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**2019
North Carolina
American Legion
Lady Fast Pitch
Softball Policy
Manual**

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North Carolina Legion Lady Fast Pitch Softball

Concord Post 51

**2017 (Non-Sanctioned) NC American Legion Lady
Fast Pitch State Champion**

**2018 Inaugural (Sanctioned) NC American Legion
Lady Fast Pitch State Champions**

**2018 Voted Greater Charlotte Hot Stove Awards NC
Softball Team of the Year**

**2019 NC AMERICAN LEGION
SOFTBALL TEAM ADMINISTRATION
AND RULES**

**THE FOLLOWING ARE GENERAL PLAYING RULES THERE
ARE MORE TO FOLLOW!**

APPROVED BY THE NORTH
CAROLINA BASEBALL
COMMITTEE:
PROCEDURE FOR BEGINNING AND
PLAYING A BALL GAME:
APPROVED BY NORTH
CAROLINA SOFTBALL
DIRECTOR

1. Announce Player.
2. Open with prayer.
3. Code of sportsmanship: I
will: KEEP THE RULES
KEEP FAITH WITH MY
TEAMMATES KEEP MY TEMPER
KEEP MYSELF FIT
KEEP A STOUT HEART IN DEFEAT
KEEP MY PRIDE UNDER A
VICTORY
KEEP A SOUND SOUL, A
CLEAN MIND
AND A HEALTHY BODY
4. National Anthem

ADMINISTRATION/ORGANIZATION

- A. All teams will deal with the N C American Legion Softball Area Directors that their team is assigned to in all matters. Area Directors are appointed by The NC American Legion Department Commander.
- B. All teams Boundaries encompass the entire county that the team is located in. If there are more than one (1) team in the same county, the county will be divided between all teams involved as evenly as possible by the State FP Director, Area Director, Post AO and the Coaches if Identified. In some situations, it may be necessary for counties to combine; this requires approval by the State FP Director. The State's FP Director decisions are final.

C. Senior Team Eligibility = Any player that is a rising 9th Grader to Any Player that does not turn age 20 prior to August 1st of the playing year will be eligible to play NC American Senior Legion Lady Fast Pitch Softball.

D. JUNIOR TEAM PLAYER ELIGIBILITY = Any player that is a rising 7th Grader to rising 10th Grader will be eligible to play NC American Senior Legion Lady Fast Pitch Softball.

- E. A sponsor of a NC American Legion Softball team must file a notice online at legionladyfastpitch@gmail.com of their intent to enter a team into the league on or before April 15. Once a team is approved, a registration fee of \$500 will be mailed by April 30TH to the followingto:

**The American Legion Dept. of NC
ATTN: LEGION LADY FASTPITCH SOFTBALL
PO Box 26657
Raleigh, NC 27611**

- F. Insurance will be paid from the Team Registration fee. No team may practice or play any games until that team executes all written documents required by NC American Legion and NC American Legion receives the teams. Until said team is insured, it is not an official NC American Legion Softball Team.
- G. Resolution 16, adopted during the American Legion 2012 Fall Meetings, mandates a background check screening for coaches, managers and volunteer staff of junior and senior American Legion Baseball teams. Softball will abide by this Resolution.
- H. ALL NC Fast Pitch team must be sponsored by an American Legion Post. All Teams are still allowed to solicit funds from an outside sponsor. All sponsorship applications must be signed by the Commander and attested by the Adjutant with the attestation incorporating the corporate seal of the American Legion Post.
- I. Coaches shall obtain a birth certificate for all players trying out for their team. Any player too old or out of recruiting area (without an approved form # 77 on file) will cause the team to forfeit all games the player was on the roster.

- J. A team may have a manager and up to 2 coaches, a scorekeeper, athletic officer all may sit on the bench in the dugout, **but no other persons** may do so. Base coaches are required to wear a standard batting helmet, with or without earflaps. (Ejection for the remainder of said game for non-compliance after one warning).
- K. All players and coaches must wear an NC American Legion Lady Fast Pitch Softball Patch, Sewn, Sublimated or Screen Printed on either the left sleeve or left breast of the uniform and visible at all times, if a jacket is worn over the uniform jersey the patch must be affixed to the jacket in the same manner. All uniforms must have the U.S. Flag, Legion Lady logo and County on their Jersey. All uniforms must have a number on at least the back of the uniform. The Players name or Post # can be on the upper back of the Jersey. No jersey sleeve is allowed to be rolled, pinned or affixed in a manner to which the League Patch or Flag is not visible.
- L. Outer garments must be the same and are allowed to be worn over a uniform top as long as they have the NC American Legion Fast Pitch Patched affixed in the proper manner. All coaches must wear alike shirts and uniform pants or a color of khaki shorts representing their team's colors.
- M. All teams **must** have an ALSB Form #2 - Player Indemnification Agreement filled out and one notarized copy submitted to the NC American Legion Softball Director before a team's first team practice. There **will be no exceptions** to this requirement. Team managers shall retain notarized original at all times. Area Directors and Department Headquarters must have a copy on file prior to play.
- N. A fee of **\$120.00** shall be taken from each team's registration fees, for protection against a forfeit. In case of the forfeit of a game, the **\$120.00** forfeit fee will go to the opposing team and the offending team **shall post another \$120.00 forfeit fee**, cashier's check or money order, before that senior or junior Team can resume play. The **\$120.00** will be retained from season to season until the team no longer participates in NCALLF.
- O. A team **may elect** to charge admission to a game. Admission **is not to exceed** \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 students (Two 5 inning games) or (\$4.00 for single games). This admission will apply to (One 7 inning game).
- P. The N C American Legion Lady Fast Pitch Softball Director and Area Directors shall divide the SR and JR League teams into Divisions, before the start of play. They will establish schedules and rules for eliminating teams, determine the Championship teams, and shall certify the participating teams for State Championship play by midnight _____ for a State Championship tournament to begin on or before _____.
- Q. All expenses are the **responsibility** of the team and their sponsor(s).
- R. Players will have the opportunity to attend and participate in / with any other Softball activity / organization, except if it interferes with their play in the State Playoffs. Players must inform their Head Coach of such participation.
- S. Dual participation is only allowed after the Dual Partition form has been completed and approved. Softball players shall only be listed on one NCAL Softball roster.

