

**NATIONAL SOFTBALL FEDERATION OF AMERICA
MINNESOTA SPORTS FEDERATION**

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Spring 2021

Dear Adult Softball Directors:

Welcome to NSF ♦ MSF Softball in 2021.

**** NOTICE ** ** NOTICE ** ** NOTICE ** ** NOTICE ** ** NOTICE ****

With in-person district meetings cancelled for this year, LD's should contact NSF♦MSF Offices with the number of teams they will have, and we will ship the materials. There will be a nominal shipping and handling charge (please see reverse side of team membership form).

Enclosed is the 2021 softball team membership forms and other miscellaneous information.

The current softball guide book will be sent to you upon receipt of your team membership forms.

For your convenience enclosed is a list of various deadlines which are essential to meet. In order to provide the best possible service to your league, it is imperative to meet these established deadlines.

Teams with four or more returning players must be classified in the same class they were in last year, unless they were moved up or petitioned to moved down and are approved (if this occurs, we will notify you).

For your convenience enclosed is a copy of team reclassification information that was sent out last fall.

Please note teams registering in more than one division must pay the \$15/25 registration fee for each division they register in.

Please review the entire guide, paying particular attention to the screened areas which indicate points of emphasis and/or changes.

The NSF♦MSF program in Minnesota continues its number one status with nearly 2,000 teams affiliated. The number of teams participating in NSF♦MSF post-season tournaments is comparable with that of any other softball organization in the state. This is due to the statewide NSF♦MSF membership which includes both greater Minnesota and the metro area. This can be attributed to the lowest team, umpire, and tournament entry fees available plus the quality programs supplied by the many NSF♦MSF member communities at the local level.

- SEE REVERSE -



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A few highlights of the 2021 program include:

1. An NSF♦MSF league is very simple to administer. Follow the guidelines on page 8 of the softball guide book under the “Administering a League” section.
2. Official NSF♦MSF softball scorecards are once again available. These cards are a must for smooth running tournaments or leagues. The scorecard includes an area for the umpire to record line-ups, substitutes and home run totals. Eliminates disputes and controversy. Printed on durable card stock, the cost is just \$5.50 per package of 50. To order, please utilize the enclosed softball order form.
3. Softballs at low, low prices are once again available through Sports Federation offices. To order, please use the enclosed order form or see page 82 of the current softball guide. Your support of this program helps keep participant fees as low as possible.
4. Per previous correspondence, all leagues are now required to file regular season rosters with the NSF♦MSF for all registered teams. **Please note the adult team roster deadline is JULY 1 with no changes after that date.**
5. Out of concern for safety and excessive homeruns the 52 COR/300 compression optic yellow (red stitch) ball will be used for all men’s and women’s slowpitch and the 12” ball in Co-Rec Slowpitch. Modified and Fastpitch use the 47 COR/375 cork center ball for post-season tournament play. The 11” ball is 52/300.

We are pleased once again to announce the corporate support of Starr Softball and TC Gateway. Through the corporate financial support of these four companies, the Sports Federation will be able to continue to offer enhanced membership services while maintaining the lowest possible fees. Your support of these sponsors is vital to this effort.

A reminder the “Active Rewards & Loyalty Program” (ARLP) returns once again to reward member softball communities with cash rebates to promote maximum participation in postseason play.

We look forward to providing you with the support services you need to provide your softball participants with the best possible program again this year. The NSF♦MSF programs offer teams the most bang for their buck! If we can answer questions or assist in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

Very sincerely,



Perry Coonce
State Softball Commissioner
Executive Director

P.S. To Fastpitch League Directors:

Leagues may classify a maximum of 20% of their teams in Class D. These must be the bottom (poorest) teams in a respective league. Teams must be classified by May 15 when the team membership forms are due, but adjustments may be made if the teams originally classified “D” do not wind up being the bottom 20% in a league.



