



Northridge All Girls Softball

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NAGS Guidelines

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Northridge All Girls Softball By-Laws

(Revised and Adopted 01/2008)

1. ARTICLE I. NAME

- 1.1 The name of this organization shall be Northridge Baseball Association dba NORTHRIDGE ALL GIRLS SOFTBALL, hereinafter referred to as "NAGS".

2. ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 NAGS is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of great character and values achieved through healthy, positive and competitive recreational softball for all girls. **The building of character, encouragement of good sportsmanship and learning the fundamental skills of softball will take precedence over the winning of games.** Our goal is to provide a welcoming and safe structured learning environment emphasizing in discipline, teamwork, competitiveness, respect and integrity. This goal will be attained by providing proper training to our volunteer based coaching staff and administration. Any girl meeting the age requirements as set forth in the Operating Rules will be eligible for participation. NAGS is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 2.2 Core Values: (C.A.R.E.S.) Confidence, Attitude, Responsibility, Effort, Sportsmanship.

3. ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 General Membership shall be comprised of those parents or guardians over the age of 18 years having an eligible participant registered in the NAGS program; or, any individual who is participating in an administrative or technical capacity within the program (i.e. Board members, committee members, managers, and approved coaches).
- 3.2 Voting Members of NAGS shall be constituted from Board members and league managers (Spring and/or Fall Ball seasons) subject to voting eligibility as described by Board meeting attendance (see Article 4.6 & 4.6.2.2). The President of NAGS shall be a non-voting member except in the case of ties.

4. ARTICLE IV. GOVERNMENT AND MEETINGS

- 4.1 The administration of NAGS will be under the supervision of the Board of Directors, elected by the Voting Members. (Refer to Article VIII, 8.1 to 8.19 for position details)
- 4.2 Elections for members of the NAGS board will be held at the first scheduled board meeting in July of each year. The new Board takes over on August 1st. The departing Board is expected to mentor incoming board members to ensure a smooth transmission through the Fall season.
- 4.2.1 President (8.1)
 - 4.2.2 Vice-President (8.2)
 - 4.2.3 Secretary (8.3)
 - 4.2.4 Treasurer (8.4)
 - 4.2.5 Registrar (8.5)
 - 4.2.6 League-Game Scheduler (8.6)
 - 4.2.7 Chief of Umpires (8.7)
 - 4.2.8 Equipment & Safety Coordinator (8.8)
 - 4.2.9 Field Coordinator / Practice Scheduler / Risk Manager (8.9)
 - 4.2.10 Parents Auxiliary Coordinator (8.10)
 - 4.2.11 Field Commissioner / Maintenance (8.11)
 - 4.2.12 Director of Publicity (N/A 2022)
 - 4.2.13 All-Star Administrator / All-Star Chairperson (8.12)
 - 4.2.14 All-Star Tournament Director (8.13)
 - 4.2.15 Special Activities Director (8.14)

- 4.2.16 Webmaster / Standings / Home Page (8.15)
- 4.2.17 17 & under Player Representative (8.16)
- 4.2.18 12 & under Player Representative (8.16)
- 4.2.19 10 & under Player Representative (8.16)
- 4.2.20 8 & under Player Representative (8.16)
- 4.2.21 6 & under Player Representative (8.16)
- 4.2.22 Member at Large (8.17)
- 4.2.23 Fundraising / Donations Director (8.18)
- 4.2.24 Social Media Director (8.19)
- 4.2.25 Evaluation Director (8.20)
- 4.2.26 Awards Coordinator (8.21)
- 4.2.27 Yearbook Editor / Chairperson (8.22)
- 4.2.28 League Photographer (8.23)
- 4.2.29 NCLL Liaison (8.24)

NOTE: Board positions may be combined as required.

- 4.3 Officers of the Board shall be elected by a majority vote of the Voting Members present at a meeting before 7/31. If there is more than one candidate for a specific office, the vote shall be taken by silent ballot. Candidates shall be elected to a specific office for a term of one year. In case no candidate gets a majority of votes case, a runoff shall be held between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. All members of the Board of Directors must be in good standing (financially) with NAGS.
 - 4.3.1 All Board members will serve in office for a period of one year, to coincide with the fiscal year, or to the end of the current term, whichever occurs first. All Board members will be eligible for re-election.
 - 4.3.2 In the event that an elected Board Member vacates his/her position before the scheduled end of his/her term, the President may appoint an interim replacement that will serve in the position until a permanent replacement is elected. The vacancy must be publicized to the general membership and Voting Members must elect a permanent replacement from the interested candidates within 30 days of the vacancy.
 - 4.3.3 If more than one person is interested in a specific position, there will be a vote of the Voting Members.
- 4.4 NAGS Executive Committee will be composed of the elected Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary). This committee will interpret the By-Laws and provide administrative guidance to the Board of Directors.
- 4.5 All matters concerning NAGS policy will be decided by a majority vote of the Board of Directors only, as defined in Article 4.2. All matters concerning NAGS "Operating Rules" will be decided by a majority vote of eligible (Article 4.6 & 4.6.2.2) Voting Members as defined in Article 3.2.
- 4.6 To be eligible to vote at a Board Meeting, one must be a current Board Member who has attended 50% of all the meetings prior to the current meeting in that fiscal year; (adopted 11/03/03).
 - 4.6.1 In that regular attendance of all Board members is desirable and necessary for the efficient conduct of business, the following rules pertaining to absences shall apply:
 - 4.6.1.1 A single absence is considered automatically excused.
 - 4.6.1.2 The President, preferably ahead of time, may excuse the second consecutive absence.
 - 4.6.1.3 Only the Board of Directors may excuse the third consecutive absence.
 - 4.6.1.4 After three consecutive absences, the Board of Directors shall take whatever action it deems advisable as empowered in Article 4.6. The third consecutive absence, without notice, shall be interpreted as a decision to resign from the current Board of Directors.

- 4.6.1.5 Pattern of inconsistent attendance shall be made a matter for Board action, whether or not absences are consecutive.
- 4.6.2 Manager guidelines are as follows:
 - 4.6.2.1 Managers shall be governed by the Operating Rules and Manager handbook.
 - 4.6.2.2 Voting eligibility requirements for Managers – to be eligible to vote at a Board meeting, you must be a current Manager who has attended 50% of all the meetings from date of election. Attendance begins after Managers are assigned to teams for both Fall and Spring seasons.
- 4.7 The Board of Directors will have the authority at any regular or special meeting to suspend, discharge, expel or otherwise discipline any member of NAGS, whose conduct is considered detrimental to NAGS's best interest. Those to be affected by such action must be notified, a minimum of one week, prior to the scheduled meeting date when such action will be discussed.
 - 4.7.1 It shall be considered detrimental to NAGS best interest for a current Board Member to manage or coach a team during the Fall season or Spring season or Select team comprised primarily of former NAGS players which team is playing somewhere other than NAGS. This shall not apply in cases where such players are also registered to play Fall ball at NAGS.
 - 4.7.2 Board members may be voted out of office by a majority vote of all eligible (4.7) Voting Members, at a meeting held specifically for such action, and for, but not limited to, the following reasons: Repeated violation of the By-Laws, criminal behavior, behavior detrimental to NAGS and Board meeting attendance.
 - 4.7.3 Appeal Process: any person who has been suspended, discharged expelled or otherwise disciplined as referenced in 4.7.2 above, shall have seven calendar days from the date of notification to request an appeal. Such request must be directed, in writing, to the League President or Vice President. The appeal must be addressed at the next regular or special Board meeting. A reversal will require 2/3rds majority vote of the **eligible Board of Directors present at the meeting**.
- 4.8 The total number of the Board of Directors will be confirmed each year at the first meeting of the newly elected Board. The minutes as recorded by NAGS Secretary will reflect the current Board of Directors count. The deletion of Board Directors with no replacement will reduce the total number by one until only 6 Board members remain. At this point the remaining Board of Directors must recruit additional members, dissolve NAGS, or suspend all formal expenditures of NAGS.
- 4.9 Regular meetings of the Board of Directors are open to the General Membership and shall be held not less than monthly, at such time, date and location to be determined by the Board of Directors. If a disciplinary issue is to be discussed, only that portion of the meeting will be closed to General Membership. The Home meeting location for NAGS will be at NAGS's facility location at 18755 Devonshire Street, Northridge, CA 91324.
- 4.10 A quorum (a majority of the elected Board of Directors) must be present in order to conduct business of NAGS.
- 4.11 A written agenda will be provided no less than 1 day before each meeting.
- 4.12 No later than October 15th, the new Board seated shall set the calendar for the following Spring and Fall seasons.
- 4.13 Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except where in conflict with the By-Laws of NAGS. www.robertsrules.com or www.constitution.org/rror/rror-01.htm#1.
- 4.14 The President may, at his/her discretion, present a matter to be decided via email, which addresses either an emergency situation or an issue which requires resolution before the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Upon receipt of more than 50% of all eligible voting members, the President shall announce the outcome via email to the Board.
- 4.15 When votes are conducted by email, **any Board Member can ask to table the vote**, if they have pertinent information that should be discussed in a regular or special Board Meeting that may affect or alter the outcome of the email vote. The new vote must be initiated by the President at

- the next or special board meeting, if not available the Vice President. If neither one is available, the Treasurer or Secretary may initiate the vote.
- 4.16 No actions shall be taken which are in conflict or violation of the League By-Laws or Operating Rules. (Not to be confused with Board actions, which allow for amendment or repeal of the By-Laws and the Operating Rules, See article VII). Any such action may be subject to disciplinary action.
- 4.17 All Board Members are required to complete mandatory USA softball training: concussion training, Safe Sport training, ACE certification.
5. ARTICLE V. FINANCIAL POLICY
- 5.1 NAGS fiscal year shall be defined as August 1st through the following July 31st.
- 5.2 The Board of Directors are responsible for all matters of finance and will approve all non-recurring disbursement and fundraisers by majority vote. Recurring expenses are approved by two of the following three officers: President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Items are considered "recurring" if they occur at least annually and do not exceed the amount paid in the prior year. Non-recurring items exceeding \$350 need board approval. Non-recurring items that do not exceed \$350 must be approved by two of the following three officers: President, Vice President and Treasurer.
- 5.2.1 Any request for reimbursement for monies expended for the league shall be submitted for consideration within ninety (90) days or be subject to Board approval, using Appendix K.
- 5.2.2 Any request for financial aid must be approved by the majority of the Board.
- 5.2.3 No player shall be permitted to play until all outstanding balance or paid in full or a minimum of 50% by Opening Day, unless alternate arrangements have been made and approval by the Executive Board.
- 5.2.4 Any player that receives a full grant, requires a parent or guardian participation on a team for that season.
- 5.3 Dues for membership shall be for a period of one season (Spring or Fall), and shall be in such sums as determined by the Board of Directors.
- 5.4 In the event a check is returned and/or team monies taken without permission, all players from the offending family shall be barred from further play until all monies owed are paid, including related fees.
- 5.5 The Board of Directors will strictly observe and regulate all fundraising activities. These activities must conform to the fundraising policies of non-profit organizations set forth by the State of California and the U.S. Federal Government.
- 5.6 All-Star / Tournament teams may raise money for a specific purpose and will receive credit to them to use or expend the money as required for their specific purpose.
- 5.7 The Board will take immediate and appropriate action in the event of an irregularity in the handling of teams funds and fundraising activities of NAGS (see 4.7).
- 5.8 Any Member of the General Membership will have the privilege of reviewing the books and records maintained by the Treasurer of any time (with sufficient notice). The Treasurer will, within 30 days of the fiscal year end, provide to the Board of Directors an accounting of all revenues and expenditures for that year.
- 5.9 An authorizing signature for NAGS bank account will be required from the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary (in absence of the President) with proper Board notification.
- 5.10 NAGS shall recognize any sponsorship money obtained by a team, that is not detrimental to the league.
- 5.11 NAGS is governed by California Code of non-profit organizations and should not be involved in acts of self-dealing.
- 5.12 Use of NAGS facilities by outside organizations shall be a chargeable activity. The stated fees are a guideline only and may be revised based on the actual event or organization's needs. These fees shall be reviewed on an annual basis, as part of each year's Gray Book.

- 5.12.1 All outside organizations MUST have \$1,000,000 liability insurance, which shall also name NBA and NAGS as additional insured on such policy.
- 5.12.2 Field use (applicable to diamonds #3 and #4 only, during non-league use time only).
 - 5.12.2.1 Hourly use rate will be \$25.00 per hour, minimum 2 hours per reservation.
 - 5.12.2.2 Daily use rate will be \$250 (8:00am to 5:00pm)
- 5.12.3 Lighted Pitching / Batting Cage use and fee (non-league use times only) will be determined on a situation-by-situation basis. Hourly use rate will be \$20.00 per hour, per team. Hourly use rate will be \$10.00 individual use rate.
- 5.12.4 Vendor booth or presence on the NAGS facility for the sale of items or services shall also be a chargeable activity. Board recommends 10% donation for the day. Applicable fees shall be subject to review of the Board.
- 5.12.5 All facilities usage requests must be submitted to the President, Vice President and Field Coordinator/Practice Scheduler (refer to 8.9.3).

