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ADULT SOFTBALL SCHEDULE





STATE TOURNAMENTS

Tournament

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

Date

Jul 19-20 Jul 26 Jul 26 July 26 Aug 8-10 Aug 15-17

Site

Harris Cambridge Cambridge Cambridge 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 Open Men's Fastpitch

Date

Site Aug 15-17 Cambridge Cambridge Aug 15-17 Aug 15-17 Freeport Aug 15-17 Cambridge Cambridge Aug 15-17 Aug 22-24 West St. Paul

MINNESOTA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS/ STATE/NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Division Men's Slowpitch

Women's Slowpitch

Date

Aug 15-17 Cambridge Aug 15-17 Cambridge

FALL STATE TOURNAMENTS

Division Co-Rec Slowpitch Men's Slowpitch

Date

Sep 27-28

Site Sep 20-21

Sauk Rapids Sauk Rapids

Site







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Spring/Summer/Fall 2025

WELCOME TO THE 2025 SEASON OF NSF ♦ MSF SOFTBALL IN MINNESOTA.

We are looking forward to serving your community and team again in 2024.

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 15-17.

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

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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

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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 ♦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♦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 ♦ MSF tournament/state staff shall make a final ruling/interpretation.

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MSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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At Large	Craig Zylka, Sauk Rapids
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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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Men's Church

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Youth Volleyball Youth Softball

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Accounting

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Assistant State Commissioner

Bovs Basketball Girls Basketball Youth Baseball

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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♦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♦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♦MSF registered umpires/rules and all participating teams are NSF♦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 ◆ 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

NSF

MSF Softball-Minnesota Sports Federation

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please carefully review the entire NSF 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 **\$20.00** per team)

\$23.00 per team if postmarked after May 15th

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 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 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♦MSF LEAGUE

The registration and administration of a NSF♦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♦MSF district of state offices by May 15.
- Forward all the teams regular season rosters (yellow copy of three-part roster provided by NSF♦MSF) to NSF♦MSF state
 offices by July 15.
- 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 three-part roster) to the teams advancing from your league with the team number designated.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Insurance Benefits

- 1. All NSF 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♦MSF state/national events)
- 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 MSF promotes the sport in your community and works for better facilities and programs.
- 8. Voting representation of the NSF♦MSF Board of Directors

Uniform Eligibility and Classification Rules

All NSF ♦ 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 ♦ MSF Umpire Staff will serve as your league's rule interpreter.

Technical Assistance

Members of the NSF ♦ 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♦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♦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♦MSF, 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 ♦ 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♦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 reguest from MSF offices.

★DEADLINES★ FAILURE TO MEET LISTED DEADLINES MAY RESULT IN EXCLUSION FROM PROGRAM AND WILL RESULT IN LATE FEES! May 15 Deadline for submitting team membership forms and payment of team membership fees. July 10 Deadline for payment of tournament entry fees for each team being entered in an NSF♦MSF district or state tournament. July 15 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 ♦ 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 ♦ 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♦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). Five pick up players allowed are allowed per the Playing Rules. Teams must play in a member league during the regular season.

Church Slow

Roster Limit - 20 (includes player/manager). Five 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 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 roster at tournament check-in.

Co-Recreational Slow

Roster Limit - 20 (includes player/manager). Five 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♦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.

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 four pick-up players are allowed per rules found in the Playing Rules. Women are allowed to play on men's fastpitch and modified teams during the regular season, 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.

Masters 50 Fast

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 roster at tournament check-in.

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 four "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 team. 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♦MSF registered team during the current season, but must be approved by the NSF♦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.
- "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♦MSF Softball Guide Book.

LEAGUES

To be eligible to send a representative to a NSF♦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♦MSF roster for doing so. This will assist in eliminating forfeits due to a shortage of available players.

Umpires

All NSF♦MSF teams and leagues shall use NSF♦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♦MSF team in the same division of play. The seven different divisions of play are listed below.

Slowpitch Co-Rec Slowpitch Fastpitch Masters 50 Fastpitch Church Slowpitch Modified Pitch Masters Slow (35)

Once a player participates in a NSF♦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♦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♦MSF post-season tournament competition.

Sports communities may be:

- 1. A single city
- 2. A school district
- Combination of two or more cities.
- 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 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♦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♦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:

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♦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.
- Two copies of rent receipts dated in accordance with the dates specified in applicable NSF♦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, (50) fastpitch, 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. Hospital Certificate of Birth
- 3. Baptismal Certificate
- 4. Military Separation Papers
- 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 NSFulletMSF 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 NSFulletMSF 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.
- Failure to exhibit required player identification upon request of the NSF♦MSF tournament director, game official or other NSF♦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♦MSF program against non-member teams.
- 6. Participating in a NSF♦MSF member league in which the game officials are not NSF♦MSF registered. (This requirement may be waived in extenuating circumstances by the NSF ♦ 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♦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♦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♦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 MSF tournament if they fail to meet the eligibility requirements outlined in this guide.

Sports Communities

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

PROBATIONS/SUSPENSIONS

See www.msf1.org for current listing.

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). Note: for men's fastpitch, the fastpitch committee shall determine if a team is "returning team" based off their roster.
- 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 in the back of this guide, shall be forwarded to NSF ◆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
- 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 ◆ 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 in the back of the guidebook.

Teams Reclassified for 2025

By action of the Sports Federation Board of Directors and in accordance with the reclassification rules, the top finishers in 2024 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

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.

E MEN'S SLOW EAST TO D

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

ADULT FASTPITCH RECLASSIFICATION

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

B MEN'S FAST TO A

None

CLASSIFICATION RULE: If a C team finishes in first or second place of the state tournament it shall automatically be considered for move up to Class B the following year.

C MEN'S FAST TO B

Premier Bank, Border League

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

D MEN'S FAST TO C

Henning Lumber, Freeport

NATIONAL RECLASSIFICATION RULES

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

MEN'S SLOW E to D

None

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

ADULT PLAYING RULES

NSF ◆ MSF Softball-Minnesota Sports Federation

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; 7 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 Class C Men's - 4 Class DD Men's - 3 Class D Men's - 2 Class E Men's - 1

Men's Masters (35) Slow is - 3

Open Women's - Unlimited Class B Women's - 4 Class C Women's - 2 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 of the same gender 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.

NOTE: Due to the protective equipment slowpitch pitchers wear, they are granted an optional courtesy runner each time they reach base (not counted toward the one allocated per team per half-inning).

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. Batting the Bench (Slowpitch)

Slowpitch teams may bat the bench, but if a batter is injured, disqualified or leaves that spot in the batting order, it will be an automatic out.

- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.

- 14. An extra player (EP) may bat in Modified Pitch. Only nine players may play defense.
- 15. 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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. 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.
- 18. 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.
- 19. 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.)
- 20. MSF reserves the right to adjust a bracket prior to tournament play due to forfeits, inclement weather or other conflict.
- 21. 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.
- 22. 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:
 - 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.
- 23. 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.
 - 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.
- 24. 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.
- 25. 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.

- 26. 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.
- 27. Only individuals listed on the official tournament roster may occupy a position on the team bench.
- 28. 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.

- 29. Teams are asked to form a line and shake hands following the conclusion of each game.
- 30. 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.
- 31. 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.
- 32. 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.

- 33. 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.
- 34. 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:
 - Bleeding has stopped
 - 2) Injury is covered
 - Uniform changed (contrasting color will be allowed) or disinfected with acceptable disinfectant*
 - 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.
- 35. 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

36. 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 Vomiting **Balance Off** Dizziness Fatigue Sensitive to Light Sensitive to Sound Visual Problems Ear Ringing Numbness and Tingling Mentally Foggy Difficulty Concentrating Difficulty Remembering Confusion Nervousness

Drowsiness Slurred Speech

Return to Participation

Athletics should not return to play until:

Evaluation and clearance by Health Care Professional

Athletes must be symptom free at rest and during progressively demanding exercises.

Athletes must remain symptom free upon returning to practice/play.

Detailed Concussion Training is available at www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/youth.html

Additional resources available at www.mnata.com or www.braininjurymn.org

37. 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).

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 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 ◆ MSF play.

POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

NSF ◆ MSF Softball-Minnesota Sports Federation

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.
- 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.
- 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 (three game guarantee) - \$225.00 Fastpitch (three game guarantee) - \$375.00

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

Entry Fee \$295.00

Tournament Structure

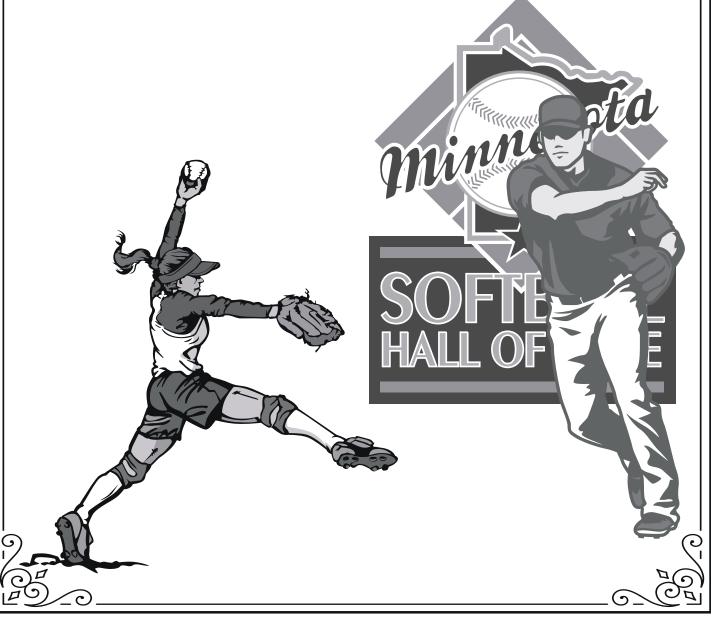
All tournaments are three game guarantee with most teams getting 4-6.

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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REGISTERED INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

NSF ◆ 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.
- All tournaments which are registered NSF♦MSF must use NSF♦MSF umpires/umpire-in-chief in regulation NSF♦MSF 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♠MSF registered teams may compete in NSF♠MSF registered invitational tournaments. Teams which participate in an NSF♠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 1 1/2 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 <u>all</u> 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 NSF♦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♦MSF 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 ◆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:

- 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 \spadesuit 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♦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.
- Umpires may not play in a tournament division they are officiating in. 18.
- 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 disgualified 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.
- Tournament Directors shall notify the NSF♦MSF of any unsportsmanlike acts by participants in their invitational 25. tournament.
- Should it become necessary to cancel or postpone a registered invitational tournament, please notify your District 26. 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♦MSF post-season tournaments which are registered or registered by the NSF♦MSF must be registered with the NSF♦MSF.