2021
NSF ♦ MSF
MINNESOTA SPORTS FEDERATION
ADULT SOFTBALL TEAM MEMBERSHIP FORM
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT AND COMPLETE ALL ENTRIES
DO NOT PLACE MORE THAN ONE DIVISION CODE ON THIS FORM
(Reproduction Permitted)



SPORTS COMMUNITY _____ LEAGUE DIRECTOR _____ DISTRICT _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY & STATE _____ ZIP _____ EMAIL _____

PHONE WORK () _____ CELL () _____ HOME () _____

LEAGUE UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY & STATE _____ ZIP _____ EMAIL _____

PHONE WORK () _____ CELL () _____ HOME () _____

DIV CODE: _____ (ENTER ONE ONLY)	TEAM MEMBERSHIP MATERIALS (Guidebooks, Rulebooks, etc.) _____ ALREADY RECEIVED _____ SHIP _____	OFFICE USE ONLY	
		_____ REGULAR SEASON ROSTERS RECEIVED	_____ TOURNAMENT ENTRIES AWARDED
MSP - Men's Slowpitch WSP - Women's Slowpitch CRSP - Co-Rec Slowpitch	CSP - Church Slowpitch MP - Modified Pitch MFP - Men's Fastpitch	MS35 - Men's (35 & over) Slowpitch MS40 - Men's (40 & over) Slowpitch MF40 - Men's Fastpitch (40 & over)	FALL SOFTBALL MSP - Men's Slowpitch CRSP - Co-Rec Slowpitch

List legibly below each team being registered and the complete address
(including zip code and email address) for each team manager

	TEAM CLASSIFICATION					
	A	B	C	DD	D	E
1. TEAM						
ADDRESS						
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3. TEAM						
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4. TEAM						
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5. TEAM						
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TEAM CLASSIFICATION

		A	B	C	DD	D	E
6. TEAM ADDRESS	MGR						
	CITY						
7. TEAM ADDRESS	MGR						
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14. TEAM ADDRESS	MGR						
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15. TEAM ADDRESS	MGR						
	CITY						

TOTAL TEAMS REGISTERED - PLEASE COMPLETE

TEAMS @ \$ _____ EACH = \$ _____

Shipping Charge Amount (see table) \$ _____

TOTAL = \$_____

**MEMBERSHIP FEES/SHIPPING COSTS
MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM!!**

Please make check or money order payable to NSF ♦ MSF and send to:

NSF ♦ MSF Team Membership

118 12th Ave. N.

South St. Paul, MN 55075

Fax (651) 451-3140 (Credit cards only)

Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Discover _____
 Credit Card Number _____
 Month/Year Expiration _____ Security Code _____
 Name as it appears on card _____
 Signature _____



LEAGUE DIRECTOR DEADLINES TO REMEMBER



2021 ADULT SOFTBALL

POSTMARK

DEADLINE

ITEM

EXPLANATION

JUNE 15

League Registration

\$15.00 per team

Add \$3.00 per team after June 15.

AFTER JUNE 15

League Registration

\$3.00 per team more.

JULY 15

**Regular Season
Rosters**

Leagues/teams failing to submit all registered teams' rosters by deadline will not be allowed to participate in post-season tournaments. No changes are permitted on team rosters after receipt at MSF Office even if they are received in advance of the team roster deadline.

JULY 10-20

(depending on state
tournament dates)

NSF-MSF State

Tournament Entry

Tournament entries postmarked after deadline (if accepted) must include a \$10.00 per tournament entry late penalty.



**THE ABOVE DEADLINES ARE HIGHLIGHTED
TO ASSIST YOUR MEETING THEM**

THANK YOU



- SEE REVERSE FOR EXTENDED STAFF DIRECTORY -

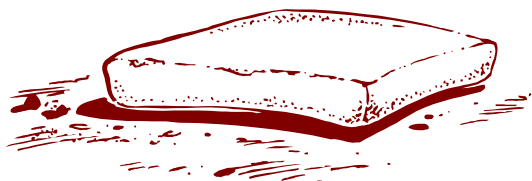


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NEWS RELEASE



FROM THE MINNESOTA SPORTS FEDERATION

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MSF announces major investment in amateur sports via its active rewards and loyalty program designed to promote and reward participation in amateur adult team sports

In an effort to increase participation in MSF adult team sports activities and further reward those communities that do, the MSF has established an Active Rewards and Loyalty Program (ARLP). Beginning in 2015, sports communities automatically earned a contribution to their ARLP account for each category listed below. The accumulated funds may be used to send additional teams to postseason state tournament competition, wholly or partially paying the team entry fees for adult sports teams advancing to the MSF State Tournament from their sports community.

