

Las Vegas Gay Softball League Softball Code

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3.1	Changed roster cap from 18 to 15
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11.5	Strike “to determine the NAGAAA World Series representative”
5.10 and 5.10.1	Added to create special committee to re-rate players when/if NAGAAA changes ratings questions. Created appeals process.
5.11	Added New Player Draft rules
3.1	Changed roster cap from 17 to 18

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Documents

Document Title/Number	Record Custodian	Retention/ Disposition
LVGSL Player Registration	Assistant Commissioner	Retain for Current Paid Spring and Fall Season
LVGSL Official Team Roster	Assistant Commissioner	Retain During Current Season of Play
LVGSL Player Review	Ratings Committee Chairmen	Retain Until Player Rating Is Updated in NAGAAA Database

Article 1 – NAGAAA/ASANA AFFILIATION.

- 1.1 General - The Las Vegas Gay Softball League maintains an affiliation with the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA), Amateur Sports Alliance of North America (ASANA), and USA Softball. In regards to additional clarification for players and teams participating in the Gay Softball World Series, the NAGAAA Governing Manual should be reviewed. A copy of this document is maintained on the league's website. This document will provide further clarification in terms of team rosters, player ratings, team entries, player eligibility and eligibility of a NAGAAA defined returning team. For additional clarification for players and teams participating in the ASANA World Series, please visit www.asanaseries.org.
- 1.2 Prospective Membership The Las Vegas Gay Softball League has gained full membership into NAGAAA and ASANA. LVGSL will comply with all codes and rules as set forth by NAGAAA and ASANA.

Article 2 – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY.

- 2.1 Player Eligibility - A player is eligible in our League provided said player who:
 - 2.1.1 Has signed and accurately completed a League approved membership application and release of liability form and paid any membership fees as determined by the Executive Board and approved by the Commission.
 - 2.1.2 Has signed an eligible team's roster according to the roster procedure.
 - 2.1.3 Is not under suspension or disqualification from any NAGAAA/ASANA League.
 - 2.1.4 In the case that a team withdraws from the league or if the team officially drops the player, then said player can change teams during the season.
 - 2.1.5 Competes as an amateur softball player who engages in the sport solely for the pleasure and physical, mental or social benefits they derive there from. For the player, softball should be nothing more than a past time, and the player should not receive professional consideration as either a softball or baseball player, especially by accepting money directly or indirectly. A player may not accept cash or merchandise which is easily converted into cash when such payments are based primarily on the individual's performance or participation in the softball competition.
 - 2.1.6 Maintains sportsmanlike conduct, especially immediately preceding, during and immediately following any League event while acting as a member of the League.
 - 2.1.7 Properly complies with the league equipment rule as herein defined.
 - 2.1.8 Is dropped, cut or resigns from a team, he may petition the Executive Board for permission to participate with another team. This is all with the consideration that the player remains in good standing with the League.
 - 2.1.9 Does not have or use alcohol or drugs of any kind while on the bench, playing field or spectator area. Any player with such in his possession will be subject to automatic ejection and/or suspension.
 - 2.1.10 Signs a League membership statement that asserts commitment to the right to privacy without discrimination based on sexual orientation.

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- 2.1.11 Does not smoke in the dugout. A first violation will result in a warning by the umpire to the individual in question and to the individual's coach/manager a second violation during the same game will result in an automatic ejection of the individual.
- 2.1.12 Meets the age requirements as defined in the LVGSL By Laws Article 5.1-Membership.
- 2.1.13 Provide an accurate address of residence in order to determine if the player is living within the residential areas of our NAGAAA/ASANA district as defined in the NAGAAA/ASANA Governing Manual.
- 2.2 Additionally, a player is eligible in our League provided said player agrees to adhere to the following LVGSL Member Sportsmanship Code:
- LVGSL Members Are Good Sports!**
- **Treat** opponents with respect as guests and fellow human beings.
 - **Respect** the judgment of officials and interpretation of the rules - never argue or make gestures indicating a dislike for a decision.
 - **Accept** both victory and defeat with pride and composure, never be boastful or bitter. Exercise self-control at all times.
 - **Congratulate** opponents in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.
 - **Cooperate** with the coach and fellow players in trying to promote sportsmanship.
 - **Learn** the rules of the games so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
 - **Respect** the park property and authorities of the park, law enforcement or league members.
 - **Do not** heckle, jeer or distract members of the opposing team.
 - **Do not** applaud errors by opponents or penalties inflicted upon them.
 - **Avoid** profane language, disrespectful gestures or obnoxious behavior.
 - **Censure** fellow spectators whose behavior is unbecoming.
 - **Respect** the judgment and strategy of the coach.
 - **Show** respect for an injured player when he/she is removed from a contest.
- 2.3 Manager/Player Restrictions – Manager/Player restrictions prohibit said manager or player of one LVGSL team from coaching (including base coaching) for another team within the same division.
- 2.4 Playing/Coaching as An Umpire – If an umpire is to participate as a ball player and/or coach on a softball team at a certain level of play, said umpire is not eligible to officiate any game within the same division that they play in or coach.

Article 3 – TEAM ELIGIBILITY.

- 3.1 Maintaining Eligibility – In addition to team membership requirements specified in our LVGSL By Laws: a team shall maintain an active roster of not less than ten (10) nor more than eighteen (18) eligible players to remain eligible as a team.

Furthermore, in order to maintain eligibility, a team shall;

- 3.1.1 Be responsible for requiring all players on their team sign a league roster and accurately complete online registration which includes approved release of liability.
 - 3.1.2 Be responsible for following the requirements of LVGSL Article Four- Team Registration and Roster Procedures.
 - 3.1.3 Be responsible for providing the team roster changes to the Assistant Commissioner or his delegated Officer in writing by Thursday midnight before the next regularly scheduled game the team plays following such roster composition change.
 - 3.1.4 Not compete with ineligible players.
 - 3.1.5 Designate a commission representative (see LVGSL Softball Bylaws)
 - 3.1.6 Provide an official scorekeeper and USA Softball approved scorebook.
 - 3.1.7 Have a manager.
 - 3.1.8 Ensure that all team members in any capacity are current dues paid members of LVGSL.
 - 3.1.9 Not compete with players on the field at any time who have not completed the online registration.
 - 3.1.10 Be responsible, on or before the commission meeting at which the draw for the season schedule is done, for declaring to the Commissioner at what level of division play (that is. A, B, C, D, E, Women’s Upper, or Women’s Lower) the team intends to compete.
 - 3.1.11 A team may petition the board for an increase in the roster cap by one player for each team member included who is actively deployed during the LVGSL season, providing full documentation to prove this is the case.
- 3.2 Reimbursements: A team or individual members of a team may receive reimbursement for actual softball-related expenses incurred, as long as the amount of reimbursement is not dependent on the team’s or individual’s performance in the softball competition.
- 3.3 Inducements: Whether financial or otherwise, by any person/s in any form to any player to play for any team are strictly prohibited.
- 3.4 Sponsor Restrictions: Prohibit a team sponsor from instructing a manager as to who will be on a team, who will play or who will start a game.

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- 3.5 A Heterosexual Oriented Player: Is any person other than an LGBTQ oriented player and may not comprise more than three (3) positions submitted as a team’s batting line-up or three (3) positions on a team’s roster. Any player that is questioned as to their eligibility, must have two (2) signatures from within the LVGSL, but not from the same team, verifying their sexual orientation. Also, the player’s manager must submit a statement indicating their belief in the player’s stated sexual orientation. The questioned player will be asked to verify that the signed player application is accurate as submitted. Other stipulations with regards to a Gay Softball World Series roster may be found in the NAGAAA Governing Manual.
- 3.5.1 The A and B Division may have up to five (5) Non-LGBTQ players.
- 3.5.2 Any player who identifies as a woman, transgender, or non-binary individual shall be eligible for play in the ASANA Softball World Series.
- 3.6 Change in Player Status: A player’s playing status is determined by their declaration at the beginning of the season when the roster is submitted. A team which, at a player’s request, changes the declaration status of that player from Gay to Non-Gay or from Non-Gay to Gay, must notify the Commissioner in writing with the player’s signature at least forty-eight (48) hours before the next scheduled game to allow for notification of the team managers of the roster status change. An administration fee of \$25.00 will be assessed and due in full for the cost of notification.

Article 4 – TEAM REGISTRATION AND ROSTER PROCEDURES.

- 4.1 Official Team Rosters shall be due no less than two weeks prior to the start of the season either at the regularly scheduled or during a Special Commission Meeting convened for this purpose. Rosters will be submitted to the Assistant Commissioner or designated League Officer during the designated meeting; and shall show each player’s full name and numerical rating last issued by the Assistant Commissioner and the League Ratings Review Committee, or in the case of new, unrated players, the team manager’s rating or Ratings Review Committee. The Assistant Commissioner or designated League Officer(s) shall distribute a copy of all team rosters to each team manager prior to the second week of play.
- 4.2 Team Rosters shall have not less than ten (10) nor more than eighteen (18) eligible players, and up to four (4) non-playing members. The completed roster shall be accompanied by full payment of membership dues, to include, individual player fees. In addition to fees, a signed membership application and related waiver liability for each active player and non-playing member shall accompany the roster indicating commitment to said team. Only fully paid players shall be listed on the official roster submitted during the Commissioner Meeting and only paid rostered players who are members of LVGSL may participate in a league game. League Membership dues, signed membership application, and waiver of liability are submitted via online registration.

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- 4.3 Preseason Roster Changes: At the time of submission, a team’s official roster shall be closed. Teams will not be allowed to drop players and players will not be permitted to move until completion of the first scheduled game of the season. However, adding players to an official roster will be allowed during the interim period until Thursday at Midnight before the first game of the season. Membership dues and related application shall be in the possession of the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner prior to opening day. No membership applications will be accepted at the fields on opening day. Upon completion of the first game, Managers, Coaches and Players shall be permitted to add, drop or move under the procedures listed in LVGSL Softball Code, Articles 2.1.5 and 4.5. Such roster changes shall be distributed to all team managers before the next regularly scheduled game by the Assistant Commissioner or designated League Officers(s).
- 4.4 Early Season Roster Changes: Under no circumstances can a team’s roster of active players exceed eighteen (18) players. Following the first game of the season and prior to the team beginning play of the game that would constitute completion of 50% of the season’s regularly scheduled games, roster additions and deletions can be made under the guidelines detailed below in LVGSL Softball Code, Article 4.5. Such roster changes shall be distributed to all team managers before their next regularly scheduled game by the Assistant Commissioner or designated League Officer(s).
- 4.5 Player Addition and Drop Procedures
- 4.5.1 Drop Procedures: A team manager may drop a player from a roster through written communication to the Commissioner. Such fully paid member would be eligible to be added to another team’s roster through existing roster addition rules once the requirement in LVGSL Softball Code, Article 4.5.2 has been satisfied.
- 4.5.1.1 The manager shall submit a letter to the Commissioner requesting permission to drop a player from the roster. Such a letter shall state the player’s name and the reason why the player should be dropped.
- 4.5.1.2 Permission to drop a player will be given after the Commissioner is satisfied the change is in the best interest of both the player and the team. A player will not be dropped just for the sake of making room for another player on the roster.
- 4.5.1.3 A player will not be considered dropped from a roster until the letter stated above is in the possession of the Commissioner.
- 4.5.2 Add Procedures: These procedures cover player additions with and without prior NAGAAA / LVGSL experience.
- 4.5.2.1 A manager requesting a roster addition will contact the Assistant Commissioner and/or Commissioner by Wednesday at 9:00 P.M. prior to the next regularly scheduled game.
- 4.5.2.2 The Assistant Commissioner and/or Commissioner will review the request and inform the requesting manager 48 hours prior to the start of the next

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scheduled game. In addition to informing the requesting manager, all managers within the requesting managers division will be informed of the roster addition(s). Only the requesting manager will be informed in the event the request is denied.

- 4.5.2.3 If approved, the player will be required to pay the player's membership dues, a signed membership application and related waiver of liability by the Saturday prior to the start of the next regularly scheduled game. League Membership dues, signed membership application, and waiver of liability are submitted via online registration.
- 4.5.2.4 Under NO Circumstances will a player be added to a team's roster without first being approved under LVGSL Softball Code, 4.5.2 above.
- 4.6 Late Season Roster Changes: Once a team begins play of the game that constitutes completion of 50% of the season's regularly scheduled games, the initial roster plus any approved additions or deletions will constitute the team's final roster. After final roster, no new roster additions will be allowed unless the team's roster falls below 12 active players and is approved under Softball Code 4.5.2 or injuries or illnesses jeopardizes a team's ability to field a team under LVGSL Rules of Play Article 3 – Forfeits. Additions under this rule will allow a team to maintain a roster of a maximum of 12 active players and will not allow a team to drop one player in order to create a situation where adding players exceeds the 12-player limit. Addition of players due to illness or injury will follow LVGSL Softball Code Article 4.7. A pick-up player will only be eligible for play-off competition if they have played 50% of the scheduled games on the play-off eligible team that they will participate in the play-offs.
- 4.7 Injured Reserve Player Procedures: A seriously ill or injured player whom a doctor expects to be unable to play for the remainder of the season or a significant number of weeks, may be placed on injured reserve. This ill or injured player will be considered inactive and another player may be added to that team's roster if the Commissioner is provided with written verification of the injury or illness and the player addition is approved under LVGSL Softball Code, Article 4.5.2 above. Such player may not be re-activated until the Commissioner is given written notice that satisfies both adequate healing and proper roster usage prior to league play of player. Once the injured or ill player is activated, the substituted player will be considered as a roster addition under LVGSL Softball Code Article 4.5.2 unless roster addition violated LVGSL Softball Code, Article 4.4 causing such player to be dropped from the official roster.
- 4.8 Player Additions and Drop Procedures: If during participation in the NAGAAA Gay Softball World Series and/or NAGAAA Cup, the team and/or its player is cited for a rating and LVGSL is fined, the LVGSL is responsible for the payment of one-half of the financial penalty and the team is responsible for the other half of the financial penalty for the ratings. Also, the team would be responsible in the same proportion for any financial penalties the league incurs due to any other type of violation based

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on the team’s participation in the NAGAAA Gay Softball World Series and/or NAGAAA Cup.

Article 5 – PLAYER AND TEAM CLASSIFICATION

- 5.1 Classification Responsibility: The League Commissioner, Executive Board and Rating Review Committee (RRC) shall classify all players and teams within the League in accordance with NAGAAA requirements and this Code. The Commissioner or designated League Officer is responsible for approving and reporting such classifications as required by and to NAGAAA, other League Commissioners, Tournament Directors, and to the League’s team managers.
- 5.2 Ratings Review Committee (RRC): This permanent committee shall serve from year to year as a “Permanent Standing” Committee.
 - 5.2.1 The LVGSL Assistant Commissioner will be the standing board member assigned to this committee. A Chairperson to lead the RRC will be voted upon by quorum of the RRC membership. The Chairperson’s term shall run from when they are elected until December 31 of that year with the election being held in January.
 - 5.2.2 The RRC should consist of one (1) representative per registered team. A team may offer an additional representative but must be approved by Executive Board.
 - 5.2.3 If there are not enough players interested or available to fulfill the positions available, the committee will exist with those members elected by the LVGSL Commission.
 - 5.2.4 LVGSL Coaches may serve in a Committee at Large capacity; however, they will not be allowed to review players from within the division they coach.
 - 5.2.5 The RRC will establish benchmarks and guidelines for rating of players across all division levels.
 - 5.2.6 The RRC will review and confirm all ratings submitted for new players to LVGSL, review and decide on all requests for player rating reductions and increases, and any protest filed by any team against a player from an opposing team.
 - 5.2.7 The LVGSL Executive Board will not be permitted to serve as a member of the RRC to maintain an unbiased appeals process. The Assistant Commissioner will not have a vote during the appeals process as the Assistant Commissioner works closely with the RRC. The Commissioner will have a vote in the appeals process.
- 5.3 New Players will be evaluated by at least five (5) members of the RRC no later than two (2) weeks prior to the start of any season of play.
 - 5.3.1 New players will be rated based on how well they perform drills based on the NAGAAA rating questions.
 - 5.3.2 A new player unable to attend a Ratings Clinic will be allowed to play and the coach of said player is to rate the player.

