

Humboldt Classics Softball Association Team Parity Sub Committee

Created at the July 5, 2107 board meeting

The Committee's Goal - to create a system of parity that gives every association team a reasonable chance to win any game they play.

Subcommittee Members

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Terms:

- **The Committee's Definition of Parity** - to provide reasonable guidelines that will foster and maintain a league of competitively balanced recreational softball teams.
- **Free Agents** - at the conclusion of the regular season all players are considered free agents unless they are resigned by their specific team. All unsigned players are free to either 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 new recruit – a player that has not played in the association before, an old recruit – a player that is returning to the association after time away, or an unsigned free agent. New players can be recruited to play for an existing team, used to create a new team, or become eligible for the draft.

The Committee's Recommended Guidelines:

- **Keeping Players** - All association team managers will submit a team roster consisting of a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 14 active players - including up to two new recruits - to the Association Commissioner prior to the March Board Meeting.
- **Recruiting Players** - All of the HCSSA teams are allowed to recruit a maximum of two (2) new players prior to the March Board Meeting.
- **Trading Players** - The trading of players is permitted but must be agreed upon by both managers and approved by the commissioner. A player can be traded for draft picks, too.
- **Building New Teams** - All new teams interested in joining the HCSSA must submit a roster to the Association's Commissioner for approval prior to the March Board Meeting. A new team, for the purposes of the draft, will be defined as between 10 and 14 active players with a maximum of two players under the age of sixty.

Drafting Players - The Subcommittee's Draft Guidelines:

- **Assessment** - There will be an exhibition game, held in the spring, hosted by team managers to assess the skills of all the new players available in the draft.
- **Draft Order (based on a six team league)** - The draft order will be determined by the previous season's final standings – the sixth place team will pick first, the fifth place team picks second, the fourth place team will get the third pick, the third place team picks fourth, the fifth pick goes to the second place finisher, and the sixth position in the draft belongs to the first place team. The draft order is repeated until all the available players have been taken.

A new team will enter the draft with the last pick, the choice after the first place team, in every round they participate in.

The first round will consist of the teams that have only 10 players. The second round will consist of the teams that have only 11 players. The third round will consist of the teams that have only 12 players. The fourth round will consist of the teams that have only 13 players until all teams have a full roster of 14 active players. The draft will continue until all the available players are selected or the teams reach a maximum capacity of twenty players.

Proposal Presented at the October 2, 2017 meeting

Motion to approve proposal by Richard Marks, Seconded by Fred. Discussion about how this must be a living document.

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