Below are the categories where active rewards dollars are earned and the amount earned.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Active Rewards Dollars Earned</u>
League registered MSF adult summer softball teams registered from your community	\$1 per team registered
MSF adult state tournament entries entered by your sports community	\$5 per team sent
MSF adult member softball umpires from your community	\$5 per umpire sent
MSF adult registered softball tournaments held in your community	\$5 per tournament registered
MSF Fall or Winter non-softball league teams registered from a community that registers all their adult softball teams and umpires with MSF in the same calendar year	\$5 off each winter team registered (discount taken directly on winter team registration, does not go into ARLP account)
League purchase of softballs	\$.50 per dozen purchased

Program Conditions

1. Rewards dollars must be used during the following softball season or lost.
2. Active rewards may only be used for paying MSF postseason state tournament entry fees when three or more teams are sent to NSF-MSF postseason tournament play. However, if a community has a special program to promote adult recreational team sports competition in their community or a special need for equipment or capital improvements a special grant request may be made to use their active rewards funds in that manner.
3. In order to redeem active rewards dollars, all adult teams and applicable umpires from sports community must be registered with the MSF during the calendar year redeemed.
4. MSF will produce an annual report showing active rewards dollars accumulated/utilized by your community.
5. This program is subject to change at any time.

Summary

As stated, this program has been initiated to promote adult state tournament team competition and reward communities for their MSF membership. It's a major continued reinvestment in Minnesota amateur team sports competition by the MSF. With these rewards and incentives accumulating starting in 2015 and beyond, the MSF amateur team sports program is far superior to others in terms of actual participation cost and the ability to reward and promote your local program/teams. If questions arise, do not hesitate to contact the Minnesota Sports Federation office.

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Fall 2020

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 2020 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 and Class C fastpitch state runner-up 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 2021 season are listed below. If questions arise, please contact the Federation office.

Adult Slowpitch Reclassification

Thank you for your cooperation!

MEN'S SLOW PITCH 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 Slowpitch State Tournament, it shall automatically be considered for move up to Class C the following year.

DD MEN'S SLOW TO C
None

-See Reverse-

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a men's team finishes in the top two-four of the Class D State tournament it shall automatically be considered for move up to Class DD the follow year.

E MEN'S SLOW EAST TO D
None

E MEN'S SLOW WEST TO D
None

MEN'S MASTERS SLOW PITCH RECLASSIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a team finishes in the top one-two in C Men's Masters Slowpitch State Tournament, it shall auto-matically be considered for move up to Class B the following year.

C MEN'S MASTERS (35) TO B
None

WOMEN'S SLOW PITCH RECLASSIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION RULE: No mandatory state reclassification rule in Women's slowpitch as all teams begin in one bracket, then split into Tier I and Tier II.

CO-REC SLOW PITCH RECLASSIFICATION

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

D CO-REC TO C
None

ADULT FASTPITCH RECLASSIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a team finishes in the top six of the fastpitch national championships, it shall comply with applicable 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 it shall automatically be considered for move up to Class B the following year.

C MEN'S FAST TO B
Premier Bank, 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
Hennen Lumber, Freeport

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 E to D
None

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.



Minnesota Sports Federation
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TO:

Softball League Director
Team Manager

SOFTBALL PRICE CHART AND ORDER BLANK

ATTENTION FEDERATION MEMBERS

We have wholesale prices on softballs for your league and teams!! By buying your softballs through the NSF♦MSF you save \$\$\$ and help keep your membership fees low. These are the official 1 and 12 inch softballs and Starr 300 and 600 baseballs which will be used in NSF♦MSF post season tournament play and meet the current coefficient standards established for state pl . See reverse for post season play ball usage chart and explanations.

SOFTBALL AND SCORECARD PRICE CHART AND ORDER BLANK

Brand	2-24 Dozen	25-49 Dozen	50 + Dozen
Dudley Syn Slow	\$53.99	\$52.99	\$51.99
Dudley Leather Fast (JO)	\$68.99	\$67.99	\$65.99
Starr Syn Slow	\$47.99	\$46.99	\$44.99
Starr 600 Baseball	\$54.99	\$53.99	\$51.99
Starr 300 Baseball	\$48.99	\$47.99	\$45.99

PRICES STATED PER DOZEN

If you desire slowpitch leather cover softballs, call for a price quote. They are \$15-20 per dozen higher than synthetic.