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- 5.3.3 The initial rating is a temporary base rating, and the team coach should rate the player based on actual play by the fifth week of play, and submit their rating to the RRC for review.
- 5.3.4 Player ratings will also be subject to guidelines outlined in the LVGSL Rules of Play Article 21 – Player Ratings.
- 5.4 Re-Classification: The Assistant Commissioner, with assistance of the RRC, has a continuing responsibility to observe and review player classifications to ensure that player and team ratings continue to be accurate and current. All re-classifications should be completed by May 30th of the current summer season in order to meet the NAGAAA reporting deadlines. The approved rating will be in effect through the remaining summer and upcoming seasons.
- 5.5 Classification Review Request: A team manager for their own team, players deemed to be underrated by another coach, LVGSL Commissioner(s) for the respective division of responsibility may request a review of any players' ratings, to the Assistant Commissioner or RRC Chair if player is a member of the Assistant Commissioner's team or if RRC Chair and Assistant Commissioner are on the same team the Commissioner provided that;
 - 5.5.1 Such request occurs within two weeks of being notified by the Assistant Commissioner of classification(s) or reclassification(s) of the player(s), no later than the last Sunday in March.
 - 5.5.2 After the first individual player classification request, a "classification review bond" of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per question; cash or certified check payable to LVGSL shall be provided to the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner or Treasurer at the same time as any individual player requests (returned ONLY if the rating reduction is approved). Each team will be permitted to have one free request for a rating reduction review for their team per season roster of players and one free request for their entire Winter season roster of players.
 - 5.5.3 In the event of any "clerical errors" regarding a player's rating from a previous year, the Assistant Commissioner will still obtain the "classification review bond" and indicate the issue on the current roster. The Assistant Commissioner will notify the LVGSL Commissioner and RRC Chairperson to determine if the bond will be returned based upon the results of the RRC's findings.
 - 5.5.4 The requesting team manager shall be reminded of the responsibility of providing true and complete information on the questioned roster and to the League or its Officers. The person requesting the review shall complete a Protest Form for any player that is questions indicating the specific rating points(s) in question.
- 5.6 Classification Review
 - 5.7.1 When a player is requested to be put on a watch list, the person requesting the review must identify and present which questions are to be reevaluated by the RRC.

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- 5.7.2 The RRC body may evaluate players only on the question(s) listed, by a minimum of three committee members independently, during no less than three games of play.
 - 5.7.3 The RRC will make its decision and present it to the Assistant Commissioner for review and to obtain approval from the Executive Board as a whole.
 - 5.7.4 The Executive Board's decision is final and must be announced at the next scheduled commission meeting.
- 5.7 Rerated Players will be notified of any rating(s) change should it be deemed necessary. Rerated players and their coaches have the right to appeal the new rating to the Board Commissioner.
- 5.7.1 If a player is determined during the season to have been playing in a division lower than his or her skill level AND that player did not attend an LVGSL Ratings Clinic AND did not have a rating from a previous NAGAAA league in the NAGAAA database, then the results of all games in which that player participated will be changed to forfeits for his or her team.
 - 5.7.2 In order to discourage sandbagging at the ratings clinic, a player whose rating is raised by the RRC by at least 3 points within a year of his or her initial evaluation shall result in the same consequence for his or her team.
- 5.8 Appeals Review will take place once the documentation is received and collected, by the board. Documentation should include but not limited to, the Watch list placement request, documentation of the rating committee review, and the protest documentation. Coaches may also present their evidence to include reasons for initial ratings (if not rated by RRC) and team scorebooks.
- 5.9 Existing Players should be rated at a minimum of every two (2) years by the rating committee and during real games played.
- 5.10 Special Committee made up of the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Divisional Commissioner, Ratings Chair and pertinent members of the ratings committee selected by the ratings chair, but only if NAGAAA alters its ratings system.
- 5.10.1 After wholesale of player evaluations the Special Committee shall present its findings to divisional coaches who then have two weeks to appeal any player rating to the executive board.
- 5.11 Player Draft is for players who did not specify a team during the ratings clinic check-in process. These players will be placed into a list of players able to be drafted by teams.
- 5.11.1 The player draft is to occur after the final ratings clinic and before the date in which the initial rosters are due to the Division Commissioners and Assistant Commissioner.
 - 5.11.2 Players may request to be paired with another player during the ratings clinic. If this occurs, and the players are rated in the same division, the team that drafts one of the players must draft the other and utilize that many draft picks.
 - 5.11.3 The draft order will be based off the following criteria:

