

# **OVPGSL HANDBOOK**

**2008**

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## I. REGISTRATION

**A. Registration Fee:** The registration fees for the 2008 season are as follows: Micro-mini and Mini fee is \$85.00 in Divisions 8, 10, 12 & 14 is \$125.00. The cost is approximately \$150 per player to run a quality program. The additional money comes from sponsorships. All outstanding fees from previous seasons must be current in order to register.

**B. Multiple Player Discount:** Each additional child in the same family registers for \$10.00 less at registration.

**C. Player Refund.** There will be no refund for any player who drops after the teams are formed. *Exception: players who are selected for a High School Softball Team after teams are formed may receive a full refund.*

**D. Age Groups/Divisions:** Cut-off date for division is the players' age at January 1 of the season of play. In order for a player to play in a division other than the one for which the player is eligible they must fit the criteria below and obtain Board Approval.

**E. Playing Down One Division:** The criteria used to determine whether a player may play down a division are as follows (answer to at least 2 of the following items must be YES)

1. Player is less than 1 year older than the ASA age classification for the division in which she is requesting.
2. By playing in the lower division, the player will be playing softball with others in the same grade level at school.
3. By playing in the age-defined division, player is at greater risk of injury based on her current skill level.
4. Player's physical size is considerable less than those of the same age.

Note: Players playing down a division are not eligible for All-Stars for that season in either that division or the one that they are age eligible for.

**F. Playing Up One Division:** The criteria used to determine whether a player may play up a division are as follows: (answer to at least 2 of the following items must be YES)

1. Player is no less than 1 year younger than the ASA age classification for the division in which she is requesting.
2. By playing in a higher division, player will be playing softball with others in the same grade level at school.
3. The player's physical size is considerably larger than those of the same age.
4. Player's current skill level is beyond that of her

peers in the appropriate age classification.

Note: Players playing up a division are eligible for All-Stars in either their age division or the upper division. However, prior to All-Star voting the player must declare which division they will be applying for eligibility.

## II. TEAM ASSIGNMENTS & DIVISION OVERVIEW

**A. Team Draw:** The players will be placed on the various teams within their specific age division. Players will be pre-ranked by a board appointed committee for each division. The committees will consist of people, who, in the Board's collective opinion, know the most about the players that will be playing in that division.

**B. Team Formation:** Team formation will occur as follows:

1. Carpool request **will not** be honored in Divisions 8, 10, 12 and 14.
2. General players and pitchers registration forms are stacked in their order of ranking as was done by the Board Appointed Committee.
3. "Frozen" pitchers will be placed on teams first (pitchers are only frozen because at least one of their parents or guardians is a coach or manager for that division). The remaining pitchers will be placed on teams in rank order where there are no pitchers frozen. (i.e. Team 1,3,5 & 6 all have frozen pitchers, therefore teams 2 & 4 will get the two highest ranked remaining pitchers in consecutive order - first to team 2 next to team 4).
4. As long as a second pitcher is not frozen, second pitchers will be placed on teams based on the first pitchers ranking. Once pitchers are placed, their ranking number (i.e. #1's value is 1, #4's value is 4, etc.) will be totaled. When totaling pitchers rankings by team, there should not be more than a 70% variance from lowest total ranking to highest total ranking.
5. After all the ranked pitchers have been placed; the remaining players will be placed, beginning with Team 1 and follow the Serpentine Method until all of the players have been placed.
6. When a coach(s) or manager(s) daughter name comes up and they do not "land" on their team, they will be exchanged with the most previously placed player. The general rule is that a coach(s) or manager(s) daughter is replaced with one that ranks below their daughter's ranking.

**C. Pitching Requirements:** Because pitching is essential to the viability and balance of team formations pitchers having pitched 20% or more of the innings in any season within the last two years will automatically be ranked as a pitcher. This will include any pitchers

from teams or organizations outside OVP. Those designated, as pitchers will be placed on a team based on their pitching ability and therefore will be expected to pitch for that team.

**Exception: If a player who qualifies as a pitcher under the above referenced criteria but does not want to pitch the parents or guardian of the player can sign a pitcher ineligibility card prior to team formations that will designate that player as a non-pitcher and that player will not be eligible to pitch at anytime during the season or playoffs.**

**D. Player Division Assignment:** the Amateur Softball Association (A.S.A.) divides all players into divisions depending upon their ages as set. (See age classifications above.) The player's age is determined by her age on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the season begins. It is recommended that players remain in their assigned division. At the discretion of the OVPGSL Board of Directors, players of younger age may play in an older classification and an older age player may play in the younger classification. Players playing up a division are eligible for the OVPGSL All-Star team in their respective division or the upper division they played in during the season. However, the player must declare the division of eligibility prior to All-Star voting. In addition, if a player is playing down a division, that player will not be eligible to be nominated or eligible for All-Stars due to ASA Age Classification *rules (see criteria above used for allowing players to move)*.

**E. Micro-Mini (coed) Division:** Girls and boys, who are 5 years old by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the season begins, may participate in this division. Regular practices and games will be scheduled but scores and standings will not be kept. This is T-ball with the emphasis on fun and basic ball skills. All children play the field and bat every inning.

**F. Mini (instructional) Division:** This division is open to girls ages 6-7 who have no previous playing experience and/or prefer to participate in a *non-competitive & instructional* division. Regular practices and games will be scheduled, but scores and standings will not be kept. Coaches pitch to their own players, and will use the batting-T if necessary. The primary emphasis in this division is learning basic softball skills in a team environment. All children play the field and bat every inning.

**G. Eight & Under Division:** This division is made up of both experienced and inexperienced players, usually 7-9 years old. The primary emphasis is on learning fundamental skills and rules of the game. Each team will field ten players (4 outfielders) and will bat the entire roster. Girls pitch to the opposing team, with coach assistance (from the batting team) after four balls. Standings will only be kept during tournament play. There will be run limits per inning for each team in order to keep the progression of the game moving. Score will be kept but there will be no division standings maintained.

**H. Ten & Under Division:** This division is made up of experienced and inexperienced players, usually 9-11 years old. Emphasis is on enhancing skills and knowledge of the game in a competitive nature. Each team will field ten players (4 outfielders) and will bat the entire roster. Girls pitch to the opposing team with coach assistance (from the batting team). Coach assistance only occurs during the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the season when the bases are loaded and the opposing pitcher throws 4

balls that would force a run to score. If the player is hit by a pitch, the player is automatically awarded first base regardless of how many players are on base. There will be run limits per inning for each team in order to keep the game going. Score will be kept and division standings maintained.