Type Available:	Starr Slow/Fast	Dudley Slow/Fast	Starr Leather Baseballs Baseball
Stitch Color/Spec:	Red .52 COR/300 Comp-Men's Red .52 COR/300 Comp-women's .47 COR/375 Cork-men'sFP/Mod/GFP	Red .52 COR/300 Comp-men's/women's .47 COR/375 Cork-men'sFP/Mod/GFP	Starr 300 - ages 10-12 Starr 600 - ages 13-18
Ball Colors:	Yellow or White	Yellow or White	
Sizes Available	11" & 12"	11" & 12"	

Brand	Type	Stitch Color	Size	Cor	Quantity	@\$	Price/Dozen	=	\$
Brand	Type	Stitch Color	Size	Cor	Quantity	@\$	Price/Dozen	=	\$
Brand	Type	Stitch Color	Size	Cor	Quantity	@\$	Price/Dozen	=	\$
Subtotal								=	\$
add 7.125% Sales Tax								=	\$
Add \$1.50 per dozen for shipping (If not picked up NSF♦MSF office district meeting)								=	\$
Please include _____ packages of scorecards (Package of 50) @ _____ each								=	\$
Grand Total								=	\$

MINIMUM ORDER-TWO DOZEN BALLS

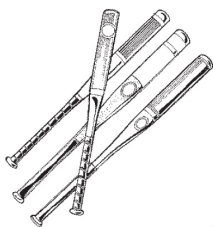
ORDERING INFORMATION

1. All orders must be accompanied by check, money order or purchase order.
2. In order to pick up your softball order at districtwide meeting in early April, it must be received at NSF♦MSF offices no later than March 20t
3. Allow 3-4 working days delivery time on orders placed during the season.
4. If the purchasing organization is tax-exempt, you must provide your state sales tax I.D. number or pay 7.125% sales tax.
5. If your community requires the bid process, please place the NSF♦MSF on your bid list.

Please make check or money order payable to the NSF♦MSF and send order to:

NSF♦MSF Softballs
118 12th Ave. N.
South St. Paul, MN 55075
(651) 451-3140
(651) 451-3140 FAX

Ship to:
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ **Zip** _____
Phone H () _____ **W** () _____
Email _____



NSF ♦ MSF SOFTBALL STATE SOFTBALL/BASEBALL USAGE 2021



Men's, Girls & Boys Fastpitch

The Dudley optic yellow with red stitch ball (SB-12LRF FP YF-.47COR) will be utilized for all men's and women's/girls and boys fastpitch state tournaments. **Note:** Girls and boys 10-under fastpitch will utilize the 11" version of the Dudley optic yellow red stitch ball (SB-11L RF FP YF-.47COR).

Modified Pitch

The A.D. Starr optic yellow MSF stamped leather 120 stitch fastpitch cork center ball will be used for the men's modified pitch state tournament, and is recommended for registered weekend tournaments.

Mens, Boys Slowpitch and Co-Rec 12" Ball

The three polycore optic yellow red stitch balls below, Starr or Dudley with a COR of .52 and 300 compression will be used for all mens slowpitch post season tournament play as well as the 12" ball in co-rec championships.

Womens, J.O. Girls Slowpitch and Co-Rec 11" Ball

The polycore optic yellow red stitch balls listed below (Dudley or Starr) with a COR of .52 and 300 compression or Starr only with a COR of .52/300 will be used for all womens & girls slowpitch post season play as well as the 11" ball in co-rec state championships.

Youth Baseball

The AD Starr 300 Official league baseball will be used for baseball state tournament play for ages 10-12. Ages 13-18 will use the AD Starr 600 Professional baseball.

Below are the softball "brands" and the state tournaments they will be utilized in:

DUDLEY

Boy's/Girls Fast State
Co-Rec Slow State
Men's/Women's Slow State
Men's Fast State

STARR

Men's/Women's Slow State
Co-Rec State
Baseball State
Modified Stat

DUDLEY

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Above logos are also available electronically by requesting from staff@msf1.org and may only be used on printed schedules, flyers and bracket boards.