

# 2025 MID-COLUMBIA CO-ED SENIOR SOFTBALL TEAM FORMATION PROCESS

**Returning Players** – Any player that paid registration in the previous year.

**New Players** – Any player that did not pay registration in the previous year.

## **(TIME OF DECLARATION)**

***All Teams must be declared no later than April 6, 2025***

***Coaches must email their team rosters to the Board President. In the event the Board President is a coach, their roster should be emailed to the Board Vice President on or before the date mentioned above.***

## **Team Formation**

### **1. General Rules**

- a. Teams can be made up of Returning and New players.
- b. All teams must have a minimum of 12 players with 3 female players.
- c. There is no maximum number of players a team can carry.
- d. All teams must be registered prior to the pre-season lottery draft date April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

### **2. Returning Players**

- a. Returning players are allowed to stay on their existing team.
- b. Returning Player can move to a newly formed team.
- c. Returning Players can choose to enter the draft.
- d. Returning Players must be part of the team's roster at the time of ***declaration date, April 6th*** or will be placed in the Lottery draft.

### **3. New Players**

- a. New players can play on any team (Existing or New) without entering the draft.
- b. New Players must be part of the team's roster at time of registration or will be placed in the Lottery Draft.

### **4. New Teams**

- a. New teams formed with Returning Players are allowed have a maximum of 7 Returning Players (3 of those 7 players must be female), ***and no more 2 players from any existing team***. Remaining players to meet the minimum (12 players) must be New Players or come from the Lottery Draft.
- b. New Teams formed with only New Players must have a minimum of 12 players (3 of those players must be female). If a New Player team has less than the minimum (12 players) the remaining will come from the Lottery Draft.

## **Lottery Draft**

### **1. Pre-Season**

- a. The Board will set the date for the Lottery Draft, ***April 19<sup>th</sup>***.
- b. All registered coaches will attend this meeting and will draw for their Lottery Draft selection.
- c. The Draft will be done by placing all registered players in a raffle ***container*** and drawing each player assigning them to a coach in the lottery selection order.
- d. ***Female*** players will be drawn first, and then ***Male*** players will be drawn next until all registered players are assigned to a team.
- e. Couples will be picked as an individual in a round Lottery draft, and count as the next pick in the subsequent round, i.e.: husband is picked in round 2, wife is automatically picked in round 3. This applies to all teams.

### **2. During Season**

- a. **Post Draft Lottery** (after the season has started). Any new player who is not registered with an existing team but wishes to play in the league will enter into the Lottery.
- b. ***The teams with the fewest number of players on their roster, will participate in the post draft lottery.*** All teams will be assigned a number and placed in the raffle ***container***. The new player will be assigned to the drawn team.
- c. The process repeats itself all season.

### **3. Exception**

***Close relatives/immediate family: Players who are close relatives or are immediate family of a registered player in the league may forgo the Lottery Draft if he or she chooses and join the team that the registered player is on.***