

Hagerstown Area Church Softball League

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Section I: Mission Statement

A. **Our League's purpose** is not only to play organized softball, but also to Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to glorify God through our fellowship with one another. It is our intention that players use their bodies not just to play the game, but also to glorify God by:

1. **Speaking holy and uplifting words** to their teammates, contenders, governing officials and visitors;

2. **Using their hearts to share God's love and the good news of Jesus Christ** (especially to those who don't know him as their personal Savior); and

3. **Actively show that they are true and faithful servants of God's kingdom** here on earth.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Section II: Responsibilities

A. **Support of the Hagerstown Fairgrounds Softball Association (HFSA) Fundraising Efforts**

1. **The HFSA** oversees the fairgrounds where the majority of the League's games are played. Our League benefits from all improvements made by the HFSA. Currently, the HFSA has loan payments to Musco Lighting for \$19,000.00 per year for the next three years and to the City of Hagerstown \$6,650.00 for fencing installed at the park. To help pay these expenses, HFSA has several fundraisers each year to generate money. The League agrees to support the HFSA in these endeavors.

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2. **Establish a Church Softball Marketing Committee** who supports the HFSA in their fundraising activities. This committee will also explore ways to publicize these events to public and disseminate information within the League.

B. League

1. Executive Committee (EC)

a. Vision. The most important responsibility of the EC is to offer a vision for the League and its teams by having forethought in providing organized softball in a Christian environment. The EC oversees general operations of fields and equipment, coordinates the scheduling of games, umpires and tournaments, ensures compliance with ASA rules and regulations and, where applicable, provides regulations unique to the HACSL. The EC provides Advisors assigned to each Division to handle problems, which may arise with teams and/or players. In addition, EC responsibilities include, but are not limited to, managing the yearly Sports Dinner.

b. Committee Members: Mike Kelbaugh (Pres/Equip Advisor), Jim Knodle (Umpire advisor), Doug Dangerfield (Advisor Division A), Greg Wright (Advisor Division B), Dave Schofield (Advisor Division C/Scheduling), Shawn Barkley (Advisor Division D), Neil Becker (Advisor Division E), Chuck Eichelberger (Advisor Division F), Terry Lescalleet (Advisor Division G/Co-Ed Advisor), and Ned Householder (Advisor Division H).

2. **Liability**. The League nor officers, nor representatives, nor any team or field owner will be held legally responsible for injuries, accidents, or damages occurring at games. Each Team must supply league with a copy of church Insurance certificate.

3. **Fines**. The HACSL reserves the right to assess fines and/or suspend teams for not complying with ASA rules, HACSL rules and team responsibilities set forth in this document. Fines are used to keep order and to ensure compliance among the teams. This includes all rules contained herein, even if it does not state it in a specific portion or paragraph of this document. This is to ensure adherence to ALL rules. The action of levying a fine on a particular team or individual will be determined at the EC level.

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4. **Disciplinary Actions.** The EC reserves the right to assess additional punishment, on a case-by-case basis to players or coaches not abiding by the League's by-laws and if necessary, may suspend repeat offenders from the League for the remainder of the season.

5. **Game Balls.** The League will supply 18 balls per team as part of the entrance fee. Teams needing/wanting more balls than provided by the League can purchase them from the League at any time during the season at a price of \$60.00 per dozen.

6. **Fairground Upkeep and Concession Stand Oversight.** The League shall, in accordance with an agreement with the Hagerstown Fairground Softball Association (HFSA), mandate that teams share in the responsibility of supplying three (3) people to help prepare the fields for play (i.e., dragging the infields, watering the batters' boxes) and serving in the concession stand each evening the HACSL uses the fields.

C. Teams

1. Coaches and Players

a. Will support HFSA Fundraisers. Each coach is responsible for supporting the fundraisers by ensuring that their teams are informed about the fundraisers.

b. Will consider adopting the "Sowing the Field, Preparing for Harvest, Claiming your Team for Christ" guidelines to manage their team (copy provided in your information booklet).

c. Will participate in League activities such as the Annual sports Dinner.

d. Will attend church at least twice a month to be eligible to play ball.

e. Will only coach/play for one team during the season.

f. Will complete and submit all forms required by the League, including parental waivers (for players under the age of 18).

g. Will be held accountable for their conduct.

h. Will abide by all umpire decisions.

i. Will be suspended from the League for a period of two years for fighting.

j. Are prohibited from using alcohol or tobacco products as further stated in Section IIIC4 and 5.

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k. If ejected from a game will also be suspended from the next game and cannot return to active status until the situation for which he/she was ejected has been resolved with the Divisional Advisor, and agreed to by the EC. Repeat offenders may be suspended from the League for the remainder of the season.

l. Shall not engage in or allow taunting, which will result in suspension from The League.

2. Fairground Upkeep and Concession Stand Duties

a. Each team will be required to do concession stand duties a few times each season. These dates are annotated in the final game schedule with a "C."

b. Teams shall supply three individuals, one (1) person capable of operating a tractor (instructions will be on the tractor) who will drag the fields and water the batters' boxes (see instructions found in your information packet) and two (2) people who will work in the concession stand. These three (3) individuals MUST report to the concession stand NO LATER THAN 5:30 P.M. on their assigned dates. At 6:00 P.M., one (1) person shall be dismissed while the other two (2) work in the concession stand until its closing (approximately up until the 2nd inning of the 8:00 P.M. game).

c. Teams shall assign responsible individuals who are capable of performing these duties. Due to hazardous equipment, no children are allowed. If a high school aged student would like to volunteer for credit toward community hours, his/her parent must remain with them in the concession stand while they are working.

c. Teams Failure to have workers report for duty will result in a fine of \$50.00 per missing person and due payable prior to the next scheduled game or the team may be suspended until the fine is paid.

d. Reason for Teams Involvement. Teams must participate in Field and Concession Stand Duties for the League to continue playing ball at the Fairgrounds. If a team does not show for their duties, the League must phone other people to come in and perform the duties. The fine levied against the team then goes to pay other person to perform their responsibilities. Your team's duty dates are listed on the League's 2011 Season Game Schedule.

e. Opt Out. Teams not wishing or able to share in the responsibilities listed above may wish to "opt out" by paying the fee of \$100.00 for concession stand duty and \$50.00 for field duty per assignment.

***Example:** If a team is scheduled to perform the above duties three (3) times within the season, the team who wishes not to participate will pay an "opt out" fee of \$450.00 (\$150.00 X 3). If the team can do concession stand work, but not drag the field the "opt out" fee would be \$150.00 (\$50.00 X 3). If the team can drag the fields, but not concession stand work the "opt out" fee would be \$100.00 (\$100 for two (2) people) X 3).*

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These fees are due and due payable prior to the start of the season so to eliminate confusion and last minute scrambling to find people to replace players who don't show up for their assigned duties. If a team scheduled does not report for assigned duty, a fine of \$50.00 per person will be levied and must be paid before the team can play their next game.

3. **League Meetings.** It is mandatory that all teams send a representative to all of the League Meetings. Teams not attending will forfeit there next scheduled game.

Section III: Rules

The Hagerstown Area Church Softball League (HACSL) generally follows the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) **Official Rules of Softball** as the basis for rules and regulations for play except if otherwise voted on by the Executive Committee (EC) and cited in the League Rules. For more information on the ASA, go to their web site at: WWW.SOFTBALL.ORG

A. **General.** HACSL will be composed of teams representing churches or religious organizations.

1. **League Divisions.** Teams will be placed into divisions based on their record from the previous year and with EC input.

2. **Merging Churches.** Churches merging will be accepted as one team. A maximum of three churches may merge as one team. Each church (and subsequent merging church) must complete a team roster.

