defined by an even number (1-2, 3-4, 5-6, etc.). In the event of a tie at the end of 6 innings or time has expired, the pitcher of record may continue to pitch the one extra inning. The extra inning pitched counts against the inning limit, if occurring in the 1<sup>st</sup> game of eligibility. One pitch (legal or illegal) to a batter in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.
  - u. One offensive time out per inning. Limit of three defensive conferences per six-inning game. No charged time out for an umpire approved injury or requested pitching change. One extra defensive timeout only for the extended game time.
  - v. Courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher if they get on base (the last recorded out).
  - w. Tie games will play on for one more inning as daylight permits, **using the umpire's judgment for safety**, after 6 innings for Rookies or after the time limit. Use the international tiebreaker rule for the one extra inning. See rule "t" for pitching restriction.
  - x. The base runner will stop at the next base upon possession and control of the ball by the pitcher only within the pitching circle. Both feet of the pitcher must be within the circle to be considered in the circle. The line is a part of the circle.
  - y. For the rookie jamboree, pitching restrictions will be used and will start over for the jamboree. Pitching restrictions will be dropped for the Jamboree championship game. All other rules, regulations and coach pitch from the regular season will be used for the jamboree. In the event of a tie in the jamboree game results, the tie breaker will be in the order of: (1) Head to Head Results (2) Least total runs given up (3) Most total runs (4) Coin Flip. There will be open pitching; pitching restrictions will not apply, for the Jamboree championship game.
3. Mini-Minor Division
- a. The pitching distance will be **35** feet.

- b. The ball used will be a 11" Worth RIF
- c. The distance between bases will be **60** feet.
- d. After four balls, the player walks, one base only, no stealing.
- e. All girls present shall be in a continuous batting order and each girl must play a minimum of 6 consecutive outs on defense. Nine (9) players play in the field on defense. The last half inning counts whether played or not. All substitutions must be made by the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. Unlimited substitution is allowed after all substitutions have been made.
- f. There will be a five run limitation on offense. If the potential 5<sup>th</sup> run of the inning is starting on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base, any runners that are behind her may also score on a fair-batted ball. If the potential 5<sup>th</sup> run is on 3<sup>rd</sup> base, that runner cannot be scored by a bases loaded walk or by a batter hit by the pitch.
- g. "Open Inning". The last inning of the game will be declared the open inning and play will continue until there are three outs. Open inning or last inning must be declared by the plate umpire before the first pitch of such inning. The sixth inning is always an open inning and does not have to be declared an open inning. If an inning before the sixth inning is declared open and is completed before the time limit, the game continues with more open innings.
- h. Runners may lead off from the base when the pitcher's hand and ball reaches her hip during the forward pitching motion. A runner is not at risk of being put out unless the ball is hit fair. **A player may steal one base per pitch, but there is no stealing home.**
- i. An illegal pitch does not result in the advancement of any runner, but a ball will be assessed to the batter.
- j. Bunting and sliding are allowed and are encouraged.
- k. The "dropped third strike rule" will not be used. No base award on a pitched ball over the backstop or into the dugout.
- l. The "infield fly rule" will not be called.
- m. The "double base" will be in use in the Mini-Minor Division.
- n. Teams shall field nine (9) players on defense.
- o. If one team has a 10 run lead at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, the game is declared over.
- p. Games will be 7 innings in length or 1 and 1/2 hours long whichever occurs first. No new inning will be started after 1 hour and 30 minutes of play.
- q. A game may begin with only 8 players and must end with at least 8 players in order to play the game. No out will be declared for the absent player. If an eligible substitute arrives

before the 4th inning, she may enter the game and will be placed at the bottom of the batting order.

- r. The **NORCAL** rules on pitching restrictions will apply. A player may not pitch more than 7 innings for the consecutive group of two games played by her team, with the second game always defined by an even number (1-2, 3-4, 5-6, etc.). In the event of a tie at the end of 7 innings or time has expired, the pitcher of record may continue to pitch the one extra inning. The extra inning pitched counts against the inning limit, if occurring in the 1<sup>st</sup> game of eligibility. One pitch (legal or illegal) to a batter in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.
- s. One offensive time out per inning. Limit of three defensive conferences per six-inning game. No charged time out for an umpire approved injury or requested pitching change. One extra defensive timeout only for the extended game time.
- t. Courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher if they get on base (the last recorded out).
- u. Tie games will play on for one more inning as daylight permits, **using the umpire's judgment for safety**, after 7 innings for Mini-Minors or after the time limit. Use the international tiebreaker rule for the one extra inning. See rule "r" for pitching restriction.
- v. The base runner will stop at the next base upon possession and control of the ball by the pitcher only within the pitching circle. Both feet of the pitcher must be within the circle to be considered in the circle. The line is a part of the circle.
- w. For the Mini-Minor jamboree, pitching restrictions will be used and will start over for the jamboree. Pitching restrictions will be dropped for the Jamboree championship game. All other rules, regulations and coach pitch from the regular season will be used for the jamboree. In the event of a tie in the jamboree game results, the tie breaker will be in the order of: (1) Head to Head Results (2) Least total runs given up (3) Most total runs (4) Coin Flip. There will be open pitching; pitching restrictions will not apply, for the Jamboree championship game.

4. Minor, Major 14 and Major 16 Divisions

- a. The distance between bases will be 60 feet. The pitching distance will be **40 feet** for the Minor Division and 40 feet for the Major and Senior Divisions.

