

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments to Livonia Storm Organization

Amendment I – Tryout Procedures

Tryouts will be held after the completion of the summer season. A Tryout director will be appointed by the Livonia Storm Board of Directors beginning with 2009 tryouts to an annual term. The tryout director shall have the responsibility to govern and oversee the tryout process. The tryout director shall not be a Premier Level coach and shall maintain impartiality.

- A Saturday and Sunday with the exact dates determined by the availability of fields and personnel to run the tryouts.
- Additionally, one tryout session will be set up for a weekday evening to allow for players that cannot attend a weekend tryout.
- Each person who attends the tryouts will be tested in the fundamentals of Fastpitch Softball within their age group and will receive a score in each aspect of the game to determine a cumulative score that will allow us to rank players for team placement.

The Board of Directors collectively feels it is not usually in a players bet interest to play a season in the next higher age bracket. However, we do recognize that there are always extenuating circumstances to take under consideration. Therefore, the following procedures are required before anyone can request to move up:

1. They must first tryout in their own age level and score in the **top 3**.
2. They must first get permission to tryout at the higher lever and also have it verified that they have tried out at their own level
3. Player must score within the **top six** of upper age group
4. Upper level coach must want the player on the Premier Team
5. Player will be contacted by the Tryout Director to discuss options for player at each level of play.
6. If parent/player wants to move up a request form must be completed, signed and submitted to Tryout Director.
7. The completed form will be submitted to the

board for final approval.

8. The Board must approve all age bracket move ups. The Board's decision is final.
9. This Amendment will be enforced beginning with the 2008 – 2009 season.

Amendment II – Premier / “A” Team Coaches

Those individuals who meet the qualification of coaching in the Livonia Storm Organization can petition the Board to be considered for a premier coaching position in a particular age group. Premier Coaches will be determined before the tryout process and be announced at the tryouts to establish the coaching at the top level in each age group. The decision of the Board is final for this purpose.

Amendment III – Additional Coaches

The Board of Directors will vote on all the Head coaches in the league. Assistant coaches shall be selected by each respective Head coach. The number of coaching positions will be dependent on the amount of players/teams that will be in the organization for that year within each age group.

Amendment IV – Choosing of Teams

Immediately following the August tryouts each year, the Premier Coach of each age group, will select a team from 12 of the top 18 players in that respective age group according to the scoring from the tryouts. A player desired on the premier team by the Premier Coach, but not in the top 18 scores, will require the Premier Coach to appeal to the Board of Directors for the player. Board decisions on these appeals will be final. Players in the top 18 who choose to not to accept a position on the Premier team will fall into the 2nd (“B”) team selection process. This Premier team selection process must be complete and confirmed before the next team can begin a similar team selection process. This process will continue until all teams have been completed in all age groups

Once a player has accepted a position on the Premier Team the player is committed to that team for the remainder of that season. A parent can petition the board to request that the player be allowed to move to a different team, however that request must be in writing and have specific reasons listed for this request. The Board will make a determination on the matter after listening to the petition. The Board decision is final. Our goal is to

make this process move very quickly to allow for team development in a reasonable time frame. All kids should be contacted as soon as possible for team placement.

Amendment V – Bring Up Players from Lower Teams

A coach on an upper team can request to attend a lower teams practice in an effort to look at a potential player(s). This would be if the team needed players to fill its roster. The request must be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing stating their intentions before any contact is made to the potential player or player's parents. A Representative of the Board will accompany the coach to the practice and report back to the Board a recommendation for final vote.

If a player who did not participate in try-outs wants to join the organization, the same procedures will govern the placement of said player. This will pertain to situations where there are positions available on the upper teams in said division. Otherwise, the player will be added to the last team in the age group.

Amendment VI – Contact with High School Coaches

All contact with the High Schools regarding POLICIES, PROCEDURES, pertaining to the Livonia Storm Organization will be done through the Board of Directors.

Amendment VII – Left Over Team Funds

Any funds left into the teams budgets must be equally distributed among all players currently on that roster. Head coach to determine what monies to deduct based on fundraiser contribution for each player. Any funds that are still left over at the end of any season will be transferred to the general fund of the Livonia Storm Organization. Fund transfer will take place immediately after all expenses have been paid from that season, or 9/1 of that season, which ever happens first.

Amendment VIII – Tournament Schedules for Teams

All teams should provide to the Board a tentative schedule for review by February 31st to be approved before committing for Tournaments. The reason for this is to make sure that each

coach has scheduled the appropriate level of play for the talent level of his/her team. This should be presented in written form.

Amendment IX – Equipment Purchases

Any money used out of team budget and or sponsor money which has been written to the organization, to purchase any and all equipment shall become property of Livonia Storm.