3. **Team Rosters**

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a. Submission of Rosters. Each team must submit a roster to the League prior to the first game of the regular season. Teams will not be permitted to play until their rosters have been submitted. All completed rosters are to be posted on the League's website so that players can be verified by anyone who has a concern about their eligibility. If a player is found to be playing on a church team which he does not attend (other than merging churches) that player will not be allowed to play. Roster Forms must be submitted on the Excel spreadsheet downloadable from the League website and email to DRUMLIKEME@AOL.COM.

b. Letters To Pastors. After rosters are submitted, a courtesy letter will be sent to the pastor of each team, requesting their help to ensure that players listed on rosters attend church as required.

B. Player Eligibility

1. **Age restrictions.** Players must be at least 14 years old and attend the sponsoring church at least twice a month. Teams must submit waivers for players between the ages of 14 and 18.

2. **Wavier.** If under the age of 18, a waiver (included in your information booklet) must be signed by parent and the team's manager/coach and submitted to the League.

3. **Rosters are limited to 30 players.** Only players on the roster will be permitted to play. New players can only be added at scheduled League meetings. Each time a roster has been altered another letter may be sent to the appropriate pastors informing them of the changes.

4. Tournament Eligibility

a. Beginning of Year Tournament. All players must have attended their church for at least two (2) services during the month of March to be eligible to play.

b. End of Year Tournament. Each player must play in at least six (6) games during the regular season to be eligible to play in the end of year tournament.

ii. Teams Playing One Night Per First (1st) Week and Two Nights the Second (2nd) Week. Each player must play in nine (9) games during the regular season to be eligible for tournament play.

iii. Teams Who Play Two (2) Nights per Week. Each player must play in 12 games during the regular season to be eligible.

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5. **Players Cannot Switch Teams.** Once a player has played for one team, they will not be permitted to play for another team during the same season.

6. **Two or Three-Team Churches**

a. Churches can put a second team in the league made up of older or less experienced players. The league would accept another team based on a “trust” system. The league will “trust” the church to be truthful in estimating the level of play the new team would be placed. If a church has

“aged” players, but not enough to field another team, that church will have the option of merging those players with another church made up of “aged” players or merge with another church in a lower division. Churches must use the utmost of integrity when placing players in these categories.

b. Churches can merge but sponsoring church is limited to two mergers within all teams.

c.. Each team shall turn in a separate roster. Higher division teams cannot move players to their Lower division team. However, in emergencies, Lower division teams may move no more than two (2) players to their Upper division team. These players must be approved by the executive committee prior to their moving from team to team.

C. **Conduct**

1. **Failure to follow the League by-laws or ASA rules for any reason** may/can result in forfeiture of the game. Forfeiture of two (2) games within the season, by any team, may result in dismissal from the League.

2. **Fighting will not be tolerated.** Not between individuals on separate teams, or individuals on the same team, between players and spectators, or between anyone with a game official. This offense will result in a fine to the team and/or a two-year suspension from the League.

3. **Cursing and using foul language will not be tolerated.** Individuals who use this type of language will first receive a warning and then a suspension may be levied against the individual.

4. **Tobacco.** The use of tobacco products of any type (i.e., cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco) before, during or after a game by players or coaches will not be tolerated.

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5. **Alcohol.** There shall be no drinking of alcoholic beverages within the boundaries of the Fairgrounds, including the parking lot or other assigned ballparks, violators will be suspended for a period of two years. This also includes drinking in automobiles within the boundaries of the aforementioned facilities.

6. **Pets.** Absolutely no animals are permitted in the ballpark except for the outer parameter of Fairgrounds. Please see the Fairgrounds Dog Walk Area Map and Guidelines as laid out by the City of Hagerstown included in your handouts.

7. **Children at Play.** Children are not permitted to ride bikes, scooters, skates, skateboards, etc in or around the concession stand building. There have been many complaints by individuals who have been hit by children playing in this area. In addition, please keep your children away from the gates to the ball fields and well behind the protective fencing (backstop) during games. Our goal is to ensure a safe environment for all. We need your help to do this, so parents please monitor your children.

8. **Teams may be held accountable** for the Conduct of their Guests and Fans. All coaches and players should impress upon their guests the same rules of conduct as listed above in paragraphs 2 through 8 of this section. Please be sure to share the rules of the league with those individuals you see violating them.

D. The Game

1. **Authority.** The umpire has absolute authority over the game.

2. **Scheduled Games.** Teams must play on scheduled nights. Changes may only be made if there is death in the church congregation or a previously planned church function. The team must inform the League president 10 days prior to the scheduled game(s) or the team will forfeit the scheduled game(s). The reason we have this rule is that the League has made a commitment to the HFSA to have teams playing on all ball fields each weeknight of the season. If a 10-day notice is not given, it is very difficult to contact all players and umpires to inform them of the cancellation and subsequent rescheduling of the game. Most all churches have a set

church calendar and know about upcoming events well in advance. It is the coach's responsibility to be aware of these scheduled events and tell the League prior to it making up the season's schedule.

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3. **Rescheduling Make-up Games:** Teams must reschedule rained-out/canceled games within one (1) week from the original game date or...the game will be rescheduled on a date determined by the League. (This change will show in the Make-up Game Scheduling Book at the concession stand.) Coaches need to fill out the makeup game book at the concession stand. Both coaches must sign in the spaces provided to show that they agree to the rescheduled game. Jim Knodle reviews this book every weekend and schedules the umpires as needed. Please make sure you give Jim a couple days notice to schedule an umpire for your game.

4. Game Length

a. Regular Season Games. All regular season games will consist of nine (9) innings. Exceptions shall be if the winning team is ahead by twelve (12) runs after seven (7) innings of play or ahead by twenty (20) runs after five (5) innings of play.

b. Double Headers. Double Headers are an option for making up games that were cancelled due to rain or rescheduled for reasons allowed by the Executive Committee. Double Header games will be played consecutively after a regularly scheduled game and is considered complete after four (4) innings, if called by Darkness.

c. Tournaments shall consist of seven (7) innings of play with the 10 run rule after five (5) innings. A "slaughter" ruling will be made if there are 20 runs after 3 innings. Rules of play are provided in the handout section of your packet.

d. Games Played on Field #2. The teams for the second game must be READY (books, line-ups, rosters, warm-up, etc.) to play as soon as the first game is over. Game length will be 1 hour and 45 minutes for each team. The teams will complete whichever inning they are in before the game is ended. These teams will have the option of having a one-in-one count for the game as long as both teams agree to the terms. Courtesy fouls will not be allowed in this situation.

e. Rain Cancellations. Games called by rain during play will be considered complete after five (5) innings. Coaches are responsible for rescheduling make-up games for games totally cancelled by rain. Make up games can be scheduled by signing up at the concession stand. Teams must reschedule rained-out/canceled games within two (2) weeks from the original game date or...the game will be rescheduled on a date determined by the League. Coaches must ensure that their teams show up for these make up games. Please see paragraph 3 above. Instructions for making up games are provided in the handouts sections of your packet .

f. Park Closing. The park closes promptly at 10:30 p.m. at which time the gates to the parking lots are locked. The League is currently seeking approval from the city to have the lights remain on for a longer period.

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5. Home Run Rule

- a. A maximum of five (5) home runs per team are allowed in any single game.
- b. Any home runs over the fence after the allowed five (5) will be ruled as outs.

6. Procedures for Protesting

a. While a game is in process, player(s) should take their protests to their Coach (not the umpire) for action. The Coach then speaks with the Umpire, and if no satisfactory action is taken by the Umpire, the Coach should take the issue to their Division Advisor after the game. If the Division Advisor cannot resolve the situation to the Coach's satisfaction, the Advisor in turn may take it to the Executive Committee for a decision and or action.

b. Umpire Performance. If a coach has an issue with the performance of an umpire, he should contact the Umpire association on behalf of his team. Since the HACSL and the Umpire Association are separate entities, the League has no jurisdiction over them.

