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AJAX WOMEN'S SLO-PITCH ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Article 1

Name, Affiliation and Boundaries

- 1.01 The name of this organization shall be known as Ajax Women's Slo-Pitch Association (hereinafter referred to as the A.W.S.A.). It is an independent association within the town of Ajax. The A.W.S.A. is a non-profit organization.
- 1.02 Affiliations with the A.W.S.A. will be accepted annually, subject to the approval of the A.W.S.A. Executive Council.

Article 2

Objectives

- 2.01 The objective of the A.W.S.A. shall be:
 - a) To develop the ideals of good sportsmanship and fair play in players through a well regulated softball program in the Town of Ajax in accordance with the regulations of the Canadian Amateur Softball Association, also known as Softball Canada.
 - b) To have and exercise general care, supervision and direction over all playing interests and conduct of the teams and players in the A.W.S.A.
 - c) To annually institute and administer a competitive program for representative teams with the A.W.S.A. Annually, based on standings and at the discretion of the Executive Council, teams may be moved up or down within divisions to ensure appropriate placement within the league.
 - d) To annually institute and regulate a league championship program and playoff championships and conduct internal tournaments.
 - e) Team officials must ensure that all registered players are contacted to play at each A.W.S.A. game and every possible effort made to have each player participate fully in the game. Failure to comply will result in an immediate hearing of the Executive Council and possible team expulsion from the A.W.S.A. Any registered player who feels that she is not being treated fairly is asked to contact the Secretary who will bring the matter to the attention of the Executive Council.

Article 3

Membership

- 3.01 All teams in the A.W.S.A. shall be composed of such amateur teams, within the boundaries of the Municipality of Durham Region, which agree to abide by and comply with the constitution, by-laws and playing rules of the A.W.S.A.

- 3.02 Players taken from the waiting list can be taken on a tryout basis as long as they are fully aware of the conditions of the tryout.
- 3.03 RESIDENCY: Priority must be given to Ajax residents, and Ajax residents cannot be refused entry into the league. Any misuse of the rule will result in stricter guidelines in the future.

Article 4

Associate Membership

- 4.01 Amateur teams outside the boundaries of the MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM REGION may be considered for Associate Membership subject to the approval of the A.W.S.A. Executive Council. Such members must agree to abide by and comply with the Constitution, bylaws and playing rules of the A.W.S.A. Associate memberships must be renewed with the approval of the A.W.S.A. Executive Council each playing year. Ajax teams get first priority. Following two years as associate members in the league, associate member teams may be appointed full membership upon the positive vote of at least two-thirds of those present at the Annual General Meeting.

Article 5

Executive and General Council

- 5.01 The Executive Council of the A.W.S.A. shall be elected for a two-year term of office at the general meeting by a majority vote of the delegates present at such a meeting. Voting for said positions would alternate on even and odd years, as to not leave the league in the future with a new Executive Council. We would begin the cycle for the odd year season (i.e. 2009) with the President, Secretary and 1st Vice President positions. The treasurer and 2nd Vice President positions would be voted on for the even year season (i.e. 2010).

- 5.02 The Executive Council of the A.W.S.A. shall be comprised of the following elected officers:

PRESIDENT
1st VICE PRESIDENT
2nd VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER

- 5.03 The General Council of the A.W.S.A. shall be comprised of the following appointed officers:

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
TEAM REPRESENTATIVES
(2 per team exclusive of the executive)

- 5.04 Each member of the Executive Council has the power to vote at all annual general and special and executive meetings.