REGISTRATION

To officially register as a NSF♦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♦MSF state umpire staff is available to provide this service. Please contact the NSF♦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 ◆ 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:
- 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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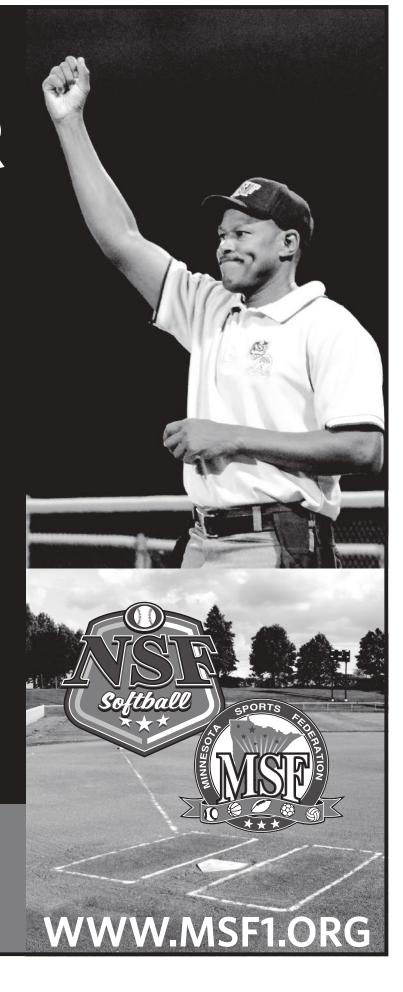
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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or contact your local league director.





NSF♦MSF Softball - Minnesota Sports Federation 2024 State Results

DIVISION	CHAMPION	FINALIST	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE or T-3
Men's Masters - 35 Ductech, South St. Paul		Chico's I, CIASA	Brad's Cab, CIASA	Steve Boyd Flooring, Brainerd
Men's Masters - 50	Scandia	Lee's Pro Shop, Pine City	MN Aces, Fairmont	Harris Young Ones
Men's Fastpitch A	The Flock, Lake Crystal	Canopy Mortgage Blues, Hudson, WI	Steen	Grey Ducks, St. Paul
Men's Fastpitch B	Border Bucks, Fargo, ND	Harris	Odin	Scandia
Men's Fastpitch C	Premier Bank, BL	Grey Ducks, MSP	Ellsworth, BL	
Men's Fastpitch C2	Cushing, WISC	Castle Rock	Hills Town, BL	Schell's NU, HI
Men's Fastpitch D	Hennen Lumber, FP	Cerro Gordo, Dawson	Steven's Trucking, FP	
Men's Slow Pitch C	Schmidt Roofing/Iconic Sports Cards, Blaine	Motley Crew, Forest Lake	St. Cloud Subaru, Sauk Rapids	
Men's Slow Pitch D	Legend's Bar, Duluth	The Chase/Chiefs, Coon Rapids	New Legacy, CIASA	MN Crush, Duluth
Men's Slow Pitch E	Sheps/Teehive, Brainerd	Blue Ballers, St. Cloud	MSGA, Sturgeon Lake	Studweiser's, CIASA
Women's Slow Pitch C	On Point, Cedar Rapids, IA	Tree Frogs, Little Falls	Ductech/Schmidt Roofing/DG Floors South St. Paul	
Women's Slow Pitch D	MN Loonatix, Isanti	EP/TC Stars, Blaine	Misfits/Pizza Pub, CIASA	MN Smoke/Apollo HVAC & Plumbing, TC
Women's Slow Pitch E	Chaos, CIASA	Black Widows, Hastings	Cornerstone Clams, Stacy	Northern Elite, Duluth

NSF♦MSF Softball - Minnesota Sports Federation 2024 Fall State Results

DIVISION	SION CHAMPION FINALIST THIRD PLAC		THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE or T-3
Fall Men's SP Tier I	Dirty Swag App/St. Cloud Subaru,	Pizza Pub,	Unbound Construction,	Wolf River Electric,
	Sauk Rapids	CIASA	CIASA	Isanti
Fall Men's SP Tier II	Make Softball Great Again, Moose Lake	Decently Average, Princeton	Woods to Water RE/Hometown LJ, Brainerd	Motorwerks, Sauk Rapids
Fall Men's SP Tier III	Sons of Pitchs,	Sabers,	Savages,	Blue Ballers,
	Dent	CIASA	Sauk Rapids	Sauk Rapids
Fall Co-Rec SP Tier I	T-Rex,	NBC/Trainwreck,	Weber's/SotaPools,	TC Turmoil/Spray Masters,
	Sauk Rapids	CIASA	Hutchinson	Albertville
Fall Co-Rec SP Tier II	Pizza Pub,	OutKast's,	That Team,	Wolf River Electric,
	North Branch	CIASA	Hollywood	Isanti





MEN'S MASTERS-35 SP

CHAMPION: Ductech, South St. Paul

2) Chico's I, CIASA

CIASA

Brad's Cab, Steve Boyd Flooring, Brainerd



MEN'S FASTPITCH CLASS A

CHAMPION: The Flock, **Lake Crystal**

Canopy Mortgage Blues, Hudson, WI

3) Steen

Grey Ducks, St. Paul



Border League

2) Grey Ducks, MSP

Ellsworth, BL



MEN'S MASTERS-50 FP

CHAMPION: Scandia

2) Lee's Pro Shop, Pine City

T-3) MN Aces, Fairmont

T-3) Harris Young Ones



MEN'S FASTPITCH CLASS B

CHAMPION: Border Bucks, Fargo, ND

2) Harris Odin

Scandia



CHAMPION: Cushing, **WISC**

Castle Rock

3) Hills Town, BL

Schell's NU, ΗΙ





MEN'S FASTPITCH CLASS D

CHAMPION: Hennen Lumber,

Cerro Gordo, Dawson

3) Steven's Trucking,



MEN'S SLOW PITCH CLASS D

CHAMPION: Legend's Bar, Duluth

The Chase/Chiefs, Coon Rapids

New Legacy, CIASA

MN Crush, Duluth



CHAMPION: On Point, Cedar Rapids, IA

2) Tree Frogs, Little Falls

Ductech/Schmidt Roofing/DG Floors, South St. Paul



MEN'S SLOW PITCH CLASS C

CHAMPION: Schmidt Roofing/Iconic Sports Cards, Blaine

Motley Crew, Forest Lake

St. Cloud Subaru, Sauk Rapids



MEN'S SLOW PITCH CLASS E

CHAMPION: Sheps/Teehive, Brainerd

Blue Ballers, St. Cloud

MSGA, Sturgeon Lake Studweiser's, CIASA



WOMEN'S SLOW PITCH CLASS D

CHAMPION: MN Loonatix, Isanti

2) EP/TC Stars, Blaine

Misfits/Pizza Pub, CIASA

MN Smoke/Apollo HVAC & Plumbing,





CHAMPION: Chaos, CIASA

Black Widows, Hastings

3) Cornerstone Clams, Stacy

Northern Elite, Duluth



FALL MEN'S SLOW PITCH - TIER II

CHAMPION: Make Softbal Great Again, **Moose Lake**

Decently Average, Princeton

Woods to Water RE/Hometown LJ, Brainerd

Motorwerks, Sauk Rapids



FALL CO-REC SLOW PITCH - TIER I

CHAMPION: T-Rex, Sauk Rapids

NBC/Trainwreck, CIASA

Weber's/ SotaPools. Hutchinson

TC Turmoil/ Spray Masters, Albertville



CHAMPION: Dirty Swag App/St. Cloud Subaru, Sauk Rapids

Pizza Pub, CIASA

Unbound Construction, Wolf River Electric, CIASA

Isanti



CHAMPION: Sons of Pitchs,

Dent

2) Sabers, CIASA

Savages, Sauk Rapids Blue Ballers, Sauk Rapids



CHAMPION: Pizza Pub, **North Branch**

Outkast's, CIASA

That Team, Hollywood Wolf River Electric, Isanti



TOC/North American Champions



TOC WOMEN'S SLOW PITCH - TIER I

CHAMPION: On Point, Cedar Rapids, IA

Tree Frogs, Little Falls

Ductech/Schmidt Roofing/DG Floors, South St. Paul 4)



CHAMPION: Chaos, CIASA

Black Widows, Hastings

3) Cornerstone Clams, Stacy

Northern Elite, Duluth





TOC WOMEN'S SLOW PITCH - TIER II

CHAMPION: MN Loonatix, Isanti

2) EP/TC Stars, Blaine

CIASA

Misfits/Pizza Pub, MN Smoke/Apollo HVAC & Plumbing,



TOC MEN'S SLOW PITCH - TIER I

CHAMPION: Schmidt Roofing/Iconic Sports Cards, **Blaine**

Motley Crew, Forest Lake

St. Cloud Subaru, Sauk Rapids

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CHAMPION: Sheps/Teehive, **Brainerd**

Blue Ballers, St. Cloud

MSGA, Sturgeon Lake Studweiser's, CIASA



TOC/North American Champions

All Tournament Team - Tier 1 **TOC/North American Championships** Women's Slow Pitch

On Point - Alexyss DeBriyn On Point - Sarah Durbin On Point - Kristine Houseman On Point - Sammi Goble Tree Frogs - Erin Thiesse Tree Frogs - Katie Masog Tree Frogs - Megan Gerads

Ductech/Schmidt Roof./DG Floors - Amber Galloway Ductech/Schmidt Roof./DG Floors - Morgan Underwood

Extreme Graffix - Cherisse VonBank

All Tournament Team - Tier 2/3 **TOC/North American Championships** Women's Slow Pitch

MN Loonatix - Ashley Anderson MN Loonatix - Erin Seman MN Loonatix - Katie Sime MN Loonatix - Steph Bloxham EP/TC Stars - Kayla Kreuter EP/TC Stars - Stephanie Horkey EP/TC Stars - LeeAnnRicke Misfits/Pizza Pub - Jamie Levercom MN Smoke/Apollo HVAC - Reily Haney

Chaos - Kathy Crudo Chaos - Heather Dean

Black Widows - Amanda Rapp

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

Schmidt Roofing/Iconic Sports Cards - Joshua Tschida Schmidt Roofing/Iconic Sports Cards - Zack Woodside Schmidt Roofing/Iconic Sports Cards - Jordan Bond Schmidt Roofing/Iconic Sports Cards - Brett Fuller

Motley Crew - Jake Wellna Motley Crew - Dan Kaiser Motley Crew - Kohl Agre

St. Cloud Subaru - Tim Gilbertson St. Cloud Subaru - Tyler Halverson Fairline Security/S2N - Drew Bellis

TAT/Pro Custom 44/DSA - Riley Rehnstrand

All Tournament Team - Tier 2/3 **TOC/North American Championships** Men's Slow Pitch

Legend's Bar - Conner Fonger Legend's Bar - Chuck Lodge Legend's Bar - Tony Guse Legend's Bar - Lucas Kempffer The Chase/Chiefs - Carl Hutt IV The Chase/Chiefs - Kody Frith The Chase/Chiefs - Elliot Pertzborn New Legacy - Jon Dunnick MN Crush - John Tondryk Shep's/TeeHive - Tate Heidmann Shep's/TeeHive - Taylor Thiery Blue Ballers - Scott Vadnais



2025 CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Board Meeting Dates and Sites

November 14, 2025

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)

2025 Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet

Date

Saturday, October 25th, 2025

Site

Grand Casino in Mille Lacs, MN

Cost

\$67.50 (includes cost for inductees' plaques,

dinner and Hall of Fame administration, etc.)

