

# DGSA Tournament Team Guidelines

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## Purpose:

- A.) To provide DGSA girls in the U10, U12 and U14 age divisions an opportunity to play softball against teams outside of the normal DGSA league.
- B.) Sportsmanship, skill development and having fun will be the primary objectives, but winning and competition does have a higher priority on tournament teams than it does in normal league play.
- C.) To provide the De Pere and West De Pere school districts with fundamentally sound players ready for high school play.

## Guidelines:

- A.) Preseason tryouts will be required to insure that all girls have the skills needed to play safe tournament ball and to determine team placement. If skill development is not at a level for tournament team play the player will not be assigned a team. The goal however will be to allow all girls that are qualified the opportunity to play. Tryouts will take place in February and March. You must tryout to play.
- B.) Players are not guaranteed equal playing time, but some opportunity to play in each tournament in which they are active will be guaranteed even though it maybe limited. In order to achieve a number of players manageable for each tournament (approximately 12), some players may be deemed inactive by the coaching staff for a given tournament.
- C.) Each team will strive to play in four to six tournaments.
- D.) On the field player positions will be determined by the coach and may be limited to one or more positions.
- E.) A commitment to be at practices is a requirement of playing on a tournament team. Playing time can be affected by missing practices.
- F.) Players must play in their respected age division. No moving up to another age class will be allowed.

## Eligibility:

- A.) To be a Player on a DGSA Tournament Team you must be a current player on a DGSA league team.
- B.) The Player must attend a public or private school in the East or West De Pere School Districts or have principle residence in the East or West De Pere School District.

## Team Formation:

- A.) Team rosters will be formed based on the number of players and coaches in each age division. Priority of formation is as follows;
  - 1.) Players will be split into West and East De Pere teams. If numbers do not warrant a separate team for each school a combined team will be formed.
  - 2.) If player numbers warrant a second team for a particular school, the teams will be split up a.) by first year and second year eligibility; and then b.) by coach's discretion.
  - 3.) If a team is short players to make a roster or fill a particular position for a tournament, players may be shared between tournament teams. If a tournament player from another team is not available the coach will use best judgment in finding a substitute player to avoid having to forfeit a tournament or game. Players from outside the tournament program will only be used to avoid a forfeit.

## Registration:

Cost - \$125.00 due at registration. This does not include the cost of the player's uniform and any travel expense that may be involved.

## Tournament Team Uniformity Policy:

Each team will be supplied equipment and the uniforms that shall be used to keep a consistent DGSA appearance for all teams at the tournaments. Special allowances for fund raising and appearance will be allowed for teams traveling to a national tournament. These allowances must be approved by the DGSA league president.