**I. Twelve & Under Division:** This division is made up of mostly experienced players, usually 11-13 years old. Emphasis is still on improving players' skills, with a stronger focus on teamwork in a competitive environment. Pitching is player pitch only. There will be run limits per inning for each team in order to keep the game going. Score will be kept and division standings maintained. Each team will field 9 defensive players and will bat entire roster.

**J. Fourteen & Under Division:** This division is made up of experienced players only, usually 13-14 years old. This is a highly competitive level with possible inter-league play against other nearby ASA Leagues. Games are played at OVPGSL fields or at fields of other participating leagues. Rules may vary depending upon the home-team site.

### **III. TEAM AND LEAGUE PERSONNEL**

**A. Coaches and Managers:** The managers and coaches are volunteers giving their time to teach players the skills and sportsmanship of fast pitch softball. Parents should appreciate the commitment the managers and coaches are making. Parental help and assistance are generally encouraged and appreciated by the managers and coaches. The Board of Directors approves Managers and Coaches.

**B. Team Parent:** The league has recommended to all managers and coaches that a team parent be assigned to each team. The team parent can make a manager's job much easier by assuming duties that are time-consuming and occupy manager's coaching time. Each manager may assign slightly different duties to the team parent, but typical duties include:

1. Distribute team uniforms
2. Arrange for treat tickets
3. Special event reminders
4. Assign Snack Bar duty

**C. Umpires:** OVPGSL uses registered ASA umpires in divs. 10, 12 and 14 to ensure that all league games, including post-season tournaments, are officiated in a professional and controlled manner consistent with official ASA rules and supplementary OVPGSL recreation league rules. Divs. 8, 10, 12 & 14 will have one umpire for each game played. The only exception would be that in a championship game the 14's division would have two.

**D. Snack Bar:** The OVPGSL snack bar operates under the direction of the OVPGSL Board of Directors, which includes a designated Snack Bar Coordinator. Adult participation is required and scheduling is to be coordinated by the Team Parent. If the visiting team does not provide proper staffing, their game will be forfeited. The Snack Bar funds are a primary revenue source for the league and offset the need for additional fundraisers. Your patronage is appreciated. There is a telephone located

in the snack bar for emergency calls only. Phone number is 771-2080.

E. **Scorekeeper:** Each team in Div. 8s-14s will provide scorekeepers for all games in which their team is designated as the home team. The score sheets can be obtained at the snack bar or at the field at which the game is to be played. Division rules are attached to the score sheet. The scorekeeper is to pay particular attention in registering player participation, pitching intervals, and runs scored.

#### IV. OVPGSL GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

A. **Uniforms:** The registration fees cover the cost of the team uniform, which includes shirt, socks, shorts and hat. A softball glove and cleats are the responsibility of the individual player. The uniform is to be kept clean and the shirts must be tucked into the shorts for games. **No jewelry, watches, casts, hair clips or any other objects that could cause injury or harm shall be worn during practices or games.**

B. **Team & Individual Pictures:** The registration fee includes the cost of a team and individual player photograph. Pictures will be taken at OVPGSL fields. The Team Parent and/or manager will distribute detailed information regarding pictures and schedules.

C. **Trophies:** Each player will be presented with a participation trophy at the end of the season. ***Team Managers and/or Coaches will be given the team participation trophies upon the return of a complete equipment bag.*** The returned equipment bags will be reviewed for completeness. All-star players for Divisions 8, 10, 12, & 14 will also be awarded with trophies at end of the All-star season in recognition of their completion of the All-star season.

D. **Adult Supervision: All team activities involving the players must be attended by at least one adult female.** Girls must ***NEVER*** be left without adult supervision. If a player is not picked up in a reasonable amount of time (10-15 minutes) by a parent or adult after any team activity, the manager may take the player home with him/her; and the parent must pick up the child at the residence. If the parent cannot pick up the player on time, then the parent must designate someone to pick up the player.

E. **Practices:** Practices are an integral part of developing the team. Players are expected to attend all team practices and are responsible for contacting the manager prior to missing a practice. It is understood that there are times when a player may miss practice. However, a manager - at his/her discretion and with proper notification of the Division Representative - may choose not to field a player who misses too many practices. Each team will be assigned fields and practice times. Managers and coaches have the option, depending on field availability, to schedule more practices and/or batting cage time.

F. **Sponsors:** OVPGSL is able to provide a quality softball program thanks to the generous and civic-minded sponsors who help us each year. Please consider giving a contribution to the youth of our community. These funds are used for insurance, uniforms, equipment, field maintenance costs, umpires, printing, etc. There are many levels of sponsorship. A Sponsorship Form is included in this booklet. Please refer to that form for specific information.

G. **Team Names:** OVPGSL identifies each team for league standings by its division and team number. However, teams usually choose a personal team name for identification on team banners within their

division (including inter-league play for Div. 14). Team names should be non-offensive and acceptable to all team members and parents. The OVPGSL Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any team name deemed inappropriate for representing the league.

## V. GENERAL GAME CONDUCT

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#### A. Conduct and Etiquette Information:

1. Managers, coaches, and assistants are responsible for the conduct of their team and spectators during any league-sanctioned event, including but not limited to, practices, games, tournaments, team parties and team meetings.
2. Managers, coaches, assistants, players and spectators may not say or do anything that ridicules, harasses, demeans, or interferes in an un-sportsmanlike manner with any umpires, managers, coaches, players or spectators.
3. Managers are responsible to make sure all cheers are positive in nature and cheering their team not negative cheers against the other team or pitcher.
4. The managers are to make sure that all players in divisions minis, 8's and 10's are supervised by an appropriate female adult when going to the bathrooms.

#### Penalties

A violation will result in a verbal warning. **There will be no second warnings!!!** A second violation during the same game may result in the ejection of the offending parties. Continued or severe violations will be referred to the League Board for review and disciplinary action, which may include suspension from future games. The League Board will use its discretion in determining the severity of the incident and disciplinary action.

5. The Teams (Managers and Coaches) will be responsible for basic field maintenance following games and practices to include: Picking up bases, returning tarps, collecting trash, clean out dugouts, raking the field (dirt), filling in the pitcher's area, catcher's area, and the batter's boxes watering and tamping.

#### Penalties

After the first warning, penalties may include loss of practice fields and possible forfeiture of games or practice time.

6. The Orange-Villa Park Girls Softball League (OVPGSL) recognizes that the fields it plays on are owned, operated or controlled by the Orange Unified School District (OUSD). OVPGSL further recognizes that OUSD has rules of conduct for these fields. All

participants and spectators of OVPGSL activities shall abide by the rules of OUSD. Violations of these rules may be reported to the proper authorities and persons violating any rule may be asked by an OVPGSL board member to cease the violation, or, may be asked to leave the field. Violations of these rules may also be actionable by an umpire according to applicable ASA rules governing the conduct of players, managers and coaches, or spectators. No dogs are allowed at OVPGSL fields at any time.