6. ARTICLE VI. DISSOLUTION

- 6.1 In the event of the dissolution of NAGS, all funds along with all personal and real property will be transferred to an account prescribed by law to be distributed and used for the benefit of the local area.

7. ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENT

- 7.1 These By-Laws or any section thereof may be amended or repealed by a 2/3rds majority vote of those Board Members present at a meeting scheduled for the purpose of amending these By-Laws. A notice must be posted on the NAGS website and distributed to applicable membership, a minimum of seven days prior to the meeting.

8. ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS AND DUTIES [ALL BOARD MEMBERS REQUIRE BACKGROUND CHECK]

8.1 President

- 8.1.1 Preside at all meetings of the General or Voting Membership, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, will also be an ex-officio member of all committees, except any committee involving a Division in which he/she manages or coaches.
- 8.1.2 Subject to the control of the Board, the President shall be responsible for the general supervision, direction and control of the business affairs of NAGS. Will coordinate and administer the rules, policies and principles of the USA Softball Association and NAGS.
- 8.1.3 Appoint all chairpersons of various committees from interested volunteers (if any).
- 8.1.4 Act as the liaison officer for NAGS and be responsible for awards presentation and recognition.
- 8.1.5 Attend the NBA monthly meeting (the first Wednesday of the month) with the Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. **Every other year he/she assumes the responsibility of NBA President which alternates with the President of NCLL.**
- 8.1.6 Coordinate (with other Board members, when appropriate) all matters pertaining to recruiting of ballplayers (flyers, registration, rating sheets, etc.).
- 8.1.7 Shall be non-voting member at any Board meeting except to break a tie vote.
- 8.1.8 If the President is also a Manager, he/she shall relinquish all Presidential authority if an issue arises which effects his/her respective division, and he/she wishes to vote. The authority shall go to the next Executive Board Member (see 4.4) who does not have such conflict.

8.2 Vice President

- 8.2.1 Assist the President, and in his/her absence will perform the duties of the President.

- 8.2.2 Chair the Protest Committee (comprised of the President, Vice President, Chief of Umpires and the applicable Player Representative).
- 8.2.3 Act as Parliamentarian for all meetings and give recommendations and guidance pertaining to rules of order.
- 8.2.4 Coordinate all matters pertaining to uniforms (regular season and all-stars), including approval of team and individual names.
- 8.2.5 Coordinate matters pertaining to all trophies (Spring, Fall and All-Star Tournaments) Refer to League Rules Article VII. Awards 7.2 & 7.5.
- 8.3 **Secretary**
 - 8.3.1 Keep an accurate record of the proceedings and activities of all meetings of the General Membership, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee, and will maintain minutes of all meetings.
 - 8.3.2 Maintain records of all necessary correspondence of NAGS.
 - 8.3.3 Send out notices of special meetings and obtain places to meet.
 - 8.3.4 Keep the attendance at the meetings to record the eligibility of voting for the voting members.
 - 8.3.5 Provide a copy of the unapproved minutes to the President within 5 days after subject meeting, or at least 2 days prior to the next scheduled Board meeting.
- 8.4 **Treasurer**
 - 8.4.1 Receive all monies for NAGS and deposit it in the name of Northridge All Girls Softball in a bank approved by the Board of Directors.
 - 8.4.2 Keep an itemized account of receipts and disbursements and maintain books and records in an orderly fashion.
 - 8.4.3 Provide all necessary financial information to NBA
 - 8.4.4 Provide written monthly income and expense statements at first meeting of each month. This will be accompanied by the variance statements for the annual budget.
 - 8.4.5 Provide a complete written annual report to the General Membership at the annual League meeting prior to elections.
 - 8.4.6 Coordinate an independent audit of league finance at least once per year by June 1.
- 8.5 **Registrar**
 - 8.5.1 Coordinate all matters pertaining to the complete registration of all players within the league, including, but not limited to, all aspects of delivering notices of upcoming registration, maintenance of online registration, registration coordination with all player reps, USA Softball registration and maintaining teams in online system.
 - 8.5.2 Shall undertake all actions necessary to ensure timely submission of necessary registration materials and fees due to USA Softball, including, but not limited to, VTD registration.
 - 8.5.3 Shall coordinate all matters necessary for full registration as required for all, All-Star players.
 - 8.5.4 Compile background checks
- 8.6 **League-Game Scheduler**
 - 8.6.1 Shall be responsible for preparing game schedules for the divisions of NAGS.
 - 8.6.2 The Board shall discuss if there are any special scheduling circumstances for the specific season upcoming. The Chairperson shall coordinate the game schedules for NAGS after final team count is made available. Copies of the schedule will be handed out at least 2 weeks prior to the opening game.
 - 8.6.3 Handle the rescheduling of games due to weather or other circumstances.
- 8.7 **Chief of Umpires**
 - 8.7.1 Schedule umpires with the contracted umpiring association for all regular season, playoff and make-up division games. Will coordinate an umpire, from the contracted

- umpiring association, to review the rules at a Board meeting prior to the start of every season (Spring and Fall).
- 8.7.2 Serve on the Protest Committee, unless there is a conflict of interest.
- 8.7.3 Assemble a list of volunteer Umpires for emergency use for games.
- 8.7.4 Coordinate an Umpires Clinic to see that all umpires are trained and qualified (if necessary).
- 8.7.5 Recruit train and schedule Junior Umpires. Ensure Junior Umpires are USA certified.
- 8.7.6 Maintain a central file of all official score sheets.
- 8.7.7 Be responsible for supervision, guidance, and training of team scorekeepers (if applicable).
- 8.8 **Equipment & Safety Coordinator**
 - 8.8.1 Shall have complete responsibility of all of the equipment owned by NAGS, shall inventory the equipment in the off season to determine the equipment requirements, and obtain bids for submission to the Board for approval for purchases.
 - 8.8.2 With a \$50 deposit, will provide the teams with the proper equipment, which will consist of, game balls, bats, practice balls, helmets as needed, catching equipment and a fully stocked first aid kit (currently in F4 shed). A face mask will be made available for pitchers, depending on availability.
 - 8.8.3 Make backup umpire equipment and stock first aid box (F4 shed), to be available for use at the facility.
 - 8.8.4 See that all League equipment and issued keys are turned in after the season, including return of any deposit fees.
 - 8.8.5 Inventory all League equipment at the beginning of the season as well as at the end, and will provide a written report to his/her successor no later than the first meeting of the new Board.
- 8.9 **Field Coordinator / Practice Scheduler / Risk Manager**
 - 8.9.1 Coordinate the field, batting cage and pitching bullpen practice times equally for the teams in NAGS.
 - 8.9.2 Ensuring all teams are eligible for equipment and practice once all background checks have been completed.
 - 8.9.3 When renting fields or batting cages to outside groups, Practice Scheduler is responsible for collecting fees and advising Executive Board of all rentals (refer to 5.12.5).
 - 8.9.4. Maintain copies of all injury reports and advising the Executive Board. (Appendix G)
- 8.10 **Parents Auxiliary**
 - 8.10.1 Be the liaison between NAGS and the Team Parents.
 - 8.10.2 Accumulate a roster of Team Parents and keep it current.
 - 8.10.3 Compile Background Checks to be provided to the Registrar for submission.
- 8.11 **Field Commissioner / Maintenance**
 - 8.11.1 Coordinate all work in connection with maintenance on League facilities.
 - 8.11.2 Solicit work crews from NAGS members to prepare the fields for League play.
 - 8.11.3 Procure such maintenance equipment as necessary for maintenance at the field when authorized by the Board of Directors.
 - 8.11.4 Obtain Board of Directors approval for all projects which will add to the existing facilities.
 - 8.11.5 Responsible for preparation of game day field equipment and supplies (i.e. chalk, bases, lining machines).
 - 8.11.6 Responsible to determine safe or non-destructive use of the fields or pitching lanes post rain.
- 8.12 **All-Star Administrator / All-Star Chairperson**
 - 8.12.1 Oversee the rules and regulations in accordance to the NAGS All-Star/Select Guidelines.

- 8.12.2 Dispense and collect the nomination letters from all those girls wishing to be eligible for All-Star consideration. Compile an accurate list of the eligible players to be selected from, for the purposes of forming All-Star teams at the respective age division levels.
- 8.12.3 Keep the Treasurer of NAGS apprised of the generic All-Star team fundraising activities, if required.
- 8.12.4 Act as the Player Representative for the All-Star and Select Teams in the cases where issues have not been resolved through the applicable Manager or divisional Player Representative, gather the necessary information and bring it to the Board for review, if required.
- 8.12.5 Work with the Registrar to ensure coaches and players meet eligibility, training and compliance requirements to participate in All-Star or Select activities.
- 8.12.6 Assist in organization of All-Star / Select tryouts and team selection as needed.
- 8.12.7 Assist Vice President in selecting vendor and uniform designs for All-Stars / Select teams.
- 8.13 **All-Star Tournament Director**
 - 8.13.1 Develop, plan and coordinate through committee meetings a written proposal for each annual tournament. This proposal will be presented to the Board of Directors of NAGS for final approval and endorsement.
 - 8.13.2 Plan the advertisement through the "bluebook", emails, social media, and flyers to be distributed to neighboring leagues.
 - 8.13.3 Keep an accurate log of all income and expenditures through the Treasurer of NAGS.
 - 8.13.4 Design or be in-charge of organizing the design of the Tournament Advertisement/Flyer.
- 8.14 **Special Activities Director**
 - 8.14.1 Coordinate and delegate duties for all league special events (i.e. Opening Day, Closing Day, Guardian-Daughter Dance, Trunk-or-Treat, Parade March, etc) designed to promote NAGS to the general membership and provide goodwill to the community.
 - 8.14.2 Compile a list of vendors that shall be shared with Fundraising Director and Secretary.
- 8.15 **Webmaster/Standings**
 - 8.15.1 Maintain and post, current weekly League standings and keep a central file of all official score sheets.
 - 8.15.2 Post all tournament scores and post tournament standings.
 - 8.15.3 Update photographs on NAGS home page (www.nags.rocks) with current photographs provided by teams from the NAGS Dropbox.
 - 8.15.4 Post season supplementals in Homepage downloads.
 - 8.15.5 Post Yellow Book, All-Star Guidelines, League Insurance, etc. in Homepage downloads.
- 8.16 **Player Representative(s) – Divisions 6u, 8u, 10u, 12u & 14-17u**
 - 8.16.1 May not manage, coach, or have a child in the division that they are representing.
 - 8.16.2 Supervise all representative division activities to include: player evaluations and late sign-ups, and individual evaluations, work with managers to create or redevelop supplemental division rules, and present to Board for review and approval.
 - 8.16.3 Attain supplemental rules, ensure board approval, and that all division managers, representative and President sign supplementals, laminate the supplemental rules and post on field and distribute to Chief of Umpires.
 - 8.16.4 Receive and coordinate information received from the teams of the division.
 - 8.16.5 Required to conduct the initial team meeting for all teams, and must be present at team draft as specified in the Operating Rules, and All-Star selection.
 - 8.16.6 Refer all matters requiring Board action to the Board of Directors.
 - 8.16.7 Receive official protests from the division managers for presentation to the President.
 - 8.16.8 In the event that a manager resigns or is removed, the Divisional Player Representative shall solicit and select a replacement, subject to Executive Committee approval.

