

## 7. New Players & Team Rosters:

The managers will have two options available to them when creating a team roster for the 2018 season.

### **Option One:**

The team manager has the option to submit a roster consisting of a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 14 active players (including up to two new recruits) to the Association Commissioner by the March Board Meeting along with signed and dated waiver forms.

### **Second Option:**

The Team Manager has the option to retain all of their players from the previous season provided each of those players had signed a waiver form to play in 2017. The roster must contain at least 14 and no more than 20 players none of which can be newly recruited players – new players can only be added via the draft. The roster will be reviewed and approved by the commissioner prior to the draft. The commissioner will consider any extenuating or special circumstances and evaluate the situation based on the parity guidelines. The team roster is to be turned in to the Association Commissioner by the March Board Meeting along with signed and dated waiver forms.

### **Free Agents:**

At the conclusion of the regular season all players are considered free agents - unless their manager resigns them to play for the upcoming season. All unsigned players are free to enter the draft or sign to play with another team as a new player.

### **New Players:**

The term “new player” will be used to describe a newly recruited senior athlete – a person who has not played softball in the association before, an old recruit – a senior athlete returning to the association after time away, or an unsigned free agent. New players can be recruited to play for an existing team (based on parity guidelines), used to create a new team, or become eligible for the draft.

### **Trades:**

A player who wants to move to another team during the season must first be released by the manager of their current team. The manager will then attempt to trade the player to the team they (the player) wishes to play for. If no trade can be arranged, and the player refuses to play for the team on which they were rostered, that player is required to sit out the rest of the season. A player can be traded for a draft choice, too.

### **Waiting List:**

A senior athlete wishing to join the association after the draft or during the playing season will be allocated to the waiting list and be assigned to a team by the Association’s Commissioner using the parity guidelines.

A waiting list will be formed consisting of senior athletes interested in playing softball but were not taken in the draft or signed up too late to be drafted. Should a team lose a player during the season (injury, illness, moved away, quit the team, etc.) the manager of that team may request to

replace that individual with a player from the waiting list. The Association's Commissioner will assign a player of equal caliber (if possible) from the waiting list to the team.

A manager can petition the Association's Commissioner with a request to add a new player to their team any time after the draft or during the season. The commissioner, with advice from the parity committee, will evaluate the request, to insure it meets the parity guidelines before assigning the player to a team. The player will remain inactive until a decision has been reached.

The Commissioner is responsible for assigning all new players to a team. The decision will be based on several factors: maintaining parity - using the rating system, standings (for example the last place team has first choice), and team needs.