#### **Penalties**

A violation will result in a verbal warning. There will be no second warnings!!! A second violation during the same game may result in the ejection of the manager. Continued violations will be referred to the League Board or Disciplinary Committee for review and disciplinary action.

7. Managers, coaches, parents, players and spectators shall not participate in any league-sanctioned event while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any other controlled substance.

#### **Penalties**

A violation will result in immediate ejection from the field or meeting site. All incidents should be reported, in writing, to the League Board for review. A violation is grounds for ejection from the League.

### **B. Equipment Throwing**

1. The umpire may call bat throwing by the batter intentional or unintentional. Throwing equipment in an un-sportsmanlike manner will not be tolerated from any player, coach or manager.

#### **Penalties**

(1) Intentional throwing of bats or equipment in an un-sportsmanlike manner will result in the ejection of the offending player, coach or manager.

(2) If, in the umpire's judgment, throwing the bat was unintentional, the umpire has the option of issuing a warning to the offending player and letting the play stand or ruling a dead ball, calling the batter-runner out and having all runners return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch.

(3) Repeated offenses involving misconduct, as previously described, are grounds for suspension that will be determined by the Executive Committee.

### **C. Player Participation Innings**

1. Each player present at the game must sit out once (an inning) before a player sits out a second time (inning); each player must sit out twice before a player sits out a 3<sup>rd</sup> time (inning). This procedure will continue throughout the entire game.

2. Exceptions:

a) Injured players listed on the line-up sheet. (Injured player listed last with a notation that she is injured.)

b) Players benched for disciplinary reasons.

c) Players injured or ejected during the game.

d) The league will try to make reasonable accommodations for identified intermittently chronically ill players. For these players these rules apply:

1. If a player must sit out of order in any part of an inning, then she must sit an entire inning without penalty to the team. (No out is taken for her turn at bat.)

2. Exceptions need to be noted on the score sheet and signed by the Manager. It is the Manager's responsibility to abide by the spirit of the rules as well as the rules.

**Penalty:** If a player sits out twice before every eligible girl sits out, the offending team will receive one (1) warning. All subsequent offenses may result in the manager of record being suspended for the next following game. Further infractions may result in expulsion from the league at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

**Note:** Managers and Coaches are required to send a scorekeeper(s) to the scorekeepers training; there they will be instructed on how to keep track of the players participation and how to satisfy the record keeping requirements for Player Participation. Managers and Coaches are also encouraged to use a "Sit Out" Board to keep track of their players.

## VI. GAME ADMINISTRATION

**A. Game Time:** The game begins when the first pitch is thrown to the first batter. The Umpire will inform the scorekeeper of the official time after the first pitch. The official time may be kept by the umpire or the Scorekeeper. It is the coaches' responsibility to make sure the umpire informs the official scorekeeper of exact game time.

**B. Duration of Games:** No new inning shall begin once 90 minutes have elapsed from the official start time of the game. A new inning starts when the third out in the bottom of the previous inning is recorded. If an inning is in progress at the 90-minute time limit, and the home team is at bat with the lead the game is finished and the score stands when the game is called. If game is called prior to home teams at bat the visiting coach will pick one of the top two eligible pitchers on the visiting team to be assessed the final three outs. If the home team is behind or tied the inning must be completed unless the game is subsequently called due to darkness, weather, or disaster, the game score reverts back to the last completed inning. If the home team takes the lead in the middle of the inning the visiting pitcher on the mound will receive remaining outs. Tied games will stand as ties and each team will receive \_ a game for purposes of win/loss records.

### C. Complete Game:

1. A complete game in Division 8 and Division 10 shall consist of the following:
  - a) Six (6) innings of play; or
  - b) 90-minute time limit, whichever occurs first.
  - c) An official game shall be 4 complete innings or 3 \_ innings if the home team is ahead.
  - d) The use of an international tiebreaker option will only be used during tournament time.
2. A complete game in Division 12 and Division 14 shall consist of the following:
  - a) Seven (7) innings of play; or
  - b) 90-minute time limit, whichever occurs first.
  - c) An official game shall be 4 innings or 3 \_ innings if the home team is ahead
  - d) The use of an international tiebreaker option will only be used during tournament time.

### D. Team Roster:

1. A team must maintain a number of players initially allocated to it.
2. In Divisions 8s and 10s a complete roster will consist of 12 players. A coach will be allowed to take less than 12 players only if there are no players on a waiting list for the specific division.
3. In Divisions 12 and up a complete roster will consist of a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 12 players. Determination of team size will be based upon the size of registration. Coaches will be required to add additional players from the waiting list if the number of players falls below the minimum. Teams will be allowed less than the minimum if there are no players on the waiting list for the specific division.
4. Accepting additional players over the complete roster in any division will be left to the coaches. However, the coaches desiring additional player will be required to take the next available player on the waiting list for their division

#### a) **Exceptions:**

- (1) No players are available from the waiting list.
  - (2) Failure of the OVPGSL Board of Directors to provide a player replacement as requested by the Team Manager.
  - (3) No team roster will be changed during the last four- (4) games of the season. No team is required to add players after the first four games unless the team roster falls below 11 players in division 8 and 10 or 10 players in division 12 and 14.
- b) **Penalty:** Failure to comply with this rule may result in the forfeiture of all games played during the time the team was below the required number of players.

### E. Line-Up Sheets:

1. The offensive team will bat the entire player roster in the order reflected on the official line-up sheet.

2. Only team players participating in the game must be listed on a batting line-up sheet, which is presented to the plate umpire before the game. However, a reason must be given for any player that is present but not playing.
3. No alterations – including the addition or removal of players—may be made to the line-up sheet once a team has batted through its complete line-up. **Exceptions:** a) *If a player is injured, and cannot bat when it comes to her turn, the injured player will be taken out of the game and cannot re-enter.* b) *Players may be added to the end of the line-up once the game has begun, but only before the team has batted through its complete line-up.* c) *If a player leaves early for any reason other than injury/illness, an out is recorded for each subsequent at bat for that player.* d) *The exception for the identified chronically ill player is noted above.*
4. A team may field seven (7) players and play an official league game. However, the two positions that are not fielded will be recorded as outs as they appear in the batting rotation.
5. Uniform numbers must be listed next to the player's name.
6. Managers must provide a copy of the line-up to the opposing team.

#### F. Dug-out Personnel

1. The only people who will be allowed in the dugout during a game will be the coaching staff, team parent, scorekeeper and players. No siblings or visitors will be allowed in the dugout during the game.
2. Any player on the offensive team must wear a helmet any time she leaves the dugout during the game.