- 8.16.9 Will notify all Managers of division roster changes.
- 8.16.10 Will be the agent of all the players in the division.
- 8.16.11 Will investigate all grievances between players, parents and team management and report to the Board as deemed necessary.
- 8.16.12 Will assist in matters regarding the registration of players in the division.
- 8.16.13 Will assist with the drafting of teams in the Division.
- 8.16.14 Will keep a current file of all medical release forms for the division.
- 8.16.15 Will collect any injury reports (Appendix G) that occur during the season and provide the completed report to the Risk Manager or the Executive Board.
- 8.17 **Member at Large**
 - 8.17.1 From time to time the Board of Directors, at its discretion, may vote to elect one or more members to serve as At Large Board Member(s). At Large Member will have no specific duties. In order to be eligible for Member at Large, the candidate must have served as a Board Member in another position for at least two full terms, or as an Executive Board Member for one full term.
- 8.18 **Fundraising / Donations Director**
 - 8.18.1 Maintain list of prior and current donors that will be shared with the Treasurer, Special Activities Director, and Secretary.
 - 8.18.2 Maintain donor funding documentation required non-profit donor and suppliers (i.e. Determination Letter, 501(c), League Identification Letterhead, etc).
 - 8.18.3 Maintain list of sponsor banners and dates of posting and take-down dates.
 - 8.18.4 Coordinate the general fundraising activities for NAGS.
- 8.19 **Social Media Director**
 - 8.19.1 Coordinate NAGS webpage and coordinate all social media.
 - 8.19.2 Update social media weekly, with photographs and videos provided in NAGS Dropbox.
 - 8.19.3 Post events or activities coordinated by the Special Activities Director.
 - 8.19.4 Social media passwords shared with Vice President and Secretary.
- 8.20 **Evaluation Director**
 - 8.20.1 Coordinate electronic or paper evaluation process
 - 8.20.2 Set up draft sheets
 - 8.20.3 Input evaluation scores (with the assistance of those on the committee)
 - 8.20.4 Coordinate player/division evaluations
 - 8.20.5 Monitor players that wish to play-up. All play-up must be evaluated in age appropriate AND the higher division.
 - 8.20.6 Set up draft master sheets.
- 8.21 **Awards Coordinator**
 - 8.21.1 At the discretion of VP or Special Activities Director, awards responsibilities may be directed to this volunteer.
 - 8.21.2 Order Fall/Spring trophies, medals and awards.
 - 8.21.3 Tournament spirit awards and trophies.
 - 8.21.4 Coordinate All-Star trading pins
- 8.22 **Yearbook Chair**
 - 8.22.1 Coordinate team pictures for placement in the yearbook.
 - 8.22.2 Collect NAGS League pictures and all required supporting documentation, and assist with the formation of the organization's annual yearbook.
 - 8.22.3 Final yearbook draft to be presented to Board for final review and approval before being printed.
- 8.23 **League Photographer**
 - 8.23.1 Coordinate a list of teams for the season.

- 8.23.2 Schedule a game to observe and take player pictures for the yearbook. Game pictures should include at least one shot of every player and coaches if possible.
- 8.23.3 After a teams/players pictures have been taken, that team may be scratched from the list of teams that need yearbook play-action pictures taken.
- 8.23.4 After a day of photographing, those pictures should be dropped into the NAGS Dropbox for the Yearbook Chair to pull a selection from.

8.24 **Northridge City Little League (NCLL) Liaison**

- 8.24.1 In a continued effort to foster a good complex working relationship between the NCLL, NAGS and NBA Board of Directors, the Liaison should be a person with a history or child that participated in the baseball program (stakeholder). Stakeholder is not a requirement but rather a preference for the purpose of insight into both leagues. This volunteer is meant only to share that insight to either Board when called upon.
- 8.24.2 The Liaison is welcome to attend non-confidential calendared meetings of NCLL on behalf of NAGS. Only to observe and share ANY NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION about NAGS when called upon. (Definition of "Confidential Information" is only with respect to voting discussions or disciplinary hearings). As a non-profit organization in good standing, all finances, dates, games, season details, are available to the public.

9. **ARTICLE IX. TEAM MANAGEMENT AND GAME ADMINISTRATION**

- 9.1 Policies and procedures relating to the team manager, player personnel and game guidelines shall be contained in the NAGS League Operating Rules.
 Northridge All Girls Softball
 League Operating Rules

These Softball Player Rules were approved by Northridge All Girls Softball, hereinafter referred to as "NAGS", by the Voting Membership on 3/29/2001 and will remain in effect, ad infinitum.

Failure to comply with League Operating Rules will result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the League.

LEAGUE OPERATING RULES FOLLOW on page 12 herein:

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LEAGUE OPERATING RULES

1. ARTICLE I. SOFTBALL ORGANIZATION

1.1 Softball By-Laws

1.1.1 In addition to Articles I through IX of the NAGS By-Laws, the NAGS Softball Program shall be governed by Articles I through VII, of this League Operating Rules.

1.2 League Organization

1.2.1 The Softball program shall consist of the following age levels and is determined by the player's age on August 31st of the current year BEGINNING IN FALL. The divisions are grouped into the following age groups:

1.2.2 6 & under division: 4, 5, and 6 year olds

1.2.3 8 & under division: 7 and 8 year olds

1.2.4 10 & under division: 9 and 10 year olds

1.2.5 12 & under division: 11 and 12 year olds

1.2.6 17 & under division: 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 year olds

1.3 League Size

1.3.1 The number of teams in each age level will be determined each year by the Board of Directors based on the number of players registered in each level.

1.3.2 If more girls register than can be carried by the number of available teams, they will be placed on a waiting list and will be assigned to a team when a vacancy occurs, each in order of sign-up, subject to exception as provided in [Appendix B1](#). Fees will not be collected if an application is submitted for waiting list purposes until the player is placed on a team. A player may not be added after the mid-point of the season.

1.4 Evaluation/Tryout Procedure – [See Appendix A](#).

1.4.1 See Article IV, Section 4.4.1 for "Playing out of age class".

1.5 Draft Procedure – [See Appendix B](#).

1.5.1 Pitching score averages of 3.00 and above (out of a maximum of 5.00 points) from the evaluation/tryout will be included in calculating the overall scores of a player for drafting purposes (only 8u and above). Any player with evaluation/tryout pitching average scores of 2.99 and below will NOT have this total added into her draft scores.

1.5.2 Catching score averages of 3.00 and above (out of a maximum of 5.00 points) from the evaluation/tryout will be included in calculating the overall scores of a player for drafting purposes (only 10u and above). Any player with evaluation/tryout pitching average scores of 2.99 and below will NOT have this total added into her draft scores.

1.5.3 For a player that is both a pitcher and a catcher, the highest score over 3.00 in either category will be added to the final score. Both scores will not be added to the final score.

1.6 Late Sign-ups and Wait List Guidelines – [See Appendix B1](#).

1.6.1 Late Sign-ups

1.6.2 Wait List

1.6.3 Player placement after draft is completed

1.6.4 Player placement, special circumstances

1.7 Roster Size

1.7.1 The number of players on each drafted team may vary from no less than nine (9) players up to a maximum of twelve (12) players. The 6u division will have a maximum number of thirteen (13) players, with a minimum of 8 players.

2. ARTICLE II. LEAGUE REGISTRATION

2.1 Schedule

2.1.1 Registration can begin following closing games of the current season.

2.2 Application

2.2.1 Every Parent or Guardian must completely fill out all information on the standard league registration form (application) including the Parent's "Code of Conduct" contract at league registration.

2.2.2 The Parent will fill out the medical aid consent portion. It must include:

2.2.2.1 Emergency and/or home phone numbers

2.2.2.2 Drugs or treatment to which the player is allergic

2.2.2.3 Any known physical limitations

2.2.2.4 Permission to administer medical treatment in case of emergency

2.2.2.5 Insurance information

2.2.2.6 Parent's signature

2.2.3 Birth certificates are not required at registration, but are required for All-Star tournament play.

2.3 Parent's Code of Conduct – See Appendix C1.

2.3.1 Every Parent or Guardian must receive and acknowledge the Parent's "Code of Conduct" at league registration (located on the back of the league registration form).

2.4 Waiver Release and Assumption of Risk – See Appendix C3.

2.4.1 The NAGS "Waiver Release and Assumption of Risk" form must be completed for each player in the League and signed by the applicable Parent or Guardian. No participation in League activities will be allowed without this form completed and turned in to the appropriate league official(s).

2.4.2 Special Requests – See Appendix C4.

2.4.3 Any special request (i.e. coach conflict or the like) must be submitted in writing to the league on the "Special Request" form, prior to draft date. Carpool requests must be submitted in writing to the league prior to draft. Carpool requests require both players to request each other respectively. Player that fall in first round, second round or third round may not have their carpool request honored.

2.5 Financial Commitment

2.5.1 Payment in full of the registration fee is required before a player is assigned to a team. The only exception to the above is financial aid.

2.5.2 Financial aid may be available for any family requesting it in writing on the appropriate "Financial Aid" form. All financial aid is subject to Board approval. – See Appendix C5.

2.5.3 Players whose registration fees are not paid in full, or who have not made prior arrangements with the Board for payment, will not be included in the draft or placed onto a team.

2.5.4 Late sign ups must be paid at the time of registration, subject to space available in the respective age division.

2.5.5 Players who register late are placed on a waiting list and do not have to pay at time of registration. However, they must pay immediately when placed on a team.

2.5.6 Insufficient funds (bounced checks) must be replaced with cash, money order or cashier's check and will be charged a fee of not less than \$35.00.

2.5.7 Failure to pay any monies dues may result in player removal from draft list or team placement.

2.5.8 Late tryouts are subject to an additional late fee.

2.6 Refund Policy – See Appendix C1.

2.6.1 This policy is included in the Parent's "Code of Conduct" contract.

2.7 Covid-19 Waiver Form – See Appendix M.

3. ARTICLE III. TEAM MANAGEMENT

3.1 Team Leadership

3.1.1 The Player Representative(s) for each respective age division will solicit candidates who are interested in managing or coaching.

3.1.2 The Board of Directors must approve all managers via the League's Manager Selection Process – See Appendix D.

3.2 Manager Selection Process

3.2.1 In the event that a manager resigns or is removed, the Division Player Representatives shall solicit and select a replacement, subject to Executive Committee approval.

3.2.2 In the event that a coach is not available at game time to help coach the bases, a substitute coach may be used in the game. A substitute coach under the age of eighteen (18) years of age must wear a batting helmet while on the field.

3.2.3 A responsible female adult chaperone must accompany the team anytime it is assembled.

3.2.4 Team leadership within the dugout/playing field must be limited to four (4) responsible persons who have been registered on the team roster and background checked. In 6u, 8u, and 10u, a female adult chaperone must be present in the dugout during game time.

3.3 Manager/Coach Agreement – See Appendix E.

3.4 Field Maintenance Responsibility – See Appendix F.

3.5 Manager Education

3.5.1 All managers at NAGS are required to attend a full coaching clinic provided by NAGS at least once per calendar year (whichever season comes first).

3.5.2 All managers and specific general members (as per USA Softball) are required to complete mandatory USA Softball training: Safe Sport, Concussion and ACE certification.

3.6 Rainy Day Practice Policy (Fields and Batting Cages)

3.6.1 On rainy days or on the days after a big rain, please say **OFF of the dirt** area on our fields. It may be tempting to slide across the muddy water, but don't. It will damage the infield and set us further behind.

3.6.2 **DO NOT USE THE BATTING CAGE PITCHING MACHINES IN THE RAIN OR IF THE AREA IS WET!** Electricity and water do not mix. Also, the balls and machines do not operate as designed when either the ball or wheels get wet.

3.7 Accident / Injury Report – See Appendix G.

3.7.1 In the event of any accident to any team individual or spectator, this form must be completed entirely and distributed as noted on the form and submitted to the Division Representative.

3.8 Volunteers Background Security Check Policy – See Appendix L (for complete policy).

3.8.1 All Manager, Coaches, Team Parents, Team Photographer, and Board Members must undergo a background check as mandated by USA Softball. Managers, coaches, and team parents background check form must be completed by the team meeting and collected by the affiliated player representative.

3.8.2 All background check documents must be submitted before equipment will be issued.

4. ARTICLE IV. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OF SOFTBALL PLAYERS

4.1 Legal Player

4.1.1 All players will be registered with NAGS and officially assigned to a team roster as recorded by the League. A player may not be drafted / placed on a team without first being evaluated at least by the Player Representative and/or an Executive Board Member, and a score attributed to them. If this request is waived by the Board, the player's adjusted scores from preceding season will be applied for draft purposes.

- 4.1.2 This requirement may be waived in the case of injury or other exceptional circumstances only upon Board approval.
 - 4.2 Players will assigned to the division corresponding to their age level.
 - 4.3 Players who wish to play down an age division must notify the Player Representative prior to the completion of player evaluations/tryouts. Said player will be required to try out in her own level. If the player seeks to play at the lower division, they must also tryout in that division to permit managers to evaluate the player's abilities for team draft purposes. The Board must reasonably believe that the child would be in danger of injury in her own division to grant a player authorization to play down a division. Players granted permission to play down a division would not be eligible for participation in the League All-Star program.
 - 4.4 If parents request their child advance to the next upper division, the request must be made prior to the skill ratings and the following guidelines must be met:
 - 4.4.1 Girls wishing to play in a division above their own age appropriate division must tryout at the specified divisional tryout times, allowing Managers from both divisions (her age appropriate division and the division in which she wishes to play up) to evaluate the girl's talent. (Effective 01/01/05) In order to play in an upper division, the girl must be evaluated and score in required percentage: In order to play up from the 6u to 8u division, the girl must be evaluated and score in the top 40% of all tryouts in the upper division (8u). In order to play up from 8u to 10u division, the girl must be evaluated and score in the top 30% for 10u. In order to play up for all other divisions, the girl must be evaluated and score in the top 20% of all tryouts in the upper division.
 - 4.4.1.1 Pitching (and catching-10u and above) points (averages 3.0 and above) from tryouts will be used in calculating the girl's overall score for draft purposes. If the player is a pitcher and catcher, only the highest score above 3.0 will be added to her final score. Any pitching/catching score (average) 2.99 and below, will not be added into her overall tryout score for the draft. If the girl falls within the required percentage, she will be allowed to play in the upper division. She will be eligible for All-Stars in her USA Softball eligible division.
 - 4.4.2 Any player who has not tried out in both divisions at the specified divisional tryouts is barred from playing in the next upper division absent safety issues as referenced in 4.3.
 - 4.5 The League (represented by the President, Vice President and Divisional Player Representative) reserve the right to require a player to "play-up" or "play-down" in the event it is determined that safety to such player or other players is at issue.
 - 4.6 **Illegal Player**
 - 4.6.1 An illegal player is one who has not been officially assigned to a team, has falsified her application or has not completed required league registration materials and/or paid full registration dues owed.
 - 4.6.2 Teams are not allowed to use an illegal player.
- See Article VI, Section 6.5.1, 6.5.3 and 6.5.5 for penalty of illegal player use.
See Article II, Section 2.5 regarding league financial commitment.