PLAYING RULES

All Senior Legion conference games will be five innings in length and will be double headers. Under no circumstances will a team be allowed to play more than three games per day.

All Junior Legion conference games will be 5 innings in length. Junior Legion will play only two 5 inning games per night. One 7 inning game may be played with the approval of the Area Director.

- A. North Carolina American Legion Softball play will be governed by Fast Pitch Softball Rules accepted by NFHS except as those published by the American Legion, National Americanism Commission, and or

The NCAL FP Softball Director and or the NCAL Baseball Committee concerning official game play and procedures, safety and ejections. Once tournament play starts the State FP Director has the authority to amend the rules as needed.

- B. The host team will be responsible for paying for two umpires for each home game.
- C. The host team will provide two new high school regulation or American Legion approved game balls for each home game.
- D. If a game must be rescheduled, the home team will be responsible for notifying the Umpires, and the Area director who will notify the Area Umpire Booking Agent (UBA) and the State FP Director.
- E. If a game is rained out, every effort is to be made to reschedule that game within 24 hours. The game can be played at a later date; however, if it's Thursday you can reschedule for the following Monday. The home team Manager must advise the Area Director, the visiting Manager and the UAB of the new date. The Area Director is responsible for notifying the State FP Director of the new play date. If no effort is made to reschedule or to play rained out game(s) or any basic scheduled game(s), these games shall be forfeited and/or a position in the playoff may be lost at the discretion of the NCAL State FP Directors with recommendations from the Baseball Committee.
- F. All protests must be made in writing to your Area Director, who will forward a copy to the NCAL State FP Director, within 24 hours of the time of protest. All protests to your Area Director do not require a monetary remittance if a satisfactory ruling has been made by the protest committee at the site has been reached. Any appeal of the protest committee ruling must be submitted to the NCAL State FP Director, and

accompanied by a \$100 certified check or money order made payable to the American Legion Department of North Carolina. If the NC State FP Director rules in favor of the appealing party(ies), the \$100 will be returned to the appealing party(ies). If the NC State FP Director upholds the protest committee ruling, the appealing party(ies) will forfeit the \$100 protest fee. Any applicable appeal to NCAL State FP Director shall comply with the Department of NC Constitution and By-Laws. In the event a protest is properly registered during a game, it is the home team manager's responsibility to ensure that the Umpire in Chief files a written report with the NCAL Softball Area Director who will then forward it to the State FP Director immediately after the protest game is over, and as to the game rule in question. All rulings made by the NC State FP Director shall be forwarded to the Baseball Committee for final decision.

- G. Absolutely no use of tobacco products by anyone participating in a NCALLF softball game/function. First offense is a WARNING! Second offense is EJECTION at which ejection rules apply! Any subsequent offenses will result in FORFITURE OF THE GAME!
- H. Managers, coaches or players who in the opinion of the NCAL State FP Director, NC State Baseball Chairman, Area Director, Umpire conduct themselves in an up-sportsman-like manner, that would discredit this program, may be suspended from NCAL Lady Fast pitch softball program INDEFINATLY! Any person suspended under this rule shall have the right to appeal in writing such decision within 24 hours to NC Baseball Committee. Any applicable appeal shall comply with the American Legion Department of NC Constitution and By-Laws and the Americanism Commission shall make the final decision with the assistance of the Judge Advocate.