#### G. Re-Entry Rule:

1. Re-entry player substitutions must be made at the defensive half inning. **Exception:** *Substitutions due to illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances.*
2. An injured batter-runner may be temporarily removed from the game for an injury incurred during any time at bat, and a courtesy runner may be substituted. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the last out in the current inning or the previous inning, as the case may be.
3. Pitchers may be substituted at any time during an inning, but are only allowed to appear two times as a pitcher per game in Divs. 8-12.
4. A courtesy runner may be substituted for the catcher that is to appear in the next inning. The substitution may occur only after one or more outs are recorded. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the last out.

#### H. Pitching

1. **Division 8 Restrictions:** No pitcher may pitch more than two (2) innings in any one game. Once a pitcher has been removed from the mound she cannot return to the mound until three outs have been recorded against the opposing team or the maximum run limit is reached. Pitchers are allowed one re-appearance per game. One pitch will constitute a re-appearance. This rule will be effective 3/16/08 and does not apply to tournament play.
  - a) **Penalty:** Current batter pitched to is awarded first base.
2. **Division 10 Restrictions:** Pitchers are allowed 21 outs per pitching interval (two consecutive games). Pitchers are allowed one re-appearance per game. One pitch will constitute an appearance.

- a) **Penalty:** Current batter pitched to is awarded first base.
3. **Division 12 Restrictions:** Pitchers are allowed 24 outs per pitching interval (two consecutive games). Pitchers are allowed one re-appearance per game. One pitch will constitute an appearance

a) **Penalty:** Current batter pitched to is awarded first base.

4. **Division 14 Restrictions:** As between OVP teams pitchers are allowed 27 outs per pitching interval (two consecutive games). Pitchers are allowed one re-appearance per game. One pitch will constitute an appearance. When playing other league's teams pitching shall be unlimited.

a) **Penalty:** Current batter pitched to is awarded first base.

**5. Pitching Intervals:**

Pitching intervals are defined as two (2) specific, consecutive games as posted by the scheduler. If a rainout occurs, the next scheduled gamed immediately following the rained out game, will replace that rained out game in that interval.

Computing Pitching Intervals: When the run limit has been reached in an inning the pitcher on the mound at the time of the final run of the inning will be charged with the remaining outs for the inning. If No outs were recorded the pitcher will be charged with 3 outs. (If there were 2 outs recorded and a new pitcher takes the mound and does not record any outs and the run limit is reached the pitcher on the mound will be charged with 1 or the 3<sup>rd</sup> out.)

A pitching appearance is considered to have occurred when a pitch is thrown legally or illegally to a batter. Warming up does not constitute an appearance.

**I. Playing Fields**

1. The plate umpire has total judgmental discretion in assessing the condition of the playing field prior to or at any time during a game. The home plate umpire or the UIC may call the game if the condition of the fields becomes dangerous in their judgment. If the UIC is not available to make a judgment then the ranking board member (who's daughter is not in the game) may make the decision.

2. Dimensions:

Division	Baselines	Pitching Distance
Mini Division	50 Feet	No Closer than 20ft
Division 8	60 Feet	30 Feet
Division 10	60 Feet	35 Feet
Division 12	60 Feet	40 Feet
Division 14	60 Feet	40 Feet

**J. Non-Sanctioned Rule Changes**

1. No changes, alterations, modifications, private “deals” or “understandings,” either express or implied by conduct, will be made by the managers and/or coaches of opposing teams regarding rules, eligibility, field conditions, or any other matter concerning league play.

a) **Penalty:** Forfeiture of the game by both offending teams.

#### **K. Official Uniforms**

1. All players must be in the official uniform designated by the League.

2. Players must supply the following:

a) Athletic shoes: rubber cleats only.

b) Glove

c) Water

d) ASA NOCSAE approved batting helmet with cage and chin strap in division 8 and above.

3. Players may supply the following:

a) Batting helmets (minis and division 8), knee pads, sliding girdles, batting gloves, and/or bats.

b) Non-hooded sweatshirt or sleeves may be worn and should be of the same or similar color for all team members. Colors should match one of the team uniform colors. Pitchers may not wear yellow sleeves, as it distracts the batter’s view of the ball.

c) Players may wear jackets, sweatshirts, or sweaters during the game except when batting. Clothing must be zipped, buttoned, or snapped.

4. Players’ name and number must be printed on the back of the player T-shirts.

5. All batters and base runners must wear protective batting helmets. Batting helmets must have face guards in division 10’s and up. All players in all divisions must wear chinstraps on their batting helmets. All current helmets with face guards and chinstraps will be grandfathered in for league play.

6. Catchers and any players warming up the pitcher between innings or during practice must wear protective headgear, catcher’s mask and throat protector.

7. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

8. The players may wear no jewelry of any kind. Taping over earrings is acceptable, unless determined unacceptable by the umpire.

9. ASA banned bats will be banned for all OVPGSL games and tournaments.

a) Penalties:

(1) The umpire may eject a player(s) from the game for failure to comply with the above rules.

#### **L. Rescheduled Games**

- 1. The general rule is that there are no rescheduled games. Only the Executive Committee can reschedule games. If games are rescheduled for a rained out day or week, all rained out games of that day or week in a division must be rescheduled.*
2. Team standings will be based on winning percentages.

#### **M. Disputes With Umpires**

1. Managers, coaches, and players may question, protest, or appeal an umpire's decisions only to the extent provided under official ASA rules.
2. Any objectionable behavior, including that exhibited by spectators, which compromises the spirit of good sportsmanship, will not be tolerated. The umpire in charge or a member of the OVPGSL Executive Committee has wide discretion to impose any or all of the following penalties:
  - a) Ejection of the manager from the game;
  - b) Recommend to the OVPGSL Executive Committee, suspension of the manager, coach, or assistant coach from the next scheduled game; and
  - c) Forfeiture of the game.
3. Umpires should report any incidents of improper conduct to the Umpire-in-Chief. Any forfeiture, ejection, or suspension arising under this section will be reported to the league board.

#### **N. Conflict In Rules**

1. In cases of conflict between the A.S.A. Official Rules and the OVPGSL General Rules, including any supplementary rules, the latter will apply. OVPGSL rules always supersede ASA general rules.
2. The division rules are to be posted on the scorebook and in the snack bar. The managers are to make the umpires aware of the OVPGSL rules and that they are on the scorebook.

