

DATE: October 30, 2008
RE: Player Registration Form and Parent Verification; birth certificates
TO: Parents of HWSA registered players
FROM: Cheryl Batzing, HWSA Administrator

Dear Parents,

In keeping with our goal of increasing the quality of our program, HWSA rules (see section 3.3 (j.)) require that each parent complete and submit a parent-signed registration form for each *new* registered player at the time of the roster submission deadline (March 10, 2009) to verify their compliance with HWSA rules and their grade declaration. The enclosed Player Registration Form will provide family contact information as well as critical player information (i.e., birth date and grade declaration). **A photocopy of each *new* registered player's birth certificate must also be submitted for verification of the information provided in the registration forms.**

This form and photocopied birth certificate will be kept on record with the HWSA Administrator and will be considered the OFFICIAL documentation of the registered player's grade level. Player information on rosters submitted by Regional Tournament and World Series participating teams **MUST** be consistent with the information provided herein.

Please note that a player must only register (i.e., HWSA Registration Rule, 3.3 (j.)) **one time**. Players who participated in 2008 tournaments have previously been registered and do not need to re-submit their player registration forms. Remember that once a player's grade level has been declared, **IT MAY NOT BE CHANGED**, per section 3.3 (d.) in the HWSA rules. Therefore, the grade level must be **SERIOUSLY** considered by the coach, parents, and player as this determines the years of eligibility for that player in all future HWSA tournaments.

Each new player is required to submit a completed and signed Player Registration Form and photocopy of his birth certificate by the deadline below. Also, please be careful to read **ALL** of the HWSA rules and eligibility rules, including the transfer rule in 3.3 (k.) to clarify HWSA policies. If you have questions about eligibility, please e-mail them to the Administrator at info@hwsa.net.

Please make sure that you have completely filled out and signed the Player Registration Form prior to mailing it to Tim Day, HWSA Director. Remember to include a copy of each new registered player's birth certificate and staple it to the back of each registration form. A hard copy of your team roster must also be included in this package. The 18-player (max) team roster, parent-signed Player Registration forms, and birth certificates must be **postmarked** by **March 10, 2009**, and mailed in **ONE PACKAGE** to Tim Day (see footer for address).

You will also need to **e-mail** the HWSA Administrator (info@hwsa.net) your team roster (maximum 18 players) on **March 10, 2009** as well. Please note that no players may be added or replaced on your team roster after March 10, 2009, though you may **remove** players from your team roster at any time in the event that players quit or are dismissed from the team. Thank you in advance for following the roster format guidelines and adhering to the deadlines.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in helping us improve the quality of our tournaments for the benefit of the participating players!

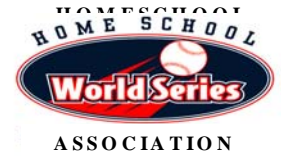
Sincerely,

Cheryl Batzing
HWSA Administrator (info@hwsa.net)

Mail to: Tim Day, HWSA Director
2413 Creekcove Dr.
Plano, TX 75074-4938

PLAYER Registration Form

PLAYER REGISTRATION DEADLINE is March 10, 2009



Please provide the information requested in the blanks below. Please write legibly!

Team Name: _____ City, State: _____

Date of registration: _____ School Year: 20____ - 20____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Family Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Family Phone: (____) _____ Father (work): (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____ Mobile/Pager: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Participation is reserved for those who are homeschooling their children according to the definition of homeschooling in Section 2 of HWSA Rules, and observes the rules and policies given in HWSA Rules, with respect to its leaders. HWSA admits homeschool students of any race, color, nation, and ethnic origin to its programs and does not discriminate on the basis of any of these in the organization and administration of its programs and services.

PLAYER INFORMATION

Player's Name (First & Last)	Sex	Date of Birth	Age	* 2008-2009 School-Year Grade Declaration
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

According to HWSA Rules, once declared, a player's grade declaration MAY NