

# **PAJARO VALLEY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE Mission Statement**

This organization shall be known as the Pajaro Valley Girls Softball League, hereinafter referred to as "P.V.G.S.L." We are a Non profit organization, Fed ID# 20-0699787....501(C).

**Objective:** To teach the girls in our community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority through their participation in a team sport. Because of the skill level at different ages we have set the following goals and competition levels as follows:

(a) Tee Ball: Tee Ball is considered an introduction to softball for girls ages 5-7 and as such our main concern is sportsmanship and learning the basics. Score is not kept, all players play the whole game, and all players bat in each inning regardless of number of outs.

(b) 10 and Under Division: Since this is still an instructional level we do not want to encourage excessive competition so there are no "standings" in this division. Score is kept to teach the girls that aspect of the game but win/loss record is not recorded.

(c) 12 and Under Division: At this level we stress more competition for the girls as they improve their softball skills. Score is kept as well as divisional standings for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place etc. We do however also stress that everyone be given the opportunity to play as much as possible to develop the potential of each and every girl in our program. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies are awarded.

(d) 14 and Under Division: This is considered a competitive level of softball. Many of the girls at this age are competing on their Junior High teams and we want their league play to coincide with that. These girls are strongly encouraged to perform at their best to reach their highest potential. We do however still want to stress that we encourage all girls to participate and maintain our league standard of minimum playing time per game for each child. (See addendum) At the end of the season trophies are given for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

(e) 15 through 18 Division: This is our oldest division of girls and therefore the most competitive. Many of these girls play softball at our local high schools and we want our league to strengthen their skills so that they may better represent our local school teams. We still maintain our basic league objective that any girl who wishes to participate is entitled to the minimum playing standards. Trophies are awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams.

**Responsibilities:** To achieve this objective the P.V.G.S.L. will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of the A.S.A. (Amateur Softball Assoc.). All Directors, Officers and members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance. The P.V.G.S.L. shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of softball games for girls ages 5-18.