

Welcome to Henderson Girls Softball Fall 2025 season.

In order to insure a more positive experience for your daughters, we are asking all of you to read, & sign that you understand & acknowledge the rules below.

Rule 1 - In order to coach in Hgsa, coaches must have held an assistant coaching position for a minimum of 1 season prior to Head Coaching. (exceptions apply) Coaches may only Head Coach 1 team per season, (exceptions apply)

Rule 2 - In accordance with USA Softball, it is mandatory that all persons interacting **MUST** complete & pass a USA Softball background check & complete the Safe Sport & Ace courses. **Anyone not background checked, Safesport & ACE certified & registered on the coaching staff of a specified team is not allowed in the dugout or on the field.** Each team must have one female on staff & present at every practice. Junior coaches **MUST** be at least 16 years old.

Rule 3 - All coaches will select a practice schedule. Teams are allowed 1 weekday & 1 weekend practice plus an optional batting practice on their own time each week. Once games begin, teams will continue to have 1 practice per week. Once games conclude, teams are no longer allowed to practice together.

Unauthorized practices are defined as throwing, fielding, hitting, catching, pitching, running, scrimmaging, or any other aspect of the game of softball with more than 3 players from the same team on a non-league assigned field or during a non-league assigned time for your team (or the other team if a scrimmage game) with any of the coaches present. Any teams holding unauthorized practices/clinics will result in the suspension of the head coach with possible further penalties.

Rule 4 - Full teams may only **show up 30 minutes** prior to practice. All players at practice **must** properly stretch & warm up for at least 15 minutes prior to throwing or practicing. Coaches in violation of these rules will be fined and/or suspended.

Rule 5 – Uniforms - Teams will wear **ONLY** league issued uniforms for their league games, playoffs & any other events the team enters. Teams wishing to put player or sponsor name on the jersey backs may do so at the team's expense.

There are standards of conduct expected from **every player, coach, team managers, family, spectators & other individuals associated with an Hgsa team**. No manager, coach, player, parent, guardian, or other individual affiliated with a team will commit any violations of the Code of Conduct as defined by USA Softball & Pacific Coast Region 10, & Hgsa. **Spectators & teams are not allowed to use megaphones, whistles, or artificial noise-making devices.** If, in the opinion of the umpire(s), the game cannot be continued in a sportsmanlike manner, the offending team shall forfeit the game.

A coach, assistant coach, non-coaching staff, player, parent, guardian, & other individuals affiliated with a team shall not commit any of the following conduct violations:

- (a) Lay hand on an umpire.
- (b) Delay the game with stalling tactics.
- (c) Use vulgar, profane, or abusive language.
- (d) Use tobacco products of any kind (including vapes) within 200 feet of the playing field.
- (e) Engage in a fight (verbal or physical) with a manager, coach, player, spectator, Board Member or game official.
- (f) Engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct.
- (g) Consume alcoholic beverages or any mind-altering substance on or near the facility premises before, during, or after a softball game or practice.

USA Softball of Nevada - Rules determined by the League Presidents in the Las Vegas Metro Area.

1. Players wishing to leave the league or tryout with a travel team must obtain a release from the league president or their designee.
2. Any player who has left the league to play travel & wishes to return to league play must go thru reclassification process
 - a. Parents must request reclassification prior to tryouts or Draft. They may contact either the JO Commissioner or the League President to start the process.
 - b. An evaluation will be done to determine the proper age and classification based on skill level.
 - c. Player may be required to play in a higher age division if their skill set warrants this decision.
 - d. Player will be notified of the classification/age division they will be entering before the draft occurs.
 - e. Parents have the ability to decide if they will continue or remove their request.
 - f. Once the Draft has been completed the player is frozen on that team until the season and in the league for 2 Consecutive seasons (excluding Allstars).
 - g. Failure to do so will make player ineligible to play with any other USA Softball team until their obligation has been met.

Recreation Rule regarding Borrowed Player to Travel Ball

1. No Registered Recreation League player will be allowed to be borrowed by a Travel Team until after the Spring Season/All Star season is over.
2. Only the League President or their designee may sign the Borrowed Player Form
3. Players can not be borrowed if their registered team has games during the same time.
4. While being borrowed the borrowing team must refrain from talking to the parents about trying out for the Travel Team after League is over. Failing to do so is a violation of the code of conduct and those in violation are subject to suspension from the league and team seniority.
5. Between Seasons There are no Borrowed Players – Must have a release to try out for Travel.

Recreation Rules on obtaining a Release to play in another league or Travel Ball.

1. Parents are responsible to requesting the release from the League President.
2. Releases will not be granted once the draft has occurred and until the league season has ended.
 - a. League Season ends after the team has stopped progressing in the League Championship.
 - b. If a player tries out for the All Star Team. They remain frozen until the team has been selected.
 - c. All Star Players are frozen until the stop progressing toward the National Championship.

Releases must be given within 2 business days (identified as weekdays).

Players wishing to play in a league outside zoned areas

- a. Player is not eligible for All Stars program unless there is interleague play between the leagues.
- b. Players must participate in the Draft (No full team moves)
- c. If an adult coach moves from one league to another outside zip code zoned for the league the Coach must sit out one season from coaching.

Hgsa reserves the right to suspend any players, coach, assistant coach, team manager, players' family, or member who exhibits continuous behavior that is contrary to the purpose of Hgsa and its rules and regulations. The decision of Hgsa and its Board of Directors is final.

I _____ have read, understand, and agree to comply with all the rules and regulations contained in the above document.