Tickets

Available through MSF Offices or msf1.org beginning September 1, 2025

Program

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

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

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.

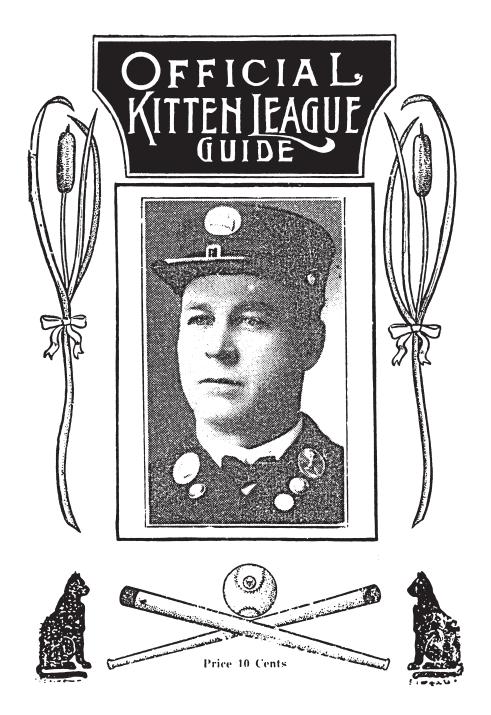


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SOFTBALL - HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE (CTD.)

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.

1982 1982	Louis Rober Red Anderson	ORG P	Minneapolis Minneapolis	1983 1983	Harry Harrison Joseph Kudla	1B 3B	Crystal Minneapolis
1982	Loren "Bud" Bauer	Р	Grand Rapids	1983	Raymond "Nippy" Landkamer	Р	Mankato
1982	Jan Berkland	Р	Minneapolis	1983	Gene Leslie	UMP	Brooklyn Center
1982	Zig Bishop	MGR	Minneapolis	1983	Clarence L. Moberg	UMP	Minneapolis
1982	Ed Burzlaff	MGR	Pipestone	1983	Darby O'Brien	Р	Winona
1982	Tom Connolly	3B	Rochester	1983	Florence "Sis" Olson	IF	St Paul
1982	Leander "Red" Devaney	Р	St Paul	1983	Stan Pieterick	ORG	Harris
1982	Jerry Flathman, Jr.	ADM	St Paul	1983	Don Sabin	UMP	Coon Rapids
1982	Bill Klesk	Р	Minneapolis	1983	Don Selvig	Р	Minneapolis
1982	John Kundla	1B	Minneapolis	1983	John Swanson	1B	St Paul
1982	Jimmy Lee	UMP	St Paul	1983	Morey Turbenson	Р	Ostrander
1982	Russell "Buzz" Lerum	Р	Albert Lea	1983	Len Velander	MGR	Minneapolis
1982	"Shorty" Mathes	С	St Paul	1983	James "Sonny" Wriskey	OF	St Paul
1982	Merle "Mush" Miller	Р	Austin	1984	Sidney "Red" Berg	Р	Grand Meadow
1982	Mitby-Sather Company	SPON	Minneapolis	1984	Wayne Erickson	Р	Scandia
1982	Stanley "Stony" Mount	С	Rochester	1984	Tom Fitzgerald	3B	St Paul
1982	Mueller-Bies Funeral Home	SPON	St Paul	1984	Ed Ghostley	SPO/MGR	Anoka
1982	Einar Nelson	ADM	Minneapolis	1984	Ellie Ghostley	SPO/MGR	Anoka
1982	Pete Novoselac	3B	Chisholm	1984	Dubug Johnson	SS	Duluth
1982	Mel Phiefer	ORG	Owatonna	1984	John Komoroski	UMP	Minneapolis
1982	Rudy Prestholdt	MGR	Dawson	1984	John W. Labore	Р	St Paul
1982	Joe Rose	Р	Mankato	1984	Roy Lord	OF	Winona
1982	Wally Schaber	С	St Paul	1984	Greb Martonik	Р	Minneapolis
1982	Frank "Lefty" Schopf	С	Minneapolis	1984	Eldy Matson	Р	Blomkest
1982	Rudy Senich	Р	Duluth	1984	Fran "Skinny" Morrissette	Р	St Paul
1982	Arnie Simso	Р	Minneapolis	1984	Mibs Pitzl	Р	St Paul
1982	Art Solz	UMP	Minneapolis .	1984	Ray Sibley	С	Rochester
1982	Soo Line Railroad	SPON	Minneapolis .	1984	Dave Tollefson	UMP/ORG	Austin
1982	Wayne Starks	Р	Owatonna	1984	Ray Yeager	Р	St Cloud
1982	Pat Stringer	Р	Minneapolis	1985	George "Hots" Anderson	OF	Duluth
1982	Carl Toensing	Р	St Paul	1985	Jan Du Bois	IF	Minneapolis
1982	Rollie Tust	IF	Winona	1985	Mike Halek	SPON	Minneapolis
1982	Johnny Vollmer	Р	St Paul	1985	John Kasid	IF	Minneapolis .
1982	Al "Red" Webber	ORG	St Paul	1985	Stan Knopick	Р	Winona
1983	Harold A. Johnson	ADM	Minneapolis	1985	Fritz Leimbek	С	So St Paul
1983	Anthony "Tony" Altuvilla	MGR	Chisholm	1985	Eddie Mathias	SS	St Paul
1983	Vince Beyer	UMP	Rochester	1985	Carl "Moose" Miller	Р	Austin
1983	Bob Bork	OF	Brooklyn Park	1985	M.L. "Marv" Nutting	SPON	Brainerd
1983	Bill Busch	SPON	Mankato	1985	Joe Perzel	Р	Minneapolis
1983	Joe Casey	С	Minneapolis	1985	Johnny Sammon	UMP	Minneapolis
1983	Lazo Chumich	MGR	Duluth	1985	Margaret "Mike" Sieland	С	St Paul
1983	Kathy Dye	С	Minneapolis	1985	Emery Tako	С	St Paul
1983	Anthony "Tony" Felicetta	ORG	Minneapolis	1985	Art Wangen	IF	Owatonna
1983	Fritz Fett	Р	Bergen	1986	LeRoy Hardeman	IF	Minneapolis
1983	Pete Flaherty	Р	St Paul	1986	Hap Holmgren	ADM	St Paul
1983	Howard Flann	С	Lake Lillian	1986	Ron "BoBo" Johnson	Р	Cloquet
1983	Myron Flann	Р	Lake Lillian	1986	Daniel Juenger	IF	Rochester
1983	Esther Krippner Hanson	Р	Owatonna	1986	Judy Jungwirth	Р	Bloomington

