

## 2012 San Bruno Storm:

The San Bruno Storm softball program is the official recreational “all-star” program of the San Bruno Girls Softball League defined by ASA JO guidelines.

### General Rules

#### A. Managers

1. Managers are chosen through the Storm Committee’s Manager Selection Team and approved by the commission (see Storm Guidelines ).
2. The Storm Committee will be made up of volunteers and report to Commission.
3. The Commission will outline the functions of the Storm Committee
4. Managers must be Ace Certified
5. Manager will select coaches
  - a. Coaches must also be Ace Certified.

#### B. Tryouts

1. Tryouts will be held on two separate days one weekend day and one week night to give every opportunity for prospective player to make one of the tryout dates
2. Prospective players will need to attend a minimum of one tryout.
3. The “Parents Code of Conduct” will be signed by the player’s parents or guardians prior to attending tryout (see Storm Guidelines).
4. The number of days of practice will be determined before tryouts.
5. Guidelines for playing time will be determined before tryouts.
6. Drills for tryouts to determine skill base shall be the same on each tryout date.
7. Drills shall include hitting, in field, outfield, base running, pitching, and catcher drills.

#### C. Assessment & Selection Process (Standard Evaluation Form)

1. Each prospective player will be evaluated and rated on their skill level in the following areas:

Hitting, Infield abilities, Outfield abilities, Base running, and Intangibles
2. Ratings shall be based on a 5 point scale as listed:

5 = Excellent

4 = Above average

3 = Average

2 = Below Average

1 = Needs Improvement.

3. The maximum number a prospective player can receive is 25 points
4. Pitchers & Catchers
  - a) Pitchers & Catchers are eligible for a maximum of 5 bonus point based on the 5 point rating scale.

D. Point Totals

1. No prospective player can accumulate more than 25 points from the Player Selection Team unless the player is a prospective pitcher/catcher and then the maximum point total will be 30 points.
2. If prospective players do both pitching and catching the maximum point total will be 35 points
3. Point totals are subject to review by the Commission
4. Any Commissioner has the right to call for a review
5. Parents have the right to call for a review

E. Selection process

1. Should there be enough for two teams (no less than 24) then the Commission will meet with the two managers involved to determine a course of action.
2. No higher rated player will be moved off to a 2<sup>nd</sup> team without approval of the Commission based on unforeseen circumstances or the betterment of the League as determined by the Commission.
3. All players must be current with no outstanding balances such as candy money or registration fees by the time Storm Registration.
4. All players must pay and be current for any Storm costs required such as registration, tournament fees, uniform, and equipment supplies as designated by the Storm Committee by registration.

F. Fund Raising

1. The Commission will authorize no more than the amount 70% of fire works profit to be used toward storm funding or expenditures.
  - a. In years where funding and expenditures are less than 70% of fire works profit, the remaining balance will go to the league general fund but could be used in the following year.
2. The Storm Committee will establish a separate fundraising program where proceeds will go to Storm to be established in the corresponding playing year.

## Committee Guidelines

### **Storm Committee**

The Commission will appoint an advisory committee to facilitate and advise on the process of selecting Storm teams, managers and coaches, and it will handle all basic operations of the Storm program. This advisory committee will be known as the Storm Committee (SC). The SC will be made up of two teams: The Operations Team and the Selection Teams.

#### *The Operations Team*

The Operations Team members will handle the operational side of the Storm Program and all other duties as assigned by the Commission. The Operations Team will consist of a committee chair, uniform/apparel coordinator, travel coordinator, registration coordinator, fundraising coordinator and information coordinator. Other committee volunteers may be added to the Operations Team, if needed, by the Commission.

The Operations Team will establish meeting dates to work toward organizing Storm events (team registration night, fireworks, etc.) as well as completing committee tasks and assignments in a timely manner.

Should the committee not be able to manage the assigned tasks and meet set deadlines, the Commission will be required to resume control of the committee to ensure that the Storm program continues on course.

#### *The Selection Teams*

(For the following, a non-interest Commissioner/Manager is defined as a current Commissioner or Manager not interested in managing or coaching a Storm team.)

The *Manager Selection Team* will consist of 5 members: 1 non-interest Commissioner, 1 non-interest Major Manager, 2 non-interest Junior Managers, and 1 non-interest Minor Manager.