- 5.05 The Executive Council has the power to appoint replacements of any member of the Executive Council who resigns during their term of office. The Executive Council shall be further empowered to make non-voting appointments to the Executive Council to cover specialized duties.
- 5.06 The Executive Council has the power to appoint a non-voting executive member to the general council to act as chairperson of any committee, or perform other duties as they deem fit.
- 5.07 The Executive Council has the power to enforce the provision of the constitution, bylaws and playing rules of the A.W.S.A.
- 5.08 The Executive Council shall authorize all expenditures of the A.W.S.A. It shall be responsible for auditing of the books of the A.W.S.A. It shall elect and appoint all committees. It shall look after the general welfare of the A.W.S.A.
- 5.09 The Executive Council shall establish the annual fees for teams affiliated with the A.W.S.A.
- 5.10 A quorum of the Executive Council shall consist of four (4) voting members.

Article 6

Duties of the Officers

6.01 PRESIDENT

The president shall be the chief executive officer and shall preside over all executive or general council meetings. She shall ensure that the executive are fulfilling their responsibilities. The President shall be responsible for any publicity of the league. The President will act as a liaison for the league with all external parties. She is responsible for acquiring permits for the league. She will also be appointed as a signing officer.

NOTE:

To be President you must be an existing member of the Executive Council.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

The 1st Vice President will be responsible for the equipment for the playing season. She will purchase and distribute the game balls to the team representatives and will ensure the ongoing good working order and availability of all required game equipment. She will help organize our annual general meeting and awards banquet.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The 2nd Vice President will be responsible for the scheduling of the league and playoff games. She will retrieve scores from the voice mail/email and publish the standings on the website. She must also arrange for umpires to attend all scheduled league and playoff games. She will help organize our annual general meeting and awards banquet.

SECRETARY

The Secretary shall provide an agenda and record the minutes of all executive, general and rep. meetings. She shall be responsible for the registration of all teams and players and providing the A.W.S.A. with insurance.

TREASURER

The treasurer shall keep complete and accurate records of all receipts and disbursements and report on the financial situation of the A.W.S.A. at the executive, general and rep. meetings.

PAST PRESIDENT

The Past President shall act in an advisory capacity (AS DEEMED NECESSARY) to the President and other Executive Council members.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

The protest committee will be made up of ALL Executive Council members.

Article 7

Life Member

- 7.01 Any player or past player of the A.W.S.A. who has rendered valuable service to the A.W.S.A. may, after nomination and upon a majority vote, be elected a life member.

Article 8

Meetings

- 8.01 All general meetings of the A.W.S.A. shall consist of at least one team rep. or any member of their team. Failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 fine payable to the A.W.S.A. before their next scheduled game.
- 8.02 A nominee to be elected to the executive must secure a simple majority of the total votes cast. If there is only one candidate for an executive position, the candidate will be acclaimed and will fill the available position.
- 8.03 The Executive Council shall meet as often as is necessary to carry on efficiently the business of the A.W.S.A.
- 8.04 Each member of the Executive Council, having obtained the approval of any other three (3) members of the Executive Council, shall have the right to call a special meeting of the Executive Council. Due notice of such special meetings must be given to all members of the Executive Council.
- 8.05 An executive member does not constitute a team rep. at any general or rep. meeting.

Article 9

Changes to Constitution

- 9.01 No amendment or alteration shall be made to any part of this constitution except at an annual meeting of the A.W.S.A. and only by a two-thirds majority of the total votes cast. Notice of any proposed alteration or amendment must be submitted to the Secretary of the A.W.S.A. in writing at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting.
- 9.02 Notice of any proposed alteration or amendment to this constitution filed with the Secretary shall be forwarded by e-mail to each team at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting.
- 9.03 Amendment to the bylaws and playing rules may be made at any general meeting by a majority of two thirds of the members present at such meetings.

Article 10

Order of Business

- 10.01 The regular order of business at each meeting of the A.W.S.A. and Executive Council will be carried out in an orderly and acceptable manner as indicated on a prepared agenda by the Secretary.

Article 11

A.W.S.A. Responsibility

- 11.01 The A.W.S.A. does not accept any responsibility for any injury to players, management, executive, spectators or officials.
- 11.02 The A.W.S.A. does not accept any responsibility for debts incurred by any team, league, individual or official, other than those approved by the Executive Council.

