



AMA PONYTAIL SOFTBALL BYLAWS

1. **INSURANCE:** *(all divisions)* The AMA Boosters Club will provide for all insurance to cover all teams.
2. **SPONSORSHIP:** *(all divisions)* All coaches are responsible for finding sponsors to pay a **\$325.00** per team sponsorship prior to the start of league play.
3. **SIGNUPS:** *(all divisions)* Signup dates will be determined by the organization. At the time of signups, the girls must pay the signup fee. All girls must be Calaveras or Alpine County residents.
4. **SIGNUP FEES:** *(all divisions)* **\$60.00** per player. For multiple players from the same family, the first player pays **\$60.00** and each additional player pays **\$55.00**.
5. **LATE SIGNUPS:** *(all divisions)* After the final signup date, (to be determined by AMA Commissioner and AMA Director), all late signups must be authorized by the AMA Commissioner. Late signup date to be determined each year. After that date the fee is **\$120.00** (initial cost plus late fee) per player- no multiplayer, same family discount.
6. **TWO OR MORE TEAMS:** *(all divisions)* When it becomes necessary to split teams within the same division and in the same community, the coaches involved will meet with the AMA Commissioner and divide the teams as equal as possible (by blind draw). Every effort will be made to identify pitchers and catchers to be drawn separately. Coaches will only get their child and the assistant coach's child before teams are split. *(No exceptions)*. Requests to play for certain teams based on friendships, rides, coaches, etc., will not be granted unless the AMA Commissioner feels it is in the best interest of the girls and teams to do so. *(Very few requests if any will fall into this category)*
7. **COACHES:** *(all divisions)*
 - a. Background Checks will be done on all coaches through social security number, driver's license number and fingerprinting. No one will be allowed to coach if they have ever been convicted of a felony, received a DUI citation within the past 12 months, been convicted of sexual misconduct, been convicted of assault or convicted of any child related misconduct. This will be enforced because of the safety of the girls playing softball, the insurance requirements as well as the liability which AMA Ponytail Softball would be responsible for if any inappropriate behavior took place with a player or spectator and coach.
 - b. Coaches will be held accountable for their actions and will be removed from their coaching positions if after being warned, they do not comply with the direction given by the Commissioner. Coaches are also responsible for the actions of their players and fans during practice and at games.



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- c. Coaches have the responsibility to use player as they see fit. However, if league officials observe any unsportsmanlike act by a coach, the coach involved shall be suitably disciplined.
 - d. In the event that an umpire/coach clinic is scheduled, all coaches should make every attempt possible to attend.
 - e. Coaches are responsible for making sure the dugout and stands are clean after each game especially at the end of the night or day.
- 8. CODE OF ETHICS:** *(all divisions)* Each player and their parent/guardian must sign and adhere to the Code of Ethics within our Registration Form to be able to participate in any AMA activity.
- 9. REGISTRATION FORM/ROSTER FORM:** *(all divisions)*
- a. Registration Forms must be reviewed for completeness.
 - b. Coaches must complete the Roster Form for each team and turn it in to AMA Commissioner. The Roster Form shall contain:
 - i. Name of the team, division, team name, team color, number of players
 - ii. Coaches name, address, telephone number
 - iii. Assistant coaches name, address, telephone number
 - iv. Sponsor's name, address and telephone number
 - v. Players name, address, birthdate, telephone number, shirt size
 - c. Coaches must maintain Roster Form which includes the medical treatment authorization for all practices and games. Failure to do so will result in a forfeiture of current game.
- 10. MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS:** *(all divisions)* A player may move up to a higher division but must remain in that division for the entire season. A player may not move down to a lower division. The AMA Commissioner must approve all movement of players.
- 11. EQUIPMENT:** *(all divisions)* AMA shall provide all safety equipment necessary for the game. Current ASA (Amateur Softball Association) rules regarding the use of equipment shall be in effect.
- 12. UNIFORMS:** *(all divisions)* Uniform shirts, provided by AMA, must be worn at all games. All players must wear some sort of tennis shoe or all-purpose athletic shoe with rubber cleats. No sandals, flip-flops or other inappropriate shoes will be allowed. During a game, the umpire will determine the appropriateness of footwear.
- 13. JEWELRY AND HAIR:** *(all divisions)* No jewelry will be worn during any practice or game. All long hair must be pulled back with a rubber band or taped so that it is out of the eyes.