5. ARTICLE V. SOFTBALL RULES OF PLAY

- 5.1 USA Softball Rules
 - 5.1.1 All teams playing in NAGS will be governed by the fast pitch rules of USA Softball. NAGS Softball Playing Rules and Supplemental Rules will take precedence, and may be specific to each age division.

- 5.2 Dissemination of Rules
 - 5.2.1 Copies of the rules shall be made available to each NAGS Board Member and all Managers, Division Supplemental rules will be signed by and distributed to each respective division Manager, Player Representative and the President of NAGS. There will be a copy of each division Supplemental Rules in each scorer's shed.
- 5.3 Equipment Regulations
 - 5.3.1 Players in the on-deck batting area, base-runners, and players coaching on the baseline coaching boxes are required to wear approved headgear which protects the top of the head, temples, ears, and base of the skull. Protective headgear must meet NOCSAE standards and include a face mask.
 - 5.3.2 Any player serving as a catcher to warm up a pitcher shall wear a helmet with a mask.
 - 5.3.3 When on the field defensively, all players are strongly encouraged to wear a protective face mask. **Pitchers are required to wear a face mask.**
- 5.4 Team Uniforms / Names
 - 5.4.1 All players are required to wear full conventional uniforms with the exception of socks. Uniforms may not be altered by any team or player except for board approval. A full uniform consists of the following:
 - 5.4.1.1 Jerseys: NAGS will provide jerseys consistent with team colors. All uniforms will have a number on the back.
 - 5.4.1.2 Undershirts (sweatshirts, turtlenecks, tee shirts) may be worn underneath the jersey. Pitchers may not wear sleeves, which may deceive the batter. It is not necessary for the entire team to have the same color sleeves.
 - 5.4.1.3 Socks: socks will be provided by NAGS.
 - 5.4.1.4 Pants: Players will provide their own pants.
 - 5.4.1.5 Shoes: All players should wear shoes with rubber formed cleats for safety purposes. Metal cleats are expressly prohibited except in 17u division where they are optional.
 - 5.4.1.6 Miscellaneous: All other equipment (i.e.: sliding shorts, sliding pads, visors etc.) is the responsibility of the parents.
 - 5.4.1.7 NAGS must approve any deviations from the above.
- 5.5 Team Colors and Team and Individual Names:
 - 5.5.1 The League will determine team colors. Team colors will be selected at the end of the draft meeting. The managers will select a team color according to the order of the draft. First pick of player will pick last for uniform color.
 - 5.5.2 Team and individual names will be subject to the approval of the Vice President, and must be consistent with NAGS standards.
 - 5.5.3 Team names will be selected prior to the start of the season. Returning managers will have the option of retaining team names from the previous season. There will be no duplicate team names in the league in the same season.
- 5.6 Game Conduct and Regulations
 - 5.6.1 Pre-game warm-up policy for the Cages- Prior to each respective game, the Batting Cages and Pitching Cage will both follow this pre-game warm-up policy. These areas shall be used for warm-up by teams participating in the next upcoming game. The hour prior to game time, the "Home" team shall have use of the cages for the first 20 minutes and the "Visiting" team the next 20 minute period. The last 20 minutes of the hour should be used getting the teams to the field and warmed up so the game can start on time. Example: game time is 12:00 noon, Home team will use the cages from 11:00 – 11:20, and the Visiting team shall have the use from 11:20 – 11:40. If a team shows up late to use the cage, they do not have the cage for 20 minutes from that point on, they have use until the reserved time has expired. Only persons 18 years or older may operate the pitching machine.

- 5.6.2 There will be one adult manager or coach in charge of the team on the playing field throughout the game.
- 5.6.3 The use of tobacco, alcohol, electronic cigarettes/vapes, chew or any other controlled substance, in any form in or around the playing and practice facilities is strictly prohibited. Use of any shelled nuts, seeds and chewing gum anywhere on the complex is strictly forbidden.
- 5.6.4 The use of inappropriate language, including, but not limited to, foul language in or around the playing and practice facilities is strictly prohibited. Engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct, fighting, publicly audible foul or abusive language, violent display of temper, or any other action or conduct which is otherwise considered to be detrimental to the best interest of the league is forbidden.
- 5.6.5 Music during games can be played under the following conditions:
 - 5.6.5.1 Between innings from the time all infielders have left fair territory until the on deck bat is about to step up to the batters box.
 - 5.6.5.2 During batters from the time the ball is in the circle and all official umpire business is complete until the on deck bat is about to step into the batters box.
 - 5.6.5.3 The administration of music inside the dugout is the responsibility of the umpire, but music from the stands is the responsibility of the manager. The umpire does have the right to request a board member be present at a game with music, if the procedures above are not complied with.
- 5.6.6 It shall be the responsibility of the Team Manager and Coaches to enforce the following policies:
 - 5.6.6.1 Player, coaches or managers shall not handle equipment in a destructive manner. In the judgment of the umpire, they may be removed from the game.
 - 5.6.6.2 All persons, players, parents, fans and spectators are asked to support their team and are welcome to cheer. Jeering, chanting, coaching from the stands or noise making in an effort to distract the pitcher, batter, players or coaching staff and/or actions targeting any other team members, which is deemed excessive by the Umpire or NAGS Membership shall not be permitted.
 - 5.6.6.3 Yelling of the word "Swing" by the defensive team is not allowed.
- 5.6.7 Complaint or problem solving during the season shall be handled in the following manner:
 - 5.6.7.1 First – The issue should be brought directly to the applicable manager. If not resolved;
 - 5.6.7.2 Second – The issue should be brought directly to the applicable Player Representative. If not resolved;
 - 5.6.7.3 Third – The issue should be brought to the Executive Committee of the NAGS Board.
- 5.6.8 No pets are permitted on the facility, with the exception of documented service animals.**
- 5.7 Manager Ejection Rule – A manager or coach ejected from a game must immediately leave the complex, and is automatically suspended for two games pending appeal to the league for penalty reduction to a minimum of one game. A harsher penalty may be invoked by majority vote of the Board, dependent upon the severity of the incident. Appeal must be made at the next board meeting. Under game(s) suspension, that manager or coach may not be present on the complex, during his/her team's game(s) or practice(s) for purposes of viewing or assisting his/her team.
 - 5.7.1 Managers are responsible for the behavior of their team's parents and fans. Unruly fans may also be ejected from the viewing area and must comply with such request. Failure to do so can result in a harsher penalty invoked by majority vote of the Board, dependent upon the severity of the incident. Any appeal must be made at the next scheduled board meeting.

- 5.8 Game and Inning Length Rule
- 5.8.1 For all divisions other than the 6 and under division; no new inning shall start after 1 hour and 20 minutes of the game and drop dead at 1 hour and 30 minutes. At drop dead, the score reverts to the previous completed inning. If the game is tied at 1 hour and 20 minutes, and an inning has been completed, an International Tie-Breaker shall be used. A complete game shall go 7 innings or until this time limit, whichever occurs first. If time permits, the International Tie-Breaker shall be used at the top of the 8th inning. **See division supplemental rules for time deviation, if any. (For 6u, supplemental rules will apply).**
- 5.8.2 A new inning begins as soon as the final out of the previous inning has been recorded.
- 5.8.3 If a game is called for any reason before four (4) complete innings have been played (assuming time is still available), or three and one-half (3 ½) innings if the Visiting team is ahead, it shall be considered a suspended game and is to be resumed from the point of suspension. All information regarding the situation of the games shall be noted and recorded with the division Player Representative. **See division supplemental rules for deviation.**
- 5.8.4 A complete game, according to the criteria in above paragraphs, that ends in a tie will be officially recorded as a tie game.
- 5.9 Standings Point System
- 5.9.1 The system will give 2 points for a win, 1 for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. In case of forfeit, winning team receives 2 points and forfeiting teams receives 0 points. For standing tie-breaker, see the following:
- Head to Head
 - Most Wins
 - Fewest Losses
 - Runs Allowed
 - Runs Scores
 - Coin Flip (only if both teams are in the playoffs, otherwise proceed to #5) International Tie-Breaker (date and time to be determined)
- 5.10 The Official Score Sheet (see Appendix I) will be used to determine game results.
- 5.10.1 A score sheet containing clerical errors may be corrected within 7 days of the subject game. In order to correct a score, the managers of both teams must agree on the correction and submit that correction to the Player Representative for the division. That correction will then be provided to adjust standings, if appropriate, and read into the minutes of the next board meeting. In the event the Player Representative is unable to perform any aspect of this task, an Executive Board member may be used as a substitute.
- 5.11 Pitching Limitations (Regular Season Only)
- 5.11.1 If the maximum number of runs allowed in an inning is scored prior to the 3rd out being recorded, the pitcher in the circle will be charged with the number of outs that would have finished out the inning.
- 5.11.2 In the case of an incomplete, suspended, postponed game or the resumption thereof, the limitations that were in effect at the time of suspension shall apply.
- 5.11.3 A know commodity (a player who might be selected as a pitcher in the draft as determined by the managers and Player Representative at tryouts and/or the draft) who elects to not tryout to pitch is ineligible to pitch the entire season, including post season. If pitching restrictions are lifted for the season, known commodities remain ineligible to pitch for the duration of the season and post season. Her use as a pitcher will result in game forfeiture and disciplinary action.

- 5.11.4 If a girl who is not a known pitching commodity does not tryout as a pitcher, she is ineligible to pitch for the first half of the season, in any division.
- 5.11.5 A manager may petition the Board for an exception to the rule.
- 5.12 Catching Limitations
 - 5.12.1 A known catching commodity in the 12u and/or 17u divisions (a player who might be selected as a catcher in the draft as determined by the managers and Player Representative at tryouts and/or the draft) who elects to not tryout to catch is ineligible to catch the entire season, including post season. If catching restrictions are lifted for the season, known commodities remain ineligible to catch for the duration of the season and post season. Her use as a catcher will result in game forfeiture and disciplinary action.
 - 5.12.2 If a girl who is not a known catching commodity does not tryout as a catcher, she is ineligible to catch for the first half of the season.
 - 5.12.3 A manager may petition the Board for an exception to this rule.
- 5.13 If a pitcher joins the league after the teams have been formed, the pitcher is not allowed to pitch until one half of the REMAINING games have passed. (Subject to interpretation by the Board, as related to the "Late Sign-ups and Wait List Guidelines").
- 5.14 If a pitcher in the 12u and/or 14-17u divisions hits three (3) batters in a game with a pitch, each of whom are awarded first base, that pitcher shall be deemed ineligible to pitch the balance of that game.
- 5.15 If a pitcher in the 8u and/or 10u divisions hits five (5) batters in a game with a pitch, each of whom are awarded first base, that pitcher shall be deemed ineligible to pitch the balance of that game.
- 5.16 Use of an illegal pitcher will result in disciplinary action against the manager who used the illegal pitcher. The Board of Directors will favorably view any efforts by the offending manager to informally resolve the matter prior to the illegal pitcher taking the mound.
 - 5.16.1 Lateral and Play-Up pitcher or catcher requires Board approval. These borrowed players are required to bat last in the lineup.
- 5.17 Umpires
 - 5.17.1 During game play, should a setting sun or weather conditions present a hazard to the players, the umpire in charge shall have authority to stop play until the condition no longer presents a hazard. The time the game is suspended shall be added to the game's scheduled ending time.
 - 5.17.2 If an umpire has not arrived within 15 minutes after the game's scheduled starting time, the teams' managers must elect one of the three options listed below:
 - 5.17.2.1 Contact the NAGS Chief of Umpires to contact the contracted umpiring association to send out a replacement umpire.
 - 5.17.2.2 Contact the NAGS Chief of Umpires to contact a substitute umpire from the NAGS volunteer list. NAGS volunteer umpires will call an official game.
 - 5.17.2.3 Contact a NAGS Board Member to substitute umpire or find a volunteer to umpire the game that both managers can agree on.
- 5.18 Playoffs
 - 5.18.1 At the conclusion of the Spring season, a playoff will be held to determine the division Champions.
 - 5.18.2 Division pitching restrictions (as defined in the supplemental rules) are lifted.
 - 5.18.3 Highest seated team shall be Home team.
 - 5.18.4 All championship games shall be played a full seven innings, except for 8u, which is 1 hour and 30 minutes no new inning. If there is a tie at 1 hour and 20 minutes, game will be decided by ITB (International Tie-Breaker).

