### 2025 TOP GUN SOFTBALL GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES

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TOP GUN RULES NOT LISTED REFER TO NFHS RULE BOOK & TOP GUN EXCEPTION RULES.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY—CLICK HERE FOR DISCLAIMER

- PLAYERS, COACHES, STAFF, PARENTS, FRIENDS AND OTHER SPECTATORS
  OR ANYONE INTERESTED IN TOP GUN-USA SPORTS, WHO POST ABUSIVE OR
  PERSONAL ATTACKS, UNPROFESSIONAL COMMENTS THAT WE TOP GUN
  SPORTS DEEM UNSPORTSMANLIKE, OBSCENE, DEFAMATORY,
  THREATENING, HARRASSING, ABUSIVE, SLANDEROUS, HATEFUL OR
  EMBARASSING TO TOP GUN SPORTS-USA OR ANY OTHER ENTITY WILL NOT
  BE TOLERATED.
- PARTICIPATION IN ANY OF THE ABOVE BEHAVIOR ON, BUT NOT LIMITED
  TO, THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING, THIRD PARTY SOCIAL MEDIA SITES, CHAIN
  LETTERS, TEXT MESSAGES, PHONE CALLS, OR SPAM CAN RESULT IN
  TERMINATION OR INVOLVEMENT FROM ANY AND/OR ALL TOP GUN EVENTS
  OF ANY INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM WHO POSTS SUCH CONTENT.
- TOP GUN SPORTS CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCURACY OR RELIABILITY OF INFORMATION POSTED BY EXTERNAL PARTIES.

#### VIOLATION OF TOP GUN RULES

- SANCTIONS MAY BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS PUBLICATION OF THE GENERAL TOP GUN SOFTBALL RULES
- MISCONDUCT INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED, SPORTSMANSHIP
  DETRIMENTAL TO THE PROGRAM, DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY,
  INTOXICATION, POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, WEAPONS, USE OF
  PROFANITY, OR COMMISSION OF A CRIME DURING ANY PLAY TOP GUN
  SPORTS COMPETITION.
- TOP GUN SPORTS SHALL INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE VIOLATION OF TOP GUN SPORTS RULES. & IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT A VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED, PENALITIES MAY BE IMPOSED AS PROVIDED IN THE GENERAL RULES.

- TEAMS COACHES, PLAYERS, AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE SOFTBALL CHAIRMAN FOR MISCONDUCT. AND THIS MAY INCLUDE FINES, SUSPENSION, FORFEITURE, PROBATION, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION.
- SANCTIONS MAY BE APPEALED TO THE PLAY TOP GUN SPORTS BOARD OF REVIEW COMMITTEE

#### **UNSPORTING CONDUCT & ZERO TOLERATION POLICY:**

ANY PLAYER, COACH, MANAGER, SPONSOR OR SPECTATOR LEAVING THEIR POSITION OR BASE, IN THE FIELD, ON THE BENCH, IN THE DUGOUT AREA OR GRANDSTANDS TO PARTICIPATE OR START A FIGHT, BRAWL OR ALTERCATION SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY EJECTED FROM THE GAME, LOCAL AUTHORITIES WILL BE CALLED AND ALL PARTIES MAY BE DISBARRED / SUSPENDED. THIS DOES INCLUDE PRIOR TO GAME STARTING, DURING A GAME, OR AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF A TOP GUN SANCTIONED EVENT.

• ANY PARENT, COACH, TEAM MEMBER, OR SPECTATOR THAT VIOLATES THE POLICES OR RULES OF THE TOP GUN SOFTBALL EVENT MAY BE REMOVED FROM ANY AND ALL VENUES AND FUTURE SANCTIONS MAY BE PLACED ON THAT PERSON OR PERSONS. (SEE DETAILED ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY)

#### **AWARDS PRESENTATIONS**

- AFTER THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OF ANY EVENT, THERE WILL BE AN AWARDS PRESENTATION ON THE FILED OR AT A LOCATION SELECTED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AT THE COMPLEX. AFTER THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IS OVER, TEAMS SHOULD LINE-UP ON THE FOUL LINES FOR THE AWARDS PRESENTATION OR PROCEED TO THE AWARDS PRESENTATION LOCATION.
- FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AWARDS CEREMONIES (unless due to weather) WILL BE DEEMED "UNSPORTING" AND SUCH ACTION WILL SUBJECT THE TEAM TO PENALTIES FOR UNSPORTING ACTIONS AS SET FORTH IN THESE GENERAL RULES.