#### **O. Score Sheet**

1. Score Sheets must be minimally completed. Minimally is defined as pitching outs, player participation and scores recorded in the appropriate boxes. Both managers must sign the score sheet verifying the score sheets validity. Failure to do so will result in a friendly reminder. All subsequent offenses will be brought to the attention of the manager and if unresolved may result in a written warning. Continued violations may result in the suspension of the manager from the next game. This is at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

#### **P. Suspension of games**

1. All OVPGSL softball activities are ceased if a Stage - 1 alert is called by the SCA (South Coast Air Quality Management

District).” The web site of the AQMD for current and forecasted smog is <http://www.aqmd.gov/telemweb/Forecast.aspx>. The phone number is (800) CUT-SMOG (288-7664)

## **VII. SEASON ENDING TOURNAMENT**

A. The Orange-Villa Park Girls Softball League Tournament is played the last two weeks of the season with the finals in each division played on Closing Day. Participating divisions include Div. 8-12 (div. 14 if applicable, based on inter-league play.) All teams from each of these divisions are placed into this tournament and the tournament format is based on the number of teams in that division.

The tournament pool and brackets will be determined by the position of the regular season finishes and the structure will be published by the first game of the second half of the season. In the years following the 2005 season there will be a generic bracket system in place for all numbers of teams.

B. Special Tournament rules will be published prior to the commencement of season ending tournament.

## **VIII. ALL-STAR NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

A. Under the direct observation by one or more board members, players from each team will individually nominate players from their team that best represent an all-star, based upon performance during the current season. The number of players in each division will determine the number of players nominated.

B. Once the nominee list for each division is compiled, the players who are chosen will be notified of their selection. At that point, the players and their families will also be notified of the commitment requirement, procedures, and schedule for all-stars.

C. There will be an official evaluation of the nominated players by the managers and coaches in all divisions 8-14. This will be done so that the managers and coaches will be able to see each player who is nominated.

D. At a later date, the managers and coaches will vote for players and for the all-star manager.

E. The players for each all-star team will be notified by the next day and all-star practices may begin the following Sunday.

## **IX. FALL SEASON**

A. The Fall Season program for OVPGSL continues to grow and OVPGSL is proud to have at least one team from each division (8s-14s) represented. The Fall Season starts in August and typically ends with a Thanksgiving weekend tournament. Players and coaches need to COMMIT to a weekday and Saturday practice before the season begins and to at least one weekday practice and Saturday or Sunday doubleheaders when the season begins in September. There will be open registration fee for all divisions. However, the number of teams may be limited due to available coaching and

pitching.

- B. Due to limited space priority will be given to players who played in the spring season just prior to the fall season on a first come first served basis. Eligible division 14s players who played a year prior to the last spring season will also receive the same priority.

**Exception:** Players who were injured and were unable to participate in the spring season or any other athletic activity, as evidenced by a doctor's note, will be considered as having played in the spring season.

- A. A complete roster in 8s and 10s will consist of 12 players. A coach will be able to take less than 12 players only if there are no players on a waiting list for the specific division. Accepting additional.

Players over the complete roster amount of 12 will be left to the coaches. However, the coaches desiring additional player will be required to take the next available player on the waiting list for their division.

- B. In divisions 12s and up team rosters will have a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 12 players. The Board will determine team size based upon the number of registered players. A coach may take less than the minimum number if there are no players on the waiting list. Coaches may take additional players but will be required to take the next available player from the waiting list for the division.

D. **Batting Cage Rule:** The 45-45 Rule allows the visiting team to hit in the batting cages for 45 minutes the first half of 90 min prior to game start time. Home team would hit for 45 minutes for the second half of 90 minutes prior to game start time. This rule applies to OVPGSL teams only!

#### **X. MICRO-MINI DIVISION (T-BALL) - SUPPLEMENTARY RULES**

- A. There shall be no score kept for any game and no team standings (win/loss record). Emphasis is on participation and development of basic softball skills rather than winning.
- B. Games shall last three (3) innings or 60 minutes, whichever occurs first.
- C. The offensive team will bat the entire player roster in turn regardless of the number of actual outs made.
- D. The roster must alternate boys and girls as team mix permits.
- E. All defensive players will take a position in the field. If there are more than nine (9) players, one additional infielder may be positioned between first and second base. All additional players must be positioned in the outfield.
- F. A batting tee must be used under all circumstances. The catching position should be fielded with the following restrictions: While the batter is in the batter's box, the catcher must stand at the side of the backstop with his/her defensive coach. As soon as the batter

strikes the ball and begins running to first base, the offensive coach must immediately remove the batting tee from the home plate area while the defensive coach positions his/her catcher at home plate.

- G. The batter must hit the ball in fair territory, and the ball must travel beyond the chalk semicircle drawn between home plate and the pitcher's circle.
- H. There will be no stealing.
- I. The defensive team may have a maximum of three (3) coaches on the field for instructional purposes only. The offensive team may have the standard first and third base coaches.
- J. Play is considered stopped (no runner shall advance) when the ball is returned to the pitcher or an attempt is made to return the ball to the pitcher.
- K. If a fielder unsuccessfully attempts a play at any base prior to the base runner reaching said base the ball is dead. The base runner must stop and cannot advance until the ball is next put into play.
- L. There will be NO on-deck circle.
- M. Any runner put out at base must return to the dugout.

#### **XI. MINI DIVISION (INSTRUCTIONAL) - SUPPLEMENTARY RULES**

- A. There shall be no score kept for any game and no team standings (win/loss record). Emphasis is on participation and development of basic softball skills rather than winning.
- B. Games shall last three (3) innings or 60 minutes, whichever occurs first.
- C. The offensive team will bat the entire player roster in turn regardless of the number of actual outs made.
- D. All defensive players will take a position in the field. If there are more than nine (9) players, one additional infielder may be positioned between first and second base. All additional players must be positioned in the outfield.
- E. The offensive team will provide its own pitching. The team manager or a designated coach will perform the pitching duties. The pitching distance must be observed.
- F. There will be no walks or advancement to first base due to a hit batter.
- G. No batter shall be called out on strikes.
- H. If any runner on the offensive team is out, they must return to the bench
- I. There will be no stealing, no infield fly rule, and no hesitation rule.
- J. The defensive team may have a maximum of three (3) coaches on the field for instructional purposes only. The offensive team may

have the standard first and third base coaches.

- K. Play is considered stopped (no runner shall advance) when the ball is returned to the pitcher or an attempt is made to return the ball to the pitcher.
- L. A batting tee must be used under appropriate circumstances. After 4 pitches the tee must be used, unless the pitch is fouled on the 4<sup>th</sup> pitch. Any further pitches not hit or fouled will result in the tee being used.
- M. If a fielder unsuccessfully attempts a play at any base prior to the base runner reaching said base the ball is dead. The base runner must stop and cannot advance until the ball is next put into play.
- N. There will be NO on-deck circle.