6. ARTICLE VI. SOFTBALL PLAYING REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Team Size

- 6.1.1 All divisions: A team shall consist of maximum: 6u division 13 players, 8u 12 players, 10u 12 players, 12u 12 players and 14-17u 12 players. 10u to 17u will field six (6) infielders and three (3) outfielders. (See division current season supplementals)
- 6.1.2 Pull-Up Rule – When a team does not have the minimum number of regular roster players required to field a “full team” (with regular roster players), the manager may “pull-up” players from the age division immediately below their division only. Play-up players are ineligible to be pulled up past the next upper age division (i.e. 8u playing up in 10u, may not pull up to 12u). **A rostered team player may not sit out in favor of a pull-up player unless there is illness or injury.**
- 6.1.3 The following guidelines must be followed to pull a player up:
- 6.1.3.1 The manager of the upper division team must get approval from that player’s parents and team manager.
- 6.1.3.2 If the manager cannot be reached and the player has completed all games for that day and the team to which the player is assigned, manager approval is waived.
- 6.1.3.3 The upper division team can fill their playing roster for the game, to a maximum of:
- 6.1.4 Pull-up players are only allowed in playoff and championship games to enable the team to meet minimum player requirements as set by USA Softball; to maximum of 9 players including play-ups.

NOTE: An exception to the above noted “Pull-Up Rule” can be approved by the NAGS Executive Board, in order to react to a unique or special circumstance.

6.2 Round Robin Batting

- 6.2.1 Round Robin Batting will apply and all players in attendance will be in the batting order. Absent players must be listed at the bottom of the roster and labeled as absent and also turned in to the umpire and scorekeeper for the scorebook.
- 6.2.2 A player who will miss her turn at bat due to injury or illness will not be recorded as an out. She may re-enter the game into her batting position with the opposing manager’s approval.
- 6.2.3 If a regular roster player shows up to the game late, she may enter the game without penalty and must be placed at the bottom of the line-up.

6.3 Substitution

- 6.3.1 Free substitutions are allowed defensively except for the pitcher.

6.4 Innings Played Requirements

- 6.4.1 6u & 8u division – Every player plays defense. Manager should make every effort to evenly distribute infield and outfield position play for all players.
- 6.4.2 6u to 10u division – Every player must play 1 full inning in the infield by the end of the 4th inning (unless excused by parental waiver which must be presented prior to the start of the game).
- 6.4.3 12u and 14-17u division – Player positions may be determined by the manager. Managers are not obligated to evenly distribute infield and outfield position play for all players.
- 6.4.4 Penalty for noncompliance with the above is forfeiture of the game (if game is won) OR one (1) game suspension for the Manager (if the game was lost) in which the offense occurred.
- 6.4.5 All Divisions – Except due to injury, no player shall defensively sit out more than one (1) consecutive inning at a time (per game).
- 6.4.6 Penalty for noncompliance with the above is forfeiture of the game (if game is won) OR one (1) game suspension for the Manager (if the game was lost) in which the offense occurred.

- 6.5 Penalty for Non-Compliance with the NAGS Playing Rules
- 6.5.1 If at any time it is discovered that a Manager has failed to comply with the publicized NAGS By-Laws and League Operating Rules, NAGS Supplemental Rules, and any USA Softball rule, that Manager will receive a mandatory two (2) game suspension which may be reduced to zero (0) through a Board appearance to appeal. Further disciplinary action may include forfeiture of the game(s), further game(s) suspension, and/or dismissal of the Manager.
 - 6.5.2 Any disciplinary action not completed in the current season, will carry over to the beginning of that Manager's next season.
 - 6.5.3 Penalty for the use of an ineligible player shall be immediate removal of the player from the lineup or position upon appeal by the opposing manager, notification by the official scorekeeper or division Player Representative, provided the official scorebook or other league records verify the ineligibility of the player concerned. Such a player also becomes ineligible to pitch in the team's next game (if she was cited for a pitching violation), but she is eligible to play in the next game.
 - 6.5.4 Any player demonstrating unsportsmanlike conduct may be exempt from the minimum play requirement.
 - 6.5.5 An ineligible player is one who is legally a member of the league, but who is ineligible to play or to pitch in a particular game or games because of the limitations set forth in these Playing Rules or as a result of a previous rule violation or disciplinary action.
 - 6.5.6 For the purpose of interpreting this rule, a player shall not be considered in violation of the rules until at least one pitch has been thrown.
 - 6.5.7 In the event the manager of an ineligible player refuses to remove the player from the lineup when the appeal is made and verified, the game is forfeited.
 - 6.5.8 Illegal equipment shall be removed from the game.
 - 6.5.9 Penalty for the use of illegal shoes shall be removal of the shoes from the game, and if no other legal footwear is available, removal of the affected player or players from the game.
 - 6.5.10 Players who refuse to wear USA Softball approved protective headgear and catching equipment as required by these rules shall be removed from the lineup.
 - 6.5.11 Protest Form – See Appendix H.

7. ARTICLE VII. AWARDS

- 7.1 Participation Trophies or Medals will be handed out to team Managers at the conclusion of the regular season. Participation trophies will be given to 6u in both Spring and Fall. Awards will be withheld if a team has not turned in team sponsorship money, equipment, and any league keys issued. Special recognition awards will be handed out during Closing Day ceremonies.
- 7.2 Dot Richardson Award (special recognition award) – The manager and coaching staff from each team from the Spring season will select one player to receive a Most Inspirational Player award.
- 7.3 Division teams with the best overall record in regular Spring season competition will be recognized with Championship Trophies.
- 7.4 A token award will be given to each division winner of the "End of Season" playoffs.
- 7.5 Art Santa Cruz Award (Most Improved Player) this award will be presented to one player from each team during the Fall season who has shown the most improvement as determined by the manager and/or coaching staff.
- 7.6 Optional "Tank Award" is given to one player on each team 8u, 10u, 12u, 14/17u during Spring season. This award is best described as the player that most often says "Yes Coach" after every instruction. This player may not be the best player on the team yet, but strives to do whatever is asked of her to the benefit of the team. To ANY player that contributes wholeheartedly and to the best of her current abilities.

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Appendix Section



Appendix A – Evaluation / Tryout Procedure

Check-in table (need 2 volunteers)

- Handle player check-ins (if already signed up) and new registration sign-ups. Assign to groups.
- Record names on the Master list.
- Inform Player Representative of the add-on's to ensure everyone goes through the evaluation process.
- Have all players in each respective division get warmed up prior to trying out.
- Late sign-up's those attempting to "play up" will be evaluated on a first come, first served basis.

A Sample EVALUATION Process is as follows:

- All players** will be grouped together by division to be run through the cycle. 3-5 fly balls to the outfield – throw in to 2nd base.
- 3-5 ground balls at shortstop – throw across to 1st base.
- Move next to second base to take the throw from the next outfielder (optional) 3-5 catches at 1st base of a throw from shortstop.
- 3 throws from Home to second (all divisions except 6u & 8u) (girls trying out for catcher, only). Bat 5-7 pitches from the pitching machine, and run to second base on the last pitch.
- Throw 3-7 pitches (this is mandatory if you plan to pitch during the season). Pitchers may be asked to return on a second day for tryouts to clarify drafting order.

Volunteers

- Check-in table (need 2 people).
- Handle new registrations, check-ins and assign to groups.
- Ensure next group is warmed up and ready to tryout.
- Bat person (2 or more people).
- Hit fly balls to the outfield (or use pitching machine). Hit ground balls to shortstop.
- Throw balls to 1st base from shortstop (if new group). Catch balls at 2nd base throw down from home.
- Feed balls into machine for batters. Catch pitchers. Shaggers in the field.
- Evaluators. All the Managers are to observe their respective division, and the respective Player Representative must be there to evaluate ALL girls trying out, or scores will not be used. Evaluators shall also be qualified board members or any available managers/coaches from other divisions.
- All evaluators will rate each player on a scale of 1-10 in each of the following categories: outfield, infield, hitting, and running, and 1-5 for the categories: catching and pitching. Decimals and/or fractions (down to 5 or ½) may be used if necessary. *Please note that catchers scores are not calculated in a player's overall score.
- Totals must be logged on the master sheet (or copies will be made) prior to evaluators leaving the field. (Total scores should include the pitching scores, if applicable).
- Evaluators who have a daughter attempting to "play up" an age group will not be permitted to evaluate their daughter. The score will not be used in the evaluation process for determining play ups.

Appendix B – Drafting Procedures



We Do NOT Honor Manager Requests!

-With the exception of late sign-ups, **We Do Honor Manager Rejections!** A player may reject only 1 manager. (If a player rejects more than one manager, the Player Representative is responsible to get a clarification prior to the draft and present it to the Executive Board for approval).

-We Make Every Attempt To Honor Carpools. Sisters must play on the same team unless specified otherwise by the parents. The following carpools will not be honored unless unanimously approved by President, Vice President, Player Representative and all Divisional Managers.

-Carpools that include a 1st round pitcher, a 2nd round pitcher or any rated 1st through 3rd round player.

-Carpools that include three or more players.

-Carpools that include two or more players in the same round.

-Carpools that are not listed by all players.

-Carpools that cannot be validated by the divisional Player Representative.

-Managers alone are allowed to draft their team. In the event a Manager cannot make a draft, the division Player Representative or an Advisor, approved by the President, Vice President, Player Representative and the applicable divisional managers, will draft the applicable team.

-All Managers' daughters' point totals will be re-evaluated prior to the start of the draft. Absent a specific exception approved by the Board, only players who have been evaluated (tried out), may be drafted.

-Using the rating averages compiled from the tryouts, each girl will be assigned a point total. A list will be generated in descending order. Based on the number of teams in the division, count down the list to determine the cutoff for each drafting round.

-Before any player is drafted, known pitching commodities who did not try out to pitch will be identified to all present at the draft. Such known pitching commodities who did not try out to pitch will be ineligible to pitch that season.

-Before any player is drafted in the 12u and 17u divisions, known catching commodities who did not try out to catch in those divisions will be identified to all present at the draft. Such known catching commodities who did not try out to catch in those divisions will be ineligible to catch that season.

-Rank the first level pitcher from 1 through the number of teams there are in the division. Review the remainder of the pitchers to see if there are enough to complete a second round of pitchers. Determine how many pitchers per team will be assigned (no more than 2 per team).

-Rank the first level catchers from 1 through the number of teams there are in the division. Draw numbers out of a hat to establish picking order from the 1st round of pitchers. Numbers may NOT be traded.

-Assign the pitchers to each team (daughters to their parent-managers, of course) using the picking order previously established (#7 above). If more than one pitcher is to be assigned, the team with the lowest rated pitcher (using pitcher score only) from the 1st round pitcher pick will get first choice in the 2nd pitcher round. Slot these players in the respective round for their point total.

-Assign the rated catchers to each team (daughters to their parent-managers, of course). The team with the lowest total of the pitcher(s) picks using overall scores shall pick first, then next lowest, etc.

-Slot all remaining daughters in the respective round for their point total.

-Fill any remaining opening in the 1st or 2nd round. The team with the lowest cumulative point total from pitchers only (both rounds if applicable) will be given 1st choice to complete rounds 1 and 2.

-After all teams have players for 1st and 2nd round, each team will total the point value assigned to the girls chosen through the current round. The draft pick order will be based on the lowest to highest point total, filling round positions in order. This will continue until all players have been chosen, unless there are not enough players to complete a round. Open spots will be filled from late sign-ups and/or the Wait List.

-Managers may not trade drafted players after leaving the draft room (upon completion of the draft). To trade after the draft, the President, Vice President, respective Player Representative and all Managers from that respective division must be in agreement.

-If you take a player who has a carpool, and there is no problem or objection to the carpool, you will receive the additional player. This additional player will be your pick for the round she has been assigned. If that round is already filled, the player will move UP unless there are no vacancies, and then the player will go in the next available round.

A player who has not been evaluated or assigned a point total cannot be drafted.



Appendix B1 – Late Sign-Ups and Wait List Guidelines

-LATE SIGN-UPS: A completed Registration Form, Parent Contract and League Fees must be received to accept a late sign-up player into the League. Required documentation must be provided to the appropriate divisional Player Representative, who must IMMEDIATELY convey this information to the League Officer in charge of registration. Late sign-ups or additions to team will not be made after 50% of the applicable season's games have been played (as defined on the League Master Schedule).

-The divisional Player Representative, with any available league representatives, must try out all late sign-ups and assign the player a "point total," unless a point value can be assigned based on previous knowledge of the player.

-WAIT LIST: A completed Registration Form and Parent Contract must be received to place a player onto the Wait List. League fees are not required until the player is placed onto a team. Required documentation must be provided to the appropriate divisional Player Representative who must IMMEDIATELY convey this information to the League Officer in charge of registration. It is the Player Representative's responsibility to keep track of the order of the Wait List players that arrived to the League, and to communicate this information to the League Office in charge of registration.

-If an opening is identified, the applicable Player Representative, with as many managers from the respective division and any available league representatives, must tryout the wait-listed player, unless a point value can be assigned based on previous knowledge of the player.

-Player will be taken off the Wait List in the order they arrive, with the following exceptions, and unanimous approval by the President, Vice President, Player Representative and Division Managers. A pitcher or 1st to 3rd round position player is required to fill or replace a dropped or injured pitcher or 1st to 3rd round position player who must permanently leave a formed team. Note: the 50% pitching eligibility rule (**League Operating Rules, V, 5.11.4**) will not apply to these cases. **PLAYER PLACEMENT ONTO TEAM(S), FINAL ROUND PICK SLOTS:** After the draft is completed, to file in open position **in the final round pick slots**, additional players will be placed onto a team(s) in the following manner.

-Multiple Player Slots on One Tam: If one team has more opening than the others, this short-handed team will automatically get the first available player to get their roster size to the level of the other teams.

-One Player Slot on One Team: Player automatically assigned to the team with the opening.

-One or More Player Slots on Two or More Teams: Blind draw/lottery to be performed by the Player Representative and two Board members with no conflict of interest in the player or the division in which that player will play. Manager names will be place in "hat" and drawn for available player(s), one player at a time.

-If a player scores in the top 1/3 of the division, a player representative has the option of placing that player on specific team to protect the competitive balance of the division with approve of the executive committee.

-**PLAYER PLACEMENT ONTO TEAM(S), 6th ROUND OR HIGHER PICK SLOTS:** **After the draft is completed, and a team loses a 6th round or higher draft pick**, a Late Sign-Up or Wait List Player may be assigned to a team if the "point total" of the player to be added is close to the lost player. The President, Vice President and the divisional Player Representative must agree on this assignment.

-**MANAGER'S DAUGHTER PLACEMENT:** It is EXPECTED that if a manager's daughter is to play in the League, she will sign up in a timely manner and participate in tryouts. However, there are some unique circumstances when a daughter may decide to join the league after teams are picked. In the event that this happens and the team in question has an opening; the President, Vice President, Player Representative and Divisional Managers may decide (by majority vote) to limit the playing capacity the daughter is allowed. For example, a late additional daughter can be restricted from pitching or playing more than "X" number of innings in the infield. No carpool will be honored for any late sign up.



Appendix C – League Registration Form

<u>League Use Only</u>			
Registered by: _____		Date: _____	
Registration Fees: _____	Amount Paid: \$ _____	Check# / Cash _____	
Player # _____	Member # _____	Child # _____ of _____	

_____	_____	_____	_____
Player's Full Name (First, Middle, Last)	Date of Birth (mo/day/year)	Age	Division (Jan 1 st , curr year)

Home Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Family E-Mail Address: _____ Alternate E-Mail Address: _____

Father/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Mother/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Contact #1: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____
(include relationship to player)

Emergency Contact #2: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____
(include relationship to player)

I am interested in: (Circle choices) Managing Coaching Parents Aux Board Member

CERTIFICATION: Returning [] Team last Spring or Fall: _____

New to NAGS [], last played at: _____

Circle any day that you CANNOT play or practice on a regular basis: Su M Tu W Th F Sa

Authorization for Medical Treatment (Civil Code 25.8)

I/We the parents/guardians of the above named child, do hereby authorize any local doctor and/or hospital to treat and administer the necessary emergency first aid and care including suturing, tetanus immunization, pain relieving drugs, x-rays and operations as he/she may deem necessary during the current season.

Last Tetanus Date: _____ **Allergies:** _____

I have received a copy of the leagues' "Parents Code of Conduct Contract" (on reverse of this form) which includes the refund policy and conduct guidelines. My initials below confirm that I will comply with these rules.

Initials: _____



Appendix C1 – Parents “Code of Conduct” Contract

It is the objective of Northridge All Girls Softball to provide your children with a wholesome atmosphere in which to engage in healthy athletic competition. Our primary goal is to build character in our children. Because of the excitement and high emotion of some of our games, we thought it important to express some guideline regarding what we expect from you, our parents and your children. Please know that the league encourages cheering, excitement and exuberance, but please be careful and always express this in a positive manner.

All persons, players, parents, fans and spectators are required to follow NAGS rules, regulation, and policies, and to cooperate with the league and the directions of the Board Members or Managers of NAGS. There will be “Zero Tolerance” when it comes to any of these described actions.

There are no alcoholic beverages allowed at any league events, including parking areas. Use of or being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other similar substances is strictly forbidden at all league complexes, during games or practices, or at any time when children are present during league activities. Use of alcohol, smoking or use of any tobacco product, electronic cigarettes/vapes on the playing field, at the league complex, or when in direct supervision of the children is strictly forbidden. Shelled nuts, seeds and chewing gum are not allowed anywhere on the complex. **No pets are permitted on the facility, with the exception of documented service animals.**

Engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct, fighting, publicly audible foul or abusive language, violent display of temper, or any other action or conduct which is otherwise considered to be detrimental to the best interest of the league is forbidden.

Bullying, cyber bullying and/or negative social media content directed at any individual or group of individuals associated with NAGS whether via text, Facebook, Meta, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat or any social media outlet yet to be determined is strictly forbidden.

All persons, players, parents, fans and spectators are asked to support their team and are welcome to cheer. Jeering, chanting, coaching from the stands or noise making in an effort to distract the pitcher, batter, players or coaching staff and/or actions targeting any other team members, which is deemed excessive by the Umpire or NAGS membership shall not be permitted.

Failure of any person(s) to adhere to or be in violation of any of the above, or other such action deemed by the NAGS Board to be detrimental to the best interest of our league, shall be subject to immediate action.

Such action can include any or all of the following:

Immediate removal from the league facility at the instruction of the divisional Player Representative or Executive Board or by any Board Member. Suspension and/or expulsion by the Board of the offending individual.

DO NOT COACH YOUR CHILD FROM THE STANDS. Please do not interfere with Coach instructions. The Coach and Player on the field may have specific signs, or prearranged scenarios for Player action. If you would like to help coach, talk to the Manager of your Daughter’s team to volunteer your time.

Speed limit in the parking lot is 5 MPH. Please always use extreme caution. NAGS will require strict adherence to all Parking Policies. Cars in violation may be towed. **DO NOT PARK IN FIRE LANES!**

Conduct of any guests is the responsibility of the parent/guardian whose child participates in the league. Northridge All Girls Softball does not assume liability for any accidents caused by misuse of the 3-wheeler.

This is a Volunteer program. ALL PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE TEAM AS REQUESTED BY THE MANAGER!

Failure to comply with these rules may result in Player, Parent or Guest being asked to leave our premises, and could result in forfeiture of the game. Serious or repeated offenses could result in expulsion from the league.

Fundraising – Registration covers only a portion of the cost of league operation. Parents will need to participate in a fundraising drive during the season. Your support will allow us to improve the quality of our facility while at the same time holding down the cost of registration.

Payment of Registration Fee – Payment in full of the registration fee is required before a Player is assigned to a team. The only exception is financial aid (talk to a board member to apply) approved by the Board of Directors.

Refunds – Our goal with refunds is to be flexible and fair. Any reasonable situation, which arises, we respond to. We ask for you to understand our needs for a time frame wherein we can fairly respond. Once teams have been formed, barring unusual or unforeseeable circumstances, refunds will not be issued.

Prior to Team Formation	100% Refund
Final Registration Date through Team Formation Date	75% Refund
After Team Formation Date and before 4th game is played (with another player filling opened spot)	50% Refund
After Team Formation Date (no player available to fill opened spot)	No Refund

Same Team/Carpool Requests – Please do not make same team or carpool requests unless absolutely necessary. The league reserves the right to honor or disallow these requests. The league will strictly enforce the carpool limitations.

I certify that by my initials on the front of the League Registration Form, I understand this Parents "Code of Conduct" Contract and I agree to abide by all Northridge All Girls Softball rules, policies and procedures for my daughters play during the appropriate Fall, Spring or All-Star season.

Appendix C1. Spring 2009 (Rev 6/2023)



Parents Code of Conduct

It is the objective of Northridge All Girls Softball (“NAGS”) to provide your children with a wholesome atmosphere in which to engage in healthy athletic competition. Our primary goal is to build character in our children. Because of the excitement and high emotion of some of our games we thought it important to express some guidelines regarding what we expect from you, our parents and your children. Please know that the league encourages cheering, excitement and exuberance, but please be careful and always express this in a positive manner.

- We do not tolerate any behavior on the playing field or in the stands which would hinder the spirit of sportsmanship and cooperation that we are trying to encourage.
- DO NOT COACH YOUR CHILD FROM THE STANDS. Please do not interfere with Coach instructions. The Coach and Player on the field may have specific signs, or prearranged scenarios for Player action. If you would like to help coach, talk to the Manager or your Daughter’s team to volunteer your time.
- At NO time will we permit abusive language or profanity.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the vicinity of NAGS (Northridge Baseball Association) facility.
- No smoking (including vapes, e-cigs or chew) is permitted on the Northridge Baseball Association Complex.
- Speed Limit in the parking lot is 5 MPH. Please always use extreme caution. DO NOT PARK IN FIRE LANES.
- Conduct of any guests is the responsibility of the parent/guardian whose child participates in the league.
- Northridge All Girls Softball does not assume liability for any accidents caused by misuse of the ATV.
- This is a volunteer program. We expect that you will do your part to keep our facility clean.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in a Player, Parent or Guest being asked to leave our premises, and could result in forfeiture of the game. Serious or repeated offenses could result in expulsion from the league.

	Player’s Name	Parent’s Name	Parent’s Signature	Date
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Appendix C3 – Agreement, Waiver Release and Assumption of Risk Form

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____ Phone: _____ (Day)

PARTICIPANT AGE: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____ (Eve)

ADDRESS: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAMES: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (Name / Phone): _____ / Phone: _____

Number of Years Participant has Played: _____ Last Year Played: _____

The Participant will be playing in a girls' softball program. In connection therewith, the Participant will be subject to catching and hitting balls thrown at a high rate of speed, catching balls in the air and on the ground that are hit at a high rate of speed, running at a high rate of speed, sliding into bases, possible collisions with other participants, possibly being hit by a thrown or hit ball, and other elements common in the sport of softball.

In consideration for being permitted by the Northridge All Girls Softball League (NAGS) to participate in the above activity, I hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims for damages for personal injury, property damage or death, which I may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me, as a result of participation in the above-described activity. This release is intended to discharge in advance the NAGS League, its officers, employees, agents and affiliates, from any and all liability arising out of or in connection with my participation in said activity, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above. It is understood that this activity involves an element of risk and danger of accidents, and knowing those risks, I hereby assume those risks. It is further agreed that this Agreement, Waiver, Release and Assumption of Risk is to be binding on my heirs and assigns. I agree to indemnify and to hold the above persons or entities free and harmless from any loss, liability, damage, cost or expense which they may incur as the result of my injury, property damage or death, that I may sustain while participating in said activity.

PARENTAL CONSENT: (to be completed and signed by parent/guardian if Participant is under 18 years of age)

I hereby consent that my daughter, _____, may participate in the above activity and I hereby execute the above Agreement, Waiver, Release and Assumption of Risk on her behalf. I state that said minor is physically and mentally able to participate in said activity. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold the persons and entities referenced above harmless and free from any loss, cost, liability, damage or expense which they may incur as a result of the injury, property damage or death that said minor may sustain while participating in said activity.

Authorization for Medical Treatment: I understand that I am required to maintain and carry medical insurance coverage for the child listed on this application and I verify that the coverage information noted is accurate and true. In the case of an emergency and if I cannot be reached, I authorize the staff of NAGS to obtain whatever medical treatment deemed necessary for the welfare of my child listed above, and I agree to hold NAGS harmless in connection with said emergency medical treatment. I further understand that I will be financially responsible for all charges and fees incurred in the rendering of said emergency treatment, regardless of whether or not my medical insurance would cover such charges and fees.

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy Number: _____

Private Doctor (name/phone): _____ / Phone: _____

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT, WAIVER, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS FORM IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE NORTHRIDGE ALL GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

PRINT PARENT NAME: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

White – NAGS Registrar

Yellow – NAGS Division Player Rep

Pink – Parent Copy



Appendix C4 – Special Requests Form

Please fill in all the applicable information below. Please be as complete with your information as possible. The league tries to honor all LEGITIMATE special requests; however, there is NO GUARANTEE!

