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## NSA Canada Slo-Pitch 2021 Men's and Women's World Series -September 15, 2021

Dear Coaches / Captains / Managers / Participants / Staff / Volunteers

Our most anticipated event of the 2021 season is almost upon us, and it is important we take a minute to highlight some key points regarding the event.

### Player Classification

Many exchanges have taken place regarding the Player Classification System and the fundamentals behind it. Ultimately the system is in place to ensure players and teams are participating at equal skillsets. The integrity of that level playing ground and having teams participate at the proper level is the backbone of all NSA Sanctioned Events. Much of the work that is done prior to the event by the tournament committee is to help ensure the event(s) do not become exclusively about roster protests.

It is incumbent on every participant to review their personal ranking in the system and ultimately the burden of final roster submission falls on the coach or team manager. If a player(s) is indicated on a roster protest and they have been found to have mislead or not been truthful about the level of competition that they have been playing, then the protest will be upheld by the committee. We hope none of those takes place and believe us when we say the best events are protest free. In the interest of the event and all the participants please review below one last time:

**PLAYER CLASSIFICATION** The system is in place for this event. Any players not registered will be considered ineligible. For "World Series" events, a team will be allowed a maximum of 2 players from the next player classification directly above their own team's division/classification.

**PROTESTS** - Protests shall NOT be allowed or considered if they are based solely upon a decision involving judgment on the part of an umpire.

**EXCEPTION:** Player eligibility where ALL protests must be made BEFORE the umpire leaves the field. Protest fee is \$175.00 cash, payable to NSA Canada "World Series" Committee

### Event Changes in 2021

To help ensure the event can run with limited restrictions we have been forced to cancel both the All-Star game and the Louisville Bomb Show. Our pack the park feature games will also have a different look in 2021 as although people will be permitted to watch and enjoy the games, restrictions on crowd sizes may be in place.



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### **Beverage Garden(s)**

We are permitted to host beverage gardens and will set up the facility to specifications and restriction guidelines provided by The City of Hamilton and Ontario Health Services.

### **Contact Tracing**

Please note that we have provided both a Covid Safety Plan and a Covid Response Plan to the City of Hamilton which includes a note regarding our ability to communicate directly with the players by both email and text message should a reason exist for such notification. No information has been shared with any outside agency including but not limited to Public Health, or Government, and will remain exclusively with NSA Canada Slo-Pitch through our Player Classification System.

Due to the requirement for potential direct and clear communication with all participants, it is incumbent upon the coach's/managers to ensure all team participants arrive early as we will be providing a soft wrist band to each participant and a separate distinctive band for all spectators, family, and friends. (Please strongly consider arriving 60-90 minutes prior to first game of the event)

**Thank you,**

**NSA Canada 2021 Men's and Women's World Series Committee**

**“NSA Built by Player for Players”**