## **XII. DIVISION 8 - SUPPLEMENTARY RULES**

- A. The offensive team will continue batting until the defensive team records three (3) outs or four (4) runs have scored, whichever occurs first. An inning shall end with the third out or at the time of the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) run scoring. Any runs after four (4) will not be recorded. However, there will be no run restriction in the fifth inning and subsequent innings.
- B. There will be no walks. After the player pitcher throws “ball four”, a designated coach from the offensive team will pitch to the batter, assuming the strike count. A player may advance on a called fourth ball as long as the coach, manager, or parent has not entered the field of play. The coach is to wait for the umpire to invite the coach onto the field. The batter must either hit the ball in fair territory or strike out. There will be a maximum of four coach pitches unless pitch four is a foul ball, a foul ball will not end an at bat.
  - 1. Once the ball is thrown by the coach-pitcher, there is no coaching of the batter or base runners by the coach-pitcher while on the field. The coach must make every effort to get out of the way of the defensive players or the umpire may call the batter out.
  - 2. A batted ball that hits the coach-pitcher is considered a dead ball and will be replayed. This is treated like no pitch was thrown.
- C. If a pitched ball strikes a player, the offensive coach will then come in and throw a maximum of four pitches. Strike count goes to zero. First base maybe awarded if the umpire deems it is warranted. Pitched balls hitting the ground prior to hitting the batter does not constitute a hit batter.
- D. No bunting is allowed when the coach is pitching.
- E. A control-stealing rule will be in effect. Runners may not leave their base until the ball is hit or the catcher has control of the ball. A base runner may advance no more than one base per pitched ball. Home plate is closed to all stealing. There is no stealing or bunting while the coach is pitching or once the coach enters the field of play. The catcher

need not have the ball in her glove or hand to control it. Knocking the ball down or kicking the ball in front of the player will be considered control. The intention of this rule is for the catcher to pick up the ball and throw as quickly as possible. The Umpire should indicate control by raising his left arm.

F. **Home plate is closed to all stealing.** The only way a runner may reach home will be by advancement on a hit ball or as awarded by the umpire.

G. Play is considered stopped when the pitcher has control of the ball in the pitching circle. Runners may proceed at their own risk to the base they were approaching when the ball was returned to the pitcher. The hesitation rule will be enforced. Gross violations of obstruction and interference will be enforced.

H. The infield fly rule, dropped third strike rule, and mercy rule will not apply.

### **XIII. DIVISION 10 - SUPPLEMENTARY RULES**

A. The offensive team will continue batting until the defensive team records three (3) outs or five (5) runs have scored, whichever occurs first. An inning shall end with the third out or at the time of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) run scoring. Any runs after five (5) will not be recorded. However, there will be no run restriction in the sixth inning and subsequent innings

B. For the first 4 **WEEKS** of the season (until March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008) there will be no coach pitch until bases are loaded. (Explanation: In the event the player-pitcher throws four balls (non-strikes as judged by an umpire) to a batter and the bases are not loaded, the batter will be awarded first base. However, if the bases are loaded, the coach of the offensive team will enter the game to pitch to his/her own team. All ASA base running rules **DO NOT** apply during coach pitch. The strike count on the batter will remain the same and the coach will have a maximum of four pitches to allow the batter to hit the ball into fair territory or strike out unless the batter continues to foul off the fourth or subsequent pitches. The batter will continue to hit until the ball is not fouled off. A hit batter when bases are loaded is not the same as a walk. Hit batters will automatically be awarded first base with no coach pitch. (For further explanation, see paragraph 3 below). **Remaining season-** (March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – End of Season) No coach pitch (all player-pitch, with unlimited walks). This rule is not subject to change.

1. There is no coaching of the batter or base runners by the coach-pitcher while on the field. The coach must make every effort to get out of the way of the defensive players or the umpire may call the batter out.
2. A batted ball that hits the coach-pitcher is considered a dead ball and will be replayed. This is treated like no pitch was thrown.
3. If a batter is directly struck by a pitched ball, the batter must have made an attempt to avoid the pitch in order to be awarded first

base. If the ball strikes the ground prior to striking the batter, the awarding of first base will be at the discretion of the umpire.

E. Pitchers are limited to 21 outs per pitching interval. A pitching interval is defined as two (2) consecutive games. Pitching intervals for each team will be posted.

F. The mercy rule will not apply.

#### **XIV. DIVISION 12 - SUPPLEMENTARY RULES**

A. The offensive team will continue batting until the defensive team records three (3) outs or six (6) runs have scored, whichever occurs first. An inning shall end with the third out or at the time of the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) run scoring. Any runs after six (6) will not be recorded. However, there will be no run restriction in the seventh inning and subsequent innings.

B. Pitchers are limited to 24 outs per pitching interval. A pitching interval is defined as (2) consecutive games. Pitching intervals for each team will be posted.

C. The mercy rule will not apply.

#### **XV. DIVISION 14 - SUPPLEMENTARY RULES**

A. Between OVP teams pitchers are limited to 27 outs per pitching interval. A pitching interval is defined as two (2) consecutive games. Pitching intervals for each team will be posted.

B. Player participation – Each player must play in two of the first three innings and not sit more than two consecutive innings.

C. A modified 5 rule will apply, except in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning where runs are unlimited.

**XVI.** For any rules not mentioned in the Supplemental Rules, refer to the Official Rules of Softball ASA Code • Coaches Edition.

## **EXHIBIT 'A'**

### **Orange-Villa Park Girls Softball League**

#### **Articles of Association**

*(Revised 1999)*

#### **ARTICLE I**

##### **NAME**

The name of this organization shall be ORANGE-VILLA PARK GIRLS' SOFTBALL LEAGUE hereinafter referred to as "LEAGUE". The Board of Directors is granted the right to insert into the name of the League such additional terms, which will indicate if this League is affiliated with another amateur organization for the purpose of playing girls softball. The actual League name shall be used on all business transactions, including, but not limited to bank accounts and insurance.

#### **ARTICLE II**

##### **OBJECTS**

The League is organized and operates exclusively to foster amateur softball competition. The objects of the League are to encourage and foster the physical and mental development of the players, to encourage the

principles of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence and respect. The attainment of exceptional athletic skill and the winning of games are secondary and subordinate to the accomplishment of the above objectives.

#### **ARTICLE III**

##### **MEMBERSHIP**

Parents, stepparents, foster parents and guardians automatically become general members of the League upon their registration of their daughter and/or son in the League, unless they specifically decline membership. Another adult person of good character who is interested in the purpose of the League shall be eligible for membership on application made to the Board of Directors. Membership shall be for the duration of Fall/Winter and/or spring season. Membership commences on the date of paid registration for Fall/Winter and or Spring Season and terminates on the day of Closing Ceremonies or upon completion of the All-star season and fall membership terminates at the conclusion of the final tournament.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **MEETINGS**

###### Section 1 -- General Membership Meetings

There shall be two (2) General Membership meetings during the year, which shall be held prior on Opening Day and Closing Day. The date, time and location of the first meeting shall be announced in a newsletter or other written means. The last meeting will be Closing Day and shall be considered the Annual General Membership Meeting of this organization, and at said meeting, an election of officers shall be held. The Board of Directors may call additional General Membership Meetings provided the membership has been given five (5) days prior notice.