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1986	Hub Klugherz	SPON	Mankato	1991	Wayne Hohenstein	P/ORG	Vernon Center
1986	Joe Lyons	IF	Mankato	1991	Earl Kruezer	Р	Winona
1986	Matt Morelli	SPON	St Paul	1991	Gary Krinhop	IF/MGR	Minneapolis
1986	Pat Murphy	OF	Minneapolis	1991	Hollis Lucas	OF	St Paul
1986	Mike Solz	MGR	Minneapolis	1991	Gerry Mayer	P	Columbia Heights
1986	Mike Sternberg	<u>IF</u>	Rochester	1991	G.R. McCloskey	IF.	Minneapolis
1986	Dave Torgerson	P	Clinton	1991	Leo McCollow	P/OF	Minneapolis
1986	Pat Ward	IF .	St Paul	1991	Earl Montpetit	SPON	St Paul
1986	Lou White	С	Minneapolis	1991	Les Novak	UMP	Bloomington
1986	Merlin "Woody" Wood	MGR	Minneapolis	1991	Cliff Peterson	ORG/P	Albert Lea
1987	Ben Binsfeld	UMP	St Cloud	1991	Ollie Pluff	IF	St Paul
1987	Ray Bossard	OF	St Paul	1992	Bob Boysen	2B SPO/MGR	Maplewood
1987 1987	Jim Botten	OF IF	Minneapolis	1992 1992	Jim Daly	SPON	Duluth Rochester
1987	Elaine Bruhn K.W. Bud Caswell	ORG	Owatonna-MPLS Mankato	1992	George Grubb Carl (Bud) Hoffman	P	Hollandale
1987	Sam Crea, Jr.	IF .	St Paul	1992	David (Choc) Junker	3B	Stillwater
1987	Dutch Elbers	P	St Paul	1992		1B/OF	St Paul
1987	Virg Ellrich	ORG	Bloomington	1992	Bob Lauritzen	IF	Austin
1987	Jack Jordan	IF.	Duluth	1992	Dick Lyons	M/COACH	
1987	Will LaBounty	ORG	Coon Rapids	1992	Mike Payton	OF	St Paul
1987	Chuck Lindquist	P	Blomkest-Cloquet	1992	Ken Pearson		Detroit Lakes
1987	Nick Mancini	SPON	St Paul	1992	Dick Selvig	OF	Willmar
1987	Don Olson	UMP	Minneapolis	1992	Val Strachan	IF	Bloomington
1987	Bill Spanjers	ORG	Robbinsdale	1992	Norm Tschida	Р	New Brighton
1987	Thorvald Stoen	UMP	Minneapolis	1992	Jack Werner, Sr.	IF	Minneapolis
1988	Glen Bohrer	SPON	Mankato	1992	Ron Witzel	Р	Lake Elmo
1988	Milt Boyat	3B	Duluth	1993	Larry Anderson	Р	Duluth
1988	Al DeWall	Р	St Paul	1993	Don Bauer	ADM	St Cloud
1988	LeRoy Ericson	MGR	Brooklyn Center	1993	Jack Chlebeck	1B	St Paul
1988	Paul Grass	OF	Owatonna	1993	Les Dittrich	C	Mankato
1988	Wayne Knipschield	P	Rochester	1993	Jerry Haumschild	P	White Bear Lake
1988	Daniel Marchio	OF	St Paul	1993	Dick Isaacson	ORG	Coon Rapids
1988 1988	Art Mead	MGR P	Brooklyn Center	1993 1993	Stan Lipa Paul Moreen	UMP P	Minneapolis
1988	Jerry Mickelson Joan Paulson	IF	Geneva Bloomington	1993	Ed Morrissette	г 1В	Minneapolis Cloquet
1988	Hugh Rose	P	Stillwater	1993	Howard Peulen	OF	Stillwater
1988	David Steffl	ORG	Worthington	1993	Al Provo	IF	Maple Lake
1988	Bill Whitaker	SPON	St Paul	1993	Linda St. John	iF	Brooklyn Center
1989	LeRoy Christenson	MGR	Stillwater	1993	Carol Stomberg	OF	Anoka
1989	Ernie Conito	C/MGR	Duluth	1993	Roy Ward	M/COACH	Maplewood
1989	Bob Johnson	ADM	Duluth	1994	Bruce Carmichiel	PRO/ORG	
1989	Wally Kiffmeyer	UMP	Bloomington	1994	Kenneth "Casey" Cole	P	Minneapolis
1989	Bob Kojetin	ADM	Edina	1984	Justine "Sooky" Harris	SPON	Coon Rapids
1989	Max V. Kulas	IF .	Winona	1984	Shelly Johnson	3B	Anoka
1989	Bill Mobeck	P P	Harris	1994 1994	Judy Knight	SS	Anoka Long Prairie
1989 1989	Glenn E. Olson Jerry Schaber	2B	Minneapolis	1984	Ruth E. Kuenzel	P	Minneapolis
1989	Gelnn D. Smith	UMP	St Paul Mankato	1984	Art Lyman Dudley Matthews	P	St Paul
1989	Richard Starner	MGR	Crystal	1994	Gene "Geno" Parrish	OF	Bloomington
1989	Bev Swanson	IF/MGR	Carver	1994	Harold "Hank" Thompson	PRO/SPO	Geneva
1989	Darrell Thorson	MGR/ORG		1984	Tony Vibar	MGR/SPO	
1990	Laurie Balzer	IF	Minneapolis	1984	Larry Wendell	SS	Brooklyn Center
1990	Jim Buege	1B	Stillwater	1995	Earle Anderson	MGR/ORG	Bloomington
1990	Paul Emard	3B	Blaine/Coon Rapids	1995	Larry Carlson	Р	St Paul
1990	Lefty Haefner	OF	Mankato	1995	Ken Christopherson	OF	Minneapolis
1990	Earl Kommer	ORG	Detroit Lakes	1995	Harold Dever	C/3B	Austin
1990	Robert Kroll	1B	St Paul	1995	Dick Erickson	P	Blomkest
1990	Gar Nash	ORG	Austin	1995	Marcia Halvorson	P/OF	Duluth
1990	Bobby O'Brien	P SS	Duluth	1995	Lou Hastert	1B	St Paul
1990 1990	Linda Polley Bob Ritter	IF	Anoka Minneapolis	1995 1995	Gary Huard Marlin "Marley" Lloyd	OF/3B OF/PRO	Cloquet Mankato
1990	Jo Vollmer-Rolling	P	St Paul	1995	Rene "Fritz" & Bob Maes	S/PLAYER	
1990	Jim Rubbelke	MGR	St Paul	1995	Bob McMahon	C	St Paul
1990	Bob Schabert	MEDIA	Oakdale	1995	Harley Randall	SPON	Owatonna
1990	John Sheehan	C	St Paul	1995	Leroy Samuelson		Pine City
1990	John Wasnick	OF	Minneapolis	1995	Lois Weckman	PRO/ORG	
1991	Don Barnholdt	IF	Stillwater	1995	Donald Westcott	Р	Minneapolis
1991	Carol M. Bemis	OF	Anoka	1996	Paul Brown	UMP	Minneapolis
1991	Charlie Hays	P	Minneapolis	1996	Eddie Carver		Montrose
1991	Jerry Hoehnen	1B	Minneapolis	1996	Vinny Cerrato	UMP	Austin

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1996	Cliff Crandall	SS	Minneapolis	2000	Don Riley	MEDIA	St Paul
1996	Renee Dion Edin	P	Stillwater	2001	Mike Beske	P	Minneapolis
1996	Dick Eldridge	SPON	Maplewood	2001	Charles Engler	Р	St James
1996	Tom Frederick	SPON	Mankato	2001	Kathy Fraser	SS	Bloomington
1996	Paulette Genz	P	St Paul	2001	Nancy Garbett	P	Anoka
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1996	Jack Hlavacek	PLAYER/M		2001	Joseph "Dutz" Junker	OF DI AVVIOCA	Stillwater/Scandia
1996	Bob Johnson		Bloomington	2001	Gary Lunz	PLAY/COA	
1996	Dan O'Connor	3B	St Paul	2001	Joe & Leora Mulder		Montevideo
1996	Mary Owen	2B	Minneapolis	2001	Jared Odden	С	Anoka/Coon Rapids
1996	Dale Root	Р	Blaine	2001	Eldred "Bud" Ode	IF	Lake Park
1996	Ralph Schmitt	Р	Blaine	2001	Roy Price	IF	Minneapolis
1996	Burch Wrzos	OF	Minneapolis	2001	Joe Sinnott	С	Duluth
1997	Wayne Ball	MGR/PRO	West St Paul	2001	Jon Speake	PL/CO/O/PRO	Hastings
1997	Bruce Bennett	MEDIA	Duluth	2001	Dick Taylor		Bloom/Farmington
1997	Jimmy Bowen	OF/1B	Minneapolis	2001	Cindy "Cy" Yess	CO/ORG	Rochester
1997	Bob Cervenka	SPO/PRO	Detroit Lakes	2002	Gene Alexander	PRO/ORG	
1997	Shirley Cervenka	SPO/PRO	Detroit Lakes	2002	John Ciesielski	PRO/ORG	
1997		P	Maplewood	2002		OF/1B	
	Phil Cognetta				Meredith "Mo" Ewing		Minneapolis
1997	Cyril Ebnet		Holdingford	2002	Dick Goplin	SS	Minneapolis
1997	Marty Jurgensen	C	St Paul	2002	Doug Hansen	MGR/ORG	
1997	Ray Klym	1B	Bloomington	2002	Jerry "Hattie" Hatfield	P	Faribault
1997	John P. Locke	1B	Minneapolis	2002	Herbert "Herbie" Huard	С	Cloquet
1997	Louie Perron	UMP/PRO		2002	David Klingerman	ADM	Bloomington
1997	Laura Reynolds	Р	St Paul	2002	Dick Kuyath	1B/C	Minneapolis
1997	Allan E. Rivard	ADM	Minneapolis	2002	Jerry Maschka	CO/ORG	Mankato
1997	Don Stilwell	UMP	Austin	2002	Carol "Beep" Meyer	PRO/ORG	Mankato
1998	Char Alexander	PRO/MGR		2002	Bob Mueller		Cold Spring
1998	Richard Bernier	IF	South St Paul	2002	Don Rotert	C	St James
1998	David W. Bloomquist	 MGR		2002	Shelley Vick	ĬF	Anoka
1998	Karen Brown	SS	St Paul	2003	Dick Anderson		St Anthony
1998	Frelon Cross, Jr.	IF		2003			
			Minneapolis		Roger Evenson		Minneapolis
1998	Jack P. Cunningham	MGR/IF	Minneapolis	2003	Robert Goldstrand	SS	Minneapolis
1998	Wayne Eddy	MEDIA	Northfield	2003	Ken Hladky	UMP	Bloomington
1998	Duane Elwood	UMP	Mankato	2003	Deb Holtkamp	PLAYER	St Paul
1998	David Ferguson	P/PRO	Frazee	2003	Jim "Sherm" Hoy	Р	Stillwater
1998	Willard E. Kottke	UMP/ORG	Golden Valley	2003	Willie Krahn	С	Mountain Lake
1998	Dick "R.C." Olson	MGR/SPO	Duluth	2003	Steffanie Mueller	1B	Bloomington
1998	Win Olson	P/PRO	Ormsby	2003	Cindy J. Nelsen	SS/P	Rochester
1998	Billy Peterson	UMP	St Paul	2003	Gerry Pollard	С	Cloquet
1998	Jack Reuvers	3B	Faribault/Owat.	2003	Char Robinet	ORG/PLAY	
1998	Jim Wanshura		Bloomington	2003	Jim Schwieger	P	Fairmont
1999	Bill Beaupre	PLAYER/M		2003	Jim Vieburg		Minneapolis
1999	•	IF		2003	Richard Wrazidlo	SPON	
	Jerry Duffey		St Paul				Duluth
1999	Dick Fehlandt	PLAYER/M		2004	Anna Crowson	PLAY/ORG	
1999	Barry Hite	P/ORG	Emily	2004	Ken Doble	P	Prior Lake/Lakeville
1999	Gene V. Johnson		Whalan	2004	Bob Ellson	Р	Cloquet
1999	Manny Kohen	OF	Mpls/St. Louis Prk	2004	Jim Hamann		Robbinsdale
1999	Bob & Pat Linton	M/CO/SPO	Bloomington	2004	Teresa Held	OF	Anoka
1999	Pat McKusky	Р	St Paul	2004	Marlin Johnson	P/MGR	Fairmont
1999	Orgene Elroy Moen	3B	Appleton	2004	Carol "Kipper" Kipp	ORG/PRO	Mankato
1999	Jerry O'Connor	IF	St Paul	2004	Bob Laufenburger	UMP/ORG	Redwood Falls
1999	Don Olson	Р	Duluth	2004	Kris Lyons	PLAY/OR/UMP	
1999	Dale Palm	OF	Mpls/Crystal	2004	Larry & Joyce Manning	SPON	Minneapolis
1999	Eddie Steinbauer	PRO/P	St Paul/WSP	2004	Jeff Nessler	SS	Mankato
1999		IF		2004		SPON	
	Jackie Werner, Jr.		Mpls/Crystal		Thomas & LaJune Newell		Bloomington
1999	Gary Zitzer	ADM	Crookston	2004	Daryl Paulsen	PLAY/MGR	
2000	Linda Anderson	OF	Anoka	2004	Sherm Tollefson	UMP/ORG	
2000	Don Bourdeau	3B/MGR	Duluth	2006	Dawn Boudoin	1B	Rochester
2000	Jim Brenner	OF	Minneapolis	2006	Denny Ellis	IF	Minneapolis
2000	Lloyd Carlson	PLAYER/M		2006	Jerry Foxx	3B	Minneapolis/Hopkins
2000	Howie Dean	PLAYER/M	Minneapolis	2006	Patty Gliniany-Kaiser	Р	Anoka
2000	Dave Dostal	IF	Rochester	2006	Bob Harder	SPO/PRO	Odin
2000	Linda Garbett	OF	Anoka	2006	Gerald Heller	IF	Odin
2000	Jim Lowe	C	Cloquet	2006	Dennis "Chopper" King	SPO/PRO	
2000	Robert "Bob" Matzke		Red Lake Falls	2006	Kermit Kruger		Callaway/Detroit Lakes
				2006			
2000	Doug Shilson		Minneapolis		Jon T. Marshman		Elba/Rochester
2000	Jon Springer	UMP	Rochester	2006	Gary Morris	OF DLAVED	Hopkins
2000	Sherm Swanson		Carlton City	2006	Greg "Bozo" Slette	PLAYER	Lakeville/Bloomington
2000	Bruce Van De Walker	3B	St Paul	2006	Mike Stark	ORG/PRO	
2000	Bob Welch	OF	Willmar	2006	Jerry VanDenEinde	PL/CO/ORG	Blomkest/Lake Lillian

2006	Gary Wagner	ORG/PRO	Bemidji/Duluth/Buffalo	2016	Jesus "Jessie" Adamez	PLAYER	Minneapolis
2006	Wayne Winter	OF	Rochester	2016	Nancy Anderson	PLAYER	Anoka
2008	Alexander "Sandy" Allen	ADM	Mankato	2016	Marlin Boom	PL/MERIT	Ellsworth
2008							
	Jeff Barnes		Bloomington	2016	Craig Brown	PLAYER	St James/Mankato
2008	Scott Christensen	OF	Mankato	2016	Donald Carruth	PL/PI	St Paul/Mtka
2008	George Fadell	UMP	Richfield	2016	Dave Gilbertson	MERIT/PI	Chatfield/Albert Lea/Geneva
2008	Jeanne Ghostly	С	Anoka	2016	Darrell Goring	PLAYER	St James/Odin/Mankato/STP
2008	Anne Marie Green	OF	Mpls/Rochester	2016	Ward Halvorson		Austin/Rochester
2008				2016			
	Ed Hammer	CDC/DDC	Bloomington/Lakeville		David "Davey J" Johnson	PLAYER	Mankato
2008	Joe Jennison	ORG/PRO		2016	Danielle Lombardi	PLAYER	Anoka
2008	Leroy Jolstad	Ρ	Mankato	2016	Stuart Morrison	PLAYER	Cloquet/Duluth
2008	Jo Jorgenson	UTILITY	Minneapolis	2016	Dan Nessler	PLAYER	Mankato
2008	Ken Joyce	PRO/ORG/UMF		2016	Dave Rowe	PLAYER	Minneapolis
2008	Ralph Leistikow	ORG/PRO		2016	Howie Schaber	PLAYER	Hamel/Minneapolis
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2008	Dennis Maschka	ADM	Austin	2016	Doug Sorenson	ADM/UMP	
2008	Karen "Sadie" Nelson	Р	Mankato	2016	Everett "Ev" Wright	PLAYER	Minneapolis
2008	Linda "Nellie" Nelson	1B	Anoka	2018	Pat "Bones" Barrett	PLAYER	Bloomington/Crystal/Fridley
2008	Vern Schoolmeester	2B	Mankato	2018	Wayne Dahl	PLAYER	Dawson Area
2010	Joe Alexander	CO/ORG/PRO		2018	Scott Ensrud		Bloomington/Burnsville/Apple Valley
2010		PL/MGR		2018	Michael Gibeau		Clearbrook
	Richard "Dick" Bjur		Lake Lillian/Hutchinson				
2010	Jim "Corky" Ebeling	MG/OR/PR		2018	Bob "Doc" Hartshorn	ADM/PL	West Metro
2010	Tim Egan	1B	So St Paul/St Paul	2018	Gary "Meatball" Holtz	PLAYER	Hutchinson
2010	Mervin Eischens	MG/SP/PR	St Leo	2018	Charlie Johnson	UMP/UIC	Detroit Lakes/Hitterdal
2010	Bryn Suzanne Geerdes	OF	Rochester/Mpls	2018	Howard D. Kazeck	OR/SP/MG/PI	Little Falls Area
2010	Phil Hilgeman	1B/MGR	Minneapolis	2018	Dick McNally		St Charles/Ridgeway
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2010	Bill Hills	SS	Minneapolis	2018	James R. Milanovich	PL/MGR	White Bear Lake/Roseville/Gilbert
2010	Richard "Dick" Holdorf	UMP	Winona	2018	Joan (Schroer) Montague	PLAYER	Coon Rapids
2010	Harlan Jacobson	PRO/P	Hayfield	2018	Ron Moog	UMP/UIC	St Cloud
2010	Stan Noren	P/COACH	St James	2018	Walt "Nelly" Nelson	PLAYER	Hastings
2010	John Seamans		Mtka/Shorewood/Excelsion	2018	Tom "Weed" Niederkorn	PLAYER	Hastings/St Paul
2010				2018			· ·
	Bob Szublewski	PL/OR/PR			Jack Norman		Mankato Area
2010	Rolf Synoground	Р	Rochester/Austin		Jim Prestholdt		Dawson Area
2010	Ken Vierling	UMP/PRO	Owatonna/Farmington	2018	Bud Ramsey	PLAYER	Minneapolis
2010	Mark "Norton" Zweber	3B	Lakeville	2018	Norm Setnicker	PL/CO/UM	Roseville/White Bear Lake/Biwabik
2012	Anna Anderson	PLAYER	Mpls/St Paul	2018	Leo "Butch" Tauber	PLAYER	Sauk Rapids
2012	Gene Bartz	PLAYER	•	2021	Tom "Whale" Anderson	PLAYER	
			Edina/Richfield/Mtka				Owatonna
2012	3 - 3 - 3	V/OR/PRO		2021	Jeb Blais	UMP/ORG	
2012	Dianne Dingman	PLAYER	Anoka	2021	Roger Cotten	PLAYER	Rochester
2012	Paul Harrington	V/OR/PRO	Farmington	2021	Dick Erickson	PLAYER	Dawson
2012	Bud Heidgerken	V/OR/PRO		2021	Stan Fredrickson	PLAYER	Lakeville
2012		PLAYER	New Ulm	2021	Gordy Gerlach	PLAYER	
					•		Hastings
2012	20	V/OR/PRO		2021	Laurie Hanrahan		Minneapolis-St Paul
2012			Carlton County	2021	Perry Hansen	PLAYER	Lucan-Redwood Falls
2012	Ed Kingsley	V/OR/PRO	Princeton	2021	Dan Huisman	PL/PRO	Ellsworth
2012	Denny Malarkey	PLAYER	Roseville	2021	Jim Langowski	PL/MG/PR	
2012	Bonnie Muzik	ADM	Brainerd	2021	Dan Lee	PLAYER	Dawson
2012	Barb Northway	ADM	Minnesota	2021	Gary Letendre	UMP	Austin
	Barb Olson	PLAYER	Duluth/Proctor	2021	Elwyn Mensink	PLAYER	Ostrander-Preston
2012	Mark Rieber	UMP	Mankato	2021	Bob Montague	PL/MGR	Coon Rapids
2012	Robert "Sam" Werner	PLAYER	Minneapolis	2021	Lou Petterson	PLAYER	Minneapolis
2014	David Bakke	PLAYER	Minneapolis	2021	Dave Prehn	PLAYER	Hollywood-Delano
2014	Ron Bergstrom	PLAYER	Austin	2021	Jon Rehwaldt	PLAYER	Minneapolis-Burnsville
				2021			
2014	Bruce Blank	PLAYER	Duluth/Austin/St Paul		Dan "Fox" Richards	PLAYER	Geneva
2014	John Carlson		Minneapolis	2021	Ray Schmidt*	CO/PRO	Morgan
2014	Geroge "Buzz" Connor	MERIT/MG	W St Paul/St Paul	2022	Doniver Ahlm	PLAYER	Scandia
2014	Ken Hagen	PLAYER	Austin/Geneva-Ellendale	2022	Jerry Albers	PL/CO/MG	Villard
2014	Dale Kolles	PLAYER	STMA/Elk River	2022	Phil Anderson*	PL/CO/MG/PR	
2014						PL/CO/MG/PR/O/U	
		PLAYER	Minneapolis				
2014		PLAYER	Minneapolis	2022	Don Bowman		Little Canada-Roseville
2014	Rebecca Macken	PL/MG/MERIT	Rochester	2022	Denny "Doc" Davis	PLAYER	Duluth
2014	Clarence "Clancy" Mager	MERIT	LeCenter	2022	Leon Donaghue	PLAYER	Minneapolis
2014	Mark Malde	PLAYER	Rochester	2022	Mike Forrest	PL/UMP	Cloquet
2014	Ed "Smokey" Matras	MERIT	W St Paul/St Paul		John "Boo" Johnson	PLAYER	Harris
2014	Jim Morcomb	PL/MGR	St Charles	2022	Richard "Dick" Jordan	PLAYER	Delano-Hollywood
2014	George Retzlaff	PI/MERIT	Hutchinson/Silver Lake		David Junker	PL/MG/OR	
2014	David "Dub" Richards	MERIT	Geneva	2022	Dennis Kenning	MG/PL/OR/U	Sauk Rapids
2014	Donny Robinette	MG/PL/SP	St Paul	2022	Jim Lindberg	PLAYER	Scandia
2014	Ed Schaust		Delano/Hollywood		Richard "Dick" Lindberg	CO/MG/PL/U	
			Combridge least	2022			
2014	Tommy Smith	MERIT	Cambridge-Isanti		Larry Lindquist	PL/CO/PR/SP	
2014	Gary Watland	PLAYER	Austin/Mankato/St Paul	2022	David Meyer	PLAYER	Duluth
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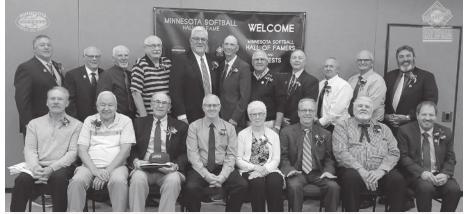
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2023	Rick "Spotty" Strozyk	PLAYER	Fridley/Perham/Detroit Lks.
2023	Rick Tintor	PLAYER	Hibbing
2023	Gary Tripp	PLAYER	St. Cloud/Sauk Rapids
2023	Bob Zwick	PLAYER	Sauk Rapids
2024 2024	Daren Betzold Elmer Carlson	PLAYER PL/MG/SP	Farmington/W. St. Paul St. James
2024	Wayne Cook	UMP/PRO	Worthington/Dawson/Vesta
2024	Perry Coonce	ADMIN	South St. Paul
2024 2024	Burdette "Gus" Courrier Michael "Mick" Detviler	PLAYER PL/MG/OR	St. Paul Area
2024	David "Dolly" Dollerschell	PLAYER	Lake Lillian
2024	Ron Ehoff	PLAYER	Little Falls
2024	Bryan Flann	PLAYER	Willmar/Lk. Lillian/Hutch.
2024	Bill Goetz	PLAYER	St. Cloud
2024	Ann & Nick Guetter	SPON	Wabasso
2024	Lou Heller	PLAYER	Odin
2024	Greg "Chopper" Lammers	PL/OR/PR	Waverly/W. St. Paul/Farmington
2024	Brian Langeland	PLAYER	Odin/Duluth/Redwood Falls
2024	Glen Muckenhirn	PL/SPON	Waverly
2024	Leland "Lee" Patten	PL/MG/SP	Bemidji/Hutchinson/Freeport
2024	Tony Price	PLAYER	Wabasso
2024	Jack Reese	PLAYER	Wabasso
2024	Arly Schelhaas	PL/MG	Edgerton





