



**The Greater Los Angeles Softball Association**

# **Manager Information Packet**

**Note:** *This is just an informational packet and has no authority. For full rules and regulations, please refer to GLASA's Softball League Code, GLASA's Bylaws, GLASA's Rules of Play, NAGAAA's Instrument of Governance and the ASA Rule Book. The GLASA OPEN Division is open to both genders and the terms "he", "him" and "his" are used herein for simplicity's sake only.*

If you do not understand any of the following or have further questions, please feel free to ask your respective Division Representative.

### **League Structure**

The name of this league is The Greater Los Angeles Softball Association (GLASA). It is part of the national organization the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA). Each Summer, member cities of NAGAAA send representative teams to the Gay Softball World Series (GSWS) run by NAGAAA. The GSWS is held in a different city each year and takes place over a 6 day period usually in the month of August.

### **GLASA Executive Board (Fall 2011- Spring 2012)**

GLASA has an Executive Board consisting of a Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, A/B Division Representative, C Division Representative, D Division Representative, Treasurer and Secretary. Currently, these positions are filled by:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone #</b>	<b>E-mail Address</b>
<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Ken Searce</b>	<b>(323)481-9535</b>	<a href="mailto:Bluesport13@aol.com">Bluesport13@aol.com</a>
<b>Assistant Commissioner</b>	<b>Gary Castro</b>	<b>(213) 445-6013</b>	<a href="mailto:Gar2060@yahoo.com">Gar2060@yahoo.com</a>
<b>A/B Division Representative</b>	<b>Richard Jimenez</b>	<b>(562) 522-8693</b>	<a href="mailto:RichJJ4@aol.com">RichJJ4@aol.com</a>
<b>C Division Representative</b>	<b>Peter Esparza</b>	<b>(626) 253-5141</b>	<a href="mailto:EsparzaPJr@yahoo.com">EsparzaPJr@yahoo.com</a>
<b>D Division Representative</b>	<b>Eric Ryan</b>	<b>(909) 227-1794</b>	<a href="mailto:LAFireGuy@aol.com">LAFireGuy@aol.com</a>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Paul McDaniel</b>	<b>(310) 242-3723</b>	<a href="mailto:Peamicdee@gmail.com">Peamicdee@gmail.com</a>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Mark Umbach</b>	<b>(323) 829-0788</b>	<a href="mailto:Mark.Umbach@heremedia.com">Mark.Umbach@heremedia.com</a>

### **Team Representative and Meetings**

Most major decisions are made by the League Commission, which consists of the Executive Board and a Representative from each team. The Commission meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. All meetings take place the Plummer Park Recreation Center located at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90046 starting at 7pm. Each team is required by the GLASA Bylaws to have a representative in attendance at each monthly meeting. All Spring Season teams must send a representative for all monthly meetings held February through July. All Fall Season teams must send a representative for all monthly meetings held September through November.

## **Organizing a Team**

In order to start a new team, you must have at least ten eligible players listed on your roster; however, it is advisable to have at least 13 or 14 players on your roster to ensure that you will be able to field a team each week. You can add additional players to your roster as needed per the rules outlined in the GLASA Softball League Code. There are individual player and team fees required to become a member and team in GLASA.

### A list of these fees is outlined below:

Spring Season Team fee is \$600/Fall Season Team Fee is \$300

Spring Season Player fee is \$50

Fall Season Player fee is \$10 (returning players from the Spring Season – same calendar year)

Fall Season Player fee is \$25 (new players – did not play in the Spring Season)

Non-Player fee is \$25 (Covers both the Spring and Fall Season same calendar year)

Team Forfeiture Bond Fee is \$56 (Refundable but required in case of forfeits, this amount equals the amount for umpire fees for two total games. Umpires get paid \$28/game, each team pays \$14/each game for a total of \$28 per game.)

### **Spring & Fall Registration Check List:**

A designated location, date and time will be communicated to all Managers prior to the start of each season. A deadline will also be communicated for all documents and fees required to be eligible to participate in the upcoming season.

