



# Rome Girls Softball League

## DRAFT RULES 2016



### Section 1: Try Outs

- A. Try Outs are for all new girls and those moving up to 12u & 16u divisions. Upon registration, players are informed of the tryout date, and the time will be posted later on the website, and emailed to those involved. Skill tests will be uniform for every player; however pitchers will be required to participate in an additional skill evaluation. **All** coaches and managers should be present.
- B. Players who do not attend the try out will be assigned to teams based on a blind draw at the time of the draft.
- C. Coaches must give a majority vote to allow any player to move up beyond their normal division. Players wishing to move up beyond their normal division **must** attend tryouts.

### Section 2: Drafting of Teams

- A. All players moving up to 19u, 16u, 14u, 12u, 10u and new players are required to enter the draft. They become eligible to be drafted by any team and must play out all seasons with that team until they move up to the next age division.
  - 10U will have only a blind draw.
  - The commissioner for Kost Kids will assign them to their respective teams.
  - Any teams with players returning from last year will have their **first** 'X' draft slots filled with those players. \*See paragraph E.
  - If there are too many teams returning from last year relative to the total number of players this year, the player agent will try to keep the team(s) together by placing them on another team with fewer players returning.

For the 19u, 16u, 14u, 12u and 10u divisions, the daughters of the manager/coach and 1<sup>st</sup> assistant coach shall be protected players. The manager/coaches' daughter will be placed in the third draft slot while the 1<sup>st</sup> assistant coaches' daughter will be placed in the fifth draft slot. In the event of only one protected player, she will be placed in the third draft slot. In no case will the other assistant coach's daughter be protected. Coaches must either draft their other assistant coach's daughter or select other assistant coaches from the drafted team.

Sisters in the same age division can (per their family's request) become protected **after** any sister is drafted. The protected round for sisters will be 3 rounds after the first sister is drafted and every other round after that, as needed.

A BOD member and the Player Agent must be present to run the draft. A team is allowed a maximum of 2 representatives at the draft. If the coach or manager cannot attend, the manager/coach may designate a representative to draft the team. It is imperative that every coach attends the tryouts and the draft to best represent their teams.

Teams will be assigned a Team number, prior to the start of the draft, by drawing numbers from a hat. This will be the team's league assigned number and will determine the order of the draft. (For example, the team drawing the number 1 will be team number 1 and will have the first draft pick in the regular draft.) The team number and coach's name will be recorded on the draft chart.

- B. The order of the draft will be:
  1. Pitcher's draft (not used in Kost Kids & 10u, limited use for 12u).
  2. Blind draw.
  3. Regular, serpentine draft.

#### C. Pitcher's Draft

It is the League's intention to try to make each team equal by providing a pitcher's draft. Every player that tried out as a pitcher will be evaluated at the tryout by a board approved panel. The panel shall consist of three members, approved by the BOD, having no interest in that particular age division. Additionally, the coaches may add players who are known pitchers but did not tryout. Any player who has pitched in more than one game in the previous season will be considered for the pitchers draft. The coaches will determine how many pitchers will be considered for the pitches draft. The number of pitchers returning from last

year to the same team should also be considered as to the need and order for a pitchers draft. The pitchers draft will follow a serpentine route. Coaches will do a separate hat drawing for a team's placement in the pitchers draft. (For example, Team 1 may draw the number 4 for the pitchers draft. Team 1 would then draw fourth for a pitcher.)

If a coach or manager's daughter is a rated pitcher, all of the divisional coaches will determine which round of the regular draft that player will be placed and will count as one of that team's pitchers. ***If the manager/coach and 1<sup>st</sup> assistant coach's daughters are rated as first round pitchers, the 1<sup>st</sup> assistant coaches daughter will be placed in the first round regular draft position for that team. The manager/coach's daughter will remain in the third round position of the regular draft.***

At the conclusion of the pitchers draft, the remaining players will go back into the draft and will be subject to the regular draft rules. There must be at least two (2) rounds at the pitching draft for the 14u, 16u & 19u.

**If a player declares that she is not going to be a pitcher for the coming season and she had pitched in more than one game the previous year, that player will not be allowed to pitch in any game. The parent(s) must inform the BOD, in writing, that the player will not pitch in the upcoming season. The Player Agent shall notify the drafting coach. If a coach violates this rule, the game will be declared a forfeit as soon as the player throws one pitch.**

#### D. **Blind Draw**

Every player that did not try out will be placed into a hat. All divisional coaches will each draw one player's name out of a hat at the same time. The players will then be placed on the teams in the last draft slot. This will be repeated until the hat is empty. If a team's draft slot is already filled with a player, then that team will not pick from the hat. If there are fewer players than teams, then the Player Agent will place the player's names in the hat along with enough blank pieces of paper so that every team has a draw. If a team draws a blank piece of paper, then that team will use that slot as a draft slot. This is done prior to the regular draft.

#### E. **Regular Draft**

After the Pitchers draft and the Blind draw, the teams will begin the drafting of their teams. The draft will proceed by team number, in a serpentine manner. The draft will follow the serpentine through the managers/coaches' daughter (third round) and 1<sup>st</sup> assistant coaches' daughter (fifth round), filling all available slots. If there are less than half the teams with vacancies in a protected round, the teams having vacancies shall be allowed to select a draft choice. The serpentine shall skip that round and continue to the next round (for example, the Teams 1 thru 8 will draft their first choice, then Team 8 will select another player, then Team 7, Team 6 and so on). The serpentine will continue to the third round. If less than half of the teams have vacancies in this round, those teams with vacancies will be allowed to select a player; however the serpentine will continue by dropping to the fourth round where Team 1 will select another player. If however, more than half of the teams have vacancies in a given round, that round shall be integrated into the serpentine, skipping those teams with protected players. This will repeat itself in the manager's daughter round (fifth).

Note: Players returning from last year are protected players starting in the **second** round.

### Section 3: **Following the Draft**

- A. No player can be traded after she has been drafted onto a team.
- B. If an unusual situation arises pertaining to the placement of a player on a team that is not covered by a rule, a meeting will be held between the appropriate commissioner, Player Agent, President and one representative from each team involved. The members at the meeting should reach a mature and common sense decision that will be most beneficial to the player and the League. When a commissioner learns of a parent's wish for their child not to be selected by a particular coach, the Commissioner shall take it under advisement and take the appropriate action in the best interest of the League and player.
- C. Rosters are posted on the website/App in real time for all team members to see. Coaches will then post a practice and ALL players should then RSVP on the website/App to acknowledge placement on that team. Coaches only need to contact those that don't RSVP after 4 days. Player Agent will be notified after one week of any problems with contacting players. Every girl selected for a team must be an active part of that team until they move up to the next age division. Players will not be traded, substituted, or transferred.  
EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Player does not play for one complete season and the player and parent/guardian notifies the player agent of their intention.
  - b. The following season the player will re-enter the draft and may be selected by any team other than the original team.
  - c. Sponsor with a daughter/sister/niece on another team will be required to forfeit to the team or teams losing these player(s), their first, second, and consecutive round draft choices equal to the number of players in exchange.