7. Equipment

a. Jerseys. Jerseys are required for all players. Jerseys should be of the same color with numbers on the back, duplicate numbers are not acceptable. Old versions of church/team shirts are permissible. No taped numbers. Players without shirts will not be permitted to play. Teams should order a few extra shirts and keep them on hand in case a player shows up to play without a shirt. If a player does not have a jersey - he/she cannot play! Coaches make sure you have enough jerseys for your entire team. If you don't have enough jerseys, make sure you borrow them from players who won't be playing and give them to those who are substituting so that they have one.

b. Caps. In accordance with ASA Rule 3- Equipment, Section 6, Uniform, A. Headwear, paragraph 2, "Ball caps, visors and headbands are optional for players. If worn, they may be mixed, but must be worn properly." This means that players may not wear their caps turned around on their heads.

c. Balls.

- i. Batting Practice. There will be NO batting practice permitted before games.
- ii. Regular Play. Each team is required to use the same type, make and size ball and must be purchased from the League. This requirement is to ensure that each team has equal advantage. Women are

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allowed the use of 11-inch balls of any compression. If balls other than those sanctioned by the League are found, the team entering the ball into play will be penalized by the player at bat being ruled "out." If any team requires the use of more balls than provided by the League, they may be purchased prior to or at any time during the season, however, teams are responsible for payment once the additional balls are ordered.

d. Bats. Coaches are responsible for checking all equipment to ensure that it has been approved by the ASA. However, since the ASA changes their approved/non-approved bat list often, the League will use only the lists provided with these rules for the entire season. The League has the right to check all equipment for adherence. If a team/player is found to be using an illegal bat, the issue will be brought before the EC. If that same bat is used in another game, the team will be required to forfeit that game.

8. Infield Preparation (see Instructions in Handouts)

a. Dragging of Fields. Fields will be "dragged" beginning no later than 5:30 p.m. and finishing by 6:15 p.m. on day of game.

b. Placing of Bases. Home teams will be responsible for putting down the bases before each game.

c. Picking up Bases. Visiting teams will be responsible for putting bases away. (See the 2012 League Schedule for home and visiting teams).

9. Pre Game Practice

a. 6:30 p.m. Game Time

i. Infield Practice. Practice is not permitted prior to 5:30 p.m. as not to interfere with dragging of the infield. Absolutely no player is allowed on the infield after 5:30 p.m.

ii. Outfield Practice. Practice shall only be allowed in the outfield, and under no circumstances be allowed in the infield.

b. 8:00 p.m. Game Time. Due to the short turn-around time between games, the 7:45 teams will not be afforded infield/outfield practice. Teams wishing to warm up may do so using the soccer field or fields #1 and #3, if they are available.

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10. Game Preparation

a. Readiness. For games starting at 6:30 p.m., coaches (or representatives) must have their line-ups (rosters) prepared and share them with the opposing team by 6:20 p.m. The teams for the second game played on Field #2, should be preparing their line-ups (rosters) while the first game is still in play and share them with the opposing team as that game nears completion. The second game teams should be ready to take the field as soon as the first game is over.

b. Scorekeeping. Each team should have a designated scorekeeper that communicates the score with opposing team. The "home" team must have a designated scorekeeper and who has the final say in score. Each team will receive a scorebook (provided by ASA) to be distributed to coaches prior to the start of the season.

11. **Starting Time**. Games will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

12. **Devotion (Prayer)**. The Visiting team will provide the opening prayer at the beginning of each game, and the Home team will provide devotion at the end of game. The League requires all teams to have a devotional time after each game. The league will provide devotionals if needed for use by the teams. This is a great way for coaches to build relationships with their teams and teaching them about Christ. Devotions will be available at the concession stand.

13. **Number of Players**. Each team is required to have a minimum of eight (8) players to play a game, however, if playing with eight (8) players, the opposing team must lend the opposing team a catcher. If the opposing team has only nine (9) players it is up to the discretion of the team as to whether they will supply a catcher. In both instances, if borrowing players the opposing team will take an out for each batting order completed. In addition, no "grace period" will be allowed to give teams additional time for players to show up.