Player's Name: _____

Please circle the appropriate division: 6u 8u 10u 12u 14-17u

Special request:

Reason for request:

Print Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

In the event we need to discuss this request, please provide the following information:

Phone: _____ Best time to call: _____

This information on this form will remain CONFIDENTIAL



Appendix C5 – Financial Aid Requests Form
(Rev 12/2021)

Please complete the form below with as much detail as possible. Your information will be held confidential by the Northridge All Girls Softball (“NAGS”) Board. Please note that the league tries to honor all legitimate financial aid requests, but all requests must be approved by the NAGS Board.

Please Note: In the event that a financial aid player is selected to play League All-Stars, payment of any gifted league fees become due.

Please accept this completed form as an official request for financial aid for the payment of the NAGS regular season league fees. In exchange for this consideration, I agree to volunteer or assist a team in the League.

Parent Name(s): _____

Player Name: _____ Division: _____

Player Name: _____ Division: _____

Player Name: _____ Division: _____

Player Name: _____ Division: _____

Reason for request (please be as detailed as possible):

Print Name of Parent / Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian: _____ Date: _____

In the event we need to discuss this request, please provide the following information:

Telephone: _____ Best time to call: _____



Appendix D – Manager Selection Process

All persons desiring to manage a team MUST submit their name to the appropriate divisional Player Representative, complete the Manager registration form, complete all documents necessary for any background check required by USA Softball and/or NAGS, and be subject to an interview.

Manager prospects will be immediately dropped from initial consideration for the following reasons:

- Failure to submit to the USA Softball and/or NAGS background check.
- Have a current association with a Travel Team as a Manager or Coach.
- Has a daughter participating on a Travel Team in the age division he/she desires to manage. Currently under suspension or banishment from the NAGS League.

The divisional Player Representative will submit all prospects meeting the above criteria to the NAGS Board of Directors.

At a specified meeting, these prospective Managers will be provided an opportunity to present their qualifications to the NAGS Board. NOTE: Written statements are allowed, but no proxies.

The NAGS Board of Directors will review and evaluate the Manager prospects by the following criteria:

- Demonstrated an ability to work with and relate to children.
- A Softball knowledge and teaching ability.
- Has attended the USA Softball sponsored Manager/Coach Clinic and ACE Clinic within the past year.
- Documented parental, League, USA Softball or other applicable party regarding any past experience with prospective manager (positive or negative).
- The prospective manager's past support of the league (fundraisers, etc).

If the NAGS Board of Directors determines that more than one candidate is equally qualified to manage under the above criteria, the following will be used to further attempt final Manager selection:

- Returning manager or primary coach.
- Has a participating daughter in the division/league wishing to manage.
- Currently holds an elected position on the Board of Directors.
- Has not been subject to disciplinary action.

In the event that the final Manager selection cannot be agreed upon through the above, the manager selection will be completed by a "closed ballot vote" by the NAGS Board of Directors. NOTE: *In the event of (split division), the prospective Manager with the higher-ranking daughter will prevail for the upper division or the managerial opening.*

General Information and Manager Responsibilities:

- Managers will sign and abide by the Manager/Coach's Agreement.
- Managers are required to attend one or more authorized USA Softball, ACE, and/or NAGS clinics, in their first year and every other year thereafter.
- The team manager, subject to league approval, selects coaches. It is recommended that each team have at least two assigned coaches in addition to the manager.
- Managers are required to ensure that all of their coaches complete a required Background Check and sign and abide by the Manager/Coach's Agreement.
- Managers will attend player tryouts and will evaluate all players based on ability, hustle, fielding, arm range and accuracy, batting and speed. Managers will then participate in a draft to select their team. This information is to remain CONFIDENTIAL and the draft order is not to be disclosed to players and/or parents.
- Upon selecting their team, managers must contact their players within 48 hours of the draft and set up the parents' meeting and a first practice.
- Managers new to NAGS during the Spring season must attend the USA Softball Coaches Clinic unless excused by the Board.



Appendix E – Manager / Coach Agreement (Rev 12/2021)

Managers and Coaches shall abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Northridge All Girls Softball (“NAGS”) League, Southern California USA Softball, USA Softball National Code and the USA Softball Official Guide & Rule book. Managers and Coaches must understand they are responsible for the actions and financial obligations of their team. As a Manager or Coach you hereby agree to abide by the following:

1. I will not be guilty of, or allow any member of my team to be guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct or acts contrary to the objectives and purposes of NAGS and USA Softball.
2. I understand that I must provide all players on my team with adequate playing time without regard to talent and ability with player safety being my only other consideration. (Each division will be bound to respective supplemental rules.)
3. I will maintain control of all team personnel and fans with participating in NAGS events.
4. I will discourage team personnel, players, parents or fans to be abusive toward or otherwise publicly criticize other team members, opposing teams, managers, coaches, spectators, umpires, NAGS or USA Softball Officials. This extends to the use of cyber bullying in any manner as well.
5. I understand if I am disqualified during a game by an umpire, I will immediately leave the field and complex and am subject to a two (2) game suspension. If so desired, the suspension may be appealed to a one (1) game suspension subject to a hearing presented to the NAGS Board of Directors.
6. I understand that items #5 also applies to my team’s coaches and agree to enforce the rule should a coach from my team be disqualified.
7. I understand that I am required to be in attendance at all team functions (practices, games, etc.) or I must ensure that these functions are being properly supervised and conducted by an official member of my team’s coaching staff.
8. I agree to ensure that all members of my team’s coaching staff have undergone the required USA Softball and/or NAGS background check prior to them participating in team activities.
9. I will ensure that a responsible female adult chaperone will accompany the team any time it is assembled. I will also ensure that female chaperone is present in the dugout for 6u, 8u and 10u games.
10. I understand that my coaching staff and I are responsible for all team members at team events until they are under the actual supervision of a parent or legal guardian.
11. I understand that my coaches and I are responsible for properly preparing the players on our team, through practices and coaching, to be ready to play safely and competitively in the League. I understand that it is my responsibility to have a team representative in attendance at all NAGS board meetings, and if unable to be in attendance, to contact my division Player Rep to remain updated on league issues, schedule changes, etc.
12. I understand that NAGS is a recreational softball league and agree not to recruit players specifically for my team or conduct any other activities that would have a negative effect on maintaining a fair balance of talent among the teams in my division.
13. I understand that it is my responsibility to see that all financial and league obligations of my team are met within prescribed deadlines, including but not limited to: yearbook sponsorship, snack bar obligations, etc. If I am unable to do so, I will immediately contact my Player Representative for assistance.
14. I will not intentionally destroy or damage any equipment issued to me from the League, or that of the NAGS facility.
15. I will return all equipment and keys issued to me on the date(s) announced by the League.
16. I understand that my failure to meet the obligation and responsibilities of a Manager or Coach could result in my being removed from that position, subject to a hearing before the NAGS Board.
17. I will not recruit players to leave NAGS membership to play on any team not endorsed by the NAGS Board.
18. I agree to fulfill my obligation to field maintenance activities.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Date: _____ Division: _____ Player Rep/League Official Signature: _____



Appendix F – Softball Field Maintenance Procedure

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After Practice or After Game (Visitors)

- Make sure dugout and field are free of trash
- Fill low spots in batter's box, catcher's box and pitcher's mound using back of rake
- Pack areas with flat of rake of the tamp
- Hand water these areas – do not allow to puddle
- Hand drag or rake around the bases, home plate, pitcher's mound and infield/outfield lip
- Hand or power vehicle drag entire field – stay away from hand dragged areas
- Water entire infield with combination sprinkler and hose
- Fill, pack and water bull pens after last game of the day

Before Game (Home Team) – Only weekday and 8:00 weekend games require complete chalking

- Use batter's box template (one has a home plate patten for reference, the other has "Front" etched in it), etch lines by hand or with screwdriver, remove template.
- Set anchor in area close to apex (rear point) of home plate extend string to edge of grass (anchor it here or use heave object to keep tension in string). NOTE: string should be flush with outside edge of base receptacle and outside edge of the foul line.
- Start chalking the line just outside batter's box – etch line using string as reference, stay on field side of the string. Same procedure applies to 1st base; ensure string aligned with foul side of the base. NOTE: The four wheeled chalk line width should be set to 3" Pitcher's circle is 16' diameter centered on the pitcher's place for your age group.
- Chalk batter's box follow previously etched lines.
- Chalk on deck circle and coaches boxes on 1st and 3rd base.

Before Game (Home Team) – Non weekday, non-early game

- Fill low spots at pitcher's mound, batter's box and 2nd base if necessary.
- Tamp down same areas, water lightly with hose – do not allow water to puddle.
- Rake around bases, home plate, pitcher's mound and any distressed areas.
- Time & weather permitted, water with hose and sprinkler combination.
- With 7' grooming brush, smooth over infield surface. Be careful not to disturb existing lines. Touch-up original chalk lines where needed.

NOTE: Chalk is stored in the storage bin by the batting cage, may also be found in shed between Fields 3 and 4 ("Javi's House").

Field Maintenance Instructions Following Medium to Heavy Rain

Scenario A: (Weekend) Rain Stopped, field likely too wet to play FIRST GAME(S)

- Manager/Coach and Groundskeeper (minimum two from home and visitor) for early scheduled games report to field prior to scheduled game time to prepare field for play.
- Coordinate field recovery with Field Commissioner.
- Goal is to have the fields ready for the second scheduled game of that day.

Field Recovery Following Rain Plan

- Remove standing water (if any) from fields.
- Dig a small hole in the center of the puddle.
- Pump or scoop water from hole.
- Use hose (when pumping) or wheel barrel/buckets or to remove water completely from playing area Squeegee small amounts of water from infield toward outfield.
- Dress skinned infield area.
- Fill hole(s) previously dug with *dry* dirt
- Rake wet areas to aid drying.

- Apply soil conditioner/absorbent mix (field commissioner will provide) with ATV, use nail drag or drag to blend dry areas with wet areas.

[NOTE: Use motorized equipment only when surface is dry enough not to leave deep tracks.]

Scenario B: (Weekday) Rain Stopped, Forecast Clear

- Manager/Coach and Groundskeeper (minimum two) for that day and following day games report to fields. Any available volunteers are welcomed and appreciated.
- Follow Field Recovery Following Rain Plan

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Appendix G – Accident / Injury Report

A copy of this form MUST be provided to your divisional Player Representative or the League Risk Manager

Injured Person	Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____	
	Address: _____ Phone: _____	
	Name of Parent/Guardian (if minor): _____	
	Was parent/guardian notified?: Yes [] No [] Time of call or attempted call: _____	
Exact Location	Name of Field: _____	Draw map on reverse side (if needed)
	Where on Field: _____	
Description of Accident	Describe how accident occurred. Include any unsafe conditions, use of tools or other similar items and any statements made by injured party (use the back of this form if more room is needed): _____ _____ _____ _____	
Possible Injury & Injury Location	Right [] Left [] Thigh _____ Calf _____ Knee _____ Ankle _____ Foot _____ Hand _____ Wrist _____ Forearm _____ Upper Arm _____ Shoulder _____ Head _____ Back _____ Other (indicate): _____	
Treatment (rescue)	Describe treatment and injured person's status: _____ Treated by: _____ 911 called?: Yes [] No [] By Whom?: _____ Time of Call: _____	
Destination or Transport	Home: _____ Hospital: _____ Returned to Activities: _____ Other (state): _____ Departure Via: Ambulance [] Other Vehicle [] Time: _____ By Whom: _____	
Conditions	Provide weather conditions or other factors which would help explain the environment in which the accident happened: _____ _____ _____	
Manager/Coach	Name: _____	
Pictures Taken	Yes [] No [] By Whom? _____ Date/Time: _____	

Person Preparing Report (please print): _____ Signature: _____

Date of Report: _____ Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____

In case of serious injury, call 911 and notify League Risk Manager or division Player Representative. This report is to be submitted to the League Risk Manager or division Player Representative as soon as possible. Use the back of this form if additional space is needed. If the injury requires professional treatment or if 911 is called, please complete and attached a League Insurance Form to this Accident Report. Complete all section of this report. Enter N/A for any sections that do not apply to this accident. If you cannot contact the Risk Manager, please submit all forms and information to a League Board member.

REMEMBER: PROVIDE ONLY TREATMENT YOU ARE QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE!

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Appendix H – Protest Form

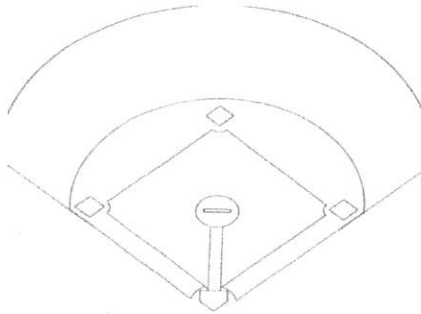
PLEASE NOTE: The protest fee is \$50.00, to be turned with the Protest form. The \$50.00 fee is refundable on reversal only. No protest will be considered until the protest fee AND this completed form is turned into the respective division Player Representative or League President (within 48 hours of the protested situation occurrence). Protests will be judged by the Protest Committee of Northridge All Girls Softball. Protest decisions will be decided by the 2nd board meeting following the protest date.