## NO PETS OF ANY KIND OR GRILLS ALLOWED IN THE CONFINES OF THE BALL PARK.

#### **OFFICIAL SCORING OF GAMES**

- SCOREKEEPERS FOR BOTH TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE BETWEEN INNINGS TO CHECK WITH UMPIRES FOR THE SCORE AND IF A DIFFERENCE IS FOUND THERE SHOULD BE AN ATTEMPT MADE TO FIND THE DISCREPENCY
- THE HOME TEAM WILL BE THE OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER FOR ALL GAMES. SCOREKEEPERS MUST USE A SCOREBOOK OR GAMECHANGER APP. IF NOT

- ABLE TO DETERMINE THE DIFFERENCE CONTACT THE SITE/TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IF NEEDED OR THE UMPIRES SCORE WILL STAND.
- AFTER THE GAME IS OVER THE HEAD COACH OF EACH TEAM AND THE UMPIRES MUST SIGN THE GAME CARD TO VERIFY THE OFFICIAL SCORE, HOME RUNS AND PITCHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE GAME.
- FAILURE TO SIGN THE SCORE CARD BY EITHER TEAM IS CONSENTING THAT THE SCORE CARD IS CORRECT AND THAT NO REVISIONS WILL BE MADE.

# ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE ELIGIBILITY OF A PLAYER AT THE TOURNAMENT REQUIRES A PROTEST TO BE FILED DURING THE GAME IN WHICH THE INCIDENT HAS OCCURRED (NOT BEFORE OR AFTER).

#### PLAYER AGE QUALIFICATION PROTEST:

- IF PROTESTED, A COACH MUST PRODUCE ON THE SPOT A LEGIBLE COPY OF A CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE, A FEDERAL ISSUED PASSPORT OR A STATE ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CARD WITH A LEGIBLE DATE OF BIRTH. DIGITAL COPIES ARE NOT ALLOWED.
- PENALTY- THE TEAM WILL FORFEIT THE BALLGAME AND WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE REMAINDER OF TOURNAMENT DUE TO AGE VIOLATION.

#### **HEAD COACHES RESPONSIBILITY**

- COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE TO SEE THAT THEIR TEAM &ROSTER MEETS All ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
- THE HEAD COACH OF A TEAM IS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF HIS ASSISTANT COACHES, PLAYERS, AND FANS. HE SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT DUGOUTS ARE CLEAN AFTER EACH GAME & THAT ALL RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT ARE EXPLAINED TO EVERYONE HE REPRESENTS SINCE HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS
- TOP GUN-USA ALLOWS A MAXIMUM OF FOUR (4) ADULTS ON THE TEAM ROSTER. THIS CAN BE THREE (3) COACHES AND A SCOREKEEPER OR FOUR (4) COACHES TOTAL.
- COACHES/SCOREKEEPERS THAT ARE NOT ON THE ROSTER ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COACH OR BE IN THE DUGOUT. NO ONE OTHER THAN LISTED ADULTS ARE TO BE IN ANY DUGOUT OR ON THE FIELD AT ANY TIME. IF A CHANGE OF COACHES OCCUR DURING A TOURNAMENT FOR ANY REASON THIS NEEDS TO BE REPORTED TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND THE TEAM MUST UPDATE THE ROSTER ONLINE.
- ANY QUESTION PERTAINING TO THE ELIGIBILITY OF A
   COACH/SCOREKEEPER AT THE TOURNAMENT MUST BE PROTESTED
   DURING A GAME. AFTER THE GAME CONCLUDES IS TOO LATE TO FILE ANY
   PROTEST.