14. **Courtesy Runners**. Each team will be permitted one (1) courtesy runner per game. This runner can only be used to substitute for the same incapacitated player throughout the game. If the player being substituted is taken out of the game, no other player will be allowed a courtesy runner. Teams who knowingly

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need a courtesy running prior to the beginning of the game must inform the other team and the umpire prior to the start of the game. However, if a player is injured during the game and a courtesy runner has not yet been appointed, then a courtesy runner is allowed for the newly injured player. Once the game has begun, this runner must be the player who made the last out.

15. Game Results

a. Games Played at Fairgrounds. The winning coach is responsible for completing the form located on a clipboard hanging on each backstop with their game scores. However, if the losing coach wants to have the names of his highest hitting player appear in the newspaper, he too should fill out the form. Once completed, the form and clipboard are to be taken to the concession stand. For your information, a copy of the form is provided in the Forms, Handouts and Instructions section and additional forms will be available at the Concession Stand.

b. Games Played at other Fields. It is the responsibility of the winning Coach to phone Mike Kelbaugh at 301-223-4556 or email at DrumLikeMe@AOL.com and inform him of the final score so that he can record the game results.

16. Weather Conditions

a. Pre-game Cancellation Decisions

i. 6:30 Games. In case of imminent weather, teams and their players will be notified by telephone (usually around 4:30 p.m.) by the League's new Automated Phone System and told if games are

cancelled. This phone call may show up on your caller I.D. as: 301-790-3840, which is the Fairgrounds number or as another number as used by the service provider. Be sure that when you submit your automated phone list, that you have each players' telephone number listed as well. The League will use these numbers for input to the Automated Phone System. We will not list number on your roster on the website. If conditions are questionable, the decision to cancel games may be made just before starting time (6:30 p.m.), so please have your team at the field and ready to play if the call has not been made. The League will continue to have cancellation messages left on the answering machine at the above number just in case you are not near the phone number you have previously provided.

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ii. 8:00 p.m. Games. Since there is no way of contacting players once the 6:30 p.m. game has begun (can't access computer or telephone answering system), teams playing 7:45 games will have to report to the field for a decision as to whether or not the game will be played.

b. Guidelines for Lightning Safety

i. All individuals participating in or observing an outdoor softball event are responsible for their own safety and should monitor threatening weather conditions.

ii. A League Official, e.g. Mike Kelbaugh or representative, is hereby designated as the official "weather watcher." If the home plate umpire is the only official at the event, then the home plate umpire should be responsible for the duties of the "weather watcher." The individual will make the call to stop play, remove individuals from the field, and announce a warning to the spectators. When the weather becomes dangerous, the designated weather watcher will announce that all play activities are suspended and all individuals, both players and spectators, should seek appropriate shelter.

iii. When determining whether to suspend play, the designated weather watcher should use his/ her common sense and good judgment. If a thunderstorm appears imminent before or during an activity or contest, (regardless of whether lightning is seen or thunder heard), postpone or suspend the activity until the hazard has passed. Signs of imminent thunderstorm activity are darkening clouds, high winds and thunder or lightning. Even storms that are many miles away can pose a lightning danger. This may mean the appropriate decision is to suspend activities even before the first sight of lightning or sound of thunder.

iv. All individuals should have the right to leave an athletic site or activity, without fear of repercussion or penalty, in order to seek a safer structure or location if they feel they are in danger from impending lighting activity. Safety is the number one consideration; the activity can be made up later.

v. If activity has been suspended due to lightning, the designated weather watcher should wait at least 30 minutes after the last lightening flash or sound of thunder prior to resuming activity. Each time additional lightning is observed or thunder is heard, the minimum 30-minute waiting period should be reset. A clear sky or lack of rainfall is not adequate indicators for resuming play. The minimum 30-minute return-to-play waiting period should not be shortened. Play should not be resumed even after the 30-minute waiting period if any signs of thunderstorm activity remain in the area or if the weather forecast indicates, the threat is not over.