###### Section 2 - Board of Directors Meetings

The Board of Directors shall hold a minimum of one (1) monthly meeting. The Board of Directors may call additional meeting from time to time as it deems necessary to conduct business of the League.

### Section 3 – Quorum

A quorum to conduct a General Membership Meeting shall be ten percent (10%) of the registered members. A quorum necessary to conduct a Board of Directors Meeting shall be thirty percent (30%) of the Board members. A quorum necessary to conduct League business at an Executive Committee meeting shall be thirty percent (30%) of the Executive Committee.

### Section 4 – Conduct

All meetings shall be conducted in an orderly manner. Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the proceedings when it appears that to carry out the purpose of the meeting a policy of order be established; however, it is understood that the purpose of the League and the expression of ideas should not be suppressed by the use of technical rules.

## ARTICLE V

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

#### Section 1 -- Board of Directors

A governing body of this organization shall be a Board of Directors to be constituted as the by-laws of this organization may provide.

#### Section 2 – Members

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following duly elected officers; the President, Vice President, Division 14 Representative, Division 12 Representative, Division 10 Representative, Division 8 Representative, Micro-Mini and Mini Representative, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Manager-Coaches, Player Agent, Umpire in Chief, Director of Snack Bar Operations, Director of Awards, Director of Equipment, Director of Fields, OUSD Liaison Officer, Director of Uniforms, Director of Publicity and Newsletter, Director of Sponsorship, Director of Insurance and Safety, Director of Scheduling, Director of

Fall/Winter Season, Director of Promotional Sales, Director of Opening/Closing Ceremonies, Director of Pictures, and Director of Team Parent Information.

#### Section 3 – Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Director of Coaches and Managers and Umpire in Chief. Should an officer occupy two Executive Committee positions the Board of Directors shall appoint an additional Director to the Executive Committee so that the Executive Committee consists of an odd number of members.

#### Section 4 – Term

The Board of Directors shall take office on the last day of August following their election and may hold office for one (1) year, or until successors have been elected.

#### Section 5 – Authority

The decision of the Board of Directors in all organizational matters shall be final. The Board of Directors shall have general control over all Officers, Managers, Coaches, Scorekeepers, Chaperones and Committees. The Board of Directors shall exercise control over all League equipment and is authorized to spend League funds as is necessary for the operation of the League. The Board of Directors may, for good cause, declare any office vacant and the Executive Committee may fill said office on a temporary basis pending the approval of the Board of Directors at the next Board of Directors meeting, or suspend any person over which they have general control from League activities, including players. The Executive Committee shall constitute a Board of Appeals from the ruling of the Board of Directors.

#### Section 6 – Appeals

Appeals may be taken to the Board of Appeals. Upon receiving a written notice of appeal, the Board of Appeals, within seven (7) calendar days, will schedule a Board of Appeals meeting to occur no later than fourteen (14) calendar days after the receipt of the appeal notice. Notice to the appellant shall be given at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. A Quorum must be present to hear the appeal and a two-thirds vote of the members present is required to revise the decision appealed.

Pending any appeal, any party suspended shall not be entitled to hold the position from which they were suspended or to participate in League activities other than as a spectator. However, if upon written request by the suspended party for an appeal hearing, the Board of Appeals fails to call a meeting within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of said request, the suspended party shall automatically be reinstated on the eighth (8) day.

ARTICLE VI  
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 -- President

The President shall oversee all League activities. The President shall preside at all meetings of the League, Board of Directors, Executive Board and Board of Appeals and perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to this office. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2 -- Vice President

The Vice President shall act in the absence of the President, serve as Chairperson of the All-Star Committee and perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office. The Vice President shall aid the President in carrying out the responsibilities of the League.

Section 3 -- Director of Fields

The Director of Fields shall oversee the supervision of grounds care, field maintenance, field preparation and maintenance of any facilities used by the League and all related equipment. The Director of Fields shall be responsible for the hiring, firing and training of all field crew. The Director of Fields shall also be a liaison with the City of Orange and/or any other agency that owns the property on which the fields and snack bar are located. In this capacity, the Director is responsible for communication with the City and the Board and the acquiring of any necessary permits for the improvement or alteration of the fields and/or the snack bar. In addition, the Director of Fields shall perform such duties as assigned by the President.

Section 4 -- Division 14 Representative

The Division 14 Representative shall report information from the teams of Division 14; hold managers and coaches meetings, when necessary, receive official protest from Division 14 managers for presentation to the Board, and to be the representative of Division 14 teams on the Board of Directors.

Section 5 -- Division 12 Representative

The Division 12 Representative shall report information from the teams of Division 12; hold coaches and managers meetings, when necessary, receive official protest from Division 12 managers for presentation to the Board, and to be the representative of Division 12 teams on the Board of Directors.

Section 6 -- Division 10 Representative

The Division 10 Representative shall report information from the teams of Division 10; hold managers and coaches meetings when necessary, receive official protest from Division 10 managers for presentation to the Board, and to be the representative of Division 10 teams on the Board of Directors.

Section 7 -- Division 8 Representative

The Division 8 Representative shall report information from the teams of Division 8; hold managers and coaches meetings when necessary, receive official protest from Division 8 managers for presentation to the Board, and to be the representative of Division 8 teams on the Board of Directors.

Section 8 -- Micro-Mini and Mini Division Representative

The Micro-Mini and Mini Division Representative shall report information from the teams of the Micro-Mini and Mini Division; hold manager and coaches meetings, when necessary, receive official protest from Micro-Mini and Mini Division managers for presentation to the Board of Directors and to be the representative of the Micro-Mini and Mini Division teams on the Board of Directors.

#### Section 9 -- Director of Insurance and Safety

The Director of Insurance and Safety shall be in charge of the administration of the entire insurance program, preparation of forms, reports, processing claims and other required procedures to administer the insurance program. The Director of Insurance and Safety is responsible for the maintenance of first aid supplies. The Director of Insurance and Safety shall be responsible to the League for reporting to the League any claims.

#### Section 10 -- Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of all the procedures of the Board of Directors and all other League membership or Board of Appeals, and Executive Committee Meetings. The Secretary shall make all required notices regarding League meetings, make required correspondence, and perform such other duties as ordinarily pertains to this office. Included are the preparation and distribution of team notebooks to all team managers.