### **3 Step Registration Process**

**Step 1:** Team Information Form – Provide one copy to a GLASA Board Member during registration.

**Step 2:** Team Roster – Email your form to Ken Searce, Gary Castro & your Division Representative. Provide one signed copy to a GLASA Board Member during registration.

**Step 3:** Player Applications - Each player must complete a membership application and pay the required membership fee. Fall players returning from the Spring Season DO NOT need to complete another membership application, but they must pay the required membership fee. One copy of each signed membership application should be provided to a GLASA Board Member during registration.

### **Roster Changes (After registration is complete)**

All roster changes involving add/drop/transfer of players must be completed by completing the “Roster Change” form located on the GLASA website and following all procedures outlined on this form.

## **Uniforms**

Teams are responsible for providing their own uniforms. The minimum required by GLASA is matching jerseys, but more elaborate uniforms are optional. Each jersey must have a unique number at least 6 inches high on the back. Numbers cannot be more than two digits nor include decimal points or fractions.

## **Ratings**

Each player has a rating from '0' to '27' based on the number of 'yes' answers to 27 separate questions on the official NAGAAA player rating questionnaire. Returning players should use their ratings from the previously completed season or last approved player GLASA player rating if returning back to the league after taking a season off. For new players, the Manager should answer the questions as honestly as possible based on observations from pre-season practices and scrimmages.

The total team rating is determined by adding the ratings of the top 10 highest rated players on your team roster:

Teams playing in the 'D' Division must have a team rating no higher than 105, with no player higher than 11.

Teams playing in the 'C' Division must have a team rating no higher than 145, with no player higher than 15.

Teams playing in the 'B' Division must have a team rating no higher than 185, with no player higher than 22.

The NAGAAA and GLASA procedures of rating individual players is unique and it should be taken very seriously. It is important that every Manager take the time to accurately rate each player on their team. Each player should understand that in certain circumstances, they may need to change teams because of ratings considerations.

## **Other limits on Rosters**

Heterosexual Rule – GLASA abides by NAGAAA's rule for no more than two (2) heterosexual players on any team's roster at one time.

Non-Resident Players – While it is rare some teams have non-resident players on their roster outside of the set boundaries from NAGAAA as outlined in the Instrument of Governance. A

non-resident player must submit a non-resident affidavit along with their membership application.

### **Inclement Weather**

Games may be cancelled due to inclement weather or unplayable field conditions. That decision is made by the park, not the league. We will update the league's weather information hotline (310) 803-5426 and the front page of our web site at [www.glasasoftball.org](http://www.glasasoftball.org) as soon as we are informed by the park. Weekend rain will typically result in a cancellation being announced either Saturday night or by 7:30am Sunday morning when possible. If you are not sure, please make sure to call the weather information hotline or monitor the weather updates on the front page of the league web site.

### **Day of the Game**

Each team is required to bring to every game:

- ❖ One completed official GLASA line-up as provided by GLASA
- ❖ One official softball as provided by GLASA
- ❖ \$14 umpire fee (exact change is appreciated)

A few minutes before game time, the umpire will ask for representatives from each team to collect the above, discuss the rules of play, and in necessary, determine home team. The representative need not manager of the team, but cannot change during the game. During the game, the umpire will issue warnings and listen to protests only from those representatives present at the pre-game meeting. Managers should caution his players not to approach or talk to the umpire during the game. The umpire as the authority to eject any player (or spectator) for any reason within reason, with or without prior warning. If the infraction is serious enough the player may also be suspended from one or more subsequent game(s).

### **Forfeitures**

During the Spring Season, a team can play with as few as nine (9) players. A late arriving tenth player can be added to the end of the batting line-up at any time. If a team cannot field the minimum nine players for the, the game is considered a forfeit. The team that forfeited is responsible for playing the entire umpire fee of \$28 for that game. During the Fall Season, a team can play with as few as eight (8) of their own players but must pick-up a minimum of 1

additional player per fall pick-up rules located in the GLASA Softball League Code to avoid a forfeit

**Other Sources of Information**

GLASA Bylaws, GLASA Softball League Code, GLASA Rules of Play, Whittier Narrows Field Rules, and the ASA Rule Book