



Standing Rules

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PREAMBLE

This policy is adopted to establish minimum rules of procedure for league operations and shall be binding, but not limiting, in procedure and scope of operations. All participants and members acknowledge that decisions made by the Board of Directors of the League (or Committees thereof) are final. The actions of all participants and members are expected to be in the spirit of good sportsmanship, good faith and fair play.

POLICY 1 – REGISTRATION

Section 1: Teams will be determined by grade at the time of registration. Girls registering must be at least 5 years of age as of the December 31st prior to the current season. Girls cannot be older than 18 years of age as of the December 31st prior to the current season and must be enrolled in a high school program during the season of play.

Grade as of the September prior to commencement of play for the year	Category
Pre-kindergarten Kindergarten	T-Ball
First and Second Grade	1-2
Third and Fourth Grade	3-4
Fifth and Sixth Grade	5-6
Seventh and Eighth Grade	7-8
High School	High School League

The 3rd and 4th, 5th and 6th, and 7th and 8th grade division girls are grouped by ability into recreational (White) and competitive (Blue and Red, Red being the most competitive) divisions. The Red and Blue competitive divisions are comprised of girls who have tried out and have been selected in a draft. The T-Ball, 1st and 2nd grade and High School division teams are recreational only.

Players in the 1st and 2nd grade division who are 8 years old as of December 31st prior to the current season may try out to play on a 3rd and 4th grade division Blue or Red team.

- They must register and pay the higher fee for the 3rd and 4th grade Division
- If not drafted, the player will remain in the 1st and 2nd grade division.
- Parents may coach in the 3rd and 4th grade Blue division if approved by the board.

Players in the 3rd and 4th and 5th and 6th grade divisions who wish to play up

- Must be in 4th grade and have played a year on a 3-4 Red division team the previous year **or**
- Must be in 6th grade and have played a year on a 5-6 Red division team the previous year **and**
- May only be drafted onto a Red division team.
- Must tryout in both divisions
- Must notify the league of intent to tryout to play-up two weeks before the first scheduled tryout.

Parents are not allowed to coach in a Red division that would require the daughter to play up.

Section 2: At the time of initial registration with SRVGAL, a new player's parent/guardian must produce a copy of the girl's birth certificate. After November 1st any girl wishing to play may be placed on a waiting list, and forgo the discounted early registration fee.

Section 3: No girl will be excluded from participation in SRVGAL for lack of funds. The President of the League will determine how the parent/guardian will satisfy his/her monetary obligation to the league.

Section 4: No refunds will be issued after a time specified by the President, typically after the first week of January, and a fee may be charged for the refund. The only exceptions to this deadline are documented medical restrictions, moving beyond a commutable distance and girls playing on high school teams long as they were not drafted in Red or Blue division. All requests for refunds must be in writing to: SRVGAL Treasurer, P. O. Box 637, Danville, CA 94526.

Section 5: Players in A Ball may participate in league play with a letter of commitment agreeing to be dropped from the league team if one SRVGAL game is missed.

POLICY 2 – TRY OUTS AND RED/BLUE DRAFT

Section 1: All players wishing to play in a Red or Blue Division must try out. Coaches and managers will evaluate each girl in the following areas: fielding ground balls, fielding fly balls, hitting/bunting, running, catching and throwing and overall athletic ability. Pitchers and catchers will be evaluated separately.

Section 2: A catcher need not declare their intention to play as a catcher. Any player who has ever pitched in any organized league game or taken pitching lessons, must declare and try out as a pitcher. The player tryout form requires each girl and parent to sign that they understand this requirement. Failure to comply will result in ineligibility to pitch in the Red or Blue divisions during the regular league season. If an ineligible player pitches in a game, their team will forfeit that game.

Section 3: Parents may request that their daughters be placed on the same team (if in the same age group) or “bundled” where the sisters must be taken together in either a draft in the case Red and Blue divisions or upon team formation in the White division

Section 4: The daughters of all coaches and managers must try out. The division coordinator will solicit input from coaches and managers to help determine their daughters’ seeding in the draft.

Section 5: Managers and coaches shall draft players in a “serpentine” fashion, where the draft order is 1-2-3-4-4-3-2-1 in the case of a four-team division. The final team number and draft order of teams will be determined first by the position of any coach or manager’s daughter seeded in the first two rounds of the draft; those coaches and managers who do not have a daughter seeded in the first or second round then are assigned a draft position determined by lottery. The lottery shall be drawn at the conclusion of regular tryouts or such time before the draft as determined by the league commissioner in their sole discretion.