NO LIGHTNING SAFETY GUIDELINES CAN GUARANTEE ABSOLUTE SAFETY. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY PERSON TO BE AWARE OF WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO BE SAFE. USE COMMON SENSE AND GOOD JUDGEMENT. PLAN AND MAKE SAFETY YOUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.

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Section IV: Fees

League entry fees will be based on the number of teams entering the league. The fees will cover the cost of ASA sanctioning, plus umpire fees for each game scheduled, balls and \$250.00 to the HFSA to help with expenses at the fairgrounds. Please note: this amount will be determined and will be provided during one of the League meetings. However, \$50.00 of the entry fee will be due at the First League Meeting scheduled in January 2012, as a sign of commitment by the team. This amount is non-refundable. The balance, plus the total umpire fees will be due prior to the start of the regular season and submitted to your division's Executive Committee advisors. Teams will not play unless these fees are paid before the season starts.

Section V. Yearly Sports Dinner

A. Why we have the Event. This event is intended to bring all teams together for a night of Christian fellowship. We believe that this dinner is one of the most important functions we have as a League. It is a time for us to interact away from the ball field with our families and friends. It is a time in which we can all come together and worship our Lord. It is also a time when, as in years past, individuals can claim Jesus as their Savior. What can be more important than bringing people to the Lord?

B. Tickets. All teams will be responsible for the sale of 10 tickets, and have at least eight (8) people in attendance. This is mandatory. The venue cost of tickets and guest speaker have yet to be determined. All monies from the sale of tickets will be due payable on a date prior to the dinner which will be announced by Sabrina Kelbaugh. Additional tickets will be available upon request.

C. Participation/Compliance. Teams who do not turn in their money by the appointed time and do not have eight (8) people attend the dinner will face a two game suspension, and if necessary, the regular season game schedule will be amended accordingly. This is an unfortunate situation to have to penalize teams for not meeting their agreed upon obligation, however, to ensure continuity as a League, it is necessary. Each team must realize that they are part of a bigger picture and all teams must comply with the league's by-laws.

Section VI: Forms, Handouts and Instructions

Required Forms (All forms are to be submitted prior to first game of the season)

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- Church Roster
- Merging Team Roster
- Automated Phone List in Excel Spreadsheet (Fill out and send email to be uploaded)
- Waiver Form

Handouts

- ASA Non-Approved Bat List
- Sowing the Field, Preparing for Harvest, Claiming Your Team for Christ
- Hagerstown Area Church Softball League's Proposed 2012 Budget¹
- Directions to Fields

Instructions

- City of Hagerstown Guidelines for Behavior of Dogs and Owners and Map of Fairgrounds w/Dog Walk Area
- Field and Concession Stand Duty Instructions

Instructions (continued)

- Instructions for Scheduling Make Up Games
- Tournament Rules
- Score Sheet

Events

- Vera Bradley Bingo: Sunday, March 25th, 1:30 PM Funkstown Legion
- Joe Corb's Pizza: Wednesday, April 11th, 5:30 PM Fairgrounds
- 5th Annual HACSL Golf Tournament: Sunday April 29th, 2012
- Nick Adenhardt Memorial 5k Run: Saturday, June 9th, 2012
- Annual Sports Dinner: Monday June 11th or June 18th, 2012 6:30 PM
- HFSA Baseball Camp June 25th, 26th, and 27th, 2012

Tournaments

- **Opening Tournaments**
 - Lower Divisions: Saturday, April 21st, 2012
 - Upper Divisions: Saturday, April 28th, 2012
 - Co-Ed Division: Saturday, May 5th, 2012

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- **End of Year Tournaments**
 - Co-Ed Division: Saturday, August 11th, 2012
 - Lower Divisions: Saturday, August 18th, 2012
 - Upper Divisions: Saturday, August 25th, 2012