

## **PCSSA Division Alignment**

### **Effective 2023-2024 Fall/Winter Season**

As previously communicated, the PCSSA Board has conducted a comprehensive analysis of the league structure and has confirmed the need to operate with three separate Divisions. On April 21, 2023, the Board formally adopted the new PCSSA Division Alignment effective the start of the 2023-2024 Fall/Winter Season.

Our first priority is to provide players of all skill levels with a safe, well-organized opportunity to play competitive slow-pitch softball. Grouping players at the levels most-suited for them allows them to experience playing time at the positions they desire, results in safer play, more competitive games and extended playing careers.

Creating the American and National Divisions two years ago was a highly-successful initiative and resulted in two extremely competitive levels of play; however, the overwhelming growth in PCSSA over the past two years has brought in over 75 new players at a wide range of skill levels. This past Fall/Winter season the National Division had player skill ratings ranging from 10 to 21, and the games this past Fall/Winter season have experienced record levels of runs and game-time length, both of which are primary indicators of too broad of a range of skill levels for one Division.

Beginning with the 2023-2024 Fall/Winter season, PCSSA will consist of three divisions:

- **The American Division**, for those higher-skilled players, may remain largely the same as it is today. Those registered, but not drafted in the American Division, will automatically be included in the draft for the Mid-American Division.
- **The Mid-American Division** is generally for those with mid-level skills. Those registered, but not drafted in the Mid-American Division, will automatically be included in the draft for the National Division.
- **The National Division** is generally for those that either have little softball experience, haven't played for a long time, or simply love the game.

The number of teams in each Division will be dependent on the total number of player registrations and player ratings. All registered players are eligible to be drafted on a team.

We are all excited about this new divisional alignment as it provides a place for all players to enjoy the game and tightens competition across all levels of play. This memorandum and other registration information will be discussed at the general board meeting on May 15.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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