Section 6: No one other than an executive board member, the league commissioner and coaches and managers may attend the draft.

Section 7: Trading players after the draft is not allowed.

Section 8: Players not selected for the Red Division are automatically eligible for the Blue Division draft; players not selected in the Blue Division draft, play in the White Division.

POLICY 3 – MANAGERS AND COACHES

Section 1: All coaches and managers (“coaches”) must be approved with the Division Coordinator. They must complete and return the Coaches’ Code of Ethics and Adult Volunteer Application forms to the Division Coordinator.

Section 2: Red and Blue Division Managers and coaches will be recommended by the Division Coordinators, selected by the executive committee and submitted to the Board for ratification. The Executive Committee in its sole discretion will determine the Red and Blue division managers and coaches and will consider a variety of factors, including attendance at Positive Coaching Alliance workshops. The League must approve White division coaches.

Section 3: Coaches may not leave a practice or a game until all players have been picked up.

Section 4: Coaches must immediately inform the Division Coordinator of players who have dropped from the team. At no time should a girl who is not registered with the league participate in practices or games.

Section 5: Coaches are expected to set an example of good sportsmanship and conduct for the players, umpires, parents and others. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. Use of tobacco or alcohol on the field is prohibited.

Section 6: The home team is responsible for the proper set up of the field. Both teams are responsible for litter pick up.

Section 7: Coaches/managers shall be responsible for administrative duties such as picture day, player evaluations, All-Star team selection and coaching. The coach/manager may delegate these duties to a team parent, but remains ultimately responsible.

Section 8: All coaches/managers shall attend a Positive Coaching Alliance workshop annually.

Section 9: An adult woman shall be present at all games and practices.

POLICY 4 – STANDINGS

Section 1: No standings shall be kept for the T-Ball and 1st and 2nd grade divisions.

Section 2: For the 3rd and 4th grade divisions and up, teams will be seeded for the playoff tournament based on league win - loss record.

Section 3: Tie breaking procedures to determine league standings (if teams have an equal winning percentage, in order):

- Head to Head record. However, should there be more than two teams tied, and if the Head to Head results are not conclusive, this criteria shall be skipped.
- If the Head to head record is not conclusive (i.e. for two tied teams) then the teams shall have a one game playoff, if the schedule permits in the sole discretion of the League Coordinator.
- By lottery for more than two teams; otherwise by coin flip.

POLICY 5 – GENERAL

Section 1: Uniforms. As part of the registration fee, each player is provided a uniform shirt. Teams may decide, at their own expense on pants, sliding shorts and pads, socks and hats or visors. Team numbers are assigned randomly and determine the color of the uniform shirt. A coach may not request a team number.

Uniform sizes are based on a “standard” team. The league does not provide extra uniforms.

Section 2: Coaches will be provided with a SRVGAL designed shirt to wear at games. Only SRVGAL coaches and managers may wear this shirt.

Section 3: Coach evaluations. Only the League President, Commissioner(s) and Administrator may review the coach evaluations. The League President or Commissioner(s) may anonymously provide feedback to the coach on an exception basis without reference to the source.

Section 4: The Executive Committee may exercise veto power over website content.

Section 5: The Executive Committee has the responsibility to discipline any League member that violates the spirit of fair play and interpret rules as the Executive Committee deems necessary in its sole discretion.

POLICY 6 – A BALL PROGRAM

Section 1: The purpose of the SRVGAL “A” Ball program will be to provide the opportunity for the players in our league to participate at the highest levels of fastpitch softball.

Section 2: The SRVGAL Stompers’ Committee will manage the program.

Section 3: The program will be by design, fluid, to meet the talent needs of the organization at any given time.

Section 4: There will be no obligation to offer teams at each age level or indeed any level.

Section 5: At least 50% of the players on the official ASA Roster should have previously played at least one complete season as a registered member of SRVGAL or reside in the SRVGAL area. Teams found not to be in compliance will be reported to the appropriate ASA official.

Section 6: The coaches will be approved by the Stompers’ Committee and subject to an annual evaluation process. Every coach must submit a completed Adult Volunteer

Application form. The SRVGAL Executive Committee reserves the right to remove a coach for violations of SRVGAL ethics or rules as they apply to Stompers' teams.

Section 7: All players on the official ASA Roster will be obligated to pay no less than \$50 (or whatever fee the Stompers' Committee determines to be necessary) to SRVGAL to cover insurance, field usage and administrative expenses.