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1. Teams with fewer than ten (10) players alternate draft order until they reach ten (10) players
2. Teams will draft based off their current team rating until all teams have the same number of players. Multiple teams with the same rating will be ordered based off the previous season's win/loss record.
3. Once all teams have the same number of players, then the order will be based off the team rating. Multiple teams with the same rating will be ordered based off the previous season's win/loss record.

Article 6 – MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE

- 6.1 A copy of the league's Bylaws, Softball Code, Rules of Play and amendments there to shall be published annually and copies should be made available to each Team Representative and made available to each League Member by request to their Team Representative or Assistant Commissioner. At the start of each season, the league will provide softballs for each scheduled game, USA membership card to each team. An official USA rules book will be made available upon request or may be obtained by individuals through the official USA Softball web site. The insurance company no longer provides insurance identification cards; however, verification of coverage can be obtained from a league official.

Article 7 – PLAYING SEASON

- 7.1 The term "season" used throughout this Softball Code shall refer to the spring and fall seasons, unless otherwise specified. The spring season shall be held during the months of January through August and the fall season being held during the months of September through December.

Article 8 – POSTPONEMENTS

- 8.1. For the spring season only, in the event a game is postponed for any reason the game will be rescheduled. The schedule for other games will not be affected. This may entail the use of double headers and/or other days or fields. Generally, due to the short fall schedule and the shortness of daylight hours, postponed and rained-out games may not be rescheduled. This decision will be left to the discretion of the Executive Board.

Article 9 – EQUIPMENT

- 9.1. Unless other arrangements have been made, the uniforms and equipment purchased by the team belong to the team. Each player is responsible for their team purchased uniform and equipment, and its return to the team upon request. The League requires each player to wear a jersey for all regularly scheduled and playoff games. In the event a player drops, is dropped or completes a regular season and fails to return their team-purchased jersey upon request, LVGSL may deem the player ineligible to play. To

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deem a player ineligible, a Board Member must receive and acknowledge by written or electronic notification from the team regarding the player in question. The player will then be deemed ineligible for league play and the player will remain ineligible until the jersey is returned or restitution is made to the satisfaction of the team, and/or League. Uniform shorts, hats, trousers, other general equipment, membership dues, team fees, raffle ticket monies, fundraiser, hotel charges, tournament fees, or any other types of financial arrangements made between player and a team other than a jersey will not be pursued by the League, and will not affect the eligibility of a player. Each team must provide its own bats, warm-up balls, and other individual equipment.

Article 10 – FIELD MAINTENANCE

- 10.1 At the conclusion of each game, each team is responsible for the cleanup of the dugout and the immediate surrounding area (including field stands). Smoking is not permitted in the dugouts or on the playing field. Also, the drinking of alcoholic beverages and smoking of marijuana is not permitted for league members nor allowed on park grounds. Violations of these rules could result in suspension from the League.

Article 11 – UMPIRES – PROFESSIONALISM AND OBJECTIVITY

- 11.1 Umpires will demonstrate professionalism and objectivity throughout the regular softball season. Non-scheduled umpires will not coach, be a scorekeeper or give advice to any team except noted in LVGSL – Softball Code Section 2.4.

Article 12 – AMENDMENTS TO SOFTBALL CODE

- 12.1 Method – The method by which the Softball Code may be altered, amended, or repealed and a new Softball Code adopted is by majority vote of the entire Commission.
- 12.2 Effective Date – Amendments shall be effective immediately upon adoption, unless otherwise specified in the amendment. League Documents will be updated in January and August.

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