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• THE PENALTY WHEN DISCOVERED IS THAT THE COACH/SCOREKEEPER IS REMOVED FROM THE GAME AND CANNOT RETURN UNTIL ALL QUALIFICATIONS ARE MET.

#### **FORFEITS**

- ALL FORFEITS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, AND MAY RESULT IN THE OFFENDING TEAM BEING DECLARED INELIGIBLE FOR ANY FUTURE TOURNAMENTS.
- TEAMS NOT HAVING ENOUGH PLAYERS TO PARTICIPATE FROM EITHER STARTING OR ENDING A GAME, WILL "NOT" BE CONSIDERED EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, UNLESS THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE DETERMINES THERE WERE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES CAUSING THE FORFEIT.
- ANY TEAM WHICH FORFEITS IN POOL PLAY OR BRACKET CANNOT MOVE FORWARD IN A TOURNAMENT. THEY WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND MAY BE SUSPENDED FROM TOP GUN SPORTS.

#### **EJECTIONS & ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY:**

- TOP GUN-USA SPORTS WILL HAVE A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR. THIS POLICY WILL ENCOMPASS ALL INTERACTIONS OF ALL PATRONS, PLAYERS, & COACHES DURING THE COURSE OF THE SOFTBALL SPORTS PROGRAM. THIS INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, PRACTICES, GAMES, OPENING DAY CEREMONIES, TOURNAMENTS, AND ANY TOP GUN-USA SPORTS SOFTBALL EVENT. BY PARTICIPATING IN THESE EVENTS, YOU ARE AGREEING TO ABIDE BY TOP GUN-USA SPORTS POLICY.
- MANAGER, COACH, SPECTATORS OR PLAYERS IN ALL AGE DIVISIONS THAT ARE EJECTED FROM A GAME DUE TO BEHAVIORAL/UNSPORTSMANLIKE ISSUES WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THE VENUE AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN FOR THE REST OF THE DAY. (THIS WILL BE THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS' DECISION AS TO THE SEVERITY OF THE EJECTION.)
- WE HAVE A NO TOLERENCE POLICY AND THERE WILL BE NO UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT, PROFANITY, FIGHTING, ABUSE OF STAFF, UMPIRES OR THE FACILITY ETC. ALLOWED DURING ANY TOP GUN-USA SPORTS EVENT AT ANY TIME. ANYONE WHO VIOLATES THESE RULES WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE VENUES IMMEDIATELY AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY, PERIOD.
- MANAGERS, COACHES, SPECTATORS OR PLAYERS IN ALL AGE DIVISIONS
  THAT ARE EJECTED FROM A GAME DUE TO ANY OTHER BEHAVIOR NOT
  LISTED ABOVE (THIS IS ALSO AT THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS'
  DISCRETION) THE FIRST OCCURRENCE RESULTS IN THE SUSPENSION FOR

- THE GAME AND REMOVAL FROM THE GAME VENUE, AND ALSO THE NEXT SCHEDULED GAME. (THIS MEANS LEAVE THE FACILITY)
- THE COACH, MANAGER, PLAYER OR SPECTATOR IS NOT PERMITTED AT THE GAME VENUE WHILE HE/SHE IS SUSPENDED FROM THE GAME.

#### MULTIPLE EJECTIONS DURING THE TOURNAMENT SEASON

- THE SECOND OCCURRENCE DURING THE TOURNAMENT SEASON RESULTS IN SUSPENSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TOURNAMENT AS WELL AS POSSIBLE IMPOSITIONS OF FURTHER SANCTIONS SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW OF THE TOP GUN TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS.
- THE THIRD OCCURRENCE DURING THE SEASON RESULTS IN SUSPENSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TOURNAMENT AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE SEASON. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COACH ANY TEAM IN ANY TOP GUN SANCTIONED EVENT OR BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND AND TOP GUN-USA SPORTS EVENTS.