The *Player Selection Team* will consist of 5 members: 1 non-interest Commissioner, the selected 14U manager, the selected 12U Manager, the selected 10U Manager, and if available, the selected 16U Manager. In the event there is no 16U team, the Commission will select a current season non-interest Manager from the Junior Division.

Both Selection Teams will submit their recommendations to the Commission for approval, and the Commission shall have final authority to approve all Storm Team Managers and coaches as well as rosters.

### **Storm Teams**

At least (1) 10U, (1) 12U, (1) 14U and (1) 16U team will be selected each year. The Commission will determine each year based on the number of available players, managers, and coaches and recommendations from the SPC, whether to field additional Storm teams as well as add other age divisions i.e. 6U and 8U.

Each team will consist of a minimum of (12) players.

## Manager/Player Selection

### **Team Managers/Coaches Eligibility**

#### *Managers*

Any current regular season manager, rostered coach, and/or league volunteer, including Majors, is eligible to apply for the position of Storm Team Manager. Interested parties must complete the "Storm Manager Application" and return it to the SC.

The following items will be taken into consideration by the SC in recommending Storm managers to the Commission:

- Background information listed on the "Storm Manager Application"
- Prior-year Evaluation survey sent to the parents of the applying manager's regular season team requesting feedback on Manager, including but not limited to skills development, sportsmanship, and team management.
- Input from other regular season Managers.
- Interviews of applicants by the Selection Team (if deemed necessary).

The SC will determine its recommendation for all Team Managers by majority rule, and will submit its recommendations to the Commission for final approval. Storm Team Managers will be announced before the regular season starts. All Team Managers must be ACE certified prior.

#### *Coaches*

Any regular season manager or coach is eligible to serve as a Coach of a Storm Team. The Team Manager will select their own coaches, subject to the approval of the Commission. Storm Managers must submit an official coaching roster to the Commission, including proof of ACE certification.

### **Player Eligibility and Evaluation/Selection**

#### *Eligibility*

Players must meet the following requirements to be eligible to play:

- Participate in the regular season for San Bruno Girls Softball League.
- Participate in at least 60% of their regular season games or not miss more than (4) regular season games, absent extenuating circumstances and excused absences.
- Participate in a majority of regular season team practices.
- Attend Storm team tryouts.

Players must also commit to the following:

- To not miss more than (2) days of Storm team practice.
- To not miss more than (1) entire tournament or the Western National Tournament.

Players and parents must also:

- Complete and sign Player and Parent Commitment Form
- Submit Player and Parent Commitment Form to the SC prior to Storm tryouts in order to be placed on the prospective player tryout list.

#### *Player Evaluation and Selection*

Storm teams shall be evaluated and selected by the Player Selection Team, as set out below:

### *Evaluation*

- Prospective players will be evaluated by the Player Selection Team and overseen by the Commission.
- Prospective players will be evaluated based on a Commission approved criteria, and rated on a scale from 1-5. A list /description of the evaluation criteria will be made available to the membership prior to the beginning of the spring season.
- Each member of the Player Selection team will complete, sign and submit player evaluation sheets after teams have been selected and be collected by the Commission.

### *Selection*

- There will be two rounds of player picks.
- In the initial round, the Player Selection Team will select the first (10) players of a team.
- In the preceding round, the respective Team Manager will select the final (2) players. This will be known as choice picks.
- If the Team Manager has a daughter who is eligible to tryout, she may be picked during the initial player picks by the Selection Team. If the manager's daughter has not been picked after initial picks, the Team Manager may use one of their choice picks.
- During the last choice pick, the Team Manager may opt to use their last choice pick to challenge a player picked during the initial round by the Selection Team. If the Commission approves the manager's challenge, the Team Manager will be allowed to select another undrafted player. Since this pick substitutes an initial pick, the Team Manager will still have their final choice pick.
- If the manager wishes to add more players to their roster after the minimum roster amount has been met, the Team Manager will select these additional players from the tryout pool.
- At no point shall a Team Manager reach out to a player who has not attended the mandatory tryouts unless a special tryout has been (1) approved by the Commission and (2) advertised to the membership and its players.

Any of these selection processes shall be modified as necessary based on any special criteria adopted by the Commission.

### **Announcement of Storm Teams**

The release of names of players selected for San Bruno Storm teams shall be made first by a League email to selected players no later than 11:59pm of the last day of tryouts. Names of selected players will also be announced via the League's website at [www.sanbrunogirlssoftball.com](http://www.sanbrunogirlssoftball.com) following the team registration night and all teams and players have been confirmed.