Article 12

Accident Insurance

- 12.01 It is compulsory that all teams be covered by accident insurance through the A.W.S.A.

Article 13

Honorariums

- 13.01 The Executive Council shall have the power to grant an honorarium or gift to any officer, members or other individuals who in the opinion of the Executive Council merits such an award.

Article 14

Dissolution

14.01 If the A.W.S.A. disbands, all equipment and available funds will be transferred to the Town of Ajax to be held in trust for a period of 5 years. If the league has not reinstated itself by that time, the equipment and assets will be transferred to the children's softball program.

Article 15

Fiscal Year and Financial Reporting

15.01 The fiscal year for the A.W.S.A. will be from December to November each year.

15.02 A budget will be prepared annually by the Treasurer. The draft budget will be presented at the AGM for review and the final budget will be presented at the first Team Representative meeting of the playing year, at which time it will be approved by a 2/3 majority of total votes cast.

15.03 A complete financial statement of the year's financial activities will be prepared annually by the Treasurer. The interim financial statement will be presented at the AGM for review and the final financial statement will be presented at the first Team Representative meeting of the playing year.

Article 16

Record Keeping and Record Retention

16.01 Essential documents (team rosters, player registration forms, meeting agendas/minutes and financial documents) will be kept for a seven year period. Team rosters, player registration forms meeting agendas and minutes will remain with the league Secretary and will be transferred in the event a new Secretary is appointed. Financial documents will be kept by the Treasurer and will be transferred in the event a new Treasurer is appointed.

16.02 Privacy of each player's personal information will be maintained and under no circumstance will the personal information of any player be provided to anyone, without their express written consent.

BYLAWS

These bylaws are intended to define the rules and regulations governing the game of Slo-Pitch played under the jurisdiction of the Ajax Women's Slo-Pitch Association (herein after referred to as the A.W.S.A.) and shall apply to all persons affiliated with the A.W.S.A. in any capacity. These bylaws are subject to amendment as provided in Article 9 of the Constitution of the A.W.S.A.

Bylaw I

Rosters

- 1.01 All players affiliated with the A.W.S.A. (Articles 3 & 4 of the Constitution) must, in ink, sign an A.W.S.A. registration form.
- 1.02 Initial signed A.W.S.A. registration forms by each team must be submitted to the A.W.S.A. by May 1st of the playing year together with their league entry fee.
- 1.03 Final roster and balance of team payment is due no later than July 1st of that playing year. Players may only be added following this date if they are a replacement for a pregnant or injured player. During playoffs, substitutions due to injury or pregnancy will only be allowed if the team cannot field a team (i.e. less than 10 players)

Bylaw II

Team Membership

- 2.01 All teams must register with A.W.S.A. Secretary. All new players must present proof of age and address.
- 2.02 A list of players, with signed A.W.S.A. team registration forms, must be submitted to the A.W.S.A. Secretary by May 1st and are valid for one playing season. The final roster, with individual registration forms must be submitted by July 1st of that playing year.
- 2.03 Failure to register by July 1st will result in a \$100 fine payable to the A.W.S.A. and suspension from further competition in the A.W.S.A. until final roster and full payment has been received.
- 2.04 If there are less than fifteen (15) players on a team, the Executive Council may appoint players to that team. The final list with signatures must be submitted by July 1st of the playing year.
- 2.05 A player, after playing a minimum of one (1) game with a team on which they are a registered player, cannot switch to a new team without the approval of the Executive Council. Both teams and the player involved will have the opportunity to discuss with the Executive Council why this change should or should not be allowed, but the final decision will rest with the Executive Council.
- 2.06 All new players in the A.W.S.A. must have reached the age of eighteen (18) years by July 1st of the playing year.

Bylaw III

Zone Rules

3.01 The A.W.S.A. is comprised of the boundaries of the Town of Ajax.

Bylaw IV

Suspensions and Defaults

4.01 Any team having defaulted two (2) regularly scheduled league games shall be fined \$100.00 payable before the next scheduled game or forfeit. There will be no ejection from the league.