- b. The Major and Senior Divisions, due to its inter-league play requirements, may not follow these rules exactly.
- c. A team scoring 6 or more runs in one inning shall cease batting and take the field. This rule does not apply to the Major 14 and Major 16 Divisions playing in the NORCAL League.
- d. "Open Inning". The last inning of the game will be declared the open inning and play will continue until there are three outs. Open inning or last inning must be declared by the plate umpire before the first pitch of such inning. The seventh inning is always an open inning and does not have to be declared an open inning. If an inning before the seventh inning is declared open and is completed before the time limit, the game continues with more open innings. This rule does not apply to the Major and Senior Divisions playing in the I-5 League.
- e. If one team has an 8 run lead at the end of the 5th inning, the game is declared over.
- f. All girls present shall be in a continuous batting order and each girl must play a minimum of 6 consecutive outs on defense. The last half inning counts whether played or not. All substitutions must be made by the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning. **NORCAL** rules of substitution apply for starters to return to the defensive line-up.
- g. Games will be 7 innings in length or 1 hour and 30 minutes long whichever occurs first. No new inning will be started after 1 hour and 30 minutes of play.
- h. A game may be started with only 8 players and must end with at least 8 players in order to play the game. No out will be declared for the absent player. If an eligible substitute arrives before the 4th inning, she may enter the game and will be placed at the bottom of the batting order.
- i. Minor, Major and Senior division players may steal home. (This is a standard fast pitch rule and is stated here for clarification only).
- j. NORCAL rules on pitching restrictions will apply. A player may not pitch more than 7 innings in a consecutive group of two games played by her team, with the second game always defined by an even number (1-2, 3-4, 5-6, etc.). In the event of a tie at the end of 7 innings or time has expired, the pitcher of record may continue to pitch the one extra inning. The extra inning pitched count against the inning limit, if occurring in the 1<sup>st</sup> game of eligibility. One pitch (legal or illegal) to a batter in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.
- k. One offensive time out per inning. Limit of four defensive conferences per seven-inning game. No charged time out for an umpire approved injury or requested pitching change. One extra defensive timeout only for the extended game time.
- l. Courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher if they get on base (the last recorded out).

- m. Tie games will play on for one more innings as daylight permits, using the umpire's judgment for safety, 7 innings or the time limit. Use the international tiebreaker rule for the one extra inning. See rule "t" in the Rookie Division section for pitching restriction.
- n. Games stopped before completion, for any reason, will start from the point at which it was stopped. The time remaining, when applicable, will be noted in the official scorebook.
- o. The "double base" will be in use in the Minor, Major and Senior Divisions.
- p. Illegal pitch enforcement, infield fly rule, hesitation rule, leaving the base too early enforcement, dropped third strike and stealing are all enforced or used in the Minor, Major and Senior Divisions.
- q. For the Minor jamboree, pitching restrictions will be used and will start over for the jamboree. All other rules and regulations from the regular season will be used for the jamboree. In the event of a tie in the jamboree game results, the tie breaker will be in the order of: (1) Head to Head Results (2) Least total runs given up (3) Most total runs (4) Coin Flip. There will be open pitching; pitching restrictions will not apply, for the Jamboree championship game.

## **Part H. All-Star Teams**

1. All-Star teams will consist of 12 girls (13 in the Rookie Division) to a maximum of 15 girls. Players selected must have played in one-third of the regular season games to be eligible for tournament teams. If a player incurs an injury or illness on or after the first regular season game and is unable to play one-third of such games, she will be ineligible for tournament play.
2. The All-Star evaluators will consist of both the coach and manager of each team within each division. The coach and manager must be officially listed on a team roster in the same division and participated as a coach or manager in at least 50% of the games played before evaluations take place. The coaches and managers will evaluate within their own division. The evaluators will also consist of a minimum of three to a maximum of 5 Board members, 3 members being the Rookie, Mini-Minor, Minor and Major Division player agents. Should a situation arise that a player agent is either a coach or a manager within the Rookie, Mini-Minor, Minor, or Senior Division, another Board member will take the place of the player agent in that division evaluations. If the coach or manager cannot make the scheduled evaluation date, it will then be the decision of the Board whether or not to choose to replace that person.
3. The evaluators will submit to the Board a ranking of each of the players evaluated from the Rookie, Mini-Minor, Minor, Major and Senior Divisions. Players will be ranked in the categories of 1) pitching; 2) catching; 3) fielding and 4) hitting. The evaluators will select a team of a minimum of 12 players (13 in the Rookie Division) to a maximum of 15 players

for each Division consisting of: a) at least three (3) pitchers selected in the order ranked beginning with the highest ranked pitcher; and b) up to two (2) catchers selected in the order ranked, beginning with the highest ranked player in this category. The balance of the team will be selected from the fielding and hitting category in the order ranked beginning with the highest ranked player. If the highest ranked pitchers and catchers also ranked in the top 15 positions of the fielding and hitting category, the evaluators will select players by rank order from the fielding and hitting category until a minimum of 12 to a maximum of 15 players have been selected from the three categories. The Board will notify each of the players selected. The selected players will have five (5) days from the date of notification by the Board to accept or decline their selection. If a selected player decides not to participate in All-Star play, the All-Star manager will replace that player by selecting the next player in the order ranked in the fielding and hitting category. The remaining players will automatically be placed on the B All-Star team if one is formed.

4. The manager, coach and assistant coach for the All-Star team for each Division will be selected by a majority vote of the Board based on letters of interest from qualified managers and coaches. To be qualified to manage or coach a Division All-Star team, managers and coaches must have: a) been officially listed on a team roster in the same Division, and b) actively participated as a coach or manager in at least fifty percent of the games played that season. Each applicant for a manager or coach position will describe any limitations or prior commitments that could interfere with their ability to manage or coach the All-Star team for the tournament(s) established by the Board. Exceptions to these qualifications must be approved by a majority vote of the full Board.

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