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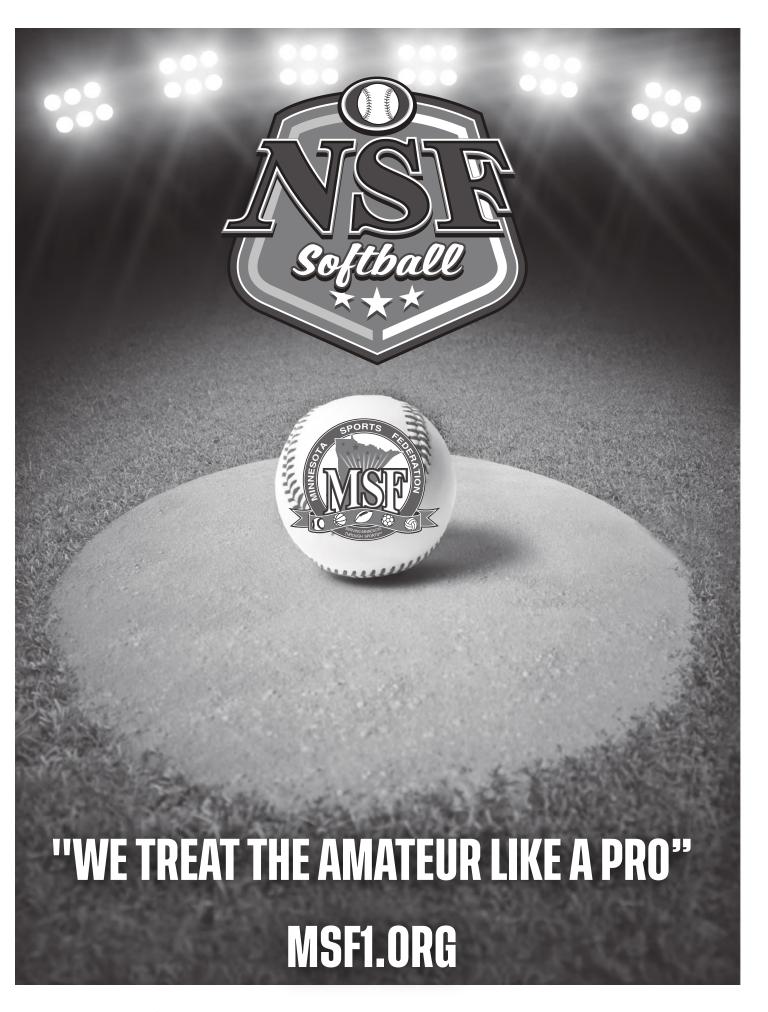
2024 Kevin Voltin



UMP/ORG Hayfield

Front Row (L-R) Bryan Flann (Willmar/Lake Lillian/Hutchinson), Wayne Cook (Worthington/Dawson/Vesta), Michael "Mick" Detviler (St. Paul Area), Tom Guetter (Wabasso and for Nick Guetter), Ann Guetter (Wabasso), Elmer Carlson (St. James), Burdette "Gus" Courrier (Kiester/Geneva/Odin/St. James/Fairmont), Kevin Voltin (Hayfield).

Back Row (L-R) Daren Betzold (Farmington/W. St. Paul), Leland "Lee" Patten (Bemidji/Hutchinson/Freeport), Lou Heller (Odin), David "Dolly" Dollerschell (Lake Lillian), Brian Langeland (Odin/Duluth/Redwood Falls), Arly Schelhaas (Edgerton), Tony Price (Wabasso), Bill Goetz (St. Cloud), Ron Ehoff (Little Falls), Jack Reese (Wabasso), Glen Muckenhirn (Waverly).



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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: 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.

C. Pioneers of Yesterday: 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 candidate(s) 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.

Perry Coonce Executive Director



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2012 HALL OF FAME **PROFILE**



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



Nominee		Birth date	
Address	City/Stat	te Zip	
Softball Community where major ac	ccomplishments were	e achieved	
Is that softball community's program Administrator/Custodian? ☐ Yes		with the MSF, the MN Softball Hall of Fam	ne
Home Phone ()	Ce	ell Phone ()	
Email Address			
Check the Nomination Category:	☐ Superior Perf	formance	
		Service	
	☐ Pioneers of Y	⁄ esterday	
Check all that apply:	Player	☐ Manager/Coach	
	☐ Promoter	☐ Administrator	
	☐ Umpire	Sponsor	
Check all that apply:	☐ Fastpitch		
	■ Modified Pitcl	h	
	Slowpitch		
Nominated by (If a relative, must have a second	onding nomination by non-rela	Date of Nomination	
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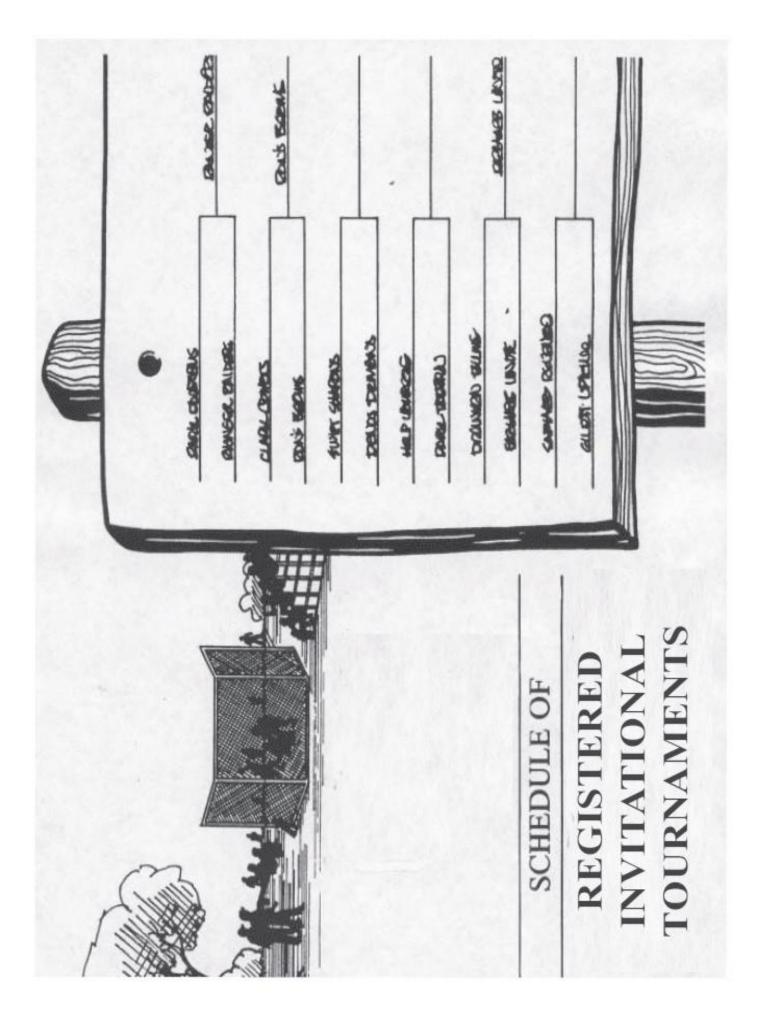
Nominee's Personal Stats
Nominee's Personal Accomplishments
Nominee's Team Accomplishments

- 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





SCHEDULE KEY

DIVISION CODES

Men's Church Slowpitch Women's Slowpitch Co-Rec Slowpitch Men's Slowpitch MCSP CRSP MSP WSP

Men's (35 & Over) Slowpitch

MS35

Men's (45 & Over) Slowpitch **MS45**

Women's Fastpitch Men's Fastpitch WFP MFP

Men's (40 & Over) Fastpitch Men's Modified Pitch

MF40 MMP WMP

Women's Modified Pitch



Double Elimination/Consolation Bracket Determined by Record DEC BDR

(2-0 in class A, 1-1 in class B is determined by their record in their first two games. 0-2 in class C)

The Bracket a team plays in

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TOURNAMENT CODES

Games Guaranteed **Divisions Offered** ≥ GG

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- All tournaments listed in the schedule have applied for and been granted NSF♦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.

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- To ascertain if a tournament which does not appear in this schedule has been sanctioned, please contact your district commissioner. ω.
- All sanctioned tournaments must display the sanction sticker on the top of their tournament bracket board. Teams are responsible for checking to see that the sanction sticker is properly displayed prior to commencing play. 4
- 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. 5
- All teams which participate in an MSF sanctioned invitational tournament must present their team membership card upon check in. 6
- For details regarding sanctioned tournaments held within the city limits of Minneapolis, please contact the Minneapolis Park Board at (612) 661-4895. 7
- For the rules and regulations which govern sanctioned tournament play, please consult the current MSF softball guide. œ.
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TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION

GENERAL RULES

- 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.)
- Once an invitational tournament 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. ď
- It is permissible to offer more than one tournament classification in each division of play offered. က

IMPORTANT NOTE: Competing organizations (ASA, NSC, USFA, USSSA, NSA, ISA, AFA etc.) team classes generally convert to one class higher for NSF u MSF play. (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.) 4.

Only the options listed below each division of play are available for tournament classification in that specific division.

Men's & Co-Rec Slowpitch Classification Options:

- 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 \$825 to any one place.
- 1 = All classes allowed. One home run per team allowed. Maximum \$1,850 expense allowance permitted per division. Maximum \$725 to any one place.

Women's Slow Pitch 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 must run a BDR (bracket determined by record) tournament or a HCP (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).

Fast/Modified Pitch ournaments Classification Options:

These tournaments are designated by the team classes accepted. (Note: Marginal Class "A" men's fastpitch teams may be classified as A/B for sanctioned weekend tournament play. If an A/B weekend tournament team wins two sanctioned tournaments they shall automatically revert back to Class "A" status for sanctioned tournament play.) Maximum expense allowance for adult fast and modified pitch tournaments is \$2,500 per division.

imit 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 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 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 in the tournament are less than 275' the tournament director may petition the Sports Federation Offices for approval to increase the number of home 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 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 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 serves as a tiebreaker.)

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

30th ANNUAL

JUNE 6TH-8TH, 2025 • Sandquist Family Park 34264 Naples St. NE • Cambridge, MN 55008

Find registration forms and PayPal instructions at:

www.cisoftball.com

beginning February 5th, 2025

Join us for the 6th Annual Guns & Hoses softball game at 4:45PM on Friday, June 6th! Become a Cambridge Isanti Softball Group Member!