4.02 Any team not submitting a final team roster or the balance of their league fees by July 1 of the playing year will be fined \$100 and suspended from further competition in the A.W.S.A. until full payment has been received. During the period of suspension of play, the team will post a loss for all regularly scheduled games.

4.03 Any member of the A.W.S.A. or Executive Council or any manager, coach or player willfully violating the Constitution, Bylaws or playing rules of the A.W.S.A. or refusing to abide by the decision of the Executive Council and/or Executive Committee, shall be subject to suspension.

4.04 Any team playing an ineligible player during league championships will be fined \$100, will forfeit all remaining playoff games and will forfeit any regular season winnings they would have otherwise been entitled to receive.

4.05 Any of the above suspensions shall have the right of appeal to the General Council.

4.06 Any member of the A.W.S.A. found consuming alcoholic beverages on the baseball premises at any A.W.S.A. game shall be subject to suspension by the Executive Council.

Bylaw V

Championships

5.01 The A.W.S.A. shall conduct play down in all series under its jurisdictions to declare champions.

5.02 Only teams registered in the A.W.S.A. can compete for the league championships. Only players that have played 25% of regular season games will be eligible to participate in league championships. Each team, must forward a list of players eligible for league championship play to the 1st Vice-President, no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of play offs. The 1st Vice-President will forward this list of eligible players to all teams. In the event of a dispute about a player's eligibility, the team will be required to provide all regular season scoresheets to the Executive Council for review and decision at the time of the game in question. If the player was not eligible to play in league championships or the eligibility of the player cannot be verified by the Executive due to the inability to provide scoresheets or missing

scoresheets, the team will forfeit all playoff games, will be fined \$100 and will forfeit any regular season winnings they would have otherwise been entitled to.

- 5.03 In the event of a tie at the end of any regular season series, the winner of the games between the two teams in question will be declared first place.
- 5.04 In the event of a tie between the two teams in the deciding games (Re:5.03) the winner shall be decided by runs for minus runs against, only in the series in question. During the playoffs, use the International Softball Federation "Official Rules of Softball".
- 5.05 Home team in the playoffs will be determined by the team with the higher standing from the regular season
- 5.06 There will be two umpires for all semi-final and final games during the playoffs.

Bylaw VI

Protest Review (**For complete and detailed protest rules see page fifteen (15)**)

- 6.01 Softball Canada protest rules will apply as outlined in Rule 11 of the International Softball Federation "Official Rules of Softball" with the exception of the following:
 - a) At the beginning of the playing season, the A.W.S.A. will establish an Executive Council. Any four (4) members of the Executive Council shall be considered a quorum.
 - b) An official protest not concerning an interpretation of the rules (e.g. ineligible players etc.) will be handled in the same manner as above (a)
 - c) The Executive Council will advise of their decision at least forty-eight hours prior to the replaying or continuing of any protested game. Their decision will be forwarded by the Executive Council.
 - d) A \$50.00 fee must accompany the written protest. If protest is won, the team will receive back their \$50.00. If the protest is lost, the fee goes to the A.W.S.A.

Bylaw VII

Tournament Play

- 7.01 For in house tournaments, competition is restricted to A.W.S.A. teams only. In the event that it is necessary to add a team for any reason, it shall be the decision of the Executive Council and the tournament chairwoman. All players must also sign an Insurance waiver.
- 7.02 Only players who sign an A.W.S.A. certificate will be eligible to play. Players must have been previously registered through their team.

- 7.03 An entry fee as determined by the tournament committee is required for participation in any tournament.
- 7.04 League teams must field a team on the dates and times specified in the schedule. A team defaulting a game is not eligible for further play in the tournament and the team is subject to a fine or suspension, determined by the Executive Council.

PLAYING RULES

All "Slo-Pitch National rules" will be applicable unless otherwise stated herein. Umpires are in complete control of all games sanctioned by the A.W.S.A.