#### **UMPIRES CONTROL**

- TOP GUN UMPIRES CANNOT FORFEIT TOP GUN TOURNAMENT BALL GAMES.
- WHEN AN UMPIRE EJECTS A PERSON, THAT PERSON MUST LEAVE THE VENUE IMMEDIATELY AND THE GAME PLAYING TIME IS STOPPED UNTIL THE ISSUE IS RESOLVED. AT THIS TIME THE SITE DIRECTOR MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE SITUATION.
- IF THE PERSON EJECTED DOES NOT LEAVE THE VENUE IMMEDIATELY, THE DIRECTOR WILL CALL POLICE TO HAVE THE EJECTED PARTY REMOVED. BALL GAMES WILL CONTINUE FROM THE POINT OF INTERRUPTION. IF WE HAVE TO CALL THE POLICE THEN YOU WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM ATTENDING OR COMPETING IN ANY TOP GUN SANCTIONED EVENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.

#### **PROTESTS**

- PROTEST MUST BE MADE VERBALLY ALONG WITH A FEE OF 100.00 CASH WITH THE UMPIRE BY THE OFFENDED TEAM AT THE TIME OF THE PLAY AND BEFORE THE NEXT PITCH IS THROWN.
- THE \$100.00 CASH (REFUNDED IF UPHELD) MUST ACCOMPANY THE PROTEST. ALL DECISIONS OF THE PROTEST COMMITTEE SHALL BE FINAL.
- ONLY THE DECISION INVOLVING THE MISINTERPRETATION OR MISAPPLICATION OF RULE MAY BE PROTESTED. NO PROTEST SHALL BE ALLOWED IN MATTERS INVOLVING SOLELY THE OFFICIAL'S JUDGMENT.

#### TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ALWAYS HAS THE AUTHORITY TO REVISE OR

CHANGE THE TOURNAMENT FORMAT DUE TO RAIN OR ANY OTHER REASON THAT HE FEELS IS NECESSARY AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOURNAMENT.

• THE\_TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ALSO HAS THE RIGHT AT ANYTIME TO MAKE A DECISION ON RULINGS NOT COVERED IN THE RULES AND WILL DO SO WITHIN THE TOURNAMENT'S BEST INTEREST.

OFFICIAL GAME STATUS: 2.5 COMPLETED INNINGS IF THE HOME TEAM IS AHEAD. IF RAIN OCCURS AFTER OFFICIAL GAME STATUS HAS BEEN REACHED, AND THE GAMES CAN NOT BE CONTINUED. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL DETERMINE IF THE GAME WILL BE CONTINUED OR CALLED RESULTING IN A COMPLETE OFFICIAL GAME.

#### **EARLY GAME STARTING TIMES GAMES**

• TEAMS MUST BE PRESENT 45 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR SCHEDULED GAME TIME. IF THE FIELDS ARE AHEAD GAMES MAY START UP TO 45 MIN. EARLY. PLEASE BE WARMED UP & READY TO PLAY!

#### **DROP DEAD POOL GAMES**

- IF FOR ANY REASON SUCH AS WEATHER OR TIME RESTRAINTS RESULTS IN A CHANGE TO TOURNAMNET FORMAT THEN WE MAY HAVE TO CHANGE POOL GAMES TO DROP DEAD.
- MEANING: THE SCORE WILL STAND AT THE END OF THE GAME REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU ARE IN THE INNING.
- THERE WILL BE NO REVERTING BACK TO THE PREVIOUS INNINGS.

#### **RAIN**

- TEAMS SHOULD REPORT TO VENUES, IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT OF GAMES BEING PLAYED. THE RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE ON THE HEAD COACH TO FIND OUT IF GAMES ARE RAINED OUT OR BEING MOVED.
- COACHES MUST COME TO THE VENUES TO FIND OUT IF GAMES WILL BE PLAYED, OR IF A GAME HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, GAMES WILL BE PLAYED TO COMPLETION.
- GAMES THAT ARE STOPPED WILL BE CONTINUED FROM THE POINT OF STOPPING, IF NOT REACHED OFFICIAL GAME STATUS. RAIN DELAYS COULD LAST FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME.

#### **RAIN- SPECTATORS PAYING AT THE GATE**

PLEASE READ GATE ADMISSION SIGNS AS YOU ENTER THE BALLPARK.
 WE DO NOT REFUND GATE FEES DUE TO RAIN OR GAMES BEING
 CANCELLED. YOU ENTER THE PARKS AT YOUR OWN RISK.

