

**2024**  
**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 REGISTRATION)**

***All Teams must be declared and registered no later than April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.***

**Team Formation**

**1. General Rules**

- Teams can be made up of Returning and New players.
- All teams must have a minimum of 12 players with 3 female players.
- There is no maximum number of players a team can carry.

**2. Returning Players**

- Returning players are allowed to stay on their existing team.
- Returning Players can move to a newly formed team (See #4).
- Returning Players can choose to enter the draft.
- Returning Players must be part of the team's roster at the time of registration (date) or will be placed in the Lottery draft.

**3. New Players**

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

**4. Existing Teams (Teams from the previous season)**

- Existing Teams are allowed to keep all Returning Players
- Existing Teams are allowed to add New Players

## 5. New Teams

- **New teams formed with Returning Players** are allowed have a maximum of 7 Returning Players (3 of those 7 players must be female). Remaining players to meet the minimum (12 players) must be New Players or come from the Lottery Draft.
- **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

### 6. Pre-Season

- At the conclusion of the final day to register your team (April 12<sup>th</sup>), the Board will set the date for the Lottery Draft.
- All registered coaches will attend this meeting and will draw for their Lottery Draft selection.
- The Draft will be done by placing all registered players in a Raffle Drum and drawing each player assigning them to a coach in the lottery selection order.
- Male players will be drawn first, and then Female players will be drawn next until all registered players are assigned to a team.
- 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.

### 7. During Season

- Post Draft Lottery (after the season has started). Any new player who doesn't register with an existing team but wishes to play in the league will enter the Lottery. All teams will be assigned a number and placed in the Raffle Drum. The new player will be assigned to the drawn team. Once a team has added a new player in the Post Draft Lottery, they will be removed from the future selection process until all teams have added a Post Draft Lottery. The process repeats itself all season.

### Exceptions

- Any team having Fourteen (14) "active players" can request to be removed from the Lottery selection process until further notice, to prevent an overcrowding of players on any given team.