- I. No player, coach, manager or any other party associated with the NCALLF Softball team shall abuse, heckle or make uncomplimentary remarks to opposing players or team officials. An individual violating this rule shall be ejected immediately from the game by the Umpire, and must leave the facility. If a player is ejected from the game the player will be restricted to the dugout or placed in the custody of their parent or legal guardian if in attendance. An ejection may lead to suspension pursuant to Rule H of this section.
- J. Any player, coach, manager or other party accompanying a team will be ejected from the game, and must leave the facility. If the ejection is a Player, then Rule K will be enforced as it pertains to a player if they:
 - a. Use profane language.
 - b. Make unnecessary gestures to fans, opposing players, fans or umpires or in the protest of an umpire's decision. Only team managers or Head Coaches may ask for clarification of a rule, they may never argue a judgment call!
 - c. Throw bats or other equipment.
 - d. Result to unnecessary roughness on the playing field.
 - e. Any Coaches, Athletic Officers, Bat Boys, Players ect. Who before, during or after a game/function utter derogatory remarks which would indicate the un-professionalism of an Umpire, Area Director, State Director or in reference to the NCAL FP Softball League will be subject to suspension.
 - f. An ejection may lead to a suspension pursuant to Rule I of this section.
- K. Any coach, manager or adult associated with the American Legion Softball team ejected by the umpire must be out of sight and sound of the playing field. Failure to comply shall lead to a suspension pursuant to rule I of this section.
- L. The Senior American Legion Fastpitch Area Directors will have the authority to apply discretionary disciplinary actions to anyone for improper conduct or ejection from games. Any person ejected from a ball game by an umpire will automatically be reported, in writing describing the events that led to the ejection, to the Area Director and the NC State FP Director by the Athletic officer or the Manager of that team and Chief Umpire for disciplinary review and disposition of discipline prior to the next scheduled game. This will be an automatic suspension from the next scheduled game. Any appeals for a suspension shall follow the procedures of Rule H of this section.
- M. Only umpires that are certified by an NC High School Athletic Association or the Area Supervisor of Umpires can be used for officiating a American Legion Lady Fastpitch Softball game. All umpires must have a Legion patch on the left chest, left shoulder, or on a Legion umpire cap.
- N. Players will have the opportunity, at the discretion of their Head Coach, to attend and participate in any other softball activity except if it interferes with their play in the State playoffs beginning this year on July 22nd.
- O. Dual participation is only allowed between Junior and senior teams if eligibility allows pursuant rule C & D. Senior and junior players shall only be listed on the roster they are participating with at any given time during regular season.

April 15, 2019

North Carolina American Legion Lady Fastpitch Softball will follow NFHS rules. The following amendments have been added to the NC American Legion Lady Fastpitch Softball Program.

- 1) There is no flex rule.
- 2) Teams may use up to, two extra hitters in the batting order.
- 3) Teams are allowed to utilize a designated hitter (DH).
- 4) All teams are allowed free substitution on defense, with the exception of the pitcher. The pitcher follows NFHS rules.
- 5) All senior teams always play double headers consisting of two 5 inning games.
- 6) All ties will use the international tie breaker rule in regular league games.
- 7) Run rule is 8 after 3 ½ or 4 innings in all 5 inning games.
- 8) All 7 inning games are single games and will have a slaughter run rule of 10 after 4 ½ or 5 innings.
- 9) Home teams are responsible for all umpire fees and 6 balls for each home game.
- 10) All teams are allowed to take 15 minutes side line infield and outfield 30 minutes prior to game time. This is at the umpires discretion.
- 11) All teams are to be in the dugouts at 15 minutes prior to game time for pre game announcements to begin.

Last day to notify Area Director or State Commissioner of your intention to sponsor a Fastpitch Softball team, by email: legionladyfastpitch@gmail.com

April 30, 2019

Submit entry fee of \$500.00 team registration fee and submit and received by this date along with both your registration form and post. Sponsorship form signed to the NC Department of American Legion in Raleigh. This fee covers your forfeit fee \$120.00 and Insurance Fees and a Umpire Booking Fee. Send to: Department Headquarters, PO Box 26657. Raleigh, NC 27611

May 1, 2019

LAST DAY FOR NEW TEAMS to notify Area Director or State Commissioner of your intention to sponsor a Fastpitch Softball team, by email: legionladyfastpitch@gmail.com submit entry fee of \$500.00 team registration fee and submit and received by this date along with both your registration form and post. sponsorship form signed and mailed to the NC Department of American Legion in Raleigh. This fee covers your forfeit fee \$120.00 and Insurance Fees and a Umpire Booking Fee.

May 12, 2019

Season Schedules
Released.

May 20, 2019

Fastpitch Softball play may start. All teams must have Form 2, agreement forms on file with Sr. American Legion Fastpitch Softball Area Directors no later than this date

June 24, 2019

All team rosters with a maximum of 24 players must be emailed to legionladyfastpitch@gmail.com before the first conference game. Players may only be added to blank roster positions.

July 14th, 2019

All team rosters with a maximum of 18 players must be submitted by email legionladyfastpitch@gmail.com and ggidding@nclegion.org . To be authorized to play in the NC State Tournament! No changes may be made to this roster once submitted

July 22nd, 2019

State Tournament will begin.

Aug 12-14, 2019

State Tournament
Championships in Shelby, NC.

All Star game and Ceremonies