 WE SUGGEST THAT IF IT IS RAINING OR YOU EXPECT IT TO RAIN THAT YOU WAIT OUTSIDE THE GATES OR IN YOUR CAR UNTIL THE BALL GAMES GET UNDERWAY IN ORDER TO KEEP FROM LOSING YOUR GATE FEES.

## TOURNAMENTS MOVING FROM 2 DAY EVENT TO 1 DAY EVENT DUE TO WEATHER

• IF A TOURNAMENT HAS TO BE MOVED FROM A 2 DAY TOURNAMENT TO A 1 DAY TOURNAMENT DUE TO WEATHER ISSUES OR FIELD CONDITIONS AND THE 2 DAY TOURNAMENT OFFERED SPECIAL PRIZES, THOSE PRIZES WILL NOT BE GIVEN WAY. HOWEVER, IF WE ARE ABLE TO CROWN A CHAMPION AND RUNNER-UP WE WILL GIVE OUT TROPHIES AND HONOR ANY FREE PAID BERTHS THAT THE EVENT HAD OFFFERED ON THE 2 DAY EVENT.

## TEAM RE-CLASSIFICATION FOR WORLD SERIES AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- TEAMS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE RECLASSIFIED INTO A LOWER DIVISION (I.E. DROPPING FROM A DIVISION TO B DIVISION) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A WORLD SERIES OR NATIONAL TOURNAMENT UNLESS A TEAM IS PLAYING UP IN AGE GROUP.
- IF A TEAM WANTS TO PLAY UP IN AGE GROUPS THE COACH MUST CONTACT THE HOME OFFICE OR TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR TO VERIFY THE CORRECT DIVISION CLASSIFICATION IS UTILIZED IN THE NEW AGE GROUP.

#### NORTH CAROLINA SOFTBALL CHAIRMAN

- THE NORTH CAROLINA TOP GUN SOFTBALL CHAIRMAN SHALL INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE VIOLATION OF ASSOCIATION RULES, NATIONAL COMMITTEE RULES, ATHLETICS, COACHES, VOLUNTEERS OR CLUBS. IF THE CHAIRMAN DETERMINES THAT A VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED, HE MAY IMPOSE PENALITIES AS PROVIDED BY NHFS AND THE TOP GUN RULES.
- PENALTIES IMPOSED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA SOFTBALL CHAIRMAN MAY BE APPEALED TO TOP GUN BOARD OF REVIEW AND SUBSEQUENT APPEAL BODIES AS PROVIDED BY THE TOP GUN CODE. THE CHAIRMAN MAY DELEGATE THESE DUTIES TO AN INFRACTION COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY HIM TO CONSIDER CODE/RULES VIOLATIONS, OR THE MAY REFER CASES DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

#### MUSIC/ ARTIFICIAL NOISE DURING GAMES

- THERE WILL BE NO DEROGATORY OR EXPLICIT MUSIC CONTAINING PROFANITY OR SEXUAL LANGUAGE.
- DISCRETION IS LEFT TO UMPIRES AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AS TO WHAT IS APPROPRIATE. A WARNING WILL BE ISSUED AND IF MUSIC IS NOT TURNED OFF THEN THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MUSIC WILL BE EJECTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY.
- ARTIFICIAL NOISE MAKERS ARE NOT ALLOWED DURING PLAY. EX: BEATING ON BLEACHERS, COWBELLS, DRUMSTICKS ON FENCE, ETC..

#### **TOP GUN DOES NOT ORGANIZE TEAMS**

- WE ENCOURAGE PARENTS (AND GUARDIANS) WHO DETERMINE THE TEAM FOR A YOUTH TEAM PARTICIPANT, THE ADULT TEAM PARTICIPANTS (SUCH AS TEAM COACHES OR TEAM SPONSORS) OF A TEAM, THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE ORGANIZATION, CREATION OR MANAGEMENT OF SUCH TEAMS TO THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE AND SCREEN THE BACKGROUND AND CHARACTER OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO COACH, MANAGE, VOLUNTEER OR OTHERWISE COME INTO CONTACT WITH SUCH TEAMS AND THEIR MINOR PARTICIPANTS AND TO VIGILANTLY SUPERVISE ANY AND ALL ACTIVITIES OF ANY YOUTH TEAM WITH WHICH THEY ARE ASSOCIATED.
- BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE AVAILABLE, AMONG OTHER PLACES, ON-LINE FOR A SMALL FEE AND TOP GUN ENCOURAGES THOSE ACTUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR TEAM ACTIVITIES AND THE PARENTS (GUARDIANS) OF YOUTH ATHLETIC TEAM MEMBERS TO UTILIZE SUCH TOOLS TO LIMIT THE EXPOSURE OF YOUTH ATHLETES TO THOSE WHO MIGHT POSE A DANGER.
- BECAUSE TOP GUN IS NOT AN ORGANIZER, MANAGER OR CREATOR OF TEAMS, IT DOES NOT IN ANY WAY TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ORGANIZATION, CREATION, MANAGEMENT OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY OF THE TEAMS (CUSTOMERS) THAT REGISTER TO PLAY IN TOP GUN TOURNAMENTS, EXCEPT TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY TOP GUN EVENTS UNDER TOP GUN RULES AND OVERSEEN BY A TOP GUN DIRECTOR.
- TEAMS THAT PARTICIPATE IN TOP GUN EVENTS ARE CUSTOMERS OF TOP GUN AND NO MORE. WHEN A TEAM CHOOSES TO PARTICIPATE IN A TOP GUN ACTIVITY, THE TEAM, ITS PLAYERS, COACHES, VOLUNTEERS, ORGANIZERS, AND ITS PARENTS AND FANS MUST ABIDE BY RULES FOUND IN THE TOP GUN RULE BOOK POSTED ON OUR WEB SITE.
- SINCE TOP GUN HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PRACTICE SESSIONS OF A
  TEAM, CHOOSING OF TEAM COACHES, THE PICKING OF WHICH TEAM TO
  PLAY FOR, THE ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO ANY OTHER BODY, OR ANY

- OTHER ACTIVITIES OF A TEAM (BUT SIMPLY PROVIDES REGISTERED PARTICIPATION IN TOP GUN DIRECTED ACTIVITIES). TOP GUN TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY SUCH OTHER NON-TOP GUN EVENT ACTIVITIES OF ANY TEAM.
- WHILE TOP GUN IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING THE BACKGROUND OF EACH OF ITS CUSTOMERS -THOSE CONVICTED OR CHARGED WITH A VIOLENT FELONY OR A SEX OFFENSE WITH A MINOR ARE AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDED FROM ALL TOP GUN ACTIVITIES (UNTIL FOUND INNOCENT OR THE CHARGES ARE DROPPED). THUS, IF YOU ARE AWARE OF SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH OR CONVICTED OF A VIOLENT FELONY OR A SEX CRIME WITH A MINOR AND THAT SOMEONE MAY BE IN ANY WAY INVOLVED IN A TOP GUN ACTIVITY, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE TOP GUN DIRECTOR AND UPON BEING PROVIDED WITH PROOF OF SUCH CHARGES OR CONVICTION, THAT INDIVIDUAL WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDED FROM ALL TOP GUN ACTIVITIES.
- FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU DO A BACKGROUND CHECK ON A COACH BEFORE
  JOINING A TEAM AND FIND EVIDENCE THAT HE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH
  HAVING SEX WITH A MINOR, YOU SHOULD REPORT THIS TO YOUR TOP GUN
  DIRECTOR, OR TOP GUN SPORTS OFFICE, EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE
  DECIDED TO PLAY FOR ANOTHER TEAM.
- EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IF YOU ARE AWARE OF ANYONE WHO HAS COMMITTED A VIOLENT FELONY OR HAS HAD SEX WITH A MINOR THAT HAS NOT BEEN CHARGED, YOU ARE OBLIGATED TO REPORT THOSE CRIMES TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES AND YOU SHOULD DO SO IMMEDIATELY.