

**NATIONAL SOFTBALL FEDERATION ♦
MINNESOTA GIRLS FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION**

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TO: League Directors/Associations

FR: Minnesota Girls Fastpitch Association (MGFA) (Administered by the Minnesota Sports Federation)

RE: **2016 Girls Fastpitch Program**

We hope this note finds all going well and you're looking forward to the 2016 Girls Fastpitch Season.

Once again the MGFA and MSF will offer a girls fastpitch program that provides the greatest service at the lowest possible cost.

Some of the NSF-MGFA advantages include:

- ★ State Tournament Entry fee of just \$190 for three game guarantee tournament.
- ★ Three game guarantee which is 33% more playing time than what other organizations offer at a higher cost.
- ★ More liberal 1:30 game time limit (no new inning) which is at least 10 minutes more than what other organizations allow.
- ★ Playing rules are based on the high school rules that players will be using or are already familiar with.
- ★ State tournament dates and sites are already posted on line. See <http://msf1.org/?p=4453> for the info.
- ★ State tournament schedules are posted on line 7-10 days before the tournament starts.
- ★ Team membership fee is the lowest offered, just \$15 per team.
- ★ All teams receive a program guide, rulebook, scorebook, bag tag membership card and access to the on line "Amateur Sports Review"
- ★ Two umpires are used on the final four games in all state tournaments.
- ★ In person weeknight umpire training clinics and day-long schools.
- ★ Awards of high quality and distinction plus an awards ceremony with championship team banner provided.
- ★ Proceeds from sales of memorabilia (souvenirs) go back into the program.
- ★ No costly mandatory coaches certification or background check requirements which should be the purview of league officials.
- ★ No costly individual player fees/excess insurance costs.
- ★ Experienced tournament hosts who take great pride in what they do.
- ★ All team and tournament entry fees remain in the state of Minnesota to enhance the state program, not a national org/tournament few teams are interested in.

Should questions arise or you would like us to attend your league meeting, please do not hesitate to contact perry@msf1.org!

Thank you and have a great season!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Perry".

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State Commissioner

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Steve".

Steve Ketter
Assistant State Commissioner

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