Date: _____ Game Time: _____ Protesting Team: _____

Protest Time: _____ Opposing Team: _____

Plate Umpire: _____

COMPLETELY describe the following at the time of the protested situation



Inning: _____ Outs: _____ Balls: _____ Strikes: _____

Show the number(s) and position of runners and current batter on the diagram on the left. Insert defensive player as required. Use back if required.

Reason for protest (describe in detail): _____

continue on back if necessary)

Manager's Signature: _____

Protest Upheld: [_____] Protest Denied: [_____] _____

Reason: _____

League Official's Signature: _____

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RECEIPT: Protest Payment Received \$50.00 from (Manager's Name) _____ in the protest filed on behalf of (Team Name) _____ in division _____ & under.

KEEP THIS RECEIPT! If your protest is upheld, the \$50.00 fee will be refunded to you upon presentation of this receipt at the next board meeting.



Official Score Sheet / Umpire Payment Voucher

GAME DATE: _____ GAME TIME: _____ FIELD #: _____ DIVISION: _____

VISITOR

FINAL
SCORE

FINAL
SCORE

HOME

TEAM NAME _____

TEAM NAME _____

-----PITCHERS--

PITCHER NAME: _____

Inning Pitcher Appeared	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Total outs Pitched								

PITCHER NAME: _____

Inning Pitcher Appeared	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Total outs Pitched								

PITCHER NAME: _____

Inning Pitcher Appeared	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Total outs Pitched								

PITCHER NAME: _____

Inning Pitcher Appeared	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Total outs Pitched								

-----MANAGER (Visitor)--



Please double check all information prior to signing this form. It is the official scoring log for this game.

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

-----PITCHERS--

PITCHER NAME: _____

Inning Pitcher Appeared	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Total outs Pitched								

PITCHER NAME: _____

Inning Pitcher Appeared	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Total outs Pitched								

PITCHER NAME: _____

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PITCHER NAME: _____

Inning Pitcher Appeared	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Total outs Pitched								

-----MANAGER (Home)--



Please double check all information prior to signing this form. It is the official scoring log for this game.

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

PRINT NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____

PLEASE TEXT A PICTURE TO THE WEBMASTER SO SCORES/STANDINGS CAN BE UPDATED: Angela 818-403-4030.
Scores not submitted by Monday will result in a forfeit.



Appendix J – Team Organization Roster

Year: _____ Season: _____
 Team: _____
 Manager: _____

POSITION / Name	CONTACT NUMBER(S)	E-MAIL
*Manager:	(H) (W) (C)	
*Coach 1:	(H) (W) (C)	
*Coach 2:	(H) (W) (C)	
*Coach 3:	(H) (W) (C)	
*Team Parent or Parent in the dugout for 6u, 8u & 10u only:	(H) (W) (C)	
Yearbook / Photographer	(H) (W) (C)	
Scorekeeper:	(H) (W) (C)	
Groundskeeper:	(H) (W) (C)	
Other:	(H) (W) (C)	
Other:	(H) (W) (C)	

***These Volunteers must complete a Background Check and Safe Sport Training**

THIS FORM must be completed and turned-in to the League Registrar, before you are issued equipment, keys or uniforms. If you have any updates after turning it in, please email form to registrar@nags.rocks



Volunteer Requirements

1. Background Check:

- If you do not have a USA ID - please register at <https://www.registerusasoftball.com/Account/Login.aspx>
- When signing up please select **Rec-Western District** for Group and **Northridge** for League.
- **Once you have your USA ID# please send it registrar@nags.rocks along with your First Name, Last Name, and Date of Birth.**
- Be sure to keep this information handy as you will be referring to this information throughout the background check process.
- We need to gather everyone's information so that we can pay for the invoice to continue the Background Check process.
- Once the invoice has been marked paid, you will receive a welcome letter from USA Softball with next steps on how to complete the Background Check and Safe Sport Training. **Please note the Background Check is not in compliance until the Safe Sport training is complete and synced into your account.**
- This may take some time so please be sure to register as soon as possible.

2. Safe Sport Training - Once the Background Check Consent has been completed:

- Please refer to the Safe Sport guide to help Navigate you through Safe Sport and what courses to take.
- Safe Sport can be accessed through the USA Register Page as directed in the guide or you can go directly to the site <https://safesporttrained.org/#/public-dashboard>
- When signing up please select **USA Softball** for Department and **NAGS** for Name of Sport or Community Organization.
- Once you've completed the course, please email your certificate to registrar@nags.rocks
- Then you will need to sync your training to your USA Register account - directions are in the guide. Your USA ID# will be needed to complete this task.
- Please note these courses are free, if you are being asked to pay, please double check that you are taking the correct training.
- **If you have any issues syncing your Safe Sport or if it is asking you to pay for the training, please email safesport1@usasoftball.com or call (720) 676-6417.**

3. Concussion Training (can be taken anytime) 3 volunteers per team required to complete, must include Manager):

- Concussion Training must be completed every 2 years. If you believe you are still in compliance, please let us know.
- If you have not taken the Concussion course, please go to <https://nfhslearn.com/>
- It also helps to have your USA ID#.
- Go to Courses and take Concussion Courses in Sports
- This is also a free training, please make sure you are taking the correct training.
- Once you've completed the course, please email your certificate to registrar@nags.rocks

ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT RELATING TO COVID-19 EXPOSURE, COVID-19 LIABILITY, AND COVID-19 RISKS

The persons to whom this Agreement applies are, as follows:

Adult Participant Name: _____

Minor Participant Name(s): _____ Participant Age(s): _____

(If applicable) Name of Participant's Parent or Legal Guardian signing below: _____

IN CONSIDERATION for myself and/or my children listed above being permitted to utilize the services, utilize the facilities and/or participate in the programs of NORTH RIDGE ALL GIRLS SOFTBALL (the "Organization"), including, but not limited to, observation or use of facilities or equipment, or participation in or acting as a spectator during any program affiliated with the Organization, the undersigned, on behalf of himself or herself and such participating children and any personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin (hereinafter referred to as "the undersigned") hereby acknowledges, agrees and represents that he or she has inspected and carefully considered such premises, equipment, and facilities and has considered the Organization's programs and that the undersigned finds and accepts same as being safe and reasonably suited for the use or participation by the undersigned and such participating children.

In addition, the undersigned acknowledges that novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") infections have been confirmed throughout the United States, including several cases in the undersigned's own State and locality. In accordance with the most recent guidance and recommendations issued by the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), undersigned's own State's Department of Health (DOH) for slowing the transmission of COVID-19, the undersigned hereby agrees, represents, and warrants that neither the undersigned nor such participating children shall visit or utilize the facilities, services, and/or programs of the Organization (other than any exclusively online services and programs) within 14 days after (i) returning from highly impacted areas subject to a CDC Level 3 Travel Health Notice, (ii) exposure to any person returning from areas subject to a CDC Level 3 Travel Health Notice, or (iii) exposure to any person who has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19. The CDC Travel Health Network is continuously updating this list and the undersigned agrees that they are aware of this list and the countries listed. The undersigned agrees to check on a daily basis the CDC Travel Health Notices list (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>) prior to participating in or utilizing the facilities, services, and programs of the Organization. The undersigned hereby agrees, represents, and warrants that neither the undersigned nor such participating children shall participate in, visit or utilize the facilities, services, and/or programs of the Organization if he or she (i) experiences symptoms of COVID-19, including, without limitation, fever, cough, loss of sense of taste or smell, or shortness of breath, or (ii) has a suspected or diagnosed/confirmed case of COVID-19. The undersigned agrees to notify the

Organization immediately if he or she believes that any of the foregoing access/use restrictions may apply.

The Organization has taken certain steps to implement certain recommended guidance and recommendations issued by public health agencies for slowing the transmission of COVID-19, including, without limitation, the access/use restrictions set forth above. The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that the Organization may revise its procedures at any time based on updated recommended guidance and recommendations issued by public health agencies and further agrees to comply with the Organization's revised procedures prior to utilizing the facilities, services, and/or prior to participating in the programs of the Organization. The undersigned further acknowledges and agrees that, due to the nature of the facilities, services, and programs offered by the Organization, social distancing of 6 feet per person among children and their fellow participants or others is not always possible. The undersigned fully understands and appreciates both the known and potential dangers of participating in the programs and/or utilizing the facilities and services of the Organization and acknowledges that use thereof by the undersigned and/or such participating children may, despite the Organization's reasonable efforts to mitigate such dangers, result in exposure to COVID-19, which could result in quarantine requirements, serious illness, disability, and/or death.

IN FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF BEING PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAMS, THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING:

THE UNDERSIGNED, ON HIS OR HER BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF SUCH PARTICIPATING CHILDREN, HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE the Organization or its national governing body organization, or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents, or any of the fellow participants or their family members or guests from all liability to the undersigned or such participating children and all personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin of the undersigned or such participating children for any loss or damage, and any claim or demands on account of any property damage or any injury to, or an illness or the death of, the undersigned or such participating children (or any person who may contract COVID-19, directly or indirectly, from the undersigned or such participating children) *whether caused by the negligence, active or passive, of the Organization or otherwise while the undersigned or such participating children are in, upon, or about the premises or any facilities or using any equipment of or participating in any program of or affiliated with the Organization.* To the extent such statute applies, the undersigned also expressly and knowingly waives all rights under California Civil Code Section 1542, which provides: "A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party."

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS the Organization or its national governing body organization, or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents, and each of them, from any loss, liability, damages or costs they may incur, *whether caused by the Organization's negligence, active or passive, or*

otherwise while the undersigned or any participating child is participating in any program of the Organization or in, upon, or about the premises or any facilities or equipment affiliated with the Organization. The undersigned understands and agrees that the Organization is not required to provide insurance to cover the undersigned or such participating children in the event they suffer illness, injury, death, property loss, theft or damage of any sort upon, or about the premises or any facilities or equipment therein or while participating in any program affiliated with the Organization.

The undersigned agrees and acknowledges that use of the Organization facilities and services, and participation in the Organization programs, may involve inherent danger and risk, including, without limitation, the risk of physical illness or injury, death or property damage. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR, AND RISK OF ILLNESS, BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE to the undersigned or such participating children due to negligence, active or passive, or otherwise while in, about or upon the premises of the Organization and/or while using the premises or any facilities or equipment thereon and/or while participating in or observing any program affiliated with the Organization. The undersigned acknowledges that any illness or injuries that the undersigned or such participating children contract or sustain may be compounded by negligent first aid or emergency response of the Releasees and waive any claim in respect thereof.

THE UNDERSIGNED further expressly agrees that the foregoing ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State in which the undersigned resides or participates and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND FURTHER AGREE THAT NO ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS OR INDUCEMENT APART FROM THE FOREGOING WRITTEN AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE. I AM AWARE THAT BY AGREEING TO THIS AGREEMENT I AM GIVING UP VALUABLE LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO RECOVER DAMAGES FROM THE ORGANIZATION IN CASE OF ILLNESS, INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE, INCLUDING, FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT AND WITHOUT LIMITATION, EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AT ANY ORGANIZATION FACILITY OR DURING PARTICIPATION IN ANY PROGRAM AND ANY ILLNESS, INJURY OR DEATH RESULTING THEREFROM. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS A PROMISE NOT TO SUE AND A RELEASE OF AND INDEMNIFICATION FOR ALL CLAIMS. IF SIGNING ON BEHALF OF MINOR: I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS MADE ON BEHALF OF MY MINOR CHILD(REN) AND/OR LEGAL WARDS AND I REPRESENT AND WARRANT TO THE ORGANIZATION THAT I HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO SIGN THIS AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF SUCH MINOR(S).

I have read and understand the terms of this Assumption of Risk, Release and Waiver of Liability, and Indemnity Agreement and agree to its terms.

Date

Signature

Emergency Contact Name

Emergency Contact Number



Media Release Acknowledgement Form

This acknowledgement form will authorize Northridge All Girls Softball (“NAGS”) to use and print photographs and any other form of media material for educational, informational, and/or promotional purposes. Images may be used, but are not limited to, NAGS publications and newsletters, newspaper articles, advertising materials, website, social media, etc.

NAGS has cameras on fields, the Media Release Form serves as notification of Audio and Video recording during clinics, field practices, or games.

This Media Release Form will be kept on file by NAGS as reference for individual approval.

I authorize NAGS to take and use any photograph or media in any NAGS publication, production, or presentation, including electronic internet marketing material for the purpose of promoting NAGS in a positive manner.

	Player's Name	Parent's Name	Parent's Signature	Date
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