MEN'S DIVISION

Tier 1	(7) HR Limit	Tier 2	(4) HR Limit	Tier 3	(2) HR Limit
Champion	\$1450	Champion	\$650	Champion	\$475
Runner-Up	\$1050	Runner-Up	\$450	Runner-Up	\$350
3rd Place	\$750	3rd Place	\$350		

ENTRY FEE \$295.00

Based on (32) Teams. (4) games quaranteed. All teams will start out in a Double-Elimination Bracket. The outcome of a team's first 2-4 games will determine placement in Tier1, Tier2 or Tier3. Teams will hit their own .52/300 ADSTARR Synthetic softballs which will be for sale at the park. All sanction bodies/classes welcomed. Teams are not required to, but may bat 13. Pitchers may utilize the "6ft Step Back Rule" with a 6ft/12ft arc with 65ft bases.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Platinum Bracket	(4) HR Limit	Gold Bracket	(2) HR Limit
Champion	\$1450	Champion	\$650
Runner-Up	\$1050	Runner-Up	\$450
3rd Place	\$750	3rd Place	\$350
		4th Place	\$250

ENTRY FEE \$295.00

Based on (16) Teams. (5) games guranteed. (3) games in pool play, then (according to results in the pools) seeded and placed in the double-elimination Platinum or Gold bracket, championship flight. Softballs will be provided. Teams are not required to, but may bat 13. Pitchers may utilize the "6ft Step Back Rule" with a 6ft/12ft arc with 65ft bases.

THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER THE STRUCTURE, DUE TO TIME/WEATHER DELAYS.

To enter a team, please contact Duke at 612.702.8183 or dukeweisbrod@gmail.com



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DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	DIRECTOR	PHONE	DIV	CLASS	TYPE	GG	FEE
June 6-8	30th Annual Cambridge Classic	Cambridge	Duke Weisbrod duke@carouselmotor.com	612-702-8183	MSP WSP	6	OTH BDR	3 5	\$295 \$295
June 27-29	Scandia Fastpitch	Scandia	Dan Lindgren dlindgren@generalmortgagefinance.com	952-546-1400	MFP	4 B-D	DE	2	\$275
June 27-29	Kaposia Days	South St. Paul	Rich Rakness rrakness@comcast.net	651-455-5725	MSP WSP	4 ALL	BDR BDR	3	\$180 \$180
July 4-6	Whalan Fastpitch Tournament	Whalan	T. Everett Johnson thore@acegroup.cc	507-259-4129	GFP	12/14/ U 18	RR	3	\$150
July 19-20	Hutchinson Pentacular	Hutchinson	John McRaith	320-583-4672 320-234-5636	MSP	5	RRC	5	\$175

Check out www.msf1.org for up to date listings!

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July 26- Sept 28	MSF State Tournaments in Men's FP, Men's, Women's and Co- Rec SP, Masters SP, Fall Co-Rec SP and Fall Men's SP	Various sites throughout Minnesota	Perry Coonce perry@msf1.org	651-451-3140	WSP CRSP	BY TEAM CLASS BY TEAM CLASS	2-3GG 2-3GG 2-3GG 2-3GG	2-3 2-3 2-3 2-3	\$350 \$225 \$225 \$225 \$225
July 26	Co-Rec C/D, Masters (35&50) SP NSF MSF State Tournaments	Cambridge	Perry Coonce perry@msf1.org	651-451-3140	CRSP MCSP MA35	BCD ALL CD	3GG 3GG 3GG	3 3 3	\$225 \$225 \$225
Aug 8-10	Men's Fastpitch Class C State Tournaments	North Mankato	Perry Coonce perry@msf1.org	651-451-3140	MFP	С	3GG	3	\$350
Aug 15-17	Goodview Days	Goodview	Ben Gordon bgordon2004@yahoo.com	507-313-5282	MSP WSP	4	DE BDR	2 2	\$175 \$200
Aug 15-17	Men's Fastpitch Class D State Tournaments	Freeport	Perry Coonce perry@msf1.org	651-451-3140	MFP	В	3GG	3	\$350
Aug 17-19	TOC/North American/State Championships	Cambridge	Perry Coonce perry@msf1.org	651-451-3140	MSP WSP	C-E C-E	3GG	3	\$295
Aug 22-24	Men's Fastpitch Class AA-B State Tournaments	West St. Paul	Perry Coonce perry@msf1.org	651-451-3140	MFP	В	3GG	3	\$350

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TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS/STATE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUGUST 15-17, 2025 • CAMBRIDGE.

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!

AWARDS

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

CASH PAYOUTS!!! \$3,500 in MEN'S & \$3,500 in WOMEN'S

*Cash payouts based on minimum 36 total teams

THREE GAME GUARANTEE

REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY

- Registration deadline is Friday August 8, 2025
- 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: 2025 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 D/E Men's Slowpitch State Tournament.

RULES & DETAILS

- · Three games guaranteed with many getting four, five or six
- Classes of Play: A, B, C, DD, D, E. **NOTE:** Classes mav 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' arc, 65' bases, courtesy runner and 6' 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.

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- · Umpires NSF certified.
- · Swag bag for each manager.

2025 NSF+MSF SLOWPITCH TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS/NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS REGISTRATION FORM

TEAM NAME		SPORTS C	OMMU	JNITY				
TEAM MANAGER		ADDRESS	5					
CITY	STATE	COUNTRY		ZI	P			
CELL PHONE ()_		ALTERNATE PH	ONE H	/W (_)			
EMAIL ADDRESS							-	
DIVISION (circle one)	Men's	CLASS (circle one)	Α	В	C	D	E	
DIVISION (circle one)	Women's	CLASS (circle one)	Α	В	C	DD	D	



SEND ENTRY FEE AND FORM AND \$295 TO: NSF+MSF • 118 12TH AVE N • SOUTH ST. PAUL, MN 55075

Enter online with credit card at www.msf1.org

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VISIT WWW.MSF1.ORG FOR ALL TOURNAMENT DETAILS

NATIONAL SOFTBALL FEDERATION ◆ MINNESOTA SPORTS FEDERATION

118 12th Ave N • South St. Paul, MN 55075 (952) 405-6936 • www.msf1.org • staff@msf1.org



Spring 2025

TO: Softball Team Managers

FR: National Softball Federation

RE: 2025 NSF-MSF Men's & Women's State/North American Championships

Dear Team Manager:

We hope this note finds you looking forward to or enjoying the summer softball season.

We enjoyed hosting many teams in state/national tournament play last year and look forward to hosting you again this summer in the NSF-MSF State/North American Championships on August 15-17 in Cambridge, Minnesota.

All men's teams and women's from Minnesota or from out of state may enter direct. Teams will receive at least three games with many receiving four, five, six or more. Dependent on the number of teams entered, teams may be broken into tiers from pool or bracket play. Note: some classes may initially be combined and then re-split for championship flight play. The State/National Tournament entry fee is just \$295, which is about half the cost of other national events, all the while providing generous cash prizes no one else provides!!! (NOTE: The entry fee for member league teams entered by their league director is just \$225.00).

We will endeavor to use all info available to avoid very high caliber teams playing very low caliber teams, especially once brackets separate.

Teams must play as an intact team during the summer of 2025, but need not play in an NSF-MSF member league. Other organizations' teams will be accepted in their correct class. Five pickup players from the same team class or lower are allowed from teams not playing in the tournament. The TOC will continue to serve as the NSF-MSF Women's Slowpitch State Championships in 2025 and for the first time, will also serve as the Men's Slowpitch State Championships.

This year, in an effort to increase the tournament's geographical reach, teams from Minnesota will receive a \$75 referral rebate on their own entry fee for recruiting a team from outside the state of Minnesota to participate. Rebates will be received upon tournament participation. Additionally, cash prizes will be awarded to the top teams. See flyer on reverse for details.

Cambridge, Minnesota is located just one hour north of the Twin Cities with easy freeway access. Sandquist Family Park has some of the finest fields in the state and the area has many of the amenities of a big city while maintaining its small town friendly atmosphere.

The host hotels for the event are Grandstay Hotel & Suites (minutes from the ballpark) and the Best Western Plus in Isanti. Make reservations at least thirty days before the tournament please! Both hotels are catering to weddings that weekend too, so reserve early if you want to stay there! For very reasonable camping rates, contact Sheriff (former) Ken Harder at (763) 689-2555. Ken is the caretaker of the Isanti County Fairgrounds, located one mile from the ballpark. This is a very nice campground which includes all the amenities.

Should questions arise please email perry@msf1.org.

We look forward to hosting your team this year!

Perry Coonce MN State Commissioner **Duke Weisbrod Tournament Manager**

- SEE FLYER ON REVERSE SIDE -



"WE TREAT THE AMATEUR LIKE A PRO"



JULY 19-20 2025 HARRIS, MINNESOTA

ELIGIBILITY

Players must live or work in the state of Minnesota or a bordering state. 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 50 and over as of December 31 of the current year. Players may sign up as a free agent and be placed on a team. Contact Dan Lindgren (612-599-6582) to sign up.

ROSTER DEADLINE

Official roster (18 max) shall be submitted at tournament site prior to first game.

ENTRY FEE

ENTRY DEADLINE

Wednesday, July 9[™]

STRUCTURE

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

GAME OFFICIALS

NSF♦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.

SOFTBALLS

47/375 cork game balls are provided by the MSF.

Mer	n's Masters 50 Over Fas	stpitch State Tournament Entry Form	
TEAM NAME		SPORTS COMMUNITY	2
TEAM MANAGER		ADDRESS	0
CITY & STATE	ZIP	CELL PHONE ()	2
EMAIL ADDRESS			5

SEND ENTRY FEE AND FORM TO: MSF • 118 12TH AVE N • SOUTH ST. PAUL, MN 55075

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



JULY 26 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

ENTRY DEADLINE

Wednesday, July 16[™]

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.

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

SOFTBALLS

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

	C	o-Rec Class B-C-D	Slowpitch St	ate Tournament Entry Fo	orm	
TEAM NAME						
TEAM MANAGER ADDRESS						
CITY & STATE		ZIP_		CELL PHONE ()	
EMAIL ADDRESS			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Class (circle one)	В	С	D			5

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Your team is invited to participate in the...



MASTERS SLOWPITCH

MEN'S 35&50 OVER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Summer 2025

Dear Team Manager:

We hope this note finds you looking forward to the 2025 softball season. On the reverse side is the entry form for the NSF+MSF Masters 35&50+ State Championships which your team may be interested in. *Please note: the 50+ division is a wood softball bat tournament. Bats must be 2.25 diameter max, with an all wood barrel and not be on any non-approved lists.

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 2025 State Championships!

