

Palm Springs Gay Softball League Policies & Procedures



These policies and procedures supplement the USA Softball National Guidelines, NAGAAA Governing Manual, PSGSL Rules & Regulations, and PSGSL By-Laws and serve to address situations unique to our area and further define policies/procedures where necessary.

Player Eligibility

1. Players must register via the league's online form (www.psgsl.org) and all player registration fees must be received no later than 12:00PM on the Saturday prior to the first game the player intends to play. If paying by check, payment must be received no later 5:00PM on the Friday prior to the first game a player intends to play. Failure to do so will result in player ineligibility unless special arrangements are made prior to the submission deadline. Coaches may not register for their players.
2. Any player playing under an assumed name is not eligible to play in the league. Doing so, the player shall suffer disbarment from the league and the team for which they played shall forfeit all games in which the ineligible player participates or is included on the game line-up.
3. Players registered with a PSGSL team may join and register with a different PSGSL team under the conditions detailed below. Violation of this rule may result in the suspension or disqualification of the recruiting team's coach and/or manager. In cases of unique circumstance, a committee consisting of at least 3 PSGSL Board members, the player, and the player's coach will convene to consider any possible exceptions to this rule.
 - a. A player must first be released by the coach/manager of their current team. Requests are to be submitted via email or text to the coach/manager, who then has 5 days to respond via text or email. If a coach/manager does not respond within the 5 days, a player may request the assistance of the Board.
 - b. Any player requesting to change teams during an official PSGSL season is not eligible to join a new team until after the conclusion of the current season.
 - c. Any player that quits a team during a season, in a perceived attempt to circumvent this rule, will not be eligible to join a new team until after the conclusion of the current season.
 - d. A player may be picked up for a tournament without first acquiring a release strictly for the duration of the tournament.
4. All players must have a rating submitted by the coach/manager of the team on which they compete prior to the start of the Spring or Fall Season to be eligible to play.
5. New player, defined as someone without an existing rating in the official NAGAAA database, may participate in a maximum of 2 games for evaluation purposes. Afterwards, an initial rating must be submitted to the Board for the player to be eligible to continue the current Season.
6. If a coach/manager wishes to lower a player's existing rating, a petition to do so must be submitted to the Ratings Committee, along with quantifiable documentation as to why.

Team Eligibility

1. Teams must register via the league's online form (www.psgsl.org) and be "in good standing" according to the PSGSL ByLaws. All team registration fees must also be received at least 2-weeks prior to the start of the scheduled season. Teams will be unable to participate in league games until the team fees are paid.
2. Teams representing PSGSL may only include a maximum of 3 non-LGBT players as per NAGAAA guidelines for all NAGAAA tournaments. This maximum number of non-LGBT players must be maintained throughout the season as well as any post season activity (playoffs, World Series).
3. Teams must submit a roster to the PSGSL Board containing a rating for every player prior to the start of the Spring and Fall Season, except for a player considered a "new player" as defined under Player Eligibility.
4. Teams must submit a revised roster to the PSGSL Board immediately upon any change to the roster submitted prior to the start of the current season. Changes include player additions, transfers, removal, ratings revisions, etc.
5. Any team representing the PSGSL at a tournament must adhere to all PSGSL and tournament rules of play. PSGSL tournament rosters must also consist of at least 51% currently-registered PSGSL members and must be submitted to the Board for review at least 2 days prior to the tournament submission deadline. Failure to do so will result in the League withdrawing its affiliation with the team. Any subsequent changes must also be submitted to the Board for review, prior to submitting to the tournament.

PSGSL Membership

1. The membership of any League member not meeting the definition of "member in good standing" or found to have violated any or all of the PSGSL Rules & Regulations and/or PSGSL ByLaws will be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension, termination, expulsion, forfeiture and/or fines, as determined by the Executive Board.
2. Any member suspended for a period of thirty (30) days or more is required to meet with the Executive Board, along with the coach/manager of the team he/she wishes to rejoin, before they can be reinstated into the League.

NAGAAA GSWS

1. NAGAAA considers the PSGSL a medium-sized league and has allotted the following number of GSWS berths:
 - a. C Div: 2 teams / D Div: 2 teams
 - b. An unlimited number of A, Masters-C, or Masters-D Division teams notwithstanding any other berth allotments.
 - c. A member association entering only one (1) A Division team may do so as an open-roster team.
 - d. All Masters-C and Masters-D Division teams shall be considered open roster teams.
 - e. One (1) E Division team which shall be considered an open-rostered team
 - f. Up to one All Association Roster may be submitted in the E, D and C Divisions. Any submission of an All Association Roster in a Division precludes the submission of any other type of rosters in that same Division.
2. For the 2022 GSWS, any association that sends their full allotment of E, D, and C Teams in current or prior years' GSWS may have one (1) additional berth in the division of their choice. This is eliminated for the 2023 GSWS and on.

3. Teams participating in the NAGAAA Gay Softball World Series must meet all eligibility requirements as detailed in the NAGAAA Governing Manual.
4. Any team wishing to compete in the GSWS must declare to the Executive Board it's intent to participate by April 1 of the current year.
5. All required entry fees and deposits to participate in the GSWS will be the responsibility of each team and the Executive Board, as follows:
 - (a) Declaration of Intent: A \$250 deposit submitted to the Treasurer is required by any team that declares its intent to compete at the GSWS. Deposits will be returned in full to any team(s) that fails to qualify by the end of the current Spring Season. Deposits will not be returned to any team that qualifies but chooses not participate in the GSWS.
 - (b) Team Deposits: The League shall be responsible for paying the \$600 entry fee for each team participating in the GSWS. Any qualifying team that fails to compete at the GSWS after the League has paid that team's deposit shall be responsible for reimbursing the League.
 - (c) Hotel Deposits: A \$600 hotel deposit submitted to the Treasurer by July 1 is required by any team that has declared its intent and qualified to compete in the GSWS. NAGAAA requires a minimum of 15 nights at one of the host hotels for each team. Each team that submits receipts to the Treasurer showing they met these NAGAAA hotel requirements will be refunded their hotel deposit after the GSWS.
6. Any and all penalties or fines resulting from late roster changes, inaccurate player/rating information, etc. pertaining to participation at the GSWS shall be the sole responsibility of each team.

General Provisions

1. All League Council meetings shall be attended by at least one representative of each League team and only one representative from each team will have the authority to speak and/or vote on behalf of that team.
2. A \$25 will be charged to the any team failing to provide a representative at a regularly-scheduled League Council meeting.
3. Manner of Passing Votes. All voting, including general elections, may be by voice, written ballot or electronic ballot, as determined by a majority of the Board. For in-person voting, the person must be present to vote.
4. Voting shall take place the final Sunday of regular Spring Season play. Members in attendance are eligible to vote. Vote by proxy is strictly prohibited. In extreme situations where in-person voting is not possible, voting procedures shall be determined by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
5. As soon as possible the Board shall develop a budget for the current fiscal year. Said budget shall be approved by a majority of team rep's voting at any properly convened meeting.

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