#### Section 11 -- Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have custody of League funds, accounting for the same to the League at its annual meetings and at other times upon demand by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall submit an annual financial report and perform such duties as ordinarily pertains to this office. Upon leaving office, the Treasurer shall turn over to an Auditor chosen by the League all financial records, books or accounts, receipts and any other League property in his/her possession.

#### Section 12 -- Player Agent

The Player Agent shall represent all players in the League, be in charge of the method and manner of selecting teams, subject to the Board of Directors approval, keep a current file of registration cards, keep up to date record of all players and be responsible for a fair and impartial selection of players for teams. If the Player Agent is a coach, manager, or is associated in any way with a team, then the duties of the Player Agent for the Division, which includes the given team, will be assumed by that Divisional Representative to alleviate any possible conflict of interest.

#### Section 13 -- Umpire-In-Chief

The Umpire-in-Chief is the chairman of the rules committee. The Umpire-in-Chief shall be responsible to see that at all times parties conduct themselves in a high moral and sportsmanship manner. The Umpire-in-Chief shall also coordinate the scheduling of umpires for all games, both pre-season and post-season with the Director of Scheduling. The Umpire-in-Chief is responsible for the hiring, training, firing and payment of all Umpires.

#### Section 14 -- Director of Snack Bar Operations

The Director of Snack Bar Operations shall be in charge of the concessions operations, including the purchase of required inventory, coordination of snack bar hours with the Director of Scheduling, arranging for snack bar sales assistants from the various teams. The Director of Snack Bar Operations shall also report to the Board of Directors at all Board Meetings the financial status of Snack Bar Operations. The Director of Snack Bar Operations shall report the financial status of the snack bar to the Treasurer on a weekly basis.

#### Section 15 -- Director of Publicity and Newsletter

The Director of Publicity shall be in charge of all public relations. The Director of Publicity is responsible for producing a newsletter dealing with the League to be distributed to all players.

#### Section 16 -- Director of Sponsorship

The Director of Sponsorship shall coordinate all fundraising, patrons and sponsorship projects and activities pertaining to the League and distribute information to the teams.

#### Section 17 -- Director of Equipment

The Director of Equipment shall be responsible for and have charge of all League playing equipment, excluding uniforms, and shall maintain sufficient inventory to supply the requirements of the teams. The

Director of Equipment shall further distribute equipment to the teams and maintain records necessary to keep track of same and collection at the end of the season. The Director of Equipment is responsible for purchasing any playing equipment, replacing equipment and all equipment improvement subject to the Board of Director's approval.

#### Section 18 -- Director of Uniforms

The Director of Uniforms shall be responsible for and have charge of all League uniforms and shall maintain sufficient inventory to supply the needs of the teams. The Director of Uniforms shall further distribute uniforms to the teams and maintain records necessary to keep track of same.

#### Section 19 -- Director of Managers and Coaches

The Director of Managers and Coaches shall be responsible for coordination of League clinics, distribution of educational materials and communication with all managers and coaches. The Director of Managers and

Coaches are responsible for the selection of Managers and Coaches and the issues surrounding the conduct of Managers and Coaches.

#### Section 20 -- Director of Awards

The Director of Awards shall coordinate purchase of all awards and distribution of same. All purchases shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

#### Section 21 -- Director of Promotional Sales

The Director of Promotional Sales shall be in charge of the design, purchase and sales of T-shirts and/or any other Promotional item the Board of Directors decides to promote and shall get approval from the Board of Directors for the same.

#### Section 22 -- Director of Scheduling

The Director of Scheduling shall coordinate all pre-season, season and post-season scheduling; this includes the scheduling of pre-season practices, season practices and games, post-season practices and games and the scheduling of the batting cages. The Director of Scheduling is also responsible for gathering and posting the weekly standings and all such duties as ordinarily pertains to this office.

#### Section 23 -- Director of Fall/Winter Season

The Committee for the Fall Ball Season shall coordinate all activities pertaining to the running of the fall league. This shall include registration, selection of managers, supervision of player draft, scheduling of practice fields and game scheduling, and all fees pertaining to the operation of same. All expenditures and general operation of the fall league including but not limited to the selection of a fall league needs Board of Directors approval. The Fall Ball Director shall be the chairperson for the Fall Ball Committee and shall attend all Fall Ball related meetings.

#### Section 24 -- Director of Opening/Closing Ceremonies

The Director of Opening/Closing Ceremonies is responsible for the scheduling and coordination of both ceremonies.

#### Section 25 -- Director of Pictures

The Director of Picture Day is responsible for the scheduling of picture day and contracting with professional photographers subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

#### Section 26 -- Director of Team Parent Information

The Director of Team Parent Information is responsible for coordinating team parents and holding a meeting to instruct them in their duties which include but are not limited to; the creation of a team banner, collection of moneys and purchase of treat tickets, assignment of snack bar duties and general assistance to the team manager.

ARTICLE VII  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1 -- Nominating Process

Not less than one (1) month prior to the last general membership meeting of the current year, the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall initiate nominations for Board Member positions for the following year.

Section 2 – Election

At the annual general membership meeting held at the close of the current spring season, the President shall present a slate of candidates for the offices of the organization. The President shall then take each office, and advise the General Membership of the name of the candidate selected. The General Members shall vote for all offices collectively. A candidate shall obtain office by a simple majority vote of the General Members present at Closing Ceremonies.

Section 3 -- Unfilled Positions

Any positions that are unfilled at the time of the Closing Ceremonies shall be filled at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII  
COMMITTEES

The League President with the approval of the Board of Directors may appoint committees. Committee size and scope shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Each committee Chairperson shall be responsible to report directly to the Board of Directors of the committee accomplishments and responsibilities.

ARTICLE IX  
FINANCES

The Treasurer shall deposit all League funds in a bank account designated by the Board of Directors and all bills shall be paid by check signed by any two (2) of the following officers: Treasurer, President, Vice President, or Secretary for amounts over \$500.00. Amounts less than \$500.00 shall require only the signature of the Treasurer. Officers having charge or control of League funds shall give bond as may be required by the Board of Directors for the safe custody of the League funds. The cost of the bond is to be borne by the League.

The fiscal year of the League shall be September 1st through August 31st.

Upon dissolution of this organization, after payment of all debts, no part of the remaining assets may be distributed to any trustee, officer or member of the organization but shall be distributed to another organization selected by the Board of Directors provided that the organization selected is exempt under the provisions of Section 501©(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code or to the United States, State of California or local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE X  
NOTICES

All notices required herein, unless specified, may be given orally, in writing to the members, or mailed to their last known address.

ARTICLE XI  
AMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors meeting called for that purpose may amend the by-laws. After establishing a quorum, the by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote.