


## STATE TOURNAMENTS

## Tournament

B/C Masters 35 Slowpitch
Masters 50 Slowpitch
C/D Co-Rec Slowpitch
B Men's Fastpitch
C Men's Fastpitch
C/DD Men's Slowpitch

Date
Jul 29
Jul 29
July 30
Aug 5-6
Aug 11-13
Aug 18-20

Site
Cambridge
Cambridge
Cambridge
Freeport
North Mankato
Cambridge

Tournament
D Men's Slowpitch
E Men's Slowpitch
D Men's Fastpitch
A/B/C Women's Slowpitch
D/E Women's Slowpitch

## Date

Aug 18-20
Aug 18-20
Aug 19-20
Aug 18-20
Aug 18-20

## Site

Cambridge Cambridge Freeport Cambridge Cambridge

MINNESOTA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS/ STATE/NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Division

Men's Slowpitch
Women's Slowpitch

Date
Aug 18-20
Aug 18-20

## FALL STATE TOURNAMENTS

Division
Co-Rec Slowpitch
Men's Slowpitch

## Date

Sep 23-24
Sep 30-Oct 1

Site
Sauk Rapids
Sauk Rapids

Site
Cambridge
Cambridge



Spring/Summer/Fall 2023
WELCOME TO THE 2023 SEASON OF NSF $\leqslant$ MS SOFTBALL IN MINNESOTA.
We are looking forward to serving your community and team again in 2023.

Again last year nearly 2,500 adult softball teams and 250 umpires participated in MSF sponsored softball activities and we anticipate continued mass participation this year. The Minnesota Sports Federation softball continues its status as the state's largest league softball organization.

Again, this year a multitude of registered invitational tournaments and postseason tournaments are available to participate in.

NSF MSF membership provides a broad spectrum of opportunities in the softball world from umpire/coaches training to special events such as the "Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame Banquet".

This year's Men's Slow Pitch and Women's Slow Pitch Tournament of Champions/NSF North American Championships will be hosted at Sandquist Family Park in Cambridge on August 18-20.

Should you have any questions or suggestions on how we can better serve you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to "Serving Minnesota Through Sports" SM again this year.
Very sincerely,


Perry Coonce
NSF $\bullet$ NSF


NSF MS SOFTBALL
The Minnesota Sports Federation serves as the local affiliate of the National Softball Federation of America.
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## MINNESOTA SPORTS FEDERATION

NSF $>$ MSF Softball-Minnesota Sports Federation
The Minnesota Sports Federation (MSF) is a non-profit, non-tax supported public service organization which solely conducts recreational-amateur sports activities in the state of Minnesota. Members of the Federation receive many valuable services which enable them to enjoy recreational-amateur sports to their fullest extent.

The MSF mission is to provide wholesome community based amateur-recreational sports opportunities that promote fitness, personal growth, good sports and the development of lifetime leisure skills.

Since 1982, the Sports Federation has become a major organizational force in planning and executing amateur sports events for over 200,000 youth and adults in Minnesota.

To implement and conduct a program of this magnitude, the MSF relies on individuals who dedicate many hours of their time to the benefit of recreational sports enthusiasts throughout the state of Minnesota.

The MSF serves as the local association of the National Softball Federation, National Youth Basketball Council (NYBC) and USA Broomball.

The MSF is governed by an 15-member board which is comprised of players, coaches, program administrators and officials active in the sports community.

League, association, team and player membership in the Minnesota Sports Federation is voluntary and conditional upon members adhering to established rules and regulations and acting in the best interest of the NSF MSF program.

Through the union of all eligible leagues, organizations, groups and affiliations with organizations devoted wholly or partially to the promotion of recreational sports, the MSF hopes to expand programs and services in the future.

The MSF is committed to serving amateur sports enthusiasts in an effort to enhance the quality of life for all Minnesotans regardless of age, gender, race, economic status or handicap.

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## ADULT SOFTBALL GUIDE

NSF $\boldsymbol{\sim}$ MSF Softball-Minnesota Sports Federation

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The rules and regulations contained in this guide are not intended to limit or restrict play, but to promote fair play and provide a more enjoyable experience for all. Representatives designated by the NSF $\diamond$ MSF are empowered to apply the rules found here and also render decisions on situations not specifically covered by rule.

These eligibility rules and regulations apply only to those sports communities/leagues sending representative(s) to tournament play. Sports communities/leagues who wish to send representatives to district and/or state tournaments shall adopt and abide by the eligibility rules contained in this guide. Sports communities/leagues may make these rules and regulations stricter, so long as local modifications do not create conflicts which result in violation(s) of NSF $\rightarrow$ MSF rules (For example: a league may increase the number of league games a player must play in league play in order to advance to post-season tournament play to more than the required four, but may not reduce the number to less than four). If there is a conflict or omission within on a program or playing rule, NSF $>M S F$ tournament/state staff shall make a final ruling/interpretation.

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## MSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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NOTE: Board members serve three year staggered terms. Board members are currently being sought for the positions listed as open.

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Team Classification
National Tournaments
Adult Touch Football
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Adult Basketball
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Umpire Uniform Program
Ball Order Processing
Softball Personnel Mailing
Memorabilia Program
Accounting

## PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

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Adult Softball
Adult Broomball
Adult Volleyball
Adult Basketball
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## DEFINITIONS

NSF MSF Softball-Minnesota Sports Federation
"BOARD OF DIRECTORS" signifies the governing board of the Minnesota Sports Federation.
"BONAFIDE RESIDENT" is defined as an individual who actually physically resides in the USA.
"CHURCH TEAM" is defined as a team composed of individuals who are actively associated with the religious endeavors of a specific congregation/parish as shown by their regular attendance and participation at religious services (at least once a month). Team members shall be certified as active members by the head of specific congregation/parish. Note: If a church member attends the religious services of two or more services and is on the bonafide membership roll of one of the churches, then this player is ruled a member of the church where their name appears on the membership roll.
"COLLEGE STUDENT" is defined as a full-time student that is living away from home for the purposes of attending college. Summer school students are not considered to be college students unless they are attending the same school that they attended during the entire preceding school year.
"CO-REC TEAM" is defined as a team with the same number of women in the game as men.
"DEPUTY NSF $\diamond$ MSF COMMISSIONER" is defined as the individual who serves as the director of the local softball community and is the liaison to the Minnesota Sports Federation.
"DISQUALIFIED PLAYER" is defined as an individual who has been disqualified from the NSF MSF softball program.
"DISTRICT" is defined as a geographical area encompassing designated counties.
"DISTRICT COMMISSIONER" signifies the individuals who administer district-wide and assist in administering the state-wide NSF MSF program.
"DIVISIONS OF PLAY" are defined as slowpitch, industrial slow, church slow, co-rec slow, masters slow (30), masters slow (35), masters slow (40), masters slow (45), masters slow (50), masters slow (55), masters slow (60) masters slow, (65) masters slow, fastpitch, masters fast (40), masters fast (45) and modified pitch.
"ELIGIBLE LEAGUE" is defined as a league in a sports community which has registered all of the teams in the league, thereby making it eligible to be represented in post-season NSF $\rightarrow$ MSF competition. The league must have a minimum of four teams and conduct an intra-league schedule totaling a minimum of 12 games ( 12 games is combined total for all teams in the league).
"ELIGIBLE PLAYER" is defined as a player who competes on an eligible team and qualifies under the eligibility rules in this guide.
"ELIGIBLE TEAM" is defined as a team and its rostered players which has been registered, is eligible for local league playoffs and qualifies under the eligibility rules in this guide.
"FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE" is defined as an individual who is physically working as a full-time employee in the USA (30-40 hour work week). The full-time employment must be the individual's main livelihood and the individual must be compensated accordingly.
"FULL-TIME RESIDENT" is defined as an individual who is physically residing as a full-time resident in the USA.
"LEAGUE PLAYOFF" is defined as a playoff held after the conclusion of regular season league play for the purpose of determining a post-season tournament representative(s).
"MSF" signifies the Minnesota Sports Federation, the Minnesota affiliate of the National Softball Federation.
"NATIONAL QUALIFIER" is a tournament held before district/state tournament play for the purpose of filling an at large berth to an NSF national playoff or national tournament. Teams must compete with their regular season rosters.
"POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT" is defined as an NSF MSF district, state, region, area or national tournament.
"REGISTERED INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT" is defined as a tournament that registers with NSF MSF Softball that utilizes NSF $\diamond$ MSF registered umpires/rules and all participating teams are NSF $\leftrightarrow$ MSF members.
"RESIDE OR WORK" is defined as an individual who physically resides or physically works as a full-time employee in the USA.
"SPORTS COMMUNITY" is defined as the city(-ies) school district(s) from which an eligible league draws players who are eligible for a direct seed or league playoffs which qualify a team(s) for NSF $\bullet$ MSF post-season competition.
"STATE COMMISSIONER" signifies the individual who serves as Executive or Associate Director of the Minnesota Sports Federation.
"UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT" is defined as conduct that is detrimental to the NSF MSF program.

## TEAM MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please carefully review the entire NSF $\leqslant$ MSF program guide prior to registering your teams.

## MSF Team Membership

$\$ 15.00$ per team on or before May 15th for leagues that attend their district meeting and pick up their books there. (otherwise $\mathbf{\$ 2 0 . 0 0}$ per team)
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IMPORTANT NOTE: League Teams Receive A $\$ 5.00$ Discount to $\$ 15.00$ Per Team If A League Representative Attends a District Meeting And Picks Up Team Membership Materials.

## MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS

To receive the services listed below and be eligible to send a representative(s) to NSF $\leqslant$ MSF post-season tournament play, all of the teams in the league must be members. For example, if a league has sixteen teams, all sixteen teams must be NSF $\diamond$ MSF members to receive the membership services listed below.

* IMPORTANT NOTE *

If the same team is registered in multiple divisions (i.e. men's slowpitch, men's masters, church slow, etc.) it must pay a registration fee for each division they want to compete in.

## HOW TO ADMINISTER AN NSF ${ }^{\text {MSF }}$ LEAGUE

The registration and administration of a NSF $\downarrow$ MSF softball league is very simple. Follow the below step by step process:

1. Complete team membership form and forward with the NSF MSF team membership fee to NSF $\diamond$ MSF district of state offices by May 15 .
2. Forward all the teams regular season rosters (yellow copy of three-part roster provided by NSF $\bullet$ MSF) to NSF $\downarrow$ MSF state offices by July 15 .
3. NSF MSF will award your league postseason berths no later than June 25 . The awarding form and fees must be in NSF MSF district or state offices by July 10 .
4. Distribute postseason tournament packets (draw, rules, map, etc.) and the championship roster (white copy of the threepart roster) to the teams advancing from your league with the team number designated.

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

## Insurance Benefits

1. All NSF $\leftrightarrow$ MSF member teams and associations have the option to purchase low-cost team liability and accident insurance. For further details please contact the MSF office.
2. All NSF $<$ MSF member umpires who officiate games in which NSF $>$ MSF member teams compete are also covered under the terms of the $\$ 2,000,000$ general liability policy and in addition receive an excess medical insurance policy -0-deductible.

## Publications/Materials

1. NSF MSF Official Rule Book/Scorebook
2. MSF Softball Guide and Sanctioned Invitational Tournament Schedule
3. NSF MSF Membership Bag Tag (good for one free admission to all NSF $\diamond$ MSF state/national events)
4. Eligibility to compete in NSF $\diamond$ MSF sanctioned tournaments held in the state of Minnesota
5. Access to www.msf1.org web site which features results, schedules and program summaries.
6. Services of the State Commissioner and State Umpire Staff
7. Membership in an organization striving to improve and promote the game of softball on a local, state and national level. The NSF $\leftrightarrow$ MSF promotes the sport in your community and works for better facilities and programs.
8. Voting representation of the NSF $\diamond$ MSF Board of Directors

## Uniform Eligibility and Classification Rules

All NSF $\curvearrowright$ MSF member teams are governed by a uniform set of eligibility and classification rules which are designed to promote fair play and equalize competition.

## Uniform Playing Rules

All NSF MSF member teams compete under the official softball rules of the National Softball Federation and Minnesota Sports Federation. Member teams are encouraged to contribute to the development of the game by suggesting rule changes to their local commissioner.

## Championship Competition

The NSF MSF conducts district, state, regional, area and national tournaments in various levels and divisions of play. Teams are eligible (through their registered league) to compete in post-season tournaments.

## Settlement of Protests

If your league so desires, a member of the NSF $\Rightarrow$ MSF Umpire Staff will serve as your league's rule interpreter.

## Technical Assistance

Members of the NSF $\diamond$ MSF staff are available to provide expertise in the development of by-laws, league and tournament schedules and general assistance.

## Qualified Umpires

The NSF $>$ MSF is continually striving to improve the understanding and quality of officiating. NSF $\diamond$ MSF umpires are required to attend a biennial rule interpretation clinic. Players are also encouraged to attend a rule interpretation clinic.

## Sanctioned Invitational Tournaments

The NSF MSF sanctions weekend invitational tournaments to assure your team receives a quality experience and fair treatment. The NSF $\diamond$ MSF works closely with the tournament directors to assure a successful event.

## MSF is a Clearinghouse

The MSF is affiliated with other state and national organizations which promote amateur/recreational sports.

## Annual Meeting

Option to attend the MSF Annual Meeting.

## Voice in Your Program

Voting representation on the MSF Board of Directors.

## Promotion of Softball

By joining the NSF $<M S F$, your league is helping your organization improve and promote the game of softball. The NSF $<$ MSF promotes the sport in your community and works for better facilities and league programs.

## MEMBERSHIP FORMS

Membership forms and fees for all teams must be sent to NSF $\leqslant$ MSF district or state offices by May 15.

Place only one division code and sports community on each form. Please type or clearly print each item. Team membership forms which are not legible will not be processed.

## TEAM ROSTERS

All leagues are required to submit regular season team rosters to the MSF for all registered teams. Universal roster forms are available from MSF offices and must be used for this purpose. Exception: Park and Recreation and Community Education Departments may send a copy of their own regular season roster in place of the MSF universal roster provided it provides legible names and addresses of all players. However, all teams advancing to NSF $\triangleleft$ MSF post-season play must complete and utilize the universal roster. In spite of this exception it is highly recommended that all departments endeavor to utilize the universal roster form for all teams as it helps prevent the use of ineligible players. Regular season rosters for all teams must be sent directly to MSF offices.

Also, please read the "Roster" section of this guide.

## TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

Please refer to the section in this guide entitled "Tournament Entries".


Do not submit tournament entry fees until you have received the tournament entry forms which will be distributed prior to June 15. Tournament information (i.e. schedules, field maps, etc.) will be forwarded to the league director no less than seven days in advance of the tournament. Do not request tournament information earlier than this as it will not be available.

## CLASSES OF COMPETITION

Please see the applicable section in this guide.

## TEAM MEMBERSHIP MATERIALS

All team membership materials (i.e. softball guides, rule books, tournament schedule books, etc.) are distributed to softball league directors at the Annual District Meetings held each spring. Team materials are supplied for the number of teams a sports community guarantees they will register. League directors who cannot attend are asked to send a proxy.

It is important that all leagues are represented.
Your attendance is an opportunity to become more familiar with your organization, take an active role in its administration and save your league monetarily. League directors are responsible for distribution of materials to teams participating in their sports community at their earliest opportunity. Those leagues which are not in attendance will not receive the $\$ 5.00$ per team membership discount.

## REGISTERED TOURNAMENTS

Forms for registering weekend invitational tournaments are available upon request from MSF offices.

## $\star$ DEADLINES $\star$ <br> FAILURE TO MEET LISTED DEADLINES MAY RESULT IN EXCLUSION FROM PROGRAM AND WILL RESULT IN LATE FEES!

May 15
July 10
July 15
Deadline for submitting team membership forms and payment of team membership fees. Deadline for payment of tournament entry fees for each team being entered in an NSF $\downarrow$ MSF district or state tournament.
Deadline for submitting regular season team rosters.

Late teams registrations and tournament entries (if accepted) are subject to a $\$ 3.00$ per team and $\$ 10.00$ per tournament late entry penalty.

> PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE SOFTBALL GUIDE PRIOR TO TEAM REGISTRATION!!

## ELIGIBILITY

NSF $\triangleleft$ MSF Softball-Minnesota Sports Federation

## PLAYERS

## General Rule

Players must live or work in the USA. If eligibility is claimed by employment the participant must be employed full-time (30-40 hour work week) in the USA. The full-time employment must be the individual's main livelihood and the individual must be compensated accordingly. A position which involves travel through the USA may not be interpreted as employment in the USA. These participants must compete in the Country where they reside. Foreign players are not allowed.

If eligibility is claimed by residence the participant must physically reside in the USA.
Residence, work or church attendance must be established prior to May 1 of the current year and be maintained through the state tournament.

All participants must have competed on four regularly scheduled league games in the Minnesota league with the team they are participating with in an NSF $\leftrightarrow$ MSF post-season tournament (Play-off games are not considered regular season league games). Note: See exceptions noted below.

## Service Personnel

Players called into the armed forces active duty may be replaced by otherwise eligible players (training programs do not apply). Discharged service personnel returning to the USA are eligible for Minnesota post-season tournament competition provided they meet local eligibility rules and the local sports community accepts them. The May 1 deadline for employment or residence is waived for service personnel. The deadline is July 1. Service personnel on temporary leave are not eligible for post-season tournament competition.

## TEAMS

To be eligible for NSF $\diamond$ MSF tournament play, teams must be registered, qualify through their local Minnesota league/playoffs, and meet the player and league eligibility rules in this guide.

## Men's and Women's Slow

Roster Limit - 20 (includes player/manager) Three pick up players allowed are allowed per rules on page 80 . Teams must play in a member league during the regular season.

## Church Slow

Roster limit - 20 (includes player/manager). Three pick up players allowed. Teams shall be composed of players who are members and actively associated with the religious endeavors of a specific congregation/parish as shown by their regular attendance (at least once a month) and participation at religious services. Teams need not participate in a bonafide church league during the regular season. They may play in a men's or women's slowpitch league.

Note: Provided no women's church state tournament is held, women are eligible to participate in the men's church state tournament.

## Men's Masters (35 \& Over) Slow

Roster limit - 20 (includes player/manager). Teams shall be composed of players who are 35 years of age or over as of December 31 of the current year. Men's masters teams with five or more players from their men's slowpitch team must be classified one class higher than their men's slowpitch team. Additionally, masters teams that combine two or more men's slowpitch teams that result in five or more players of a specific class must be classified one class higher in masters. (e.g. If five or more players from one or two or more "B" slowpitch teams combine to form a masters (35) slowpitch team that team shall be classified "A", etc.) Note: First year men's masters slowpitch teams or men's masters slowpitch teams who played in the previous years state tournament may petition MSF Offices to be classified in the same class in masters as
they are classified in men's slow. (Petition Deadline January 15.) Note: Men's slowpitch teams that petition and are moved down in men's slowpitch, must also petition to be moved down in men's masters if they have five or more of the same players on their masters slowpitch team.

## Men's Masters (50) Over Slow

Roster limit - 20 (includes player/manager). Teams shall be composed of players who are 50 years of age or older as of December 31 of the current year. Players need not play on a team in a member league during the regular season. Teams must submit an official at tournament check-in.

## Co-Recreational Slow

Roster limit - 20 (includes player/manager). Three pick up players allowed. Teams shall have the same number of women in the game as men with exceptions delineated in the playing rules section. Co-rec B softball teams are allowed a maximum of 3 players who play on A men's, women's or co-rec team in previous or current season; Co-rec C softball teams are allowed a maximum of 3 players who play on B men's, women's or co-rec team in previous or current season (no players from A teams); Co-rec C softball teams are allowed a maximum of 3 players who play on $B$ men's, women's or co-rec team in previous or current season (no players from A or B teams); Co-rec D softball teams are allowed a maximum of 3 players who play on $C$ men's, women's or co-rec team in previous or current season (no players from A or B teams). Co-Rec A teams do not have any player class restrictions. Co-rec slowpitch teams from other softball organizations that wish to participate in the NSF MSF program must register at least one classification higher than they are currently playing in non NSF MSF play. Note: Class A, $B$ and C Co-Rec teams are no longer required to play in an NSF $\leftrightarrow$ MSF member league and may be specifically formed for state tournament play based on the above classification rules. Official roster must be submitted at tournament check-in.

## Men's Fast

Roster Limit - 20 (includes player/manager). In Class B Men's fastpitch teams need not play in a member league, but must submit an official tournament roster at tournament check-in. In Class C-D men's fastpitch, if no league is available within 45 minutes driving time teams/players may qualify for state by playing in four or more sanctioned tournament games with the team they are playing with at state. Men's fastpitch teams are allowed to play in a men's modified pitch league during the regular season and qualify for the Men's Fastpitch State Tournament. A total of two pick-up players are allowed per rules found on page 81. Women are allowed to play on men's fastpitch and modified teams during the regular reason, weekend and postseason play. Note: Class C men's fastpitch teams may now also play in the Class B men's fastpitch state tournament and retain their eligibility for Class C State. Class $C$ teams are allowed a maximum of four class $B$ or below pickup players

## Modified Pitch

Roster Limit - 20 (includes player/manager). Modified pitch teams are allowed to play in a men's fastpitch league during the regular season and qualify for the men's modified pitch state tournament. A total of two "pick up" players per team are allowed. "Pick up" players shall be selected in accordance with the procedure outlined below Exception: Prior to the state tournament modified pitch teams may pick up two players from registered modified pitch, fastpitch or slowpitch teams located anywhere in the state.

## PICK UP PLAYERS

## Slow Pitch

Slow pitch teams are permitted to add five pick-up players as follows:

1. Pick up players must be from the same sports community.
2. The player must come from the same class or lower. If the pick up player plays on more than one team, they must assume the classification of the highest team for pick up player purposes.
3. The pick up player may not emanate from another team still playing in postseason.
4. Pick up players may be replaced but are not eligible to be picked up by another team.

## Fast and Modified Pitch

Fast and modified pitch teams are permitted to add or substitute (four players - FP) (two players - MP) as follows:

1. Pick up players may be from teams anywhere in the state that have not been disqualified for eligibility or unsportsmanlike conduct violations.
2. Added players may be from anywhere in the state as long as they are no longer eligible for championship play. Teams may pick up a maximum of one pitcher. Exception: Class C teams playing B MFP State may pickup two pitchers.
3. Pickup players in Minnesota need not have played for an NSF $\leqslant$ MSF registered team during the current season, but must be approved by the NSF $\diamond$ MSF state office.
4. Pickup players may be selected only for teams which are no longer eligible for championship play.
5. Pickup players may be from a fastpitch, slowpitch or modified pitch team in the same or lower classification. Players who are members of two teams in two different classifications must assume their highest class of play for pick up purposes. (e.g. if a player is participating on a class $B$ team in one community and a class $C$ team in another, they are considered a class B player for pick up purposes and consequently may only be picked up for a class B tournament or higher). Exception: Class C MFP teams playing in B State may pickup Class B players or below.
6. No players may be picked up for National Qualifiers.
7. In adult divisions of play, pickup player may be substituted for after they have participated.
8. A player may play with only one team other than their own team within a division in championship play. Exception: C MFP teams playing in B MFP State and players from class C teams picked up for Class B State.
9. "Pick-up" players may be dropped and substituted for with other legal "pick-up" players.
10. Pickup players must sign an official "pickup player" form which also must be signed by the team's manager, league director and if a minor the player's parent or legal guardian and attached to the team's official roster before tournament play begins. The pickup form is located in the current NSF $\rightarrow$ MSF Softball Guide Book.

## LEAGUES

To be eligible to send a representative to a NSF $\leqslant$ MSF post-season tournament all of the teams in the league from which the representative comes must be registered. (For example, if a league has eight teams, all eight teams must be registered. It is not permissible to register only four of the eight teams). The league shall have a minimum of four teams and conduct an intra-league schedule totaling a minimum of 12 games. ( 12 games is a combined total for all teams in the league.)

## League Playoffs

Players are permitted to participate in more than one league playoff in the same division of play provided their local league does not invoke a local rule which prohibits it. It is highly recommended that leagues require players who are participating on more than one team in the same division of play to declare in writing by June 15, which team they will be participating on in post-season tournament play. A space is available on the official NSF $\leqslant$ MSF roster for doing so. This will assist in eliminating forfeits due to a shortage of available players.

## Umpires

All NSF $\diamond$ MSF teams and leagues shall use NSF $\diamond$ MSF registered umpires in official league contests.


## POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

A team or player may not participate in post-season tournament play on more than one NSF $\leftrightarrow$ MSF team in the same division of play. The seven different divisions of play are listed below.

Slowpitch<br>Church Slowpitch<br>Co-Rec Slowpitch<br>Masters Slow (35)<br>\section*{Fastpitch<br><br>Modified Pitch}

Once a player participates in a NSF $\leftrightarrow$ MSF district, state, regional or metro tournament they are committed to that team and that player is not eligible to participate with another team in a district, state, regional or metro tournament in the same division of play. (See above for divisions of play.)

Once a player participates with a team that secures a national tournament berth via a national qualifier, they are committed to that team and may not play with another team in a district, state, regional or metro tournament in the same division of play.

## Any team found to have an ineligible player(s) shall be immediately disqualified from NSF $\boldsymbol{\text { MSF }}$ tournament play.



## SPORTS COMMUNITIES

## Definition

A sports community is defined as the city(ies) school district(s) from which an eligible league draws its players who are eligible for a direct seed, or league playoffs, which qualify a team(s) for NSF $\leqslant$ MSF post-season tournament competition.

Sports communities may be:

1. A single city
2. A school district
3. Combination of two or more cities.
4. Combination of two or more school districts

Sports communities may be formed by adjoining open areas, other cities, and other school districts.

## Representation

A sports community must conduct an "eligible league" to qualify representatives for NSF MSF post-season tournament competition.

Each NSF MSF sports community will be allowed a designated number of entries for post-season tournaments. The number of entries is based upon the number of team registrations in a specific division and class. The greater the number of team registrations in a specific division and class the greater the number of tournament entries that will be allowed. Please refer to the "NSF $\diamond$ MSF tournaments" section of this guide for specific details on tournament entries allowed.

## ROSTERS

Regular Season
All member leagues must submit regular season rosters to the MSF prior to July 15 for both slowpitch and fastpitch. Once rosters are received at MSF Offices no changes may be made even if the rosters were received prior to July 15.

In order to meet the July 15 MSF deadline, it is recommended that local leagues establish an earlier deadline. Universal roster forms are available from MSF offices and must be used for this purpose. Exception: Park and Recreation and Community Education Departments may send a copy of their own regular season roster in place of the NSF $\leftrightarrow$ MSF universal roster provided it provides legible names and addresses of all players. However, all teams advancing to NSF MSF post-season play must complete and utilize the universal roster for post-season tournament play. In spite of this exception it is highly recommended that all departments endeavor to utilize the universal roster form for all teams as it helps prevent the use of ineligible players.

NO ROSTER CHANGES ARE PERMITTED AFTER JULY 15 OR AFTER ROSTERS ARE RECEIVED AT MSF OFFICES! NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Leagues which fail to submit regular season rosters will not be eligible for post-season tournament berths. Teams will be disqualified from post-season tournament play if a regular season roster is not found on file at NSF $\diamond$ MSF offices.

## Post-Season/National Qualifying Tournament Rosters

Teams shall hand carry their correctly completed white copy of the roster to the post-season tournament site and hand deliver it to the MSF tournament manager prior to commencing play. Important Note: White copy must match identically the regular season roster (yellow copy) which was previously submitted by the league director with the exception of:
a. Those players who are not eligible for post-season tournament play by virtue of their participation with another team (see MSF play-off rules) SHALL HAVE A SINGLE LINE DRAWN THROUGH THEIR NAME BY THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR/TEAM MANAGER AND THE SPACE INITIALED BY THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR.

Players are not allowed to be on multiple NSF $\diamond$ MSF postseason rosters from within the same league with common opponents.
All players' names must appear on the tournament roster and be accompanied by their signature. Players who participate without previously completing the signature block shall cause their team to be eliminated from competition. League directors signature block must be completed prior to commencing play. League directors may submit the regular season roster (yellow copy) without players' signatures, but the white copy must contain all players' names and addresses. Rosters which are incomplete or not legible will be rejected and the team eliminated from competition.

League directors are responsible for reviewing the roster, crossing out the extra blank spaces and signing the post-season roster (white copy). League directors are also responsible for designating and circling the "team number assigned" on the white state tournament roster at the time the team advances to state tournament play. This number identifies the team number the team is advancing as from your community and corresponds to the number located on the tournament draw.

## In order for the team manager to be eligible as a player, their name must also be listed and signed in the players section.

Do not mail the tournament roster. Teams without the "official tournament roster" will not be permitted to participate.
In addition to presenting one of the forms of I.D. listed below, players claiming eligibility through employment or residence in Minnesota shall be prepared to exhibit one of the following items:

## Employment

1. Previous years $W-2$ tax statement.
2. Two payroll receipts or check stubs with player's and company's name dated in accordance with the date specified in applicable NSF MSF Sports Guide. Check stub must reflect full time employment.
3. Company I.D. Badge dated with current year.

## Residence

1. Previous years property tax statement.
2. Two copies of rent receipts dated in accordance with the dates specified in applicable NSF $\leftrightarrow$ MSF Sports Guide.
3. Notarized statement from landlord indicating occupancy was held in accordance with the dates specified in applicable MSF Sports Guide.

Teams unable to prove the eligible residence, employment address or identification of each of their participating players upon request of an MSF representative will be disqualified from tournament competition.

Rosters for softball teams participating in church divisions must be signed in the designated space by the head of the church, which validates the church membership of the players listed on the official tournament roster. (Player's church membership must have been established prior to March 1.)

Rosters for men's masters (35) \& (50) slow, open/A men's slow, open/major co-rec, open women's slow are turned in prior to play at the state tournament site.

Players participating in the $35 \& 50$ and over divisions must verify their age by showing one of the following documents during random eligibility checks at MSF post-season tournaments:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Military Separation Papers
3. Hospital Certificate of Birth
4. Baptismal Certificate
5. Minnesota Drivers License

Age verification documents must be in possession of the team at all times for random checks. Submit copies only as there is no guarantee of return.

Any team without a properly completed roster (includes team manager and league director's signatures) or found to have an ineligible player(s) (i.e. a player who has illegally participated in two post-season tournaments in the same division of play, etc.) shall be immediately disqualified from competition.

All players participating in post-season tournament play must have their current Minnesota or bordering state driver's license picture I.D., military picture I.D., tribal enrollment picture I.D., company picture I.D., college picture I.D., Minnesota drivers permit or license revocation slip in their possession (at the team bench) for each game they play in. If a rostered player is under 16 years of age and does not have a driver's license, they must bring either a student picture I.D. or birth certificate and photo. No other form of I.D. will be accepted. If a players last name is different on their license versus the roster due to a name change (i.e. marriage) they must also bring a copy of their marriage license. If a driver's license has been revoked, the player must have the state revocation/application slip. Teams will be checked at random during state tournament play. Teams found with player(s) not in possession of the required I.D. will be required to deposit a $\$ 200.00$ identification bond in order for the team to continue tournament play (teams with illegal players should immediately drop out of the tournament to mitigate harsher penalties). Teams who do not pay the $\$ 200.00$ deposit will not be allowed to continue in the tournament. In addition, each player(s) without required I.D. who testifies they are legal and the player listed on the scorecard/roster, may continue tournament participation by submitting a $\$ 25.00$ non-refundable cash (no checks) participation fee. (This non-refundable cash fee will be divided equally between the state Junior Olympic program and Softball Hall of Fame). Players without the proper identification who do not pay the $\$ 25.00$ non-refundable fee will not be allowed to participate. In addition, the unidentified player(s) must pose for a photograph and sign a statement of identification in order for their team to continue play. Upon proof of each player(s) identification and legality, either at the site or at MSF offices, the $\$ 200.00$ bond will be returned. Failure to pay the $\$ 200.00$ cash bond, pose for a picture and sign the I.D. statement will disqualify the player and team from the game, tournament and advancement to further competition. Failure to exhibit proof of identification by the Wednesday after the tournament will cause the team to forfeit the $\$ 200.00$ bond.

## SCORECARDS

Once a player is listed on an NSF $\diamond$ MSF official score/line-up card (that is given to the MSF tournament manager, UIC or game umpire) as a starter or substitute, they are considered officially in the game and are subject to all NSF $\leqslant$ MSF eligibility rules including subjecting their team to tournament disqualification if their name is not found on the regular and post-season roster.

Once an eligibility check has been completed by the tournament manager or the scorecard has been presented to the game umpire names can not be added to the score/line-up card

## DISQUALIFICATION - INDIVIDUALS

A player or participant shall be immediately disqualified from the NSF $>$ MSF Program for any of the following acts:

1. Failure to comply with the eligibility rules set forth in this guide.
2. Failure to exhibit required player identification upon request of the NSF $>$ MSF tournament director, game official or other NSF $\diamond$ MSF representative.
3. Commission of fraud, such as playing under an assumed name, falsifying a roster, or giving false information to NSF MSF officials.
4. Conducting or participating in an unsanctioned invitational tournament.
5. Participating in the NSF $\leftrightarrow$ MSF program against non-member teams.
6. Participating in a NSF $\leftrightarrow$ MSF member league in which the game officials are not NSF $\diamond$ MSF registered. (This requirement may be waived in extenuating circumstances by the NSF $\bullet$ MSF State offices)
7. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
8. Engaging in a fight with an opponent carries a minimum 10 game suspension. (Throwing punches or kicks that fail to land still constitute fighting)
9. Verbal abuse of a game or tournament official or an opponent, results in a game/tournament ejection (subject to appeal) plus minimum one game suspension. Repeated acts carry an indefinite suspension.
10. Inadvertently touching or bumping a game or tournament official or tossing a bat results in a game/tournament ejection plus a minimum six game suspension. Repeated acts carry an indefinite suspension.
11. Physically assaulting (e.g. bumping, butting, striking, slapping, shoving, pushing, touching, kicking or dangerously throwing a bat, ball, broom or other equipment, etc.) at a game or tournament official or an opponent, results in a minimum one year suspension and likelihood of criminal prosecution.

## DISQUALIFICATION - TEAMS

A team shall be immediately disqualified from the NSF $>$ MSF Program for any of the following acts:

1. Failure to comply with the eligibility rules set forth in this guide.
2. Commission of fraud, such as playing under an assumed name, falsifying a roster, giving false information to tournament officials or wrongful sports community classification.
3. Conducting or Participating in an unsanctioned invitational tournament.
4. Failure to provide a 48-hour advance notice to the NSF $\diamond$ MSF district or state office when forfeiting a tournament contest; or after a team has already played one or more games in the tournament and fails to immediately notify the tournament manager of intent to forfeit their next game. (Carries penalty of team/players ineligibility for tournament play the following year.) It is recommended that local softball communities impose a "72-hour" rule.
5. Participating in the NSF $\diamond$ MSF program against non-member teams.
6. Participating in a NSF MSF member league in which the game officials are not registered.
7. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
8. Failure to exhibit team membership card or required player identification upon the request of the NSF $<$ MSF tournament director, UIC, game official or other NSF $\bullet$ MSF representative.
9. Tendering non-sufficient fund or stopping payment on checks.
10. Causing damage to playing facilities, equipment or accommodations.

## DISQUALIFICATION - LEAGUES

A league shall be disqualified from sending a team to a post-season NSF $\leqslant$ MSF tournament if they fail to meet the eligibility requirements outlined in this guide.

## Sports Communities

A sports community shall be disqualified from sending a team(s) to a post-season NSF $\leftrightarrow$ MSF tournament if they fail to meet the eligibility requirements outlined in this guide.

## PROBATIONS/SUSPENSIONS

| Name | Sports Community |
| :--- | :--- |
| Badger Screen Printing | Coon Rapids |
| Rick Spencer | Brooklyn Center |
| Wiley Benton | Eagan |
| Mark Piche | Plymouth |
| Mike Hall | Minneapolis |
| Brian Midtling | Hutchinson |
| Todd Dilley | Chanhassen |
| Kim Robinson | Dodge Center |
| James R. Lee | New Hope |
| Jan A. Hansen | No. St. Paul |
| Tara Tande | Minneapolis |
| Andre Giffin | Bloomington |
| Kent Kocur | Brooklyn Park |
| Mark Arcann | St. Paul |
| Lance Haugland | Albertville |
| Kim Niebling | Eagan |
| Pat Adams | Burnsville |
| John Schiller | Owatonna |
| Steve Walesch | Hanover |
| James Grant | Rosemount |
| Dustin Weierke | Rosemount |
| William Edwards | Minneapolis |
| John Avalos | So. St. Paul |
| John Zastro | Minnetonka |
| Rookies - Steve Van Eschen | Brooklyn Park |
| Judson Meyer |  |
| Virginia \& Chris Vance | Inver Grove Heights |
| Mark Hinsch | Waltham |
| Mike Walberg | St. Cloud |
| Tim Duncan | St. Paul |
| Curtis Travis | Minneapolis |
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## Violation

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| Tim Kjos | St. Louis Park | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Keith Baker | Maple Grove | Unsportsmanlike Conduct | All Activities | Indefinite-Must Appear |
| Tony Gear | Minneapolis | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Steve Gagnon | Waverly | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Steve Metzger | Hudson, WI | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Donald Addison | Minneapolis | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Kelly Turnvall | Forest Lake | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Steve Gagnon | Waverly | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Steve Metzger | Hudson, WI | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Todd Voelkers | Woodbury | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Indefinite |
| Steve Van Eschen | Brooklyn Park | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Gary Purdie | Mankato | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Indefinite |
| Danielle \& Scott Groshong | Aitkin | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Richard \& Tracy Bertram | Blaine | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Jerry VanDiver | St. Cloud | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Indefinite |
| Mark Beiver | Bloomington | Unsportsmanlike Conduct | All Activities | Pending Hearing |
| Mario Limon | Faribault | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Hearing |
| Reebok SB TM \& Players | Isanti County | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Pat Flanagan | Isanti County | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Metro Sales | Bloomington | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Tom Butler | Bloomington | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Dan Clarkson | Sartell | Sanctioned Tournament Violations | All Activities | Indefinite-Must Appear |
| WBG Machine | Robbinsdale | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Douglas H. | Robbinsdale | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Polar Boys BK Team\&Players | Minneapolis | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| James Logan | Minneapolis | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| North Comm Athl. Assn. |  |  |  |  |
| Brett Buckner | Minneapolis | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Richard Shelton | Minneapolis | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Mpls Boy \& Girls Club | Minneapolis | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Dave Bierling | West St. Paul | Unsportsmanlike Conduct | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Copra SB Team \& Players <br> Kevin Johnson | Eden Prairie | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Samuel Hanley | Rochester | Unsportsmanlike Conduct | All Activities | Indefinite- <br> Must Reappear at Hearing |
| Vickie Whitehouse | North Pine County | Outstanding Financial Issues | All Activities | Until Outstanding Financial Issues are adequately addressed |
| John \& Deena Schmidt | Cologne | Non-Payment | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Tim Barthel | Elk River | Unsportsmanlike Conduct | All Activities | Indefinite-Must Appear |
| Lonny Alexander | Elk River | Unsportsmanlike Conduct | All Activities | Indefinite-Must Appear |
| Cross Church of Rockford |  |  |  |  |
| SB Team \& Players | Buffalo | No Show | Post Season Softball |  |
| Brad Combs | Northfield | Illegal Participation | All Activities | Indefinite |
| Mike Ellenz | Edina | Use of Non MN ASA Umpires | All Activities | Indefinite |
|  |  |  | Must reappear prior to reinstatement May apply for reinstatement after September 30, 1999 Providing False Information/lllegal Participation provided IRS outstanding payments have been satisfied or MSF letter of forfeiture has been signed. |  |
| Annikki Walker | Minneapolis | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Kirk Fleming | Minnetonka | Non-Payment/NSF Check | All Activities | Indefinite |
| David Vig | St. Cloud | Unsportsmanlike Conduct | All Activities | Indefinite-Must Appear |
| Edward Mills, Schullys | Richfield | Unsportsmanlike Conduct | Softball | Indefinite |
| Hanover Dogs |  |  |  |  |
| SB Team \& Players Manager | Hanover | No Show | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| Maple Lake |  |  |  |  |
| Greg Mooney, League Director |  |  |  |  |
| Troy Martin | Saginaw | Non-Payment | All Activities | Pending Payment |


| Name | Sports Community | Violation | Suspended From | Effective Through |
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| $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Mark Doble } \\ \text { K.C. Lady All-Stars } & \text { Minneapolis } & \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
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| BK Team \& Players Earnest Jones, Coach | Kansas City | Non-Payment | All Activities | Pending Payment |
| M.C.'s Dugout |  |  |  |  |
| MVB Team \& Players | St. Cloud | Use of Ineligible Player | State tournament for all volleyball play | Pending Return of Awards |
| Kenny Fuchs, Manager |  | Must return all team and individual awards prior to reinstatement. |  |  |
| Scott Cunningham | South St. Paul | Unsportsmanlike Conduct | Ineligible | Pending Hearing |
| Tony Martinez | Eagan | Non-Payment | Suspended | Pending Payment |
| George Scanz | Austin | Unsportsmanlike Conduct | All Sports | Indefinite-Must Appear |
| Mark Brady | Austin | Unsportsmanlike Conduct | All Sports | Indefinite-Must Appear |
| Kevin Newsome | Hopkins | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Jorge Saenz | Austin | Unsportsmanlike Conduct | All Sports | Indefinite-Must Appear |
| Tony Carlson | Proctor | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Karl Condon | Proctor | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Laurel Ecklund | Proctor | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Ken Lippert | Proctor | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Mike Maylin | Proctor | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Scott Maylin | Proctor | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Toby Tucker | Proctor | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Mitch Worsley | Proctor | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Chris Mercier | Proctor | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Wolfpack Kris Sing | Minneapolis | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Yellow Snow II Chris Hultgren | Mankato | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Jessica Mae Johnson | Ogilvie | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Anchor Bank | West. St. Paul | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Paul Peterson |  |  |  |  |
| Melvin O'Groske | Ostrander | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Sandra Minter | St. Peter | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Robb Kirkpatrick | Buffalo | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Bryant Square Baseball Nathan Merae | Eagan | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Julie \& Bradley Kranz | Tower | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Mike Hamilton | Hopkins | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Debbi Boleen | White Bear Lake | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Travis Kczmarczyk | Minneapolis | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Carissa \& Nathan Pohlen | Ghent | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Cheryl A. Stauffer | Buffalo | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Debi Zierden | Sartell | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Robert Axen | Elk River | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Scott \& Allison Mattson | Bloomington | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Jamie Jones | Coon Rapids | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Kaylene S. Swanson | Milaca | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Bradley \& Amy Woodward | Anoka | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Michael Allen Etrheim | Otsego | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| James J. Saugestad | Blaine | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Wolf Pack | Santiago | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Kelli Fredrickson |  |  |  |  |
| Preston Johnson | Rochester | Unsportsmanlike Conduct | All Sports | Must Appear |
| Peter Freeberg | Cannon Falls | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Mark Carlson | Edina | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Lauri Rossi | Fridley | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Dan's Flower Gallery | Winona | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Charles Cunningham | Minneapolis | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Elizabeth Wienke | St. Paul | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Brian Borg | Plymouth | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Daniel Lund | Cottage Grove | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| GNC-Patrick Morrow | Winona | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Brian Sandeford | St. Paul | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Seanery Jackson | Minneapolis | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment- |
| Jason Rauch | Rochester | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |


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| Law Office |  |  |  |  |
| Anita Lizakowski | Thief River Falls | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Todd Russell | Rogers | Unsportsmanlike Conduct | All Sports | Must appear |
| Jerod Meyer | South St. Paul | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Dave Mace | South St. Paul | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Mayo Lozano | South St. Paul | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Alltok Broomball Players | New Hope | Unsportsmanlike conduct | All Sports | Must appear |
| Throwne Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Mark Andrews | Buffalo | NSF Check | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Paul R. Hitchocock | Maple Grove | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Celt's Pub |  |  |  |  |
| Ronnie Fischer | South St. Paul | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Drew Goranson | Hutchinson | Unsportsmanlike conduct | All Sports | Must appear |
| Applebee's/Anytime Fitness |  |  |  |  |
| Josh Gloppen | Hastings | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Off in the Public SB Team Annette LaBar, MGR | South St. Paul | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Cursh SB Team/Players |  |  |  |  |
| Jesse Klein, MGR | South St. Paul | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Aaron Gutherige | Princeton | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| John Klinkhammer | West St. Paul | Unsporting Conduct | All Sports | Indefinite-must appear |
| South St. Paul Baseball |  |  |  |  |
| Jerod Meyer | South St. Paul | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Ken Gustafson | St. Cloud | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| 3 Bid SB Team/Players |  |  |  |  |
| Zach Engel, MGR | South St. Paul | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Pete Reyes | Forest Lake | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Lady Gambles Basketball } & \text { Minneapolis } & \text { Unsporting Conduct }\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Justin Diaz, MGR | Mankato | Non-Payment | All Sports | Pending Payment |
| Kenneth Booth, Umpire | St. Cloud/Monticello | Unsportsmanlike conduct | All Activities | Must appear |

## *IMPORTANT NOTE*

Unless otherwise noted suspensions/probations apply to all regular season, weekend and post-season play in the sport(s) specified.

## REINSTATEMENT

Suspensions shall be immediate and remain in effect until such time that the suspended party appears before the MSF Sportsmanship and Eligibility Committee. Should the suspended party fail to appear the original suspension shall continue in effect until such time that it expires.

## CLASSES OF COMPETITION

NSF $>$ MSF Softball-Minnesota Sports Federation

## CLASSIFICATION PHILOSOPHY

The intent of the Federation team classification system is to place teams in a division in which they are competitive. The Federation philosophy that "WINNING IS NOT EVERYTHING" BUT STRIVING TO WIN is the most important consideration must be kept in mind when classifying teams.

Consequently, teams which go 0-2 in a tournament are by no means automatically considered to be inappropriately classified. Many factors such as the margin of defeat, the sports community's history, the teams which were played, and the number of teams in the division, etc. are carefully weighed before permission is granted for a sports community or a team to move down. Not all teams can win championships and success in Federation play should not be related to winning or losing, but rather related to the amount of effort put forth. When a league or team disregards all principles of fair play by intentionally competing at a level below their ability in an attempt to win a championship, the team has not only cheated themselves, but also the entire program. The opportunity to match skills against an equally skilled opponent is what "sport" is about. Many teams, in their efforts to win games, leagues and tournaments, purposely match their superior skills against less skilled opponents. The intent of sport is being sacrificed for the sake of a won/loss record and the accompanying material rewards.

All Federation sports participants need to assure that their motives for participating are in line with the original purpose of sport. If this is done the program will continue to flourish.

The classification rules listed below apply to Softball divisions. Specific classification procedures and designations for each division of play are found under each division's respective section. It is not necessary to designate a team classification when registering teams that are participating in divisions of play where only one tournament is conducted. These divisions of play are listed below:

## Modified Pitch

## Church Slowpitch

To avoid misunderstandings please carefully review all classification rules and procedures prior to team registration.

1. The class(es) of competition in which a sports community's team(s) compete are designated by MSF. This classification system has been developed to provide equalized competition at several levels.
2. A team may not have more than three players from a higher class unless they petition to lower their team classification. (Example: Triple Crown Gaming wins the class " $C$ " state championship and returns or recruits any combination of four or more players who were/are registered on a "C" team or higher during the preceding season or current season. Triple Crown Gaming must move up to class B the following year since they returned or recruited four or more of the players that comprise their softball team).
3. A player may not play more than one full letter class lower than their player classification. (Example: Mike's Place has 1-3 players who played on a class $C$ team in the previous or current season. The rest of the roster has played at $D$ or lower. The lowest class Mike's Place could play in without petitioning is class D.)
4. Sports community classifications are reviewed annually by the MSF slow or fastpitch Classification Committee, the State Commissioner and Associate Commissioner. Communities/teams may be raised or lowered at the discretion of these ruling parties.
5. Softball community directors may raise a team's class at their discretion at any time.
6. MSF reserves the right to combine two or more classes of competition when an insufficient number of tournament entries exist to conduct a specific class of play.
7. Sports communities/teams may not move down without the written permission of the NSF MSF. The Reclassification Application, found on pages 73-74 of this guide, shall be forwarded to NSF $\downarrow$ MSF offices prior to February 15 for slowpitch and May 1 for fastpitch of the current year.
8. 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.
9. Fastpitch Class C State Champion and all Class D move-ups must play state in their higher class at least two years before petitioning to move back down. Class C State runner-up may petition to move down after playing in Class B State for one year.
10. Teams that are classified higher by another organization in the state and wish to be classified lower in the MSF program, must petition the applicable Sports Federation classification committee for their classification status in the MSF program by March 15 of the current year.
11. Men's Fastpitch: 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. If a team finishes in the top one-four in the class D state tournament, it shall automatically be considered for move up to class C the following year. Any team may be reclassified to a higher or lower level by the fastpitch committee if the committee feels that the team is inappropriately classified.
12. For team classification purposes, a player's current class shall be considered the most recent post-season tournament they have played in during the previous season or current season.
13. Men's Slowpitch: If a men's team finishes in the top two of the Class C Slowpitch State Tournament or North American Championships two out of three years, it shall automatically move up to Class B the following year. The top 1-2 teams in "DD" state shall automatically be considered for move up to " C " the following year. The top $2-4$ teams in " D " state shall automatically be considered for move up to "DD" the following year. If a team finishes in the top four of the class "EE" state tournament it shall automatically move up to class "DD" the following year. Teams that finish from 5-16 in "EE" shall automatically be moved up to "D" the following year. Teams that finish in the top $2-4$ in "E" state shall automatically be considered for move up to "D" the following year. Teams that have been moved up and do not participate shall remain in their higher class at least until such time that they participate. Replacement, nationally qualified and host teams must finish in the top 4-C, top 8-DD,D places in the state tournament to be moved up one class.
14. Women's Slowpitch: If a women's team finishes in the top two of the Class C State Tournament, two out of three years, it shall automatically move to open. If a women's team finishes in the top four of the class DD slowpitch state tournament, it shall automatically move up to class $C$ the following year. If a women's team finishes in the top four of the class D slowpitch state tournament, it shall automatically move up class DD the following year. If a women's team finishes in the top two-four of the class EE slowpitch state tournament, it shall automatically move up to class D the following year.
15. Men's Masters/Church Slowpitch: If a team finishes in the top one to four in the men's masters/church slow state tournament it shall automatically be reviewed for move up to class A or B the following year. Men's masters teams with four or more players from their men's slowpitch team must be classified one class higher than their men's slowpitch team. Additionally, masters teams that combine two men's slowpitch teams that result in four or more players of a specific class must be classified one class higher in masters slowpitch than the combined class of the men's slowpitch team(s). (e.g. If four or more players from one or two or more "B" slowpitch teams combine to form a masters (35) slowpitch team that team shall be classified "A", etc.) (Note: First year men's masters slowpitch teams may petition MSF Offices to be classified in the same class in masters as they are classified in men's slow.)
16. The state slowpitch and fastpitch committees may retroactively change reclassification rules to maintain balance in classes.
17. If a team moves up on their own volition and goes 3-2 or better in state tournament play, they shall remain in the class they voluntarily moved up to unless they are reclassified to an even higher class based on their state tournament finish.
18. Co-Rec Slowpitch: If a team finishes in the top two-four in the class B, top four-eight in the class $C$ or top eight in the class D state slowpitch tournament, it shall automatically move up one class the following year. If a team finishes in the top four in national tournament play they shall automatically move up one class the following year.
19. Any team that goes 2-2 or better in state tournament may not petition to move down.
20. Any team that wins two or more games in National Championship Finals play may not move down if they return 4 or more players from the previous years roster.
21. Once teams are registered in a specific class they shall remain so registered for the entire season unless the league director submits a written request for a class change and it is approved by MSF offices. League directors or local sports community classification committees are responsible for applying the rules found here. Teams which are registered in different classes may compete in the same league but must be separated into respective classes for play-offs which qualify a team(s) for post-season MSF tournament play.
22. If the same team (four or more players) plays in two leagues, it must assume its highest classification.
23. Sports communities that have been newly formed or inadvertently omitted from the class designation lists should contact the MSF to ascertain their proper class designation.
24. Sports communities/teams found in violation of MSF classification rules shall be immediately disqualified from competition.

## Team Classification Criteria

## Men's Slow Pitch

Men's B = Allowed maximum of 3 players who played on A team in previous or current season
Men's $C=$ Allowed maximum of 3 players who played on $B$ team in previous or current season ( 0 from A teams)
Men's $D=$ Allowed maximum of 3 players who played on $C$ team in previous or current season ( 0 from $A$ or $B$ teams)
Men's E = Allowed maximum of 3 players who played on DD or $D$ team in previous or current season ( 0 from $A$, $B$, or $C$ teams)
Women's Slow Pitch
Women's B = Allowed maximum of 3 players who played on A team in previous or current season
Women's $C=$ Allowed maximum of 3 players who played on $B$ team in previous or current season ( 0 from $A$ teams)
Women's DD \& D = Allowed maximum of 3 players who played on $C$ team in previous or current season ( 0 from $A$ or $B$ teams) Women's EE = Allowed maximum of 3 players who played on DD or $D$ team in previous or current season ( 0 from $A, B$, or $C$ teams)

## Classification Procedures and Class Designations

Teams shall be classified in the same class they were classified in the previous season if they return four players or more players unless they were moved up or down by the NSF $\bullet$ MSF board.

## Adult Fastpitch Pitcher Classification

All fastpitch pitchers must appear on the Minnesota Fastpitch Pitcher Classification list to pitch in MSF Registered Tournament and Postseason Tournament competition. Leagues may also adopt use of the list. Pitchers may not pitch in competition below their classification level unless special dispensation has been granted by the state fastpitch committee or their league allows it in local league play. Pitchers do not need to reapply for classification each year unless there has been a change in their pitching ability. The Minnesota Fastpitch Committee reserves the right to reclassify a pitcher at any time. Pitchers classification list will appear at msf1.org. The pitcher classification form can be found on page 79.

## Teams Reclassified for 2023

By action of the Sports Federation Board of Directors and in accordance with the reclassification rules, the top finishers in 2022 postseason tournament competition have been moved up in an effort to 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.
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 state in their new class at least two years before petitioning to move back down. Exception: Class C state runner-up may petition to move down after playing in Class B State for one year.

## 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

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.

[^0]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 automatically 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).

B\&C CO-REC
None

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

D CO-REC TO C
None

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## 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
PJ's, Heron Lake

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
None

## 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.


## ADULT PLAYING RULES

## GENERAL

1. Except where modified by these rules, all NSF MSF play shall be governed by the National Softball Federation rules which govern that specific division of play.
2. Protests on the interpretation of game rules shall be decided on the playing field and must be made before the next pitch is thrown. The tournament UIC shall be summoned immediately. Decisions of the tournament umpire-in-chief are final. Judgement plays may not be protested.
3. Protests on eligibility may be made before or during, but not after a game has been officially completed. The MSF reserves the right to investigate eligibility matters at any time including after a game or tournament has been completed and take action deemed appropriate. Note: Gender protests must be made to MSF Offices at least 10 days before affected tournament and be accompanied by supporting evidence/documentation.
4. Home team shall be determined by coin toss and they shall have their choice to bat first or field first.
5. The following run rules apply after the specified number of innings of play: Slowpitch - 20 after 3; 15 after 4, 10 after 5. Fastpitch - 15 after 3; 12 after 4; 8 after 5 Modified Pitch - 15 after 4; 10 after 5
6. The international tie breaker rule shall be used in Class D men's fastpitch effective the top of the 8th inning.
7. FLOP RULE OPTION (S.P.): To assist in keeping league play and tournament play running on time, the "Flop Rule" will be employed, provided both managers agree to its use prior to the pre-game coin flip used in tournament play. If the home team is losing prior to the start of the 7th inning, or any other inning where the run rule may be invoked, the home team shall "flop" at-bats with the visiting team, batting two times in a row. If the new visiting team scores enough runs to avoid the run rule, or ties or goes ahead in the 7th inning, the original visiting team shall bat as the new home team for the remainder of the game. NOTE: Leagues and registered invitational tournaments may wish to make use of the "Flop Rule" automatic when multiple games are played on a field.
8. Slowpitch: 3/2 count (NO courtesy foul).
9. Slowpitch: Untouched fair balls hit over the fence in excess of the limits designated below shall be ruled outs.
*Home Run Limits*
Class A/B Men's - $6 \quad$ Class C Men's - $4 \quad$ Class DD Men's - $3 \quad$ Class D Men's - $2 \quad$ Class E Men's - 1
Men's Masters (35) Slow are: Class A - 4
Class B-2
Class C-0 Church Slow-2
Open Women's - Unlimited Class B Women's - 4 Class C Women's - $2 \quad$ Class DD, D, E Women's - 0
Class A Co-Rec - 4 Class B Co-Rec-2 Class C Co-Rec-1 Class D Co-Rec-0
Any ball touched in flight by a defensive player that goes over the fence shall result in a four base award but not count in a teams home run total.
10.Courtesy Runners (Slowpitch \& Modified)
a) Only one courtesy runner may be used per half inning. Note: If the same batter who had a courtesy runner bats multiple times times in the same half-inning they are allowed a courtesy runner each time.
b) The courtesy runner may be any individual listed on the scorecard, either in the starting lineup or a substitute, as decided by the team manager.
c) If a courtesy runner's time at bat comes while they are on base they will be called out as a base runner, be removed from base and permitted to take their turn at bat.

PENALTY (for violating A through C): An out is declared and runner is removed from base.

Note: In Men's FP \& JOFP, courtesy runner will be allowed for pitchers and catchers only. The courtesy runner may be any individual listed on the scorecard, either in the starting lineup or a substitute, as decided by the team manager.
11. Slow pitch pitchers have the option to take a position up to six feet behind the 50' pitcher's plate as a safety and defensive measure. Once they take their position, the pitcher must come to a full and complete stop (one second) with both feet firmly on the ground. Also, one foot must remain in contact with the ground at least partially within the width area of the pitcher's plate until the pitched ball leaves the hand.
12. In the event a team is disqualified from tournament competition it only affects the status of the last team the disqualified
team played and then only if a protest had been filed by the team prior to the completion of the game. The MSF reserves the right to investigate eligibility matters at any time including after a game or tournament has been completed and take action deemed appropriate.
13. An extra player (EP) may bat in Modified Pitch. Only nine players may play defense.
14. Teams are allowed to start and/or finish a game with nine players in men's and women's slow pitch play and eight players in co-rec slow pitch, modified pitch and fast pitch play. A catcher must be used. An automatic out is not declared for missing player(s) in the batting line-up. In Co-Rec, male and female players must bat alternately! Exception: If a co-rec team is playing with nine players an automatic out is always declared at the end of the line-up and occurs where players of the same gender bat back to back. Extra players arriving on the team bench after the start of a game up to 12 must be immediately inserted in open positions in the line-up and bat at the bottom of the batting order. If a Co-Rec team is reduced to eight players it is permissible to have two male/one female or vice versa, outfielders/infielders. In Co-Rec, teams must have a male/female or vice versa, pitcher/catcher combination at all times. Positioning of defensive players in Co-Rec is open, but players may not exchange defensive positions during a half inning. Exception: Pitcher and catcher. A catcher must be used in the defensive lineup. A Co-Rec slowpitch team playing with 8,10 or 12 players must have an equal number of males and females in the game at all times. Exception: Teams which are reduced to less than 10 (SP) or when using the EP (11-SP), ( 12 Co-Rec SP) and (9 FP/10 Modified); or when using the DP (10FP) due to a player ejection as a result of unsportsmanlike conduct, are not allowed to continue play in the affected game.
15. Masters slowpitch teams are permitted to bat the bench. If a batter is injured and cannot continue to play, an out shall not be recorded in the lineup.
16. OPEN POSITIONING IN CO-REC SOFTBALL OF THE LEGAL NUMBER OF MALES AND FEMALES IS PERMITTED, BUT PLAYERS MAY NOT EXCHANGE FIELDING POSITIONS DURING A HALF INNING AND A FIVE PLAYER INFIELD IS NOT PERMITTED. OUTFIELDERS MUST REMAIN 50' (APPROXIMATELY 20 PACES) BACK FROM THE DIRT PORTION OF THE INFIELD UNTIL THE PITCH IS CONTACTED OR IT CROSSES HOME PLATE.
17. A ten minute grace period shall be allowed on the team's first scheduled game in the tournament before a forfeit is declared. Game time posted on tournament bracket board is forfeit time for succeeding games. Teams which forfeit their first game in a double elimination district or state tournament shall have one hour and fifteen minutes from their initial game time to contact the NSF - MSF tournament site manager regarding their second game. Should no contact be made within the $1: 15$ time limit, the second game shall be declared a forfeit.
18. In the event of a double forfeit in the winners' bracket, a coin toss shall determine which team drops to the losers' bracket. (Neither team advances in the winners' bracket.)
19. MSF reserves the right to adjust a bracket prior to tournament play due to forfeits, inclement weather or other conflict.
20. A game which is suspended due to inclement weather, darkness or any other reason, shall be resumed from the exact point of suspension. Affected teams should report to tournament headquarters site manager before departing the site to ascertain any changes.
21. In the event of inclement weather which causes at least a 2-hour delay of the tournament, the MSF tournament manager (after consulting with MSF Administrative Staff) reserves the right to:
a. In slowpitch shorten the length of games to five innings with a 55 minute time limit and drop courtesy foul. (No new inning shall begin after 55 minutes.) In fast and modified pitch shorten the length of games to five innings with a 65 minute time limit. Once the entire tournament is within one hour of being back on schedule and at an even point in the bracket (end of a round), revert back to standard rules.
b. Play the remainder of the tournament on a single elimination basis. Teams possessing one loss at the time the tournament is placed on a single elimination basis shall be dropped from tournament play.
22. In the event of inclement weather which causes postponement or cancellation of the tournament the MSF tournament manager (after consulting with MSF Administrative Staff) reserves the right to:
a. Complete the remaining portion of the tournament during a weeknight(s) or if possible, on the succeeding weekend(s). Note: In the case of a one day Saturday tournament, postpone the tournament until the next day (Sunday).
b. Determine the site based upon the remaining teams.
c. Cancel the remainder of the tournament when all of the teams which are left will advance to further competition. Seeding and determination of awards will be accomplished by tiebreaking procedures. (See rule \#28) Make a partial refund of surplus umpire fees to teams that did not receive minimum of two games.
23. During their time(s) at bat the batting team is allowed to have a first base coach, third base coach, on deck batter and batter on the field of play. All other team members must remain in the dugout or outside the "live ball" areas. Note: Players disqualified for violation of the dugout rule are disqualified for that game only. If the disqualified player acts in an unsportsmanlike manner upon their disqualification, the player is ejected from the game/tournament.
24. Any player, coach or manager ejected from a game for an unsportsmanlike act shall be prohibited from participating in any remaining contests (subject to appeal) in the tournament and must leave the tournament site. If reinstated, must sit out a minimum of one full game. MSF tournament managers, UIC's and district/state staff have the authority to eject unsportsmanlike players, coaches, managers or fans prior to, during and after a game has been officially completed.
25. There shall be no use of tobacco or e-products or consumption of alcoholic beverages in, near or adjacent to the designated team areas. Violation: Tournament disqualification of violating player.
26. Only individuals listed on the official tournament roster may occupy a position on the team bench.
27. Teams are asked to support the tournament host by purchasing their food and beverages at the concessions stand.

Coolers or picnic lunches may not be brought into the complex where concessions are present.
Violation: Tournament disqualification of violating team.
28. Teams are asked to form a line and shake hands following the conclusion of each game.
29. Following completion of the first round of tournament play the official tournament schedule becomes the bracket board posted at tournament headquarters. Managers/players must check it after each game they play.
30. Unless amended, the number of teams designated in the softball guide, as advancing teams, shall receive berths into NSF regional, area or national tournament play.
31. When two or more teams are tied for a place or an advancing position in bracket play and playoff games are unnecessary or not possible or the tournament is cancelled due to inclement weather, the below tiebreaking criteria shall apply to games played in the tournament in the order shown: (order winners' bracket teams first, then losers' bracket)

1) Head to head competition (when two teams are tied)
2) Average runs allowed per game
3) Average run differential ( + - )
4) Average runs scored per game
5) Coin flip

Note: Games won on forfeit are not included in the totals for \#'s 2-4.
32. If a team qualifies to advance to the next/another level of tournament competition (i.e. lower tier, state, regional) and then forfeits a succeeding game in the tournament they are currently playing in, they shall also forfeit their advancing position to state, regional or national tournament play and be placed on probation for state play the following year.
33. Infectious Disease Control Rule: A player, coach or official who is bleeding or who has blood on their uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment has been administered. Appropriate treatment is:

1) Bleeding has stopped
2) Injury is covered
3) Uniform changed (contrasting color will be allowed) or disinfected with acceptable disinfectant*
4) Competition area/equipment disinfected with acceptable disinfectant. If treatment can be administered within three minutes, the individual would not have to leave the game. Otherwise, substitution of the individual must take place.
34. Acceptable disinfectants are:
1) A solution of $1 / 4$ cup of sodium hypochlorite and one gallon of water
2) A solution of $1 / 4$ cup of $70 \%$ isopropyl alcohol and one gallon of water
3) A commercially produced infectious disease spray
35. Concussion Management Guidelines

A concussion is an injury to the brain and any injury to the brain is serious. It is caused by a blow to the head or a blow to the body resulting in an injured brain. Even a seemingly minor blow or jolt can cause a brain injury.
All umpires in Minnesota who officiate games in which 18-under players participate, must undergo concussion training at the website provided below.

## Common Concussion Symptoms

| Headaches | Nausea |
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| Dizziness | Fatigue |
| Ear Ringing | Numbness and Tingling |
| Difficulty Concentrating | Difficulty Remembering |
| Drowsiness | Slurred Speech |
| Return to Participation |  |


| Vomiting | Balance Off |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sensitive to Light | Sensitive to Sound |
| Visual Problems | Mentally Foggy |
| Confusion | Nervousness |

35. In case of an injury to a player the game official shall allow an individual(s) identifying themselves as a coach, relative or qualified medical person on the playing area to help provide medical assistance. The game official shall record the name of the individual(s) allowed on the playing area on the scorecard. Note: If a qualified medical person has been provided by the MSF or tournament host, this shall be the only medical person allowed on the playing area unless the medical person provided requests or authorizes the assistance of another medically qualified person (Coaches or relative(s) shall always be permitted on the playing field to check on or assist with an injured player).

## CLASS D CO-REC PLAYING RULE MODIFICATION

Four outfielders must remain on the outfield grass until the ball is contacted by the batter.

## CASUAL PROFANITY/FAMILY ATMOSPHERE RULE

Casual profanity pertains to expletives not directed at umpires or opposing players, but uttered by a player, manager/coach frustrated with themselves, a teammate or fan. (Examples include: A player/manager swearing after a pop out, strike out, boot of a ball, or at a belligerent fan, etc.). This type of "casual" profanity is penalized by "outs" being declared against the offending team.

## PENALTY

If the offending team is at bat and profanity is used, the player is out unless the result of the play is an out in which case the next batter will be declared out.
If the offending team is in the field, the first player(s) to bat in their half of the inning will be declared out. It is possible for a team to come to bat with one or more outs already recorded or lose their at bat altogether. Outs will be treated as delayed dead ball situations.
NOTE: Profanity directed at opposing players or umpires must always be penalized by ejection (an out is not declared).

## RATIONALE

The "Casual Profanity Rule" provides a lesser penalty for the grey area between accepted conduct and those situations where the offender must be ejected. This rule is meant to sensitize players and discourage them from using words that are considered offensive/obscene. In an ideal world this rule would not be necessary and hopefully it will serve as a major deterrent and reminder not to use unacceptable language.
The above "Casual Profanity Rule" has been officially adopted for sanctioned tournament/post season tournament play and is highly recommended for adoption at the local league level. Please check with your local league director to see if it has been adopted for use there.

## EQUIPMENT

1. Until such time that the MSF establishes its own bat standards for various levels of postseason and registered invitational tournament play, we will be using the national bat standard found at http://www.teamusa.org. For a list of approved and non-approved bats for slowpitch, go to http://www.teamusa.org. For fastpitch, go to both http://www.teamusa.org AND https://wbsc.org/documents. NOTE: All USSSA bats are legal with 52-300 ball.
2. Game balls shall be supplied by the NSF - MSF. One new and one good used ball shall be utilized in each slowpitch and modified pitch game and two new balls in each fastpitch game. The following ball types shall be used:

## Mens Fastpitch and Modified Pitch

The Dudley optic yellow red stitch ball (SB-12LRF FP YF-.47COR, 375 comp ) will be utilized for MFP/MMP state tournaments.

## Mens and Co-Rec 12" Ball

The two yellow polycore red stitch balls below, Dudley or Starr with a COR of .52/.300 compressions will be used for all mens slowpitch postseason tournament play as well as the 12" ball in co-rec championships.

## Womens and Co-Rec 11" Ball

The three polycore red stitch optic yellow stich balls listed below, Starr, Dudley or Worth with a COR of .52, 300 comp will be used for all womens slowpitch postseason play as well as the 11" ball in co-rec state championships.
3. The only post-season uniform rule is: All teams must supply and wear jerseys which have at least four inch legible nonduplicate numbers from 0-99 in which the shirt bodies are of the same basic color. (Duplicate numbers or tape numbers are not acceptable.) Exception: Pickup players may wear their original team's uniform if the team picking them up does not have extra shirt(s) for them. NOTE: Numbers on game shorts meets the number requirement. Matching pants/shorts are not required for NSF $\leqslant$ MSF district or state tournament play. Caps and visors are optional, but if worn, must be worn properly with the bill forward. If a mask is worn, the catcher may wear their cap/visor backwards. Handkerchiefs are not allowed to be worn on head or neck.
Exception: Masters slow, co-rec slow, and church slow jersey colors do not need to match, but must still be numbered.

## *VIOLATION*

Illegally uniformed player(s) shall be withheld from competition by their team until they become legal. If a player(s) violates this rule by attempting to enter or entering the game prior to becoming legal the umpire shall not permit the game to proceed and a forfeit shall be declared if sufficient legally uniformed players are not present (Note: If the umpire fails to note an illegally uniformed player until it is brought to their attention, the player(s) shall then be withheld from the game until they become legal. If they cannot become immediately legal and sufficient properly uniformed players are not present (nine-men's and women's slow, eight-co-rec slow, men's modified and men's fastpitch) a forfeit shall be declared.
4. Teams are responsible for supplying their own trainer (if desired) and first aid equipment which shall include infectious disease control solution.
5. Any metal on the bottom of shoes is prohibited. Exception: Men's/Women's fastpitch \& modified pitch. Shoes with detachable cleats that leave a metal post exposed when removed are not allowed; however, shoes with detachable cleats that screw into the shoe are allowed provided they have no metal on the bottom. Violation: Game disqualification of violating player.
6. All casts and splints must be padded. Prostheses may be worn. Braces with exposed hard surfaces must be padded. Any of this equipment judged by the umpire to be potentially dangerous is not legal. Note: Any decision by the umpire should be based on whether or not a device worn or used by an individual with a disability changes the fundamental nature of the game or poses a significant risk to the safety of other players. Violation: Removal from the game until becoming legal.
7. Use of the weighted bat donut for warmup purpose is prohibited. Violation: Tournament disqualification of violating player.
8. The "sleeve type" warm-up device formerly named the "bat or power wrap" is legal for regular and post season tournament play.
9. PITCHERS, CATCHERS, INFIELDERS AND BASERUNNERS ARE PERMITTED TO WEAR HELMETS OR HELMETS/ FACE SHIELD PROTECTION. IF A LEXAN/FACE SHIELD IS WORN, IT MAY NOT BE REFLECTIVE/HAVE MORE THAN A 50\% TINT. THE PLAYER'S EYES MUST BE VISIBLE TO PREVENT DECEPTION/INTIMIDATION.
10. Bats are legal regardless of type of metal provided they conform to the ASA bat performance standard. For a complete list of legal bats visit http://www.teamusa.org.
11. Players presenting or caught using banned, illegal or altered bats will be disqualified from tournament play. Players who use an altered bat must also appear for a hearing due to their unsportsmanlike conduct.
12. Bats will be tested for compliance at selected Slowpitch State/NQ Tournaments. Bats that fail shall be withheld from play and secured by the tournament UIC until the owner's team has been eliminated from tournament competition. Bats that are withheld will be randomly selected for a more rigorous inspection and will be returned undamaged to the owner within 30 days or the bat will be replaced. Players are reminded that an altered bat results in a two year suspension from all NSF $\bullet$ MSF play.

## POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

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## STATE TOURNAMENTS

The number of state tournament entries a sports community receives in each division of play is determined by the number of teams that are registered by that sports community in each specific division of play and class. To assist sports communities in determining the approximate number of entries they will receive in a specific division of play and class in advance of receiving the tournament entry form, close estimates are provided on the green classification addendum that accompanies the league director's team membership information. The figures provided are estimates and may vary slightly depending upon the number of statewide team registrations received in a specified division of play and class.

## ENTRY DEADLINE

Deadline for submitting state tournament entries is July 10. Tournament entries postmarked after July 10 (if accepted) include a $\$ 10.00$ per tournament entry late penalty.

Sports community directors will receive written notice prior to June 10 regarding the number of tournament entries their sports community has been awarded. A tournament entry form will also accompany the written notice.

To reserve positions in state tournaments the sports community director must complete and return the tournament entry form along with payment or purchase order number prior to the tournament entry deadline. Once a tournament entry fee has been submitted and a tournament position reserved, there is no refund.

## Tournament Structure

1. All state tournaments are double elimination, except for those with 15 teams or less which will use the three game guarantee format.
2. All state tournaments in which teams advance from district tournaments shall have a minimum of 16-48 teams. Teams include:
a. A minimum of the first place teams in each district tournament. (State tournament entry fee paid by MSF for the top two or three advancing teams.)
b. In addition to the first place finishers from each district tournament a designated number of teams from each district may advance as at-large teams. The number of teams which advance as at-large teams from each district is determined by the number of entries in each respective district tournament. The number of at-large berths will be posted at the district tournament site. (A reduced state tournament entry fee of $\$ 85.00$ will be paid by the advancing at-large teams below third place.)
c. In Class B and C Men's Fast Pitch state tournament play available byes shall go to the top four finishers in the previous years state tournament. If two or more teams are tied for a bye position, the bye shall go to: 1) the team(s) that posted the best win/loss record, 2) the team that won the head to head competition (if played) between the two tied teams, and 3) winner of a coin flip.
d. The host community is allowed one additional entry into each slow pitch tournament conducted, provided the host sports community has teams registered in the same class as the tournaments being held. State tournament host teams or teams that qualify for state via a state qualifier may not play in district competition.
e. Defending national champs or automatic "returning" teams emanating from the state of Minnesota may not play in district or state tournament competition.
3. All state tournaments in which teams advance directly from local sports community play shall have 16-60 teams. Full entry fee is paid by advancing teams.

## State Entry Fees

Slowpitch - \$215.00
Fastpitch (three game guarantee) - \$350.00
Once a tournament has begun, no monetary credits will be provided to teams that did not receive the minimum number of games guaranteed unless money has been returned from the site in the form of unpaid umpire fees, game balls and awards. The amount credited shall be distributed equally to the teams that did not get their minimum game guarantee. Should a tournament be cancelled before play has begun, it may be played on a succeeding weekend or entries will be refunded, less a \$30 service fee.

1. All teams which advance directly to state tournament play from local sports community play will pay the full state tournament entry fee. This includes state tournament host teams.

## Awards

Team awards will be presented in the manner shown below.

| \# of Entries | \# of Team Trophies |
| :--- | :--- |
| $4-7$ | 1st \& 2nd |
| $8-23$ | 1st, 2nd \& 3rd |
| $24-47$ | 1st, 2nd, 3rd \& 4th |
| 48 \& Above | 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th \& 5th |

Individual awards will be given to participating members of the first and second place team in each state tournament.

## NSF-MSF TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS/STATE/ NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS <br> Entry Fee <br> \$295.00

## Tournament Structure

All tournaments are three game guarantee with most teams getting 4-6.

## Awards

Team awards will be presented to the first-fourth place finishers in each national tournament. Individual awards will be given to members of the first and second place team in each national tournament. Provided sponsors are available, travel/expense allowance will be awarded based on order of finish.


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## $\star$ * Membership Benefits Include $\star \star$

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- Amateur Sports Review Newspaper
- Highest quality tournament administration and game officiating
- Voting rights for all sports directors
- Assurance that all fees are used solely to provide amateur sports activities
- Largest and fastest growing sports organization in Minnesota

The Minnesota Sports Federation (MSF) is a non-profit, non-tax supported public service organization dedicated to providing wholesome, community based amateur/recreational sports opportunities that promote fitness, personal growth, good sports and the development of lifetime leisure skills.

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The Minnesota Sports Federation serves as the local association of the National Softball Federation and administers the local National Youth Basketball Council and National Softball Federation.

## REGISTERED INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

NSF $\gtrdot$ MSF Softball-Minnesota Sports Federation

## GENERAL INFORMATION

All invitational tournaments in which NSF MSF member teams compete shall be registered with the Minnesota Sports Federation. Invitational tournaments conducted after the completion of MSF post-season tournament play must also be registered. The tournament registration fee is $\$ 55.00$.

For a tournament sanction application and services brochure, please contact the Sports Federation Office.

1. All invitational tournaments held between the dates of April 1 - October 1 shall be registered.
2. All tournaments which are registered NSF $\diamond$ MSF must use NSF $\diamond$ MSF umpires/umpire-in-chief in regulation NSF $\leftrightarrow M S F$ uniform on all games/assigning. (Note: Tournament directors must receive permission from their respective District Commissioner or Umpire In Chief prior to employing umpires/UIC who are registered through another state.)
3. Only NSF $\triangleleft$ MSF registered teams may compete in NSF $\langle$ MSF registered invitational tournaments. Teams which participate in an NSF $\leftrightarrow$ MSF registered tournament must have their team membership/classification card in their possession upon check-in and it must be checked by the tournament director. This requirement must be stated on the tournament flyer.
4. Tournament roster limits: 20 Players
5. Awarding of beer drinking trophies is discouraged and advertisement of same is prohibited on the tournament flyer or in the tournament schedule book.
6. There shall be no use of tobacco or e-products or consumption of alcoholic beverages in, near or adjacent to the designated team areas. Violation: Tournament disqualification of violating player. Note: Players disqualified for violation of the dugout rule are disqualified for that game only. If the disqualified player acts in an unsportsmanlike manner upon their disqualification, the player is ejected from the game/tournament.
7. All playing rules of the National Softball Federation apply with modifications allowed in the following areas:
a. Run Rule
b. Third Strike Foul Rule
c. $3 / 2$ Count
d. If a time limit is used it may not be less than one hour (Adult slowpitch) and $11 / 2$ hours (Adult fastpitch) (i.e., no new Inning shall begin after one hour of play) Also, reverting back to previous inning once an inning has started is not permitted. Note: For men's fastpitch it is recommended that a 1:30 time limit be imposed along with the international tie breaker rule and the maintaining of one foot in the batter's box rule.
e. Number of players required to start and finish a game
f. Bat the line-up.
g. Game Equipment
8. Metal spikes are not permitted in any division of play.

Exception: Men's and Women's fastpitch \& Modified Pitch.
9. Casual Profanity/Family Atmosphere rule will be in effect for all registered tournaments. Provisions of this rule can be found in the current softball guide.
10. All tournaments awards must be listed on the tournament flyer (Exception: beer drinking trophies may not be advertised on the tournament flyer and their use is discouraged). If expense/travel allowance is given, the amount to be awarded must be listed on the tournament flyer and the expense/travel allowance must be disbursed in the form of a check, money order or U.S. currency. Bar tabs for alcohol are not an acceptable tournament award and may not be given in lieu of expense allowance. Expense allowance may not be given in a youth tournament. The use of the terms "cash" or "money" are prohibited on the tournament flyer.
11. Minimum and maximum fence distance of fields that will be utilized during tournament play shall be listed on the tournament flyer. If "open" fields are to be utilized it shall also be so noted on the tournament flyer.
12. At the tournament director's discretion, teams participating in registered invitational tournaments may "pick up" to a combined maximum of four youth or adult players from other registered teams located within the state (providing these "pick ups" reside or work in the state and conform with applicable age regulations). Men's \& Co-Rec slowpitch pick ups may be any class. In women's slow pick ups in a BDR tournament may be class "AA" or lower and in a handicap tournament must be the same or lower class as the team picking them up. In fast and modified pitch play only, pick ups must be the same classification or lower as the tournament classification. Exception for Men's Modified Pitch: Directors of men's modified pitch tournaments may at their discretion allow "B" teams to pick up two "A" players. Class A players
may not pitch in a " B " tournament. If this option is invoked it must be stated on the tournament flyer/communicated in advance of a team entering a " B " tournament.
13. Following the completion of NS MSF post season tournament play (after Labor Day), and subject to the discretion of the tournament director, a tournament may allow "open" rosters or an increased number of pick up players. The only stipulation is that all of the players emanate from NSF MS member teams. If a tournament sponsor chooses to invoke the "open" roster rule or allow an increased number of "pick-ups" it must state so on the tournament flyer.
14. All adult tournaments shall require participating teams to submit an official NSF $\uparrow$ MSF registered invitational tournament roster at check-in. These official adult rosters are found in the Registered Invitational Schedule Book. These requirement must be stated on the tournament flyer.
15. Tournament Classification

General rules: 1) Unless a tournament has been filled, tournament directors may not deny entrance to member teams in good standing in the applicable class. (Exception: Teams which have displayed a lack of or poor sportsmanship in previous tournaments may be denied entrance.) 2) Once a tournament sanction application has been submitted the tournament classifications accepted may not be altered without unanimous consent of participating teams and final approval is obtained from MSF offices. 3) It is permissible to offer more than one tour-nament classification in each division of play offered.
Specific Classification rules:
Men's \& Co-Rec Slowpitch tournaments are not classified by the team classifications they accept. They must be open to all member teams regardless of classification. Classification of tournaments and the handicapping of teams for men's slow pitch registered weekend tournaments is accomplished by the application of home run rules and expense allowance limits.
Only the following options listed below each division of play are available for tournament classification in that specific division.
Men's \& Co-Rec Slowpitch
Classification Options:
$\mathrm{U}=$ All Classes allowed. Unlimited number of home runs per team allowed. Unlimited expense allowance permitted per division.
7 = All classes allowed. Seven home runs per team allowed. Maximum $\$ 2,500$ expense allowance permitted per division
$4=$ All classes allowed. Four home runs per team allowed. Maximum $\$ 2,000$ expense allowance permitted per division. Maximum $\$ 850$ to any one place.
$1=$ All classes allowed. One home run per team allowed. Maximum $\$ 1,500$ expense allowance permitted per division. Maximum $\$ 725$ to any one place.
Note: Important Home Run Rule Notes: 1) Home runs are untouched fair balls hit over the fence. Excess home runs are ruled foul balls. This means if an excess home run is hit on the third strike the batter shall be declared out. (If fence distances on fields being used in the tournament are less than 275' the tournament director may petition the Sports Federation office for approval to increase the number of home runs allowed on the short fences.); 2) Tournament directors are permitted to alter the home run rule in the following manner: option a: After the initial limit of (7), (4) or (1) home run is used the next (7), (4) or (1) home run may be ruled a single rather than a foul ball. Thereafter all home runs shall be ruled foul balls; option b: Tournament directors may allow two teams to mutually agree to waive the use of a home run rule in a given game. If either of these options is invoked they must be so stated on the tournament flyer. (Option b may not be invoked in tournaments where total runs scored serves as a tiebreaker.)

## Women's Slowpitch

Classification Options:
All = All classes Allowed. Maximum $\$ 2,500$ expense allowance permitted per division.
Note: Women's tournaments must accept all classes of teams and have the option of running a BDR (bracket determined by record) tournament or a HCP (handicapped by runs given) tournament. In the HCP tournament a low-er class team playing a higher class team is "spotted" four runs at the beginning of the game for each class differ-ence. (Handicap tournaments may not have a run rule lower than 15).

## Fast and Modified Pitch Tournaments

Classification Options:
These tournaments are designated by the team classes accepted. Note: In men's fastpitch, teams designated "A/ B " by the state fastpitch committee may compete in " B " tournaments until such time they win two, and then may compete in "A" tournaments only. Maximum expense allowance for adult fast and modified pitch tournament is \$2,500 per division.
Note: It is highly recommended that adult fastpitch tournaments not be scheduled on the 2nd or 3rd weekend of July due to a limited number of fastpitch umpires available. NSF MSF Umpires will not be permitted to work registered adult tournaments on those weekends unless all Junior Olympic games are covered.
16. Invitational tournaments may not be conducted within a twenty-five mile radius of NSF $\diamond$ MSF district and state tournaments which are scheduled for the same weekend in the same division of play.
17. Players may only participate on one team per tournament bracket. (I.E. A player may participate in both a " 4 " and a " 7 " bracket at a weekend tournament.
18. Umpires may not play in a tournament division they are officiating in.
19. Tournament directors may not play or umpire in a tournament they are directing.
20. A registration may be denied or withdrawn when its issuance jeopardizes or detrimentally affects the NSF MSF softball program.
21. Upon request, sponsoring organizations must supply team rosters, completed tournament brackets and tournament flyer to the respective District Commissioner and/or State Federation office.
22. It is highly recommended that players/managers ejected from a tournament contest shall also be disqualified from the remainder of the tournament.
23. To prevent conflicts, registered tournament directors responsible for decision making relative to a tournaments operation should not consume alcoholic beverages until the completion of games for the day.
24. Teams that cancel out of a registered invitational tournament must do so by Thursday noon of the tournament weekend or face suspension from future tournament play unless the tournament entry fee is paid.
25. Tournament Directors shall notify the NSF MSF of any unsportsmanlike acts by participants in their invitational tournament.
26. Should it become necessary to cancel or postpone a registered invitational tournament, please notify your District Commissioner no later than the Friday before your tournament.
27. All member sports communities are asked to require sponsoring organizations who conduct tournaments on their fields to show proof of NSF MSF tournament registration. This will assure that the applicable insurance coverages are in effect and that the NSF MSF will be working with your local tournament sponsor in assuring a successful event, one which brings credit to your community.


## GAME OFFICIALS

## NSF $>$ MSF Softball-Minnesota Sports Federation

## GENERAL INFORMATION

All umpires who officiate league games, sanctioned invitational or NSF $\diamond$ MSF post-season tournaments which are registered or registered by the NSF $\leqslant$ MSF must be registered with the NSF $\leqslant$ MSF.

## REGISTRATION

To officially register as a NSF $\diamond$ MSF umpire please contact the Sports Federation Office for membership procedures and application.

Membership fee is $\$ 55.00$. A $\$ 5.00$ late fee applies to registration after May 1. All officials are required to attend an umpire certification clinic and new umpires are strongly encouraged to attend a state umpire school.

If your association would prefer a local clinic for your umpires (rather than traveling to a regularly scheduled one) the NSF $\diamond$ MSF state umpire staff is available to provide this service. Please contact the NSF $\diamond$ MSF umpire staff member nearest your city or the staff member you'd prefer to use. These special clinics do meet the clinic attendance requirement.

## DISTRICT MAP

NSF $\curvearrowright$ MSF Softball-Minnesota Sports Federation


## Leagues

The District in which your league representatives compete is determined by:

1. The office location of the agency sponsoring your league, or:
2. When there is no official agency sponsoring your league, the District/County is determined by where the league draws the greatest percentage of its players, i.e., if a league draws players from both Wadena and Hubbard counties, but a greater percentage from Wadena County (District 5), then the league representatives would compete in District 5.

## Umpires

The District Tournaments in which an umpire officiates is:

1. The District where the umpire works the greatest percentage of their games during the regular season or:
2. If an umpire works an equal number of games in two Districts, then his official District shall be the one in which he resides.

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If you or someone you know is interested in making some gas money this summer and giving back to a game you love please contact us today!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Email: STAFF@MSF1.ORG
or contact your local league director.


NSF $>$ MSF Softball - Minnesota Sports Federation 2022 State Results

| DIVISION | CHAMPION | FINALIST | THIRD PLACE | FOURTH PLACE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Men's Masters SP B | Fairmont Mortgage, <br> Blaine | Arctic Glacier, <br> Brainerd | Brad's Cab, <br> Cambridge | Motorworks, <br> Sauk Rapids |
| Men's Masters SP C | Sheps-Teehive, <br> Baxter | Chico's, <br> Cambridge |  |  |
| Men's Fastpitch C | PJ's, <br> Heron Lake | MN Pest Control, <br> Freeport | Premier Bank, <br> Border League |  |
| Men's Fastpitch D | Stevens Transport, <br> Freeport | Mid MN Pest Control, <br> Freeport | Farmer's Mill, <br> Farmington |  |
| Men's Slow Pitch C2 | CCC, <br> High Island | Ellsworth, <br> Border League | Hills Town, <br> Border League | Schell's, <br> High Island |
| Men's Slow Pitch D | Burski Excavating, <br> Sauk Rapids | All Elements, <br> Sauk Rapids | CBD Joint, |  |
| Men's Slow Pitch E | Riverland Bank, <br> Shakopee | Scared Hitless, <br> CISA | Unique Movers, <br> Sauk Rapids |  |
|  |  |  |  | Studweisers, |
| CISA |  |  |  |  |

## NSF§MSF Softball - Minnesota Sports Federation 2022 Fall State Results

| DIVISION | CHAMPION | THINALIST | FOURTH PLACE |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Fall Men's SP Tier I | St. Cloud Subaru, <br> Sauk Rapids | Elite Industries, <br> Pierz | Smiles for Jake, <br> Rice |  |
| Fall Men's SP Tier II | Team Houts, <br> Ogilvie | GP \& Bean, <br> Cambridge | MN Miners, <br> Cold Spring | Pizza Pub, <br> Cambridge |
| Fall Men's SP Tier III | Motorworks, <br> Sauk Rapids | Decently Average, <br> Cambridge | Apex, <br> Cambridge | MT's Brandon, <br> Sauk Rapids |
| Fall Co-Rec SP Tier I | Walt's, <br> Willmar | Pizza Pub, <br> Cambridge | T-Rex, <br> Sauk Rapids |  |
| Fall Co-Rec SP Tier II | MN Motorboaters, <br> Sauk Rapids | F2W, <br> Cambridge | Dropkick Cancer, <br> Braham | Boone's Tuner, <br> Cambridge |



CHAMPION: Fairmont Mortgage, Blaine

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Arctic Glacier, | Brad's Cab, | Motorworks, |
| Brainerd | Cambridge | Sauk Rapids |



NSF -MSF Champions


CHAMPION: Burski Excavating, Sauk Rapids

| 2) | T-3) |
| :---: | :---: |
| All Elements, | CBD Joint, |
| Sauk Rapids | CISA |



## TOC/North American Champions



CHAMPION: Yes! Trees, Maple Grove
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Scared Hitless, Cambridge-Isanti

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Cambridge-Isanti

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Good Neighbors,
Cambridge-Isanti


All Tournament Team - Tier 1 TOC/North American Championships Women's Slow Pitch<br>Ductech - Callie Brennan<br>Ductech - Morgan Emmans<br>Ductech - Katie Vavreck<br>Ductech - Nicole Thompson<br>Ductech - Sarah Kaiser<br>MN Wreckers - Katelyn Lemke<br>MN Wreckers - Kristin Weidemann<br>MN Wreckers - Erin Thiesse<br>Wild 1's/Showcase Ren. - Haley Husom Wild 1's/Showcase Ren. - Emma Bright Tree Frogs/Deck Tec/ASP - Katie Masog

## All Tournament Team - Tier 2 TOC/North American Championships Women's Slow Pitch

MN Inferno - Carli Langevin
MN Inferno - Lilly Hofstede
MN Inferno - Katie Koren
Northern Elite - Erin Thompson
Northern Elite - Kelsey Johnson
Northern Elite - Sarah Graphenteen
Misfits - Amy Olson
Misfits - Izzy Lenzen
MN Loonatix - Katie Sime
MN Loonatix - Rachelle Rambur

## All Tournament Team - Tier 1 TOC/North American Championships Men's Slow Pitch

Smiles for Jake - Cory Neugebauer
Smiles for Jake - Chad Wallgren
Smiles for Jake -Nic Dienst
Smiles for Jake - Ron Ehoff
Smiles for Jake - Spencer Elwell
MN Deck Tek - Blake Thiesse
MN Deck Tek - Tate Heidmann
MN Deck Tek - Joey Masog
Drillers - Cade High
Drillers - Tristan Johnston
Fairline Security - Jeff Wright

## All Tournament Team - Tier 2 <br> TOC/North American Championships Men's Slow Pitch

Yes! Trees - Kenlan Jackson
Yes! Trees - Daniel Beatson
Yes! Trees - Latoris Jones
Yes! Trees - Lance Gardner
Scared Hitless - Kohlmen Hudak
Scared Hitless - Ryan Ward
Scared Hitless - Brandon Simon
Good Neighbors - Quinn Richmond
Good Neighbors - Jake Mudjwid
Studweisers - Ryan Young
Studweisers - Michael Seamon


# 2023-2024 <br> CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS 

## *Board Meeting Dates and Sites*

May 16, 2023
Site TBA
6:30 PM

November 14, 2023
Site TBA
6:30 PM

Your attendance and input at Sports Federation Board Meetings is solicited and always welcome.
(NOTE: Board Meeting dates are subject to change.
Contact NSF MSF Offices to verify before attending)

## 2023 Minnesota Softball

## Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet

Date<br>Saturday, October 21st 2023<br>Site<br>Detroit Lakes Community Center<br>Cost

$\$ 60.00$ (includes cost for inductees' plaques,
dinner and Hall of Fame administration, etc.)

## Tickets

Available through MSF Offices or msf1.org beginning September 1, 2023

## Program

Social Hour - 4:00pm Banquet - 5:30pm

Contact Sports Federation Offices if additional information is needed on any of the above events.


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## SOFTBALL - HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

George Hancock, a reporter for the Chicago Tribune, is credited with inventing the game of indoor softball at the Farragut Boat House in Chicago in 1887. Lt. Lewis Rober, Captain of Fire Station 19 on the University of Minnesota Minneapolis Campus, is credited with inventing an outdoor version in 1895, called kitten ball.

In both instances the game was used as a recreational outlet for the players involved and meant to be a "miniature" less difficult version of baseball. The first outdoor field was located behind fire station \# 19 at University Avenue and Oak Street, now just across the street from the home of the Minnesota Golden Gophers football team. "Miniature" is an understatement as the first diamond had 45 ' base paths and a pitching distance of 35 '. It was not uncommon for 1,500 fans to show up for a Saturday afternoon game between The Kittens and The Rats.

Rober wrote the first rulebook which sold for 10 cents and sewed the first ball which sold for $\$ 1.25$. Bats were wood and no more than two inches in diameter, resembling a big broom stick. At the Farragut Boat Club in Chicago, the first ball was actually a rolled up boxing glove and the bat was a broom handle.

So the game of softball had very humble beginnings and was "invented" as a less formal, less difficult to play version of baseball. The ball was actually soft by design.

Over 100 years later the game that was invented as a form of recreation for the masses in many ways can no longer lay claim to that appeal. Technology and competition among bat and ball manufacturers have made the game much faster, more difficult, and often dangerous to play. Balls are hard and bats flex like a trampoline to propel the ball faster and further. Pitchers wear face masks and shin pads to protect themselves on the mound. Some senior leagues actually use batting practice screens to protect the pitcher.

As the game has become faster, more difficult and oftentimes dangerous to play, participation has dramatically declined. How much is related to the less recreational nature of the game versus societal changes is tough to determine, but with more and more specialization in youth sports prospective participants who never played baseball or softball may have a difficult time picking up the less recreational game of softball as an adult.


## SOFTBALL - HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE (CTD.)

Ninety-five per cent of the players in the USA play softball for one night a week for recreation, and maybe a weekend or two. Their goal, is to have fun and go to work the next day with all their teeth and faculties intact. The National Softball Federation recognizes this fact and working with park and recreation directors hopes to reinvent a game that is safer, and appeals more to the average recreational participant. This means balls may be less lively and bats as well. (This will also reduce the cost of equipment and cost to play the game.)

While $5 \%$ of the players are highly skilled and competitive, their desires and the sales motives of equipment manufacturers should not negatively affect participation in the game. There needs to be rule and equipment differences for the recreational (95\%) versus elite participants (5\%) - otherwise the steady decline in softball league and tournament participation that began in the 90 's, will inevitably continue.


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## MINNESOTA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME

## PURPOSE

To honor those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the game of softball as either a player, umpire, sponsor or organizer. To promote softball within the state of Minnesota by so honoring those individuals who have made exceptional contributions to its growth and success.

## NOMINATION

To nominate an individual who meets the above requirements, please utilize the nomination form found on page 58 of this guide.

## ELIGIBILITY

The categories and requirements governing selection of an individual to the Hall of Fame are:

## - Superior Performance, Meritorious Service \& Pioneers of Yesterday

For a detailed explanation of the criteria for meeting these category requirements, see page 56 of this guide.

## HONOR ROLL

The following Minnesota men and women have attained the greatest recognition and honor Amateur Softball can bestow upon them: Election to the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame.

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| 3B | Rochester |
| P | St Paul |
| ADM | St Paul |
| P | Minneapolis |
| 1B | Minneapolis |
| UMP | St Paul |
| P | Albert Lea |
| C | St Paul |
| P | Austin |
| SPON | Minneapolis |
| C | Rochester |
| SPON | St Paul |
| ADM | Minneapolis |
| 3B | Chisholm |
| ORG | Owatonna |
| MGR | Dawson |
| P | Mankato |
| C | St Paul |
| C | Minneapolis |
| P | Duluth |
| P | Minneapolis |
| UMP | Minneapolis |
| SPON | Minneapolis |
| P | Owatonna |
| P | Minneapolis |
| P | St Paul |
| IF | Winona |
| P | St Paul |
| ORG | St Paul |
| ADM | Minneapolis |
| MGR | Chisholm |
| UMP | Rochester |
| OF | Brooklyn Park |
| SPON | Mankato |
| C | Minneapolis |
| MGR | Duluth |
| C | Minneapolis |
| ORG | Minneapolis |
| P | Bergen |
| P | St Paul |
| C | Lake Lillian |
| P | Lake Lillian |
| P | Owatonna |


| 1983 | Harry Harrison | 1B | Crystal |
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| 1983 | Joseph Kudla | 3B | Minneapolis |
| 1983 | Raymond "Nippy" Landkamer | P | Mankato |
| 1983 | Gene Leslie | UMP | Brooklyn Center |
| 1983 | Clarence L. Moberg | UMP | Minneapolis |
| 1983 | Darby O'Brien | P | Winona |
| 1983 | Florence "Sis" Olson | IF | St Paul |
| 1983 | Stan Pieterick | ORG | Harris |
| 1983 | Don Sabin | UMP | Coon Rapids |
| 1983 | Don Selvig | P | Minneapolis |
| 1983 | John Swanson | 1B | St Paul |
| 1983 | Morey Turbenson | P | Ostrander |
| 1983 | Len Velander | MGR | Minneapolis |
| 1983 | James "Sonny" Wriskey | OF | St Paul |
| 1984 | Sidney "Red" Berg | P | Grand Meadow |
| 1984 | Wayne Erickson | P | Scandia |
| 1984 | Tom Fitzgerald | 3B | St Paul |
| 1984 | Ed Ghostley | SPO/MGR | Anoka |
| 1984 | Ellie Ghostley | SPO/MGR | Anoka |
| 1984 | Dubug Johnson | SS | Duluth |
| 1984 | John Komoroski | UMP | Minneapolis |
| 1984 | John W. Labore | P | St Paul |
| 1984 | Roy Lord | OF | Winona |
| 1984 | Greb Martonik | P | Minneapolis |
| 1984 | Eldy Matson | P | Blomkest |
| 1984 | Fran "Skinny" Morrissette | P | St Paul |
| 1984 | Mibs Pitzl | P | St Paul |
| 1984 | Ray Sibley | C | Rochester |
| 1984 | Dave Tollefson | UMP/ORG | Austin |
| 1984 | Ray Yeager | P | St Cloud |
| 1985 | George "Hots" Anderson | OF | Duluth |
| 1985 | Jan Du Bois | IF | Minneapolis |
| 1985 | Mike Halek | SPON | Minneapolis |
| 1985 | John Kasid | IF | Minneapolis |
| 1985 | Stan Knopick | P | Winona |
| 1985 | Fritz Leimbek | C | So St Paul |
| 1985 | Eddie Mathias | SS | St Paul |
| 1985 | Carl "Moose" Miller | P | Austin |
| 1985 | M.L. "Marv" Nutting | SPON | Brainerd |
| 1985 | Joe Perzel | P | Minneapolis |
| 1985 | Johnny Sammon | UMP | Minneapolis |
| 1985 | Margaret "Mike" Sieland | C | St Paul |
| 1985 | Emery Tako | C | St Paul |
| 1985 | Art Wangen | IF | Owatonna |
| 1986 | LeRoy Hardeman | IF | Minneapolis |
| 1986 | Hap Holmgren | ADM | St Paul |
| 1986 | Ron "BoBo" Johnson | P | Cloquet |
| 1986 | Daniel Juenger | IF | Rochester |
| 1986 | Judy Jungwirth | P | Bloomington |


| 1986 | Hub Klugherz | SPON | Mankato |
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| 1986 | Joe Lyons | IF | Mankato |
| 1986 | Matt Morelli | SPON | St Paul |
| 1986 | Pat Murphy | OF | Minneapolis |
| 1986 | Mike Solz | MGR | Minneapolis |
| 1986 | Mike Sternberg | IF | Rochester |
| 1986 | Dave Torgerson | P | Clinton |
| 1986 | Pat Ward | IF | St Paul |
| 1986 | Lou White | C | Minneapolis |
| 1986 | Merlin "Woody" Wood | MGR | Minneapolis |
| 1987 | Ben Binsfeld | UMP | St Cloud |
| 1987 | Ray Bossard | OF | St Paul |
| 1987 | Jim Botten | OF | Minneapolis |
| 1987 | Elaine Bruhn | IF | Owatonna-MPLS |
| 1987 | K.W. Bud Caswell | ORG | Mankato |
| 1987 | Sam Crea, Jr. | IF | St Paul |
| 1987 | Dutch Elbers | P | St Paul |
| 1987 | Virg Ellrich | ORG | Bloomington |
| 1987 | Jack Jordan | IF | Duluth |
| 1987 | Will LaBounty | ORG | Coon Rapids |
| 1987 | Chuck Lindquist | P | Blomkest-Cloquet |
| 1987 | Nick Mancini | SPON | St Paul |
| 1987 | Don Olson | UMP | Minneapolis |
| 1987 | Bill Spanjers | ORG | Robbinsdale |
| 1987 | Thorvald Stoen | UMP | Minneapolis |
| 1988 | Glen Bohrer | SPON | Mankato |
| 1988 | Milt Boyat | 3B | Duluth |
| 1988 | Al DeWall | P | St Paul |
| 1988 | LeRoy Ericson | MGR | Brooklyn Center |
| 1988 | Paul Grass | OF | Owatonna |
| 1988 | Wayne Knipschield | P | Rochester |
| 1988 | Daniel Marchio | OF | St Paul |
| 1988 | Art Mead | MGR | Brooklyn Center |
| 1988 | Jerry Mickelson | P | Geneva |
| 1988 | Joan Paulson | IF | Bloomington |
| 1988 | Hugh Rose | P | Stillwater |
| 1988 | David Steffl | ORG | Worthington |
| 1988 | Bill Whitaker | SPON | St Paul |
| 1989 | LeRoy Christenson | MGR | Stillwater |
| 1989 | Ernie Conito | C/MGR | Duluth |
| 1989 | Bob Johnson | ADM | Duluth |
| 1989 | Wally Kiffmeyer | UMP | Bloomington |
| 1989 | Bob Kojetin | ADM | Edina |
| 1989 | Max V. Kulas | IF | Winona |
| 1989 | Bill Mobeck | P | Harris |
| 1989 | Glenn E. Olson | P | Minneapolis |
| 1989 | Jerry Schaber | 2B | St Paul |
| 1989 | Gelnn D. Smith | UMP | Mankato |
| 1989 | Richard Starner | MGR | Crystal |
| 1989 | Bev Swanson | IF/MGR | Carver |
| 1989 | Darrell Thorson | MGR/ORG | Ostrander |
| 1990 | Laurie Balzer | IF | Minneapolis |
| 1990 | Jim Buege | 1B | Stillwater |
| 1990 | Paul Emard | 3B | Blaine/Coon Rapids |
| 1990 | Lefty Haefner | OF | Mankato |
| 1990 | Earl Kommer | ORG | Detroit Lakes |
| 1990 | Robert Kroll | 1B | St Paul |
| 1990 | Gar Nash | ORG | Austin |
| 1990 | Bobby O'Brien | P | Duluth |
| 1990 | Linda Polley | SS | Anoka |
| 1990 | Bob Ritter | IF | Minneapolis |
| 1990 | Jo Vollmer-Rolling | P | St Paul |
| 1990 | Jim Rubbelke | MGR | St Paul |
| 1990 | Bob Schabert | MEDIA | Oakdale |
| 1990 | John Sheehan | C | St Paul |
| 1990 | John Wasnick | OF | Minneapolis |
| 1991 | Don Barnholdt | IF | Stillwater |
| 1991 | Carol M. Bemis | OF | Anoka |
| 1991 | Charlie Hays | P | Minneapolis |
| 1991 | Jerry Hoehnen | 1B | Minneapolis |


| 1996 | Cliff Crandall | SS | Minneapolis |
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| 1996 | Renee Dion Edin | P | Stillwater |
| 1996 | Dick Eldridge | SPON | Maplewood |
| 1996 | Tom Frederick | SPON | Mankato |
| 1996 | Paulette Genz | P | St Paul |
| 1996 | Jack Hlavacek | PLAYER/M | Hopkins |
| 1996 | Bob Johnson | COACH/M | Bloomington |
| 1996 | Dan O'Connor | 3B | St Paul |
| 1996 | Mary Owen | 2B | Minneapolis |
| 1996 | Dale Root | P | Blaine |
| 1996 | Ralph Schmitt | P | Blaine |
| 1996 | Burch Wrzos | OF | Minneapolis |
| 1997 | Wayne Ball | MGR/PRO | West St Paul |
| 1997 | Bruce Bennett | MEDIA | Duluth |
| 1997 | Jimmy Bowen | OF/1B | Minneapolis |
| 1997 | Bob Cervenka | SPO/PRO | Detroit Lakes |
| 1997 | Shirley Cervenka | SPO/PRO | Detroit Lakes |
| 1997 | Phil Cognetta | P | Maplewood |
| 1997 | Cyril Ebnet | PROM/OG | Holdingford |
| 1997 | Marty Jurgensen | C | St Paul |
| 1997 | Ray Klym | 1B | Bloomington |
| 1997 | John P. Locke | 1B | Minneapolis |
| 1997 | Louie Perron | UMP/PRO | Faribault |
| 1997 | Laura Reynolds | P | St Paul |
| 1997 | Allan E. Rivard | ADM | Minneapolis |
| 1997 | Don Stilwell | UMP | Austin |
| 1998 | Char Alexander | PRO/MGR | Rochester |
| 1998 | Richard Bernier | IF | South St Paul |
| 1998 | David W. Bloomquist | MGR | White Bear Lake |
| 1998 | Karen Brown | SS | St Paul |
| 1998 | Frelon Cross, Jr. | IF | Minneapolis |
| 1998 | Jack P. Cunningham | MGR/IF | Minneapolis |
| 1998 | Wayne Eddy | MEDIA | Northfield |
| 1998 | Duane Elwood | UMP | Mankato |
| 1998 | David Ferguson | P/PRO | Frazee |
| 1998 | Willard E. Kottke | UMP/ORG | Golden Valley |
| 1998 | Dick "R.C." Olson | MGR/SPO | Duluth |
| 1998 | Win Olson | P/PRO | Ormsby |
| 1998 | Billy Peterson | UMP | St Paul |
| 1998 | Jack Reuvers | 3B | Faribaul//Owat. |
| 1998 | Jim Wanshura | PLAYER/M | Bloomington |
| 1999 | Bill Beaupre | PLAYER/M | Rochester |
| 1999 | Jerry Duffey | IF | St Paul |
| 1999 | Dick Fehlandt | PLAYER/M | Mankato |
| 1999 | Barry Hite | P/ORG | Emily |
| 1999 | Gene V. Johnson | ORG/PRO | Whalan |
| 1999 | Manny Kohen | OF | Mpls/St. Louis Prk |
| 1999 | Bob \& Pat Linton | M/CO/SPO | Bloomington |
| 1999 | Pat McKusky | P | St Paul |
| 1999 | Orgene Elroy Moen | 3B | Appleton |
| 1999 | Jerry O'Connor | IF | St Paul |
| 1999 | Don Olson | P | Duluth |
| 1999 | Dale Palm | OF | Mpls/Crystal |
| 1999 | Eddie Steinbauer | PRO/P | St Paul/WSP |
| 1999 | Jackie Werner, Jr. | IF | Mpls/Crystal |
| 1999 | Gary Zitzer | ADM | Crookston |
| 2000 | Linda Anderson | OF | Anoka |
| 2000 | Don Bourdeau | 3B/MGR | Duluth |
| 2000 | Jim Brenner | OF | Minneapolis |
| 2000 | Lloyd Carlson | PLAYER/M | Odin |
| 2000 | Howie Dean | PLAYER/M | Minneapolis |
| 2000 | Dave Dostal | IF | Rochester |
| 2000 | Linda Garbett | OF | Anoka |
| 2000 | Jim Lowe | C | Cloquet |
| 2000 | Robert "Bob" Matzke | PRO/ORG | Red Lake Falls |
| 2000 | Doug Shilson | PLAYER/M | Minneapolis |
| 2000 | Jon Springer | UMP | Rochester |
| 2000 | Sherm Swanson | PRO/ORG | Carlton City |
| 2000 | Bruce Van De Walker | 3B | St Paul |
| 2000 | Bob Welch | OF | Willmar |


| MEDIA | St Paul |
| :---: | :---: |
| P | Minneapolis |
| P | St James |
| SS | Bloomington |
| P | Anoka |
| OF | Stillwater/Scandia |
| PLAY/COA | Mankato |
| ORG/PRO | Montevideo |
| C | Anoka/Coon Rapids |
| IF | Lake Park |
| IF | Minneapolis |
| C | Duluth |
| PL/CO/O/PRO | Hastings |
| MGR/PRO | Bloom/Farmington |
| CO/ORG | Rochester |
| PRO/ORG | Rochester |
| PRO/ORG | Duluth |
| OF/1B | Minneapolis |
| SS | Minneapolis |
| MGR/ORG | Edina |
| P | Faribault |
| C | Cloquet |
| ADM | Bloomington |
| 1B/C | Minneapolis |
| CO/ORG | Mankato |
| PRO/ORG | Mankato |
| PRO/ORG | Cold Spring |
| C | St James |
| IF | Anoka |
| PRO/PLA | St Anthony |
| MGR/ORG | Minneapolis |
| SS | Minneapolis |
| UMP | Bloomington |
| PLAYER | St Paul |
| P | Stillwater |
| C | Mountain Lake |
| 1B | Bloomington |
| SS/P | Rochester |
| C | Cloquet |
| ORG/PLAY | Rochester |
| P | Fairmont |
| PLAY/MGR | Minneapolis |
| SPON | Duluth |
| PLAY/ORG | Rochester |
| P | Prior Lake/Lakeville |
| P | Cloquet |
| PRO/UMP | Robbinsdale |
| OF | Anoka |
| P/MGR | Fairmont |
| ORG/PRO | Mankato |
| UMP/ORG | Redwood Falls |
| PLAY/OR/UMP | Duluth |
| SPON | Minneapolis |
| SS | Mankato |
| SPON | Bloomington |
| PLAY/MGR | Geneva |
| UMP/ORG | Crookston |
| 1B | Rochester |
| IF | Minneapolis |
| 3B | Minneapolis/Hopkins |
| P | Anoka |
| SPO/PRO | Odin |
| IF | Odin |
| SPO/PRO | St Paul |
| PLAY/ORG | Callaway/Detroit Lakes |
| SPO/ORG | Elba/Rochester |
| OF | Hopkins |
| PLAYER | Lakeville/Bloomington |
| ORG/PRO | Austin |
| PL/CO/ORG | Blomkest/Lake Lillian |

Gary Wagner
Wayne Winter Alexander "Sandy" Allen Jeff Barnes
Scott Christensen
George Fadell
Jeanne Ghostly
Anne Marie Green
Ed Hammer
Joe Jennison
Leroy Jolstad
Jo Jorgenson
Ken Joyce
Ralph Leistikow
Dennis Maschka
Karen "Sadie" Nelson
Linda "Nellie" Nelson
Vern Schoolmeester
Joe Alexander
Richard "Dick" Bjur
Jim "Corky" Ebeling
Tim Egan
Mervin Eischens
Bryn Suzanne Geerdes
Phil Hilgeman
Bill Hills
Richard "Dick" Holdorf
Harlan Jacobson
Stan Noren
John Seamans
Bob Szublewski
Rolf Synoground
Ken Vierling
Mark "Norton" Zweber
Anna Anderson
Gene Bartz
Paula Bergren
Dianne Dingman
Paul Harrington
Bud Heidgerken
Dick Hudson
Dennis Johnson
Dennis Karp
Ed Kingsley
Denny Malarkey
Bonnie Muzik
Barb Northway
Barb Olson
Mark Rieber
Robert "Sam" Werner
David Bakke
Ron Bergstrom
Bruce Blank
John Carlson
Geroge "Buzz" Connor
Ken Hagen
Dale Kolles
Kevin Kranz
Robert Lenzmeier
Rebecca Macken
Clarence "Clancy" Mager
Mark Malde
Ed "Smokey" Matras
Jim Morcomb
George Retzlaff
David "Dub" Richards
Donny Robinette
Ed Schaust
Tommy Smith
Gary Watland

| ORG/PRO | Bemidj/Duluth/Buffalo |
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| OF | Rochester |
| ADM | Mankato |
| ORG/PRO | Bloomington |
| OF | Mankato |
| UMP | Richfield |
| C | Anoka |
| OF | Mpls/Rochester |
| PRO/MGR | Bloomington/Lakeville |
| ORG/PRO | Rochester |
| P | Mankato |
| UTILITY | Minneapolis |
| PRO/ORG/UMPCloquet |  |
| ORG/PRO | St Charles |
| ADM | Austin |
| P | Mankato |
| 1B | Anoka |
| 2B | Mankato |
| co/ORG/PRO | Rochester |

PL/MGR Lake Lillian/Hutchinson MG/OR/PR Owatonna
1B So St Paul/St Paul
MG/SP/PR St Leo
OF Rochester/Mpls
1B/MGR Minneapolis
SS Minneapolis
UMP Winona
PRO/P Hayfield
P/COACH St James
ORG/PRO mtka/Shorewood/Excelsior
PL/OR/PR Little Falls
P Rochester/Austin
UMP/PRO Owatonna/Farmington
3B Lakeville
PLAYER Mpls/St Paul
PLAYER Edina/Richfield/Mtka
V/OR/PRO Duluth
PLAYER Anoka
V/OR/PRO Farmington
V/OR/PRO Freeport
PLAYER New Ulm
V/OR/PRO St James
V/OR/PRO Carlton County
V/OR/PRO Princeton
PLAYER Roseville
ADM Brainerd
ADM Minnesota
PLAYER Duluth/Proctor
UMP Mankato
PLAYER Minneapolis
PLAYER Minneapolis
PLAYER Austin
PLAYER Duluth/Austin/St Paul
PIONEER Minneapolis
MERIT/MG W St Paul/St Paul
PLAYER Austin/Geneva-Ellendale
PLAYER STMA/EIk River
PLAYER Minneapolis
PLAYER Minneapolis
PL/MG/MERIT Rochester
MERIT LeCenter
PLAYER Rochester
MERIT W St Paul/St Paul
PL/MGR St Charles
PI/MERIT Hutchinson/Silver Lake
MERIT Geneva
MG/PL/SP St Paul
PL/MG/PR Delano/Hollywood
MERIT Cambridge-Isanti
PLAYER Austin/Mankato/St Paul

| 2016 | Jesus "Jessie" Adamez |
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| 2016 | Nancy Anderson |
| 2016 | Marlin Boom |
| 2016 | Craig Brown |
| 2016 | Donald Carruth |
| 2016 | Dave Gilbertson |
| 2016 | Darrell Goring |
| 2016 | Ward Halvorson |
| 2016 | David "Davey J" Johnson |
| 2016 | Danielle Lombardi |
| 2016 | Stuart Morrison |
| 2016 | Dan Nessler |
| 2016 | Dave Rowe |
| 2016 | Howie Schaber |
| 2016 | Doug Sorenson |
| 2016 | Everett "Ev" Wright |
| 2018 | Pat "Bones" Barrett |
| 2018 | Wayne Dahl |
| 2018 | Scott Ensrud |
| 2018 | Michael Gibeau |
| 2018 | Bob "Doc" Hartshorn |
| 2018 | Gary "Meatball" Holtz |
| 2018 | Charlie Johnson |
| 2018 | Howard D. Kazeck |
| 2018 | Dick McNally |
| 2018 | James R. Milanovich |
| 2018 | Joan (Schroer) Montague |
| 2018 | Ron Moog |
| 2018 | Walt "Nelly" Nelson |
| 2018 | Tom "Weed" Niederkorn |
| 2018 | Jack Norman |
| 2018 | Jim Prestholdt |
| 2018 | Bud Ramsey |
| 2018 | Norm Setnicker |
| 2018 | Leo "Butch" Tauber |
| 2021 | Tom "Whale" Anderson |
| 2021 | Jeb Blais |
| 2021 | Roger Cotten |
| 2021 | Dick Erickson |
| 2021 | Stan Fredrickson |
| 2021 | Gordy Gerlach |
| 2021 | Laurie Hanrahan |
| 2021 | Perry Hansen |
| 2021 | Dan Huisman |
| 2021 | Jim Langowski |
| 2021 | Dan Lee |
| 2021 | Gary Letendre |
| 2021 | Elwyn Mensink |
| 2021 | Bob Montague |
| 2021 | Lou Petterson |
| 2021 | Dave Prehn |
| 2021 | Jon Rehwaldt |
| 2021 | Dan "Fox" Richards |
| 2021 | Ray Schmidt* |
| 2022 | Doniver Ahlm |
| 2022 | Jerry Albers |
| 2022 | Phil Anderson* |
| 2022 | William "Bill" Blatzheim |
| 2022 | Don Bowman |
| 2022 | Denny "Doc" Davis |
| 2022 | Leon Donaghue |
| 2022 | Mike Forrest |
| 2022 | John "Boo" Johnson |
| 2022 | Richard "Dick" Jordan |
| 2022 | David Junker |
| 2022 | Dennis Kenning |
| 2022 | Jim Lindberg |
| 2022 | Richard "Dick" Lindberg |
| 2022 | Larry Lindquist |
| 2022 | David Meyer |

PLAYER Minneapolis
PLAYER Anoka
PL/MERIT Ellsworth
PLAYER St James/Mankato
PL/PI St Paul/Mtka
MERIT/PI Chatfield/Albert Lea/Geneva

PLAYER St James/Odin/Mankato/STP PR/PL/OR/MG Austin/Rochester
PLAYER Mankato
PLAYER Anoka
PLAYER Cloquet/Duluth
PLAYER Mankato
PLAYER Minneapolis
PLAYER Hamel/Minneapolis
ADM/UMP Mankato
PLAYER Minneapolis
PLAYER Bloomington/Crystal/Fridley
PLAYER Dawson Area
MG/SP/PL Bloomington/Burnsville/Apple Valley
OR/PR/MG Clearbrook

ADM/PL West Metro
PLAYER Hutchinson
UMP/UIC Detroit Lakes/Hitterdal OR/SP/MG/PL Little Falls Area
PL/CO/OR St Charles/Ridgeway
PL/MGR White Bear Lake/Roseville/Gilbert
PLAYER Coon Rapids
UMP/UIC St Cloud
PLAYER Hastings
PLAYER Hastings/St Paul
PL/MG/U/AD Mankato Area
PL/MG/PR/SP Dawson Area
PLAYER Minneapolis
PL/CO/UM Roseville/White Bear Lake/Biwabik
PLAYER Sauk Rapids
PLAYER Owatonna
UMP/ORG Austin
PLAYER Rochester
PLAYER Dawson
PLAYER Lakeville
PLAYER Hastings
PL/COACH Minneapolis-St Paul
PL/COACH Minneapolis-St Paul
PLAYER Lucan-Redwood Falls
PL/PRO Ellsworth
PL/MG/PR Winona
PLAYER Dawson
UMP Austin
PLAYER Ostrander-Preston
PL/MGR Coon Rapids
PLAYER Minneapolis
PLAYER Hollywood-Delano
PLAYER Minneapolis-Burnsville
PLAYER Geneva
CO/PRO Morgan
PLAYER Scandia
PL/CO/MG Villard
PL/CO/MG/PR Scandia
plicomgiprion St Paul
PLIMG/OR/PR/U Little Canada-Roseville
PLAYER Duluth
PLAYER Minneapolis
PL/UMP Cloquet
PLAYER Harris
PLAYER Delano-Hollywood
PL/MG/OR Stillwater
MG/PL/OR/U Sauk Rapids
PLAYER Scandia
CO/MG/PL/U Pine City
PL/CO/PR/SP Harris
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| 2022 | Minnesota Lady Loo | SUP PERF Metro Area |
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| 2022 | Bill Olson | PLAYER | Duluth

Randy Walker

SUP PERF Metro Area PLAYER Duluth Coon Rapids MG/SP Dawson St Paul





## SOFTBALL PLAYERS \& FANS

Respect the game and the facilities! Please use the trash cans provided in the facility and parking lot.

## THANK YOU FOR BEING A TEAM PLAYER!



SOFTBALL
HALL OF FAME
Dear Minnesota Softball Enthusiast:
The Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame Banquet is held the third or fourth Saturday in October or first weekend in November every other year. Nominations are accepted through June 1 of each year. The purpose of the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame is to select and honor candidates who have been active as players, coaches, managers, umpires, administrators, organizers, volunteers, promoters, sponsors, volunteers, league director, media or those who served in any other capacity related to the game of softball in Minnesota. Candidates shall be chosen on the basis of their integrity and contributions to the game of softball. The length of playing time or related participation shall be considered as a factor in the evaluation of the candidates.

The categories and requirements governing selection of an individual to the Hall of fame are:
A. Superior Performance: Nominee must have played or managed at the highest levels. Must have played at least 15 years and be at least 50 years of age. Must have played in at least 12 state tournaments. Team must have finished in top 8 at least 5 times. Batting average above .300 (FP), 600 (SP) and .400 (MP). A pitcher must have pitched at least 100 innings per season and won $70 \%$ of games. Extra hits for winning a state tournament, state MVP, playing in national tournaments, national championship or All-American Team.
B. Meritorious Service:
C. Pioneers of Yesterday:

Nominee must have served as a volunteer, manager, umpire, coach, sponsor, league administrator, promoter, organizer, media person or player. Must have worked or played with a team noted for longevity. League administrator or sponsor must have at least 12 years. Other groups at least 20 years. Players must have been active for 20 years or more, played on teams in state tournaments, played on teams that won an invitational tournament. Must be nominated by a player from another team. Pitchers and managers must have a winning record. Extra hits for playing on a team that won a state tournament at Class C (FP)/Class D (SP) or above, or named an MVP of a tournament. Nominees nominated solely for their umpiring achievements must be at least 55 years, umpired at least 20 years, umpired in at least 10 state tournaments and averaged umpiring at least 40 games per year (FP \& MP) or 80 games (SP). Extra hits for serving as a district, state, metro umpire-in-chief or state tournament umpire-in-chief.
Played organized softball prior to 1970 (FP), 1980 (MP \& SP), active in playing for more than 20 years. Pitcher has a winning record, players must have played in state tournaments, played on teams that won invitational tournaments, and won league championships.
Selection to the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame shall be by the applicable committee members of the Hall of Fame. The committee members shall solicit names from interested parties throughout the state of Minnesota. Parties placing a candidate in nomination must furnish pertinent information relating to the qualifications of their candidates) to the Hall of Fame. The deadline shall be June 15 of the current year.
The committee members shall meet shortly after the nomination deadline. They shall screen the candidates each year and select not more than fifteen inductees.
We need your help in nominating deserving people (active, inactive or deceased) for induction into the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame Banquet has been a huge success each year.
Enclosed is a form for submitting your nominations to the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame. Please make copies of the form if you are nominating more than one person. Please include as much documentation on the individual's accomplishments as possible (e.g. newspaper accounts, etc.). Please remember the June 15 deadline.
Thank you.


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Executive Director


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## BARB NORTHWAY - STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Nominated by Minnesota Softball Community

When it comes to Minnesota Softball, especially JO, Women's and Co-Rec no one has contributed more in organizing and promoting the game.
Barb Northway served as the Associate Director of the Minnesota Sports Federation from 1982 until 2004 and during that time devoted countless hours to making sure Minnesota softball participants both young and old, had the best organized, professionally administered softball program possible.
Proof that Minnesota did came in the form of countless membership awards from the national organization which recognized Barb for high membership totals, quality of programming and years of service.

During her tenure Minnesota had a 700\% increase in Junior Olympic Softball participation and 300\% increase in adult softball.

Recognizing her talents and dedication she was named National JO chair in 1994 and served until 1998. She also served on the National board of directors in 1990-1991 and established a "meet the candidates" forum where voting delegates could ask those running for national president their position on various important issues in the softball world before casting their vote for a candidate.

Barb was elected to the High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004, the same year she was recognized for 22 years of outstanding leadership by the ASA.
During her "career" with the Minnesota Sports Federation Barb administered at least 10 national softball tournaments in Minnesota and repped several outside the state. During tournament time it was not uncommon for Barb to work 90-100 hour weeks and work eight weeks in a row without a day off. (Her family gathered here this evening can attest to that.) Her attention to detail and service to the participants could not be replicated.
Barb wasn't satisfied accomplishing her ample day today event staging, accounting and human resources duties though, she went well beyond that by establishing the "High School Girls Fastpitch All Star Series" In 1984 with assistance from the High School Coaches Association President Tom Begich.

She also assisted on "Softball Night at the Dome" and the "Softball Hall of Fame" for many years and created the "Junior Olympic Softball Festival" with assistance from Dave Anderson of the Elk River Softball Community.
Barb encouraged Eden Prairie to bid on a Junior Olympic Fastpitch National Tournament which they secured. She then worked with Mike Jensen and his staff to assure its success. It remains the only Junior Olympic Girls Fastpitch National Tournament the state has ever hosted.
Last but not least she created annual clinics for Junior Olympic players and coaches to assure they were at the top of their game.

In 1998 Barb was honored by the State of Minnesota by being presented the Minnesota Breaking Barriers award during the National Girls and Women's in Sports Day at the State Capitol. The award is given to individuals who have succeeded in breaking through barriers to provide athletic opportunities for girls and women in sport. Not only has Barb provided those opportunities, but she also found time to partake herself being named all-conference in girls high school basketball and playing women's slowpitch softball competitively for many years. She practiced what she preached when it came to the
value of participatory team sports.
Upon "retiring" from the Minnesota Sports Federation in 2004 Barb went on to direct the Rockford Community Center for seven years during which time she hosted several MSF basketball and volleyball state tournaments.
Today she serves as the Deputy Director of Park and Recreation for the City of Plymouth which is widely known and respected for its system of parks, trails, facilities and recreational programming.
It is our honor indeed to welcome Barb Northway to the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame this evening.

# MINNESOTA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM 

$\qquad$ Birth date $\qquad$
Address $\qquad$ City/State $\qquad$ Zip $\qquad$
Softball Community where major accomplishments were achieved $\qquad$
Is that softball community's program currently affiliated with the MSF, the MN Softball Hall of Fame Administrator/Custodian?
-Yes
$\square$ No
Home Phone $\qquad$ ) $\qquad$ Cell Phone $\qquad$ )

Email Address $\qquad$

| Check the Nomination Category: | $\square$ Superior Performance |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | $\square$ Meritorious Service |
|  | $\square$ Pioneers of Yesterday |


| Check all that apply: | $\square$ Player | $\square$ Manager/Coach |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\square$ Promoter | $\square$ Administrator |
| Check all that apply: | $\square$ Umpire | $\square$ Sponsor |
|  | $\square$ Fastpitch |  |
|  | $\square$ Modified Pitch |  |
|  | $\square$ Slowpitch |  |

Nominated by $\frac{\text { (If a relative, must have a seconding nomination by non-relative) }}{}$
Address $\qquad$ City/State $\qquad$ Zip $\qquad$
Home Phone $\qquad$ ) $\qquad$ )

Email Address $\qquad$
Seconding Nomination Name $\qquad$
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Nominee's Personal Accomplishments $\qquad$
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Nominee's Team Accomplishments $\qquad$
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## - ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY -

Attach a one or two page narrative, as you would want their bio read at the nominee's potential induction ceremony. Provide pertinent accomplishments of nominee in city, district, state, regional or national competition. (See reverse side for sample bio). Also, attach newspaper clippings, letters of reference or other forms of documentation. Include statistical information in the bio.

Send to: Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame Committee • 118 12th Ave. N. • South St. Paul, MN 55075 (651) 451-3140

DEADLINE FOR SENDING THIS NOMINATION IS JUNE 15




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SCHEDULE KEY

## DIVISION CODES

Men's (45 \& Over) Slowpitch

## TOURNAMENT CODES


Divisions Offered
Games Guaranteed
Other
Round Robin
Single Elimination
Single Elimination/C
Double Elimination
MFP
WFP
MF40
MMP
WMP
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MS45

MSP
WSP
MCSP
CRSP
MS35

FEDERATION OFFICES
118 12th Ave N
South St. Paul, MN 55075
FAX 651 ) 4513140
Monday - Friday (2:00pm-6:30pm)
www.msf1.org

> DISTRICT SEVEN Dave Long 15540 E Munson D Lakes, MN 56501 (218) 841-7008 long@arvig.net
All tournaments listed in the schedule have applied for and been granted NSF $\diamond$ MSF sanction prior to March 10 of the current year. All teams which participate in these tournaments must be registered with the Minnesota Sports Federation.

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

221 2nd St NE
Hayfield, MN 55944
(507) 273-1790
klvoltin@mchsi.com

## DISTRICT FIVE

DISTRICT SIX

PO Box 387
Cambridge, MN
(612) 702-8183
dweisbrod@carouselmotor.com

sticker is properly displayed prior to commencing play.

To ascertain if a tournament which does not appear in this schedule has been sanctioned, please contact your district commissioner.
825 Maywood Dr
St. Cloud, 56303
norm0717@aol.com
norm0717@aol.com
All teams which participate in an MSF sanctioned tournament must turn in an official MSF invitational tournament roster to the tournament director prior to commencing play.
For the teams convenience, these official MSF roster forms are located in the back of this tournament schedule book.
All teams which participate in an MSF sanctioned invitational tournament must present their team membership card upon check in.
For details regarding sanctioned tournaments held within the city limits of Minneapolis, please contact the Minneapolis Park Board at (612) 661-4895.
For the rules and regulations which govern sanctioned tournament play, please consult the current MSF softball guide.
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## TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION

 have displayed a lack of or poor sportsmanship in previous tournaments may be denied entrance.) approval is obtained from MSF offices.It is permissible to offer more than one tournament classification in each division of play offered.
 (i.e. A "B" team from any of the above organizations equals an "A" team in ASA due to teams being allowed to play down, "sandbag" in other organizations.)
able for tournament classification in that specific division.
Women's Slow Pitch
Classification Options:
All = All classes allowed. Maximum \$2,500
(handicapped by runs given) tournament. In the HCP tournament a lower class team playing a higher class team is "spotted" seven runs at the beginning of the game for each class difference. (Handicap tournaments may not have a run rule lower than 15).

## Men's \& Co-Rec Slowpitch

$\mathrm{U}=$ All Classes allowed. Unlimited number of home runs per team allowed. Unlimited expense allowance permitted per division.
All classes allowed. Seven home runs per team allowed. Maximum
$\$ 2,500$ expense allowance permitted per division.
All classes allowed. Four home runs per team allowed. Maximum \$2,000 expense allowance permitted per division. Maximum $\$ 825$ to any one place.
All classes allowed. One home run per team allowed. Maximum $\$ 1,850$
expense allowance permitted per
division. Maximum $\$ 725$ to any one place.
Note: Important Men's \& Co-Rec Slow Home Run Rule Notes: 1) Home runs are untouched fair balls hit over the fence. Excess home runs are ruled foul balls. This means if an excess home run is hit on the third strike the batter shall be declared out. (If fence distances on fields being used in the tournament are less than 275' the tournament director may petition the Sports Federation Offices for approval to increase the number of home runs allowed on the short fences.); 2) Tournament directors are permitted to alter the home run rule in the following manner: option a: After the initial

 of these options is invoked they must be so stated on the tournament flyer. (Option b may not be invoked in tournaments where total runs scored serves as a tiebreaker.)

| To Assist Tournament Directors in Their Planning and Scheduling, |
| :---: |
| Teams are Strongly Encouraged to "ENTER EARLY" |

# ARE YOU LOOKINGFOR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS? 



## VISIT US ONLINE AT

## MSF1.ORG

FOR MORE MN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT INFO

or on FACEBOOK at
facebook.com/MinnesotaSportsFederation

Find registration forms and PayPal instructions at
www.cisoftba|.com
beginning February 9 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2023$

## MEN'S DIVISION

| Tier1 | (7) HR Limit |
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| Champion | $\$ 1450$ |
| Runner-Up | $\$ 1050$ |
| 3rd Place | $\$ 725$ |



JUNE $9^{\text {TH }}-11^{\text {TH }}, 2023 \cdot$ Sandquist Family Park
34264 Naples St. NE • Cambridge, MN 55008

Become a Cambridge Isanti Softball Group Member!
Join us for the $4^{\text {th }}$ Annual Guns \& Hoses softball game at 4:45PM on Friday, June $9^{\text {th }}$ !

(5) 300FT, NICELY GROOMED, PLUSH BALLFIELDS

Based on (32) Teams. (4) games guaranteed. Special "PERK" for Friday Night Teams. All teams will start out in a Double-Elimination Bracket. The outcome of the first 2-3 games will determine placement in Tier1 or Tier2. Teams will hit their own .52/300 ADSTARR Synthetic which will be for sale at the park. All sanction bodies/classes welcomed. Teams are not required to, but may bat 13. 6ft/12ft arc with 65ft bases.

## WOMEN'S DIVISION

| Platinum Bracket | (4) HR Limit |
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| Champion | $\$ 1450$ |
| Runner-Up | $\$ 1050$ |
| 3rd Place | $\$ 725$ |


| Gold Bracket | (1) HR Limit |
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| Champion | $\$ 700$ |
| Runner-Up | $\$ 500$ |
| 3rd Place | $\$ 375$ |

ENTRY FEE $\$ 250.00$

Based on (16) Teams. (5) games guranteed. Special "PERK" for Friday Night Teams. All teams will play (3) Pool Games and be seeded into the Platinum or Gold Brackets to compete for awards and travel expenses. Softballs included. All sanction bodies/classes welcomed. Teams are not required to, but may bat 13. $6 \mathrm{ft} / 12 \mathrm{ft}$ arc with 65 ft bases.

To enter a team, please contact Duke at 612.702.8183 or dweisbrod@carouselmotor.com

## REGISTERED INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT LISTINGS

| DATE | TOURNAMENT | LOCATION | DIRECTOR | PHONE | DIV | CLASS | TYPE | GG | FEE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| June 9-11 | 28th Annual Cambridge Classic | Cambridge | Duke Weisbrod duke@carouselmotor.com | 612-702-8183 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MSP } \\ & \text { WSP } \end{aligned}$ | 6 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { OTH } \\ & \text { BDR } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250 \\ & \$ 250 \end{aligned}$ |
| June 17 | Strawberry Fest | Cottage Grove | Brad Muckenhirn bmuckenhirn@cottagegrovemn.gov | 651-458-3412 | MSP |  | RRC | 3 | \$180 |
| June 23-25 | Scandia Fastpitch | Scandia | Dan Lindgren dlindgren@generalmortgagefinance.com | 952-546-1400 | MFP | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ B-D \end{gathered}$ | DE | 2 | \$275 |
| June 23-25 | Kaposia Days | South St. Paul | Rich Rakness rrakness@comcast.net | 651-455-5725 | MSP WSP | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ \text { ALL } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{BDR} \\ & \mathrm{BDR} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 180 \\ & \$ 180 \end{aligned}$ |
| July 1-2 \& 4 | Whalan Fastpitch Tournament | Whalan | T. Everett Johnson thore@acegroup.cc | $\begin{aligned} & 507-259-4129 \\ & 507-467-3389 \end{aligned}$ | GFP | $\begin{gathered} 12 / 14 / \\ U \\ 18 \end{gathered}$ | RR | 3 | \$150 |
| July 14-16 | Water Carnival | Detroit Lakes | Dave Harman dave@dlccc | 218-844-4221 | MSP | U | RRC | 5 | \$250 |
| Aug 18-20 | Goodview Days | Goodview | Ben Gordon | 507-313-5282 | MSP WSP | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | DE BDR | 2 | \$200 |


| July 29October 1 | MSF State | Various Sites | Perry Coonce perry@msf1.org | 651-451-3140 | MFP | BY | 2-3 GG | 2-3 | \$350 |
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|  | Tournaments in | Throughout |  |  | MSP | TEAM | 2-3 GG | 2-3 | \$225 |
|  | Men's FP, Men's, | Minnesota |  |  | WSP | CLASS | 2-3 GG | 2-3 | \$225 |
|  | Women's and Co- |  |  |  | CRSP |  | 2-3 GG | 2-3 | \$225 |
|  | Rec SP, Masters |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | SP, Fall Co-Rec |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | SP and Fall Men's SP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Men's Fastpitch | Freeport | Perry Coonce perry@msf1.org | 651-451-3140 | MFP | B | 3GG | 3 | \$350 |
| Aug 6 | Class B State <br> Tournaments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 11- <br> Aug 13 | Men's Fastpitch | North Mankato | Perry Coonce perry@msf1.org | 651-451-3140 | MFP | C | 3GG | 3 | \$350 |
|  | Class C State |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Tournaments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 19- <br> Aug 20 | Men's Fastpitch Class D State | Freeport | Perry Coonce perry@msf1.org | 651-451-3140 | MFP | D | 3GG | 3 | \$350 |
|  | Tournaments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July 30 Aug 1 | Co-Rec C/D, | Cambridge | Perry Coonce perry@msf1.org | 651-451-3140 | CRSP <br> MCSP <br> MA35 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BCD } \\ & \text { ALL } \\ & \text { CD } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3GG } \\ & \text { 3GG } \\ & \text { 3GG } \end{aligned}$ | 333 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 225 \\ & \$ 225 \\ & \$ 225 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Masters (35\&50) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | SP NSF MSF |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | State Tournaments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July 22-23 | Hutchinson | John McRaith | Hutchinson | 320-583-4672 | MSP | 5 | RRC | 5 | \$175 |
|  | Pentacular |  |  | 320-234-5636 |  |  |  |  |  |
| August18-20 | TOC/North | Cambridge | Perry Coonce perry@msf1.org | 651-451-3140 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MSP } \\ & \text { WSP } \end{aligned}$ | C-E | 3GG | 3 | \$295 |
|  | American Championships |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Check www.msf1.org for the most up to date listings!!



## Your team is invited to participate in the...

## CO-REC <br> CLASS B-C-D SLOWPITCH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Summer 2023

Dear Team Manager:
We hope this note finds you looking forward to the 2023 softball season. On the reverse side is the entry form for the NSF•MSF Class B-C-D CoRec State Championships which your team may be interested in.

You may also register online at at www.msf1.org. Once we receive your entry you will be forwarded a roster to complete which is due at tournament check-in.

For legal composition of a Class B-C-D team, see the below table. A player's team class is based on the last men's or women's team they played on. Teams that were classified B, C or D Co-Rec last year may not move down without an official petition and approval.

## Co-Rec Slow Pitch

Co-Rec B = Allowed maximum of 3 players who played on A men's, women's or co-rec team in previous or current season
Co-Rec C = Allowed maximum of 3 players who played on B men's, women's or co-rec team in previous or current season (no players from A teams)

Co-Rec D = Allowed maximum of 3 players who played on C men's, women's or co-rec team in previous or current season (no players from A or B teams)

If questions arise, please contact perry@msf1.org or call (651) 451-3140 (2pm-6pm CT).
Best of luck in the 2023 State Championships!

## Perry Coonce <br> State Commissioner



## CO-REC

CLASS B-C-D SLOWPITCH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## JULY 30th

## 2023

## SANDQUIST PARK•CAMBRIDGE

## ELIGIBILITY

Players must live or work in the state of Minnesota. Players do not have to play together as an intact team during the regular season. They may be formed specifically for this tournament. Official roster form must be turned in at tournament check-in.

Teams may "bat the bench".

## ROSTER DEADLINE

Official roster ( 20 max ) shall be submitted at tournament site prior to first game.

## ENTRY FEE <br> \$225

## ENTRY DEADLINE

Wednesday, July 19TH

## STRUCTURE

Three Game Guarantee. If necessary, classes may be initially combined and the bracket classes determined by won/loss.

## GAME OFFICIALS

NSF $>$ MSF registered umpires shall be utilized on all contests

## AWARDS

Team plaques will be presented to the first, second and third place finishers in tournaments or eight or more teams. First place teams will also receive a championship team banner.

## GAME BALLS

52/300 11" and 52/200 12" game balls are provided by the MSF

TEAM NAME $\qquad$ SPORTS COMMUNITY $\qquad$
TEAM MANAGER $\qquad$ ADDRESS $\qquad$
CITY \& STATE $\qquad$ ZIP $\qquad$ CELL PHONE (_ ) $\qquad$

EMAIL ADDRESS $\qquad$
B
C
D
SEND ENTRY FEE AND FORM TO: MSF • 118 12TH AVE N • SOUTH ST. PAUL, MN 55075
THE SPORTS FEDERATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RETURN ENTRIES WHEN A TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN FILLED.
*Note: All credit card purchases incur an additional $\$ 5.00$ credit card processing fee.

## Your team is invited to participate in the...

##  <br> MEN'S MASTERS 35\&50 OVER SLOWPITCH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Summer 2023

Dear Team Manager:
We hope this note finds you looking forward to the 2023 softball season. On the reverse side is the entry form for the NSF•MSF Masters State Championships which your team may be interested in.

You may also register online at at www.msf1.org.
Once we receive your entry you will be forwarded a roster to complete which is due at tournament check-in.

Please note the age cut off date on the reverse side.
As in the past NSF•MSF Masters State Championships will be conducted in one of the top facilities in the state.

If questions arise, please contact perry@msf1.org or call (651) 451-3140 (2pm-6pm CT).
Best of luck in the 2023 State Championships!
Pery

## Perry Coonce <br> State Commissioner

 2023

## SANDQUIST PARK.CAMBRIDGE

## ELIGIBILITY

Players must live or work in the state of Minnesota. Players do not have to play together as an intact team during the regular season. They may be formed specifically for this tournament. Official roster form must be turned in at tournament check-in. Teams may "bat the bench". Teams can be composed of players who are 35 and over as of December 31 of the current year.

## ROSTER DEADLINE

Official roster ( 20 max) shall be submitted at tournament site prior to first game.

## ENTRY FEE <br> \$225

## ENTRY DEADLINE

Wednesday, July 19TH

## STRUCTURE

Double-Elimination/Consolation or Round Robin/Playoff (Three Game Guarantee)

## GAME OFFICIALS

NSF $\vee$ MSF registered umpires shall be utilized on all contests

## AWARDS

Trophies will be presented to the first, second and third place finishers in tournaments or eight or more teams, and first and second place in tournaments of seven or less teams. First place teams will receive a championship team banner and plaques. Runner-up receives team plaque.

## GAME BALLS

52/300 game balls are provided by the MSF

Men's Masters 35 \& 50 Over Slowpitch State Tournament Entry Form
TEAM NAME $\qquad$ SPORTS COMMUNITY $\qquad$
TEAM MANAGER $\qquad$ ADDRESS $\qquad$
CITY \& STATE $\qquad$ ZIP $\qquad$ CELL PHONE ( $\qquad$

SEND ENTRY FEE AND FORM TO: MSF • 118 12TH AVE N•SOUTH ST. PAUL, MN 55075 THE SPORTS FEDERATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RETURN ENTRIES WHEN A TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN FILLED.
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# CLASS B MEN'S FASTPITCH OPEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 

## Dear Team Manager:

We hope this note finds you looking forward to the 2023 fastpitch softball season.
By virtue of changes made by the state fastpitch committee Class C and D teams are now allowed to play in the Class B Men's Fastpitch State Tournament, plus their Class C or D State Tournament (one only with their official regular Class C or D roster for Class C or D State). Teams from other states are also eligible for the Minnesota Open Class B State Championships.

Class C or D men's fastpitch teams opting to also play in the Class B Men's Fastpitch State Tournament may pick up as many as four players from Class B or below teams. Two of these pickups may be pitchers. A "C" or "D" team that wins the Class B State Tournament is not required to move up. Current "B" teams may pick up as many as four Class B, C or D combined players total, but just one of those a player who will be pitching. "C" or "D" players maintain their eligibility to play the C or D State provided they are also legally on a "C" or "D" team.

Best of luck in the 2023 State Championships!

## Perry Coonce

State Commissioner

# AUGUST 5-6 <br> 2023 FREEPORT FIELDS, FREEPORT 

Note: Intact Class "C" or "D" teams, or players from Class "C" or "D" teams are allowed to play "B" State, as well as on their regular class team!

## ELIGIBILITY

Teams must be NSF $\diamond$ MSF sanctioned (included in entry fee for those not in a registered league).
See reverse for pickup rules. Teams may be from any state.

## ROSTER DEADLINE

Official roster ( 20 max ) shall be submitted at tournament site prior to first game.

## ENTRY FEE

$\$ 250$ (for MN teams not pre-designated as class B teams and also playing in class C or D MN State Tournament) $\$ 350$ (for MN teams pre-designated class B or out of state teams)

## ENTRY DEADLINE

Friday, July 14TH

## STRUCTURE

Three Game Guarantee

## GAME OFFICIALS

NSF $>$ MSF registered umpires (two) shall be utilized on all contests

## AWARDS

Team plaques for 1 st-3rd and individual awards for first and second place, championship banner for first place (based on 8 or more teams).

## SOFTBALLS

Dudley SB 12L Cork optic yellow fastpitch softballs will be provided


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TEAMS MAY ALSO ENTER USING CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD AT WWW.MSF1.ORG.

# NSF $\geqslant$ MSF PLAYER WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITYIINDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT AND REGISTERED INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT TEAM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 

(Reproduction Permitted)
Please type or print and complete all entries below. All entries must identically match those previously submitted to the sports community in which your team competes and is registered.
Team Name

## Sports Community

Team Manager
City
Sanctioned Tournament you registered at:

## Circle Team Division: Men's Slow Men's Fast Masters Slow Co-Rec Slow Men's Modified

Women's Slow Women's Fast Masters Fast Church Slow Women's Modified

PLAYER STATEMENT Each player shall read the following statements before signing the roster. I am a member in good standing of the above team and I am eligible under local sports community and NSF $<$ MSF eligibility rules to compete with this team in local sports community and NSF $<$ MSF tournament play. I understand that I may participate in only one NSF MSF post-season tournament in the same division of play and my signature may appear on only one post-season tournament roster in the same division of play. For the definition of "divisions of play" please see the applicable NSF MSF Sports Guide. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations established for local sports community and NSF MSF play.

HOLD HARMLESS WAIVER OF LIABILITY: I, the undersigned player, acknowledge, agree and understand that: 1. Voluntarily and of my own free will, I elect to participate as a member of the softball team and league indicated above. 2. I understand that there are certain risks and hazards involved in participating in softball that may result in injury or death to me or other players, including, but not limited to those hazards associated with weather conditions, playing conditions, equipment and other participants. 3. I understand that sliding into base is dangerous to me and to other players and may result in serious injury or death. 4. I understand that the very nature of the game of softball is hazardous and risky, including, but not limited to, the acts of pitching, throwing, fielding and catching of the ball, the swinging of the bat, running, jumping, stretching, sliding, diving, and collisions with other players and with stationary objects, all of which can cause serious injury or death to me and to other players. Further, I, the undersigned player, agree that in consideration for the right to play as a member of the team designated above and in consideration for permission to play on the fields arranged for by the team or league: 1. I voluntarily elect to accept and assume all risks of injury incurred or suffered by me (a) while practicing or playing as a member of the team so designated, (b) while serving in a non-playing capacity as a team member during practice or play by other teams or by both players on my team, and (c) while on or upon the premises of any and all of the fields arranged for by my team or league for practice or play. 2. I release, discharge and agree not to sue the team and league designated above, the fieldowner or other entity designated above, the National Softball Federation of America-Minnesota Sports Federation, or their owners, officers, agents, servants, associations, employees, or any person or entity connected with the team, league, field or National Softball Federation of America-Minnesota Sports Federation for any claim, damages, costs or cause of action which I have or may in the future have as a result of injuries or damages sustained or incurred by me from whatever cause including but not limited to the negligence, breach of contract or wrongful conduct of the parties hereby released.

| PRINT OR TYPE NAME | PLAYER'SSIGNATURE | PARENTSSIGNATURE (MINORS ONLY) | CITY |
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Roster is limited to a maximum of 20 players (slowpitch) and 18 players (fastpitch). Roster limits include player/manager. Statement of Team Manager: I hereby certify that our team is in good standing with the MSF and each player appearing on this form qualifies under the eligibility rules which govern our local sports community play. I understand that if our team is not MSF registered it must do so prior to commencing tournament play. I also understand that violation of the eligibility rules will result in automatic disqualification from MSF registered tournament play and may result in suspension from league play.
Team Manager's Signature
Date
Attention Registered Tournament Director: Use this waiver/roster form for all teams that are not current NSF MSF member teams and are playing in your tournament. Must be accompanied by $\$ 15.00$ team membership fee or one weekend fee of $\$ 5.00$.

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## Applications must be in MSF Offices by March 15

In order for the NSF MSF to consider your petition for reclassification, this application must be completed accurately, and forwarded to NSF MSF offices by March 15 for Slowpitch and May 1 for Fastpitch.

THIS IS MANDATORY AND PETITIONERS WHO DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

## Team Information

Team Name $\qquad$ Former Names $\qquad$
Team Division (ie. Men's Slow, Women's Slow, Masters etc) $\qquad$
League Name $\qquad$
Team Manager $\qquad$ Address $\qquad$
City $\qquad$ State $\qquad$ Zip $\qquad$
Phone H ( ) $\qquad$ W ( ) $\qquad$

## Classification Request

Please circle the classification you desire to placed in: A B C DD D E

## Class

How many years have you been your current class? $\qquad$
Were you moved up by the NSF MSF? Yes or No If yes, after what season? $\qquad$

## State Tournament Record

Please indicate your state tournament record for the past three years:

2022

2021


Wins $\qquad$ Losses $\qquad$ $\square$ Check here if team did not qualify or not applicable

Class $\qquad$ Wins $\qquad$ Losses $\qquad$ $\square$ Check here if team did not qualify or not applicable

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## League Director Information/Acknowledgment

(League Directors must complete the below information)
NSF • MSF RULES REQUIRES THE PETITION TO INCLUDE THE WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF YOUR LEAGUE DIRECTOR.

What was this team's immediate past season league record? Wins $\qquad$ Losses $\qquad$
Please indicate how many, and classes of the teams in your league?
A $\qquad$ B $\qquad$ C $\qquad$ DD $\qquad$ D $\qquad$ E $\qquad$
= Total League Teams $\qquad$

What place did this team finish among all teams in your league? $\qquad$

What place did this team finish among the teams in the same class
(i.e., Class C a team finishes $4^{\text {th }}$ in a league of 3 B teams and $7 \bar{C}$ teams, the correct answer for this question is first place.)

League Name $\qquad$

League Directors Name $\qquad$ Address $\qquad$

City $\qquad$ State $\qquad$ Zip $\qquad$
Phone H ( ) $\qquad$ W( ) $\qquad$

League Directors Signature $\qquad$

Note to League Directors: You are welcome to contact NSF $\downarrow$ MSF offices with your opinion on the above teams classification.

## Prior Petitions

Have you petitioned the NSF $\bullet$ MSF Classification Committee before? Yes or No If Yes, what year $\qquad$

## Other Pertinent Information

Please indicate below any other information you feel is pertinent to your petition. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

# Please forward by March 15 (slowpitch) or May 1 (fastpitch) to: 

NSF • MSF Classification Committee
118 12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Ave N. South St. Paul, MN 55075
PHONE: (651) 451-3140 FAX: (651) 451-3140

## Advantages of Minnesota Sports Federation

## Softball Program Affiliation/Membership

- MSF offers the lowest membership and tournament entry fees available. \$15 per team and \$190 per postseason tournament entry. Umpire membership is $\$ 40-50$ and weekend tournament registration is just $\$ 55$. These fees are considerably less than what other organizations charge and are designed for the masses.
- MSF provides the greatest team member benefits for teams including a scorebook that contains twice as many scoresheets as the competitors and is wire bound for ease of use. All teams also receive a program guidebook with all the rules and regulations, rulebook and membership bag tag.
- MSF website is informative and user-friendly. Profanity, slander or sophomoric humor does not appear on the website.
- MSF umpires pay the lowest membership fees in exchange for an in-person training clinic, testing procedure, rulebook and liability/medical insurance. The lowest priced/highest quality umpire apparel and uniforms are available through the MSF. Proceeds are retained by Minnesota program.
- MSF fees collected remain in the state of Minnesota. Copious amounts of money are not forwarded to a national organization which benefits less than $5 \%$ of local teams and umpires.
- MSF traditionally has more teams participating in more divisions of postseason tournament competition than any other organization in the state.
- MSF has at least $3 X$ the member softball communities than other softball organizations in the state.
- MSF has zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike conduct. At lease one competitor recently allowed a player to continue tournament play and advance to national competition that had rifled a ball at an opposing player's head, narrowly missing him... that would not go without serious penalty in the MSF program.
- MSF eligibility rules are enforced and "thrown together" teams are not allowed in postseason or registered weekend tournament play. All teams are required to submit a roster in advance.
- MSF administers the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame which was established in 1982.
- MSF singularly offers an "Active Rewards and Loyalty Program" (ARLP) which rewards cash rebates for participating in various categories of the MSF program. This further distances the MSF from other programs when it comes to the cost of membership and participation. This past year member softball communities earned $\$ 3,500$ in rewards which can be utilized to reduce postseason tournament entry fees.
- MSF offers a national softball tournament for the very limited number of teams that seek the opportunity.
- MSF playing rules are established locally which allows innovative rules like the pitcher step-back rule and higher pitching arc. We are not controlled by a national organization which believes they know what's best for Minnesota.
- MSF postseason tournaments guarantee teams two or three games based on the number of teams entered. MSF co-rec, women's and men's/co-rec fall state tournaments are by large margin the most viable conducted.
- MSF member team managers and umpires annually receive a membership "bag tag" as proof of membership.
- MSF program is controlled locally by a board of directors elected by the local membership.
- MSF provides hard copy roster forms (blanks) for all teams to complete. These are not only easier to track, but provide a signed waiver which has proven invaluable in several lawsuits.
- MSF's diverse sports programming works together for the good of the whole, including both youth and adult.
- MSF staff are professionally trained in the park and recreation field and as a result possess a recreational philosophy which is in concert with $95 \%$ of the participating teams.
 North American Championships

August 18-20, 2023. Cambridge, MN

## 3 Game Guarantee •\$295

## Visit www.msf1.org for all tournament details

## Tournament Host

Cambridge is located one hour north of the Twin Cities. It features some of the finest fields in the state of Minnesota and boasts all the food choices normally found in a larger city while maintaining its small town atmosphere!

## Registration and Eligibility

- Registration deadline is August 15, 2023
- Registration on first come/first served basis for all MN teams and teams outside Minnesota, including Canada and other foreign countries. Teams need not play in an NSF-MSF member league or the NSF-MSF State Tournament to enter
- No team membership fee required
- Roster limit of 20. Five pick-ups from same class or lower are allowed.
- NOTE: 2023 Tournament of Champions/North American Championships will once again be combined with NSF-MSF Women's State Tournament, Class C/DD Men's State Tournament and for the first time D/E Men's Slowpitch State Tournament.



## Rules and Details

- Three games guaranteed with many getting four, five or six games.
- Classes of Play: A, B, C, DD, D, E. NOTE: Classes may be combined for initial pool or bracket play and then re-split in tiers for championship flight.
- Tournament management reserves the right to move a team up.
- NSF rules utilized. All teams receive NSF rulebook upon entry.
- NSF rules similar to others except $12^{\prime}$ arc, $65^{\prime}$ bases, courtesy runner and $6^{\prime}$ pitcher step back rule.
- Official ball is $52 / 300$ for men and $52 / 300$ for women and each team receives six balls when they check in and must shag their own balls. Additional softballs may be purchased.
- Umpires NSF certified.
- Swag bag for each manager.


## Awards

- Team/individual plaques to first place team in all divisions. Second and third place teams receive team plaque.
- Championship Team Banner.


## CASH PAYOUTS

## \$3,250 in Men's \$3,250 in Women's

*Cash payouts based on minimum 36 total teams

2023 NSF-MSF Slowpitch Tournament of Champions/North American Championships Registration Form Team Name $\qquad$ Softball Community
Team Manager $\qquad$ Address $\qquad$ City/State/Country $\qquad$ Zip Code $\qquad$ Phone (Cell) Alternate Phone (H/W) $\qquad$ Email Address
Circle Division: Men's Circle Class: A B C D E
Circle Division: Women's Circle Class: A B C DD D E
Send entry form and \$295 to: NSF • 118 12th Ave N • South St. Paul, MN 55075
Enter online with credit card at www.msf1.org

MINNESOTA SPORTS FEDERATION
FASTPITCH PITCHER CLASSIFICATION FORM

Year $\qquad$ Current Team Name $\qquad$ League $\qquad$

Pitcher's Name
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Comments (if any) on above classes: $\qquad$

All fastpitch pitchers must appear on the Minnesota Fastpitch Pitcher Classification list to pitch in MSF Registered Tournament and Postseason Tournament competition. Leagues may also adopt use of the list.

Pitchers may not pitch in competition below their classification level unless special dispensation has been granted by the state fastpitch committee or their league allows it in local league play. The classification of a team's pitchers is just one of several considerations used when classifying a team. Other considerations are past performance, new players, defensive and offensive skills.

Pitchers do not need to reapply for classification each year unless there has been in change in their pitching ability. The Minnesota Fastpitch Committee reserves the right to reclassify a pitcher at any time. Pitcher's classification list will appear on msf1.org website.

## Return Application Form to:

MSF
118 12th Ave N
South St. Paul, MN 55075
Or scan and email to:
perry@msf1.org
PICK-UP PLAYER FORM (SLOW PITCH)
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Attention League Director: If this form is only being used for one player, please cross out the second space for a pickup player. Manager's Name (Print or Type) Sports Community
Manager's Address (Print or Type)

your team roster to the tournament check-in and present to the
Cell Phone \#



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 mour roster to the

| Print or Type Player's Name | Player's Signature | Address | Birth Date | Parent's/Guardian's Signature | Relationship | From which team was player picked up? |
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Attention League Director: Please cross out empty spaces that aren't being used for a pickup player.
Manager's Name (Print or Type)
Added players may be may pickup two pitchers
Sports Community
Fastpitch teams are permitted to add or substitute four players as follows
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A player may play with only one team other than 중 official roster before tournament play begins.

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## PICK-UP PLAYER FORM (MODIFIED PITCH)

## Division and Classification of Postseason Play

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Manager's Address (Print or Type) Cell Phone \#


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## PLAYER WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY \& INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT


Manager's Signature
League Director's Signature
Modified pitch teams are permitted to add or substitute two players as follows:

## 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 11 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 play. See reverse for post season play ball usage chart and explanations.

## SOFTBALL AND SCORECARD PRICE CHART AND ORDER BLANK

Brand
Dudley Syn Slow
Dudley Leather Fast (JO)
Starr Syn Slow
Starr 600 Baseball
Starr 300 Baseball

2-24 Dozen
$\$ 62.99$
$\$ 77.99$
$\$ 56.99$
$\$ 59.99$
\$53.99

25-49 Dozen
$\$ 61.99$
$\$ 76.99$
\$55.99
\$58.99
\$52.99

50 + Dozen
$\$ 60.99$
$\$ 74.99$
\$53.99
\$56.99
\$50.99

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



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 20th.
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 $\diamond$ MSF on your bid list.


Please make check or money order payable to the $\mathbf{N S F} \diamond \mathbf{M S F}$ and send order to:


Ship to:
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## NSF - MSF SOFTBALL STATE SOFTBALL/BASEBALL USAGE

Men's, Girl's \& Boy's Fastpitch/Modified Pitch
The Dudley optic yellow with red stitch ball (SB-12LRF FP YF-.47COR) will be utilized for all modified and men's and women's slow/girl's and boy's fastpitch state tournaments. Note: Girl's and boy's 10 -under fastpitch will utilize the 11" version of the Dudley optic yellow red stitch ball (SB-11L RF FP YF-.47COR).

Men's \& Women's and Co-Rec 11"/12" Ball
The A.D. Starr polycore optic yellow red stitch ball with a COR of .52 and 300 compression will be used for all men's \& women's slowpitch post season tournament play as well as the 11" \& 12" ball in co-rec championships.

Youth Baseball
The AD Starr 300 Official League baseball will be used for baseball state tournament play.
Below are the softball "brands" and the state tournaments they will be utilized in:

DUDLEY<br>Boy's/Girls Fast State<br>Men's Fast/Modified State

## Dudley

STARR<br>Men's/Women's Slow State<br>Co-Rec State Baseball State



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## Announcing the 31st Annual...

## MINNESOTA FALL SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## SCHEDULE

Division
Tier I/IIIIII Co-Rec Slow
Tier I/II/III Men's Slow

## Date

September 23-24
September 30-October 1

Site<br>Sauk Rapids<br>Sauk Rapids

## ELIGIBILITY

All players must live or work in Minnesota. Teams must qualify through an NSF $\vee$ MSF member fall softball league. Players must compete in two league games in order to be eligible for state tournament competition. Teams are allowed three pick-up players for state tournament competition, provided the pick-ups are from the same league and of the same classification.

## CLASSIFICATION

Teams will be classified in Tier I, Tier II and possibly Tier III after the first couple rounds of play. Tier I-4 homeruns allowed. Tier II-2 homeruns allowed. Tier III-0 homeruns allowed.

## TEAM MEMBERSHIP FEES

Team membership for fall softball is just $\$ 10.00$ per team. Teams receive a rule book, guidebook and scorebook. Teams are eligible to qualify for state tournament berths awarded to the registered league they play in.

## DEADLINES

Team Membership Fees \& Forms:
State Tournament Entry Fees:
Co-Rec Slowpitch Men's Slowpitch -
Regular Season Rosters

September 5
September 15
September 20
September 20


## TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

The tournament entry fee for all slowpitch tournaments (three game guarantee) is $\$ 225.00$.

## TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

All participating teams are guaranteed three games.

## UMPIRES/LEAGUE DIRECTORS INSURANCE



Provided all teams in a fall softball league are registered, insurance coverage for umpires who were registered for the summer season remains in force.

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    Pickup players may be selected only for teams which are no longer eligible for championship play.
    
     quently may only be picked up for a class B tournament or higher). Exception: Class C MFP teams playing in B State may pickup Class B players or below.

    No players may be picked up for National Qualifiers.
    In adult divisions of play, pickup player may be substituted for after they have participated.
    A player may play with only one team other than their own team within a division in championship play. Exception: C MFP teams playing in B MFP State. "Pick-up" players may be dropped and substituted for with other legal "pick-up" players.
    

