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TO: Softball Directors and Team Managers

FR: Sports Federation Board of Directors

RE: Reclassification of Softball Teams

By action of the Sports Federation Board of Directors and in accordance with the reclassification rules, the top finishers in 2012 state tournament competition have been moved up in an effort to achieve and maintain parity within classes and balance the number of teams in classes statewide.

This reclassification process occurs on an annual basis to maintain **integrity** in the state's classes of competition. Teams need to be constantly challenged to compete against opponents of equal or greater strength and league directors need to promote and reinforce the philosophy, "**winning isn't everything, but striving to win is**".

Slowpitch teams that have been moved up may not petition to move down for a **minimum of two years** and must have played in post-season play at least one year in their new class. **Exception:** Class A, B and C slowpitch teams may petition to move down after one year of post-season play in their new class.

Fastpitch teams that have been moved up must play in post-season tournament competition in their new class at least one year prior to being allowed to petition to move down.

Teams that win two or more games in a district or state tournament, may **NOT** petition to move down the following year.

The teams and communities which are affected for the 2013 season are listed below. If questions arise, please contact the Federation office.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Adult Slowpitch Reclassification

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a men's team wins the Class C slowpitch state tournament or NSF North American Championships two out of three years, it shall automatically move up to Class B the following year.

C MEN'S SLOW TO B
NONE

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a men's team finishes in the top one-two of the Class DD North & South slowpitch state tournament, it shall automatically be considered for move up to Class C the following year.

DD MEN'S SLOW NORTH TO C
The Tee Hive, Brainerd
Patrick's Piranhas, Pierz

DD MEN'S SLOW SOUTH TO C
Easton Jax, Belle Plaine

-SEE REVERSE-

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a men's team finishes in the top one-four of the Class D North and South state tournament it shall automatically be considered for move up to Class DD the following year.

D MEN'S SLOW NORTH TO DD

Brothers Porky Pine Bar & Grill, Pierz
Crooks Club, Crookston
TnJ's Voyageurs View, Crookston
Wild River Electric Eels, Chisago County

D MEN'S SLOW SOUTH TO DD

Complete Nutrition, Mankato
Greenwood/Johnny's Saloon, Rochester

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a men's team finishes in the top one-four of the class EE slowpitch state tournament, it shall automatically be considered for move up to class D the following year.

EE MEN'S SLOW TO D

ROC, Chisago County
VFW/Park Place, Cottage Grove
Impact Technologies, Hewitt
S&S Woodworking, Faribault

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a men's team finishes in the top one-four of the class E slowpitch state tournament, it shall automatically be considered for move up to class EE the following year.

E MEN'S SLOW TO EE

Mustang Bar, Sauk Centre
Lazy Jacks/ABC Seemless, Bemidji
McPete's/Paragon, Elk River
BTD, Detroit Lakes

MEN'S MASTERS SLOWPITCH RECLASSIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a team finishes in the top one-two of the class in C men's masters slowpitch state tournament, it shall automatically be considered for move up to Class B the following year.

C MEN'S MASTERS (35) TO B

Boulder Tap House, Sauk Rapids

WOMEN'S SLOWPITCH RECLASSIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a team finishes in the top two of the Class C State Tournament, two out of three years, it shall automatically move up to open.

C WOMEN'S SLOW TO OPEN

NONE

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a women's team finishes in the top one-four of the Class DD slowpitch state tournament, it shall automatically be considered for move up to Class C the following year.

DD WOMEN'S SLOW TO C

Hanson Accounting/CJ's, Chisago County
EJM, Chisago County

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a women's team finishes in the top one-four of the Class D slowpitch state tournament, it shall automatically be considered for move up to Class DD the following year.

D WOMEN'S SLOW TO DD

Panthers, Chisago County
Angels, New Prague

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a women's team finishes in the top one-four of the Class EE slowpitch state tournament, it shall automatically be considered for move up to Class D the following year.

EE WOMEN'S SLOW TO D

Zoomies, Thief River Falls
Thielen's Excavating, Park Rapids

C O - R E C S L O W P I T C H R E C L A S S I F I C A T I O N

CLASSIFICATION RULE: No mandatory state reclassification rule in Class B/C co-rec slowpitch. (Subject to the discretion of the board of directors)

B & C

None

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a co-rec team finishes in the top one-four of the Class D Co-Rec slowpitch state tournament, it shall automatically move up one class the following year.

D CO-REC TO C

Bernick's, Brainerd
Northwind Grille/Pine Square, Brainerd

A D U L T F A S T P I T C H R E C L A S S I F I C A T I O N

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a team finishes in the top six of the fastpitch national championships, it shall comply with applicable ASA National reclassification rules.

B MEN'S FAST TO A

None

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a C team finishes in first or second place of the state tournament; or the top four of the state tournament two out of three years; and/or qualifies for the national two out of three years it shall automatically be considered for move up to Class B the following year.

C MEN'S FAST TO B

Morelli's, St. Paul	Boulevard, West St. Paul
Gamecocks, St. Charles	Beaver Creek, Border League

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a team finishes in the top one-four of the Class D fastpitch state tournament, it shall automatically be considered for move up to Class C the following year.

D MEN'S FAST TO C

St. Paul Snappers
Holland, Border League

NOTE: To balance the number of teams and parity in team classification, the men's fast pitch committee reserves the right to move more or fewer teams up at any time.

NATIONAL RECLASSIFICATION RULES

MANDATORY RECLASSIFICATION RULE: All teams reclassified by NSF National Reclassification Rules will also be reclassified in the MSF program.

Men's Slow DD to C

Gamblers, Pine River

Men's Slow EE to D

S&S Woodworking, Faribault

Women's Slow DD to C

Vanilla Gorilla Tattoo, Burnsville

All teams reclassified by NSF national reclassification rules must play in state/national championship competition in their new class at least one year prior to being allowed to petition to move down.

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