Perry Coonce State Commissioner

- See Reverse -

JULY 26 SANDOUIST 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

ENTRY DEADLINE

Wednesday, July 16[™]

STRUCTURE

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

GAME OFFICIALS

NSF♦MSF registered umpires shall be utilized on all contests.

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.

SOFTBALLS

52/300 game balls are provided by the MSF.

	Men's Mas	sters 35 & 50 Over	Slowpitch State Tournament Entry Form	
TEAM NAME			_ SPORTS COMMUNITY	
TEAM MANAGER			_ ADDRESS	
CITY & STATE		ZIP	CELL PHONE ()	
EMAIL ADDRESS				
Division (circle one)	35 & Over	50 & Over		5

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





MEN'S FASTPITCH

OPEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Summer 2025

Dear Team Manager:

We hope this note finds you looking forward to the 2024 fastpitch softball season.

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

Class C or D men's fastpitch teams opting to also play in the Open Men's Fastpitch State Tournament may pick up as many as four players from Class AA-B or below teams. Two of these pickups may be pitchers. A "C" or "D" team that wins the Class AA-B State Tournament is not required to move up. Current "AA-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 2025 State Championships!

Perry Coonce State Commissioner

- See Reverse -

AUGUST 22-24 WEST ST. PAUL ATHLETIC COMPLEX

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

ELIGIBILITY

Teams must be NSF♦MSF sanctioned (included in entry fee for those not in a registered league). Open to MN teams plus bordering states. No Canadian teams. Minnesota 2024 Class B and C State Champs automatically receive a paid berth. All players must be United States citizens. 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 \$300

ENTRY DEADLINE Friday, August 8TH

STRUCTURE

Three Game Guarantee. Pool play followed by 2-3 seeded brackets.

GAME OFFICIALS

NSF♦MSF registered umpires (two) shall be utilized on all contests.

AWARDS

Team plagues for 1st-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.

	Open Men's Fastpitch State Tournament Entry Form	
TEAM NAME	SPORTS COMMUNITY	
TEAM MANAGER	ADDRESS	
CITY & STATE	ZIPCELL PHONE ()
EMAIL ADDRESS		:

SEND ENTRY FEE AND FORM TO: MSF • 118 12TH AVE N • SOUTH ST. PAUL, MN 55075

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



NSF ♦ MSF PLAYER WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY/INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT AND REGISTERED INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT **TEAM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**



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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								
Team Manager								
City			Zi <u>p</u>	_ Phone H	()		W ()
Sanctioned Tournamen	t you regist	ered at	:				_	
Circle Team Classificati	on: A	В	С					
Circle Team Division:	Men's Slov	w 1	llen's Fast	Masters	Slow	Co-Rec	Slow	Men's Modified
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Team Manager's Signature							Date _	
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and are playing in your tournament. Must be accompanied by \$15.00 team membership fee or one weekend fee of \$5.00.

NSF♦MSF SOFTBALL **70**



NSF ◆ MSF SOFTBALL MINNESOTA SPORTS FEDERATION

RECLASSIFICATION APPLICATION



Applications must be in MSF Offices by March 15 For Slowpitch and May 1 for Fastpitch.

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 Info	rmation					
Team Name			For	mer Na	ames_	
Team Division (ie. Men's Slow, W	omen's Slow, Masters	etc)			
League Name_						
Team Manager			Add	dress_		
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Please circle the	e classification yo	u desire to placed in:	A B C	DD	D	Е
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(League Directors must complete the below information)

NSF ♦ MSF RULES REQUIRES THE PETITION TO INCLUDE THE WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF YOUR LEAGUE DIRECTOR.

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What was th	is team's imme	diate past season	league record? Wins _	Lo	sses	
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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 12th Ave N. South St. Paul, MN 55075 PHONE: (651) 451-3140 FAX: (651) 451-3140 staff@msf1.org

Advantages of Minnesota Sports Federation Softball Program Affiliation/Membership

- MSF offers the lowest membership and tournament entry fees available. \$15 per team and \$225 per postseason tournament entry. Umpire membership is \$45-55 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 3X 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.



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MINNESOTA SPORTS FEDERATION **FASTPITCH PITCHER CLASSIFICATION FORM**

Current Team Name_____ League_



Pitcher's Name	<u>Ар</u>	plyi	ng l	<u>For</u>	Co	<u>mmit</u>	tee	Des	<u>ignation</u>
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Comments (if any) on above classes:									

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 Signature	Manager's Name (Print or Type)	Manager's Address (Print or Type)
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Slow pitch teams are permitted to add three pick-up players	as follows:	

- Pick up players must be from the same league/sports community (EXCEPTION: pickups for NSF Toumament of Champions/North American Championships could be from any-
 - 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. ς.
- The pick up player may not emanate from another team still playing in postseason. Pick up players may be replaced but are not eligible to be picked up by another team.
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PLAYER WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY & INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

PLAYER STATEMENT Each player shall read the following statements before signing. 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 that I may participate in only one MSF post-season tournament in the same division of play and my signature may appear on only one post-season tournament in the same division of play. For the definition of "divisions of play" please see the applicable NSF ♦ MSF Guidebook. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations established for local sports community and NSF ♦ MSF play.

HOLD HARMLESS WAVER 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 amateur sports team and league indicated above. 2. I understand that there are certain risks and hazards successful and with a tainorance of the participants. 3. I understand that the certain risks and hazards involved in playing sorbilations, dividing, and collisions with other players and with stationary objects, all of which can cause senious injury or death in no inside and with stationary objects, all of which can cause senious injury or death in consideration for permission to play on the courts, rinks of fields arranged for by the team designated above and in consideration for permission to play on the courts, rinks of fields arranged for by the team so designated above and in consideration for permissed above, the fieldowner or other remains or by other teams or by other teams or by other teams or the playing capacity as a team member during practice or play by other teams or by other remains or not on the permisses 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 person or on you have person or on you have person or on you have person or only the facilitation, or their owners, officious, agents, separatic, and proves, or any person or entity connected with the faceration of America - Minnerica wrongful conduct of the parties hereby released

PICK-UP PLAYER FORM (FASTPITCH)



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Attention League Director: Please cross out empty spaces that aren't being used for a pickup player

Manager's Address (Print or Type) Cell Phone Sports Community Manager's Name (Print or Type) League Director's Signature Manager's Signature

Fastpitch teams are permitted to add or substitute four players as follows:

- Pick up players may be from teams anywhere in the state that have not been disqualified for eligibility or unsportsmanlike conduct violations.
- 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.
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- Pickup players in Minnesota need not have played for an NSF uMSF registered team during the current season, but must be approved by the NSF uMSF state office.

 Pickup players may be selected only for teams which are no longer eligible for championship play.

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 - 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. . 7. 8 . 9. . . 10.
 - "Pick-up" players may be dropped and substituted for with other legal "pick-up" players.
- 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 u MSF Softball Guide Book

PLAYER WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY & INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

PLAYER STATEMENT Each player shalf read the following statements before signing. I am a member in good standing of the above team and I am eligible under local sports community and NSF+MSF localization and NSF+MSF guarantee shalf species seen the applicable NSF-MSF Guidebook. I agree to abble by the rules and regular interest may appear on only one post-season tournament roster in the same division of play place, and my signature may appear on only one post-season tournament roster in the same division of play place, and play play and NSF+MSF Guidebook. I agree to abble by the rules and regular play. For the definition of divisions of play place, and the same division of play play and NSF+MSF play.

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PICK-UP PLAYER FORM (MODIFIED PITCH)



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Modified pitch teams are permitted to add or substitute two players as follows:

League Director's Signature

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 Pick up players may be from teams anywhere in the state that have not been disqualified for eligibility or unsportsmanlike conduct violations. ←. ८.

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Sports Community

- may pickup two pitchers.
- Pickup players in Minnesota need not have played for an NSF u MSF registered team during the current season, but must be approved by the NSF u MSF state office.
- Pickup players may be selected only for teams which are no longer eligible for championship play.

 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. ε. 4. ε.

 - No players may be picked up for National Qualifiers. In adult divisions of play, pickup player may be substituted for after they have participated.
 - 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. 6. 9. 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 u MSF Softball Guide Book.

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PLAYER STATEMENT Each player shall read the following statements before signing. 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 is amen thousand the same division of play. For the definition of "this play" please see the applicable NSF-+MSF Gudebook. I agree to abide by the rules and regular thousand the same division of play and yield by the rules and regular the same division of play and yield by the rules and regular the same division of play and the same division of play and yield by the rules and regular the same division of play. For the definition of "divisions of play" play.

HOLD HARMLESS WANDER OF LABILITY: I, the understand that: 1. Voluntarily and of my own free will, I elect to participate as a member of amateur sports team and league indicated above. 2. I understand that there are certain risks and hazards involved in playing sordinarily and of the profession of profession of the profession of the profession of the profession of profession of the profession of prof

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	2-24 Dozen	25-49 Dozen	50 + Dozen
Starr Leather Fast	\$58.99	\$57.99	\$55.99
Dudley Leather Fast	\$79.99	\$78.99	\$76.99
Starr Śyn Slow	\$58.99	\$57.99	\$55.99
Starr 600 Baseball	\$62.99	\$61.99	\$59.99
Starr 300 Baseball	\$56.99	\$55.99	\$53.99

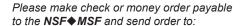
PRICES STATED PER DOZEN

If you desire slowpitch leather cover softballs, call for a price quote. They are \$15-20 per dozen higher than synthe	If vou desire slows	itch leather cover softballs	s. call for a price quote.	Thev are \$15-20	per dozen higher than synth
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ORDERING INFORMATION

- All orders must be accompanied by check, money order or purchase order.
- 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.
- Allow 3-4 working days delivery time on orders placed during the season. 3.
- 4. If the purchasing organization is tax-exempt, you must provide your state sales tax I.D. number or pay 7.125% sales tax.
- If your community requires the bid process, please place the NSF♦MSF on your bid list.



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NSF ◆ MSF SOFTBALL STATE SOFTBALL/BASEBALL USAGE 2025



Men's, Girls & Boys Fastpitch/Modified Pitch

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

Mens, Boys Slowpitch and Co-Rec 12" Ball

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

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

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

Youth Baseball

The AD Starr 300 Official League baseball will be used for all state tournament play.

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

DUDLEY

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

STARR

Men's/Women's Slow State Co-Rec State **Baseball State**





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MINNESOTA FALL SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SCHEDULE

Division Date Site

Tier I/II/III Co-Rec Slow September 20-21 Sauk Rapids
Tier I/II/III Men's Slow September 27-28 Sauk Rapids

ELIGIBILITY

All players must live or work in Minnesota. Teams must qualify through an NSF 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: September 5

State Tournament Entry Fees:

Co-Rec Slowpitch - September 15 Men's Slowpitch - September 20

Regular Season Rosters 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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