

Recruiting and Pickup Player Policy and Procedure

Spokane Girls' Fastpitch Softball Association

(Effective: May 14th, 2010)

1. Policies

1. It is the policy of Spokane Girls' Fastpitch Softball Association (SGFSA) that no manager or coach shall attempt to recruit a player who has committed to another **SGFSA team until the day after the league awards ceremony.**
2. It is the policy of SGFSA that no manager or coach shall contact a player committed to another SGFSA team for the purpose of temporarily picking her up for a tournament or non-league game(s), without first contacting that player's manager or coach.

2. Recruiting Procedure

1. Managers of SGFSA teams, upon offering a spot on their team for the next season to an existing player or an uncommitted prospective player, shall provide that player with an SGFSA Player Registration Form. When that player and her parent(s) have signed and dated that form and returned it to the coach, the player is committed for the indicated season.
2. The manager shall initial and date the form next to the team name and return the pink copy to the player, to document the team's commitment.
3. ***The player becomes a FREE AGENT at 12:01am on the day following the day of the leagues' award ceremony (arbitrarily set by the board each year) unless the player and the team have both committed in writing for the next season, in accordance with the procedure above.***
4. ***Prior to the day a player becomes a FREE AGENT, managers and coaches of SGFSA teams shall refrain from attempting in any way to influence a player committed to another SGFSA team to switch teams during the current or following season.***

3. Pickup Player Procedure

1. Any SGFSA manager or coach wanting to temporarily pick up a player committed to another SGFSA team for a tournament or non-league game(s) shall contact that player's manager or coach prior to contacting the player.
 1. Between April 1 and the following national tournament, no contact shall be made unless the player's manager or coach specifically grants

permission to do so. If permission is granted, the intent of this recruiting policy should be strictly observed.

2. Between the national tournament and the following March 31, only notification of the player's manager or coach shall be required, but the intent of this recruiting policy should be strictly observed.

2. Fall Ball shall be treated as an invitational tournament for the purposes of applying this policy.

4. Other

1. ***It is the responsibility of each team manager to specifically inform all their players whether they are being invited back for the following season. In the event that a player is not being invited back, she should be informed as soon after the season ends as possible. If that decision is made prior to the day the player becomes an official FREE AGENT, the manager shall also provide her with a written release so that the other teams will be able to talk with her without violating this policy.***