1. Pitching distance: 50 ft. - 60 ft.
Baseline distances: 65 ft.
Strike Zone: a ball delivered with an arc between 6 and 12 feet and touching any part of the mat, not including the plate, will be called a strike. A ball that hits the plate will be called a ball. A ball hitting both the mat and home plate at the same time will be called a strike. A ball that hits the dirt and then the mat will be called a ball.
Ball Size: 11 inches
2. All players must be age 18 years on or before July 1st of the playing year.
3. No new players will be accepted after July 1st unless a pregnancy or injury requires a team to add a player as a replacement. All players must be registered with the Secretary for the regular season.
4. No metal or removable spikes allowed.
5. Home teams are responsible for:
 - a) supplying one new ball and another good ball
 - b) arriving to field 1/2 hour before game time to set up field (setting up league bases and putting bases away)
 - c) providing official scorekeeper
 - d) leaving message on phone line or via e-mail for rain out games
 - e) turning on & off lights
6.
 - a) all regular season games will be a maximum of 7 innings. No new inning will begin after 65 minutes of official start of game. If home team is winning, the bottom half of the final inning WILL NOT be played. This is for the regular season.
 - b) Playoff rules will accompany playoff schedule.
7. Any team that cannot field a minimum of 8 players within 5 minutes after the official or adjusted scheduled start time will forfeit the game. There will be a \$50.00 default fine, payable to the league before the next scheduled game. In the event that the previous game runs late, the following game times will be adjusted at the umpire's discretion.
8. ALL PLAYERS MUST:
 - a) bat in turn whether playing or sitting out an inning
 - b) play the field at least 3 innings in a seven inning game
 - c) be added to the end of the line up and be allowed to play when arriving after the start of play only up to the end of the third inning. Any player arriving after the third inning will not be eligible to play.

- d) play a minimum of 25% of the regular season league games to qualify to play in league championships. This must be able to be demonstrated to the Executive Council via game scoresheets in the event of a dispute.
 - e) remove ALL jewelry before the start of the game. If a ring cannot be removed, it must be taped or a glove worn. The umpire will give one warning and if the player still refuses she will be asked to leave the game. MEDICAL ALERT bracelets and necklaces are an exception. Players WILL NOT have to remove these items however it is recommended that they be covered for safety reasons. Plastic bracelets are considered jewelry and must be removed before game play.
 - f) wear the same colour shirts, in all scheduled league and playoff games. A player will not be allowed to play until she has a matching shirt on. If a player is not wearing a matching shirt, the opposing team coach or manager must notify the umpire who will enforce this rule with the player/team in question.
9. An inning is defined as that portion of a game within which teams alternate on defense and offence and each half inning is terminated when 3 outs have been made (reference: SPN Official Slo-Pitch Rules 2007 www.slo-pitch.com)
 10. Each team is allowed five (5) courtesy runners anywhere, anytime in a game. The courtesy runner may be any member of the team. If the courtesy runner is on base and it is her turn at bat, she may bat as long as the team has not used up all courtesy runners. If the team has used up all runners she will be automatically out.
 10. Balks cannot be called.
 11. The PITCHERS BOX shall be 2 feet wide and 10 feet long. The front edge of this box shall be centered on the direct line from homeplate to second base. The front edge shall be 50 feet from the rear corner of homeplate. The line marking the pitcher's box is to be considered to be within the box.
 12. Anticipation is allowed as the ball crosses the plane of homeplate.
 13. SAFETY BAG RULE - this base shall be 15 inches & 30 inches and shall be made of canvas or other suitable material and not more than 5 inches in thickness. One half of the base is white and is to be securely fastened in fair territory and the other half is orange and is to be securely fastened in foul territory. Slo-pitch National Rules (Rule 2: Section 5) apply.
 14. There will be unlimited defensive substitutions.
 15. Runner will be called out if they touch homeplate or pass over homeplate in fair territory, whether or not a play is being made. There will be no sliding into homeplate at any time. Any player will be called out if she slides into homeplate. The runner at home will be considered an out if the defensive player has control of the ball and is touching homeplate before the runner crosses the scoring line in foul territory. There will be a commit line between third base and homeplate. The commit line is defined as a line drawn between third base and homeplate. Once the runner has crossed this line, she must continue home, she cannot go back to third base.

16. A maximum of seven (7) runs per inning will be in force up until three (3) complete innings have been played after which the runs will be unlimited.
17. If a ball contacts the ground before clearing the fence it shall be a ground rule double.
18. If a ball contacts the fence first without going over the fence and is caught by a player off the fence contacting the ground it is ruled a LIVE BALL.
19. A winner may be declared after completion of 4 innings, or 3 ½ innings if the home team is winning. All game scoresheets, for both teams, must be signed by the umpire at the completion of the game.
20. The winning team shall be responsible for reporting the final score to the voice mail or e-mail within 24 hours of game completion (2 points - winner, 0 points - loser, 1 point - each team if tied). Failure to call in score will result in all points being taken away from the winning team.
21. Rule books are permitted on benches or in dugouts, but not on the playing fields.
22. It shall be up to the sole discretion of the umpires as to whether a field is playable due to adverse weather conditions.
23. Undue intentional or malicious physical contact shall be dealt with by the umpire using his/her discretion. Deliberate attempts to injure will result in suspension from league play as ruled by the Executive Council.
24. Teams MUST notify umpire of intentional walk. Every intentional walk thereafter to the same batter in the same game will automatically put that batter to second base.
25. Umpires must announce the official start of the game.
26. Umpires will be aware of A.W.S.A. Constitution, Bylaws and Playing rules.
27. A player can leave the game for injury or illness without being an automatic out. Any player leaving the game for any reason other than injury will be an automatic out for the remainder of the game. This decision could change at the discretion of the two playing teams involved.
28. Each team needs to give two (2) weeks notice to reschedule a game. The opposing team will have the choice of two possible dates. The team requesting the change will have to comply with the new date. The team requesting the change will also have to pay a fee of \$25.00.
29. All teams must field a pitcher and catcher. The pitcher must be on the mound and catcher behind the plate. All other players can play in various positions.
30. No infield ball after the first inning. Pitchers get 5 warm up pitches before the game and 3 pitches every inning thereafter.

PROTEST RULES

(Taken from International Softball Federation "Official Rules of Softball" Revised 2005)

1. Protest shall not be received or considered if they are based solely on a decision involving the accuracy of judgment on the part of the umpire.
2. Protests that shall be received and considered, concern matters of the following types:
 - a) Misinterpretation of a playing rule.
 - b) Failure of an umpire to apply the correct rule to a given situation
 - c) Failure to impose the correct penalty for a given violation
3. The notification of intent to protest must be made immediately before the next pitch
 - a) The manager or acting manager of the protesting team shall immediately notify the plate umpire that the game is being continued under protest. The plate umpire shall in turn notify the opposing manager.
 - b) All interested parties shall take notice of the conditions surrounding the making of the decision that will aid in the correct determination of the issue.
4. The official written protest must be filed within 48 hours of the protested game.
5. The formal written protest should contain the following information:
 - a) The date, time and place of protested game.
 - b) The names of the umpires and scorer
 - c) The rule and section of the Official Rules or local rules under which the protest is being made.
 - d) The decision and conditions surrounding the making of the decision.
 - e) All essential facts involved in the matter protested.
6. The decision made on a protested game must result in one of the following.
 - a) The protest is found invalid and the game score stands as played
 - b) When a protest is allowed for misinterpretation of a playing rule, the game is replayed from the point at which the incorrect decision was made with the decision corrected.
 - c) When a protest for ineligibility of a player allowed, the game shall be forfeited to the offended team

A.W.S.A. TEAM REP MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Ajax Community Centre

\$100 DEPOSIT DUE

Wednesday April 21, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Ajax Boston Pizza

ALL MONEY & REGISTRATION FORMS DUE

Wednesday September 29, 2010

Annual General Meeting

7:00 P.M.

Ajax Community Centre

Friday October 1, 2010

Banquet and Dance

Annandale Golf and Curling Club

**OTHER MEETINGS WILL BE CALLED THROUGHOUT THE PLAYING SEASON, AS
NEEDED**

FREQUENTLY ASK QUESTIONS

Q. How do we report our game scores?

A. The winning team must report the score within 24 hours to either the telephone hotline (905-706-4491) or via e-mail at awsascores@hotmail.com. Voice mail messages and e-mail messages **must** contain the date, winning team name, your score, losing team name, their score.

Q. We tied the game, who reports the score?

A. The home team must report the score within 24 hours. Phone the hotline (905) 706-4491 or e-mail awsascores@hotmail.com. If using the hotline, leave a message with the date, home team name & score, visiting team name & score. This same information is required if you are reporting the score via e-mail.

Q. It's raining out or it rained all day! Are the games cancelled?

A. Not necessarily. There is very good drainage at the new Sportsplex. Most games will be played. To find out if the games are rained out, call the hotline at (905) 706-4491.

If there isn't a message about a rainout, the games are still on.

Q. The umpire called the game due to rain, fog etc. What do we do?

A. Home team must phone the phone line (905) 706-4491 or e-mail awsascores@hotmail.com and leave a message that the game was called due to rain, fog, etc. Please see the FAQ below to determine if the game was complete or not. If the game wasn't completed, it will be rescheduled.

Q. We didn't play a complete game. What do we do?

A. If the home team was winning and you completed at least 3 ½ innings, it is considered to be a complete game. If the home team is losing you must play 4 complete innings to be considered a complete game. If it is considered a complete game, report the scores via phone or e-mail as above. If the game wasn't complete, it will be rescheduled, and this must still be reported to the phone line or e-mail.

Q. One of our team members got hurt during the game. What do we do?

A. Inform the umpire immediately. **If it is an emergency, call an ambulance.** Have the umpire or an Executive Council member fill in an injury report. Call the hotline at (905) 706-4491 or e-mail us to let us know what has happened and leave the injury report in the A.W.S.A. box in the storage unit.

- Q. We just realized that we are not going to have enough players for one of our games. What do we do?**
- A. Call the phone line at 905-706-4491. You must give two weeks notice to reschedule a game. The opposing team will have the choice of two possible dates. The team requesting the change will have to comply with the new date. The team requesting the change will have to pay a fee of \$25.00.
- Q. What if I can't attend a Team Rep meeting or General Meeting?**
- A. Someone from your team must attend the meeting whether it is one of the reps or any member of your team. Failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 fine payable to the A.W.S.A. before your next scheduled game.
- Q. We are about to start our game and we only have seven players. What do we do?**
- A. Any team that cannot field a minimum of 8 players within 5 minutes after the official scheduled or adjusted start time will forfeit the game. There will be a \$50.00 default fine, payable to the league before the next scheduled game. In the event that the previous game runs late, the following game times will be adjusted as per the umpire's discretion.
- Q. We have already started the season and just picked up a new player. Can she still play?**
- A. She may still play but she must be registered with the Secretary no later than July 1. She must be registered before she is eligible to play.
- Q. We want to protest our game. What do we do?**
- A. See protest rules on Page 15
- Q. We had a problem with our umpire. What do we do?**
- A. Please call the hotline at (905) 706-4491 leave details of the problem, the umpires name and number (card #) so that we can let the Umpire-in-Chief know. If you do not report problems, please don't complain about the umpiring.

DIRECTIONS TO THE AJAX SPORTSPLEX

The Sportsplex is on the southeast corner of Audley and Taunton Roads. The main entrance is from Audley Road.

Please arrive at the park early, as it is a fair walk to the diamonds.