- 14. CANCELTION OF GAMES:** (*all divisions*) Games cannot be canceled except by the AMA Commissioner. In the event that a game needs to be canceled, the coach involved must make every attempt to contact the AMA Commissioner as soon as the need becomes apparent. In the event that a game has not been canceled and a legal team cannot be fielded by game time, a forfeiture of the game will occur. In case two (2) teams cannot be fielded by game time, then a double forfeiture will have occurred and a loss by both teams will be recorded. In the event of legal cancelation, the canceled game will be rescheduled and played at the earliest date available.
- 15. THREE INNING RULE:** (*all divisions*)
- All girls must be scheduled to play a minimum of three innings in every game unless she is benched for disciplinary reasons. If substitute players have not been inserted into the game by the end of the third inning, the coach must insert them at that time or when half of the allotted time for the game has been reached.
 - In the event a player is benched for disciplinary reasons, the coach and scorekeeper of the opposing team must be notified of this action prior to the start of the game. Failure to comply with this rule will be cause for forfeiture.
 - In the 14U divisions, (which play 7 innings), a starting player may be reinserted after the substitute has played her full three innings.
- 16. COMPLETE TEAM:** (*all divisions*) A team shall conform with current ASA Rules. Games will start promptly at the scheduled time. If a team of at least eight (8) players cannot be fielded at game time, that team will forfeit. Teams must make every effort to arrive ½ hour before game time.
- 17. PLAYING FIELD:** (*all divisions*)
- The fields shall be prepared for games by both teams that have the first game (whether by the coach or an assigned parent, player or spectator.) The teams that have the last game will clean up the fields, dugouts and surrounding area. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in a forfeit of your game.
 - The regulation softball diamond will be used as set forth in the current ASA Rule Book.
- 18. UMPIRES:** (*all divisions*)
- Umpires will have full control of the game and all coaches are asked to respect the call of the umpires.
 - The umpire will have the authority to call the game for unsportsmanlike conduct from any player, coach or spectator. A coach is responsible for the action of their team's spectators. All spectators must remain in the stands or behind the fences.
 - The AMA Director or AMA Commissioner shall pay umpires every other week by check.
 - Mandatory umpire clinic is required for all umpires.



- 19. SCOREBOOK AND SCOREKEEPERS:** *(all divisions)* AMA will furnish new scorebooks each season. Each team is responsible for providing a scorekeeper for each game. The umpire should check with both scorekeepers after each inning. All players shall be listed with last name, first name or initial, and jersey number. Umpires must sign the scorebooks after each game.
- 20. ALCOHOIC BEVERAGES:** *(all divisions)* No alcoholic beverages will be allowed at any AMA Ponytail Softball games or practices. No coaches or anyone involved with the team shall be under the influence of alcohol during any games or practices. If alcohol is present at a game, the umpire will stop the game until the alcohol is removed. Failure to comply will result in the game being called and the opposing team will win by forfeiture.
- 21. DOGS/PETS:** *(all divisions)*
- No dogs/pets are allowed at Copello Park. Signs are posted as such. If an umpire or AMA Official observes a dog, play at both games will cease until animal is removed from the property. Play will cease for no longer than 15 minutes at which time a double forfeit will occur at both games.
 - Legally certified Guide Dogs are permissible.
- 22. YEAR-END TOURNAMENT:** *(all divisions)* The AMA Commissioner and AMA Director shall determine a year end tournament. Bracketing, dates, special rules and other pertinent information shall be made available to coaches as soon as possible. Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- 23. AMA MISSION:**
- The Angels – Murphys – Arnold Booster’s Club, (AMA), was developed and will continue to operate as a volunteer organization aimed at promoting and encouraging equal access to athletics for youth along the Hwy. 4 corridor. AMA programs are designed to educate, encourage and enable youth of all backgrounds and abilities to develop athletic skills, sportsmanship, respect and team camaraderie. AMA further strives to maintain a safe and disciplined environment for the personal development of each athlete. It is the goal of AMA to generate positive changes in the lives of youth and provide inspiration for both participants and volunteers as they work together toward these goals.
 - Please make every attempt to help keep Copello Park an enjoyable place to bring your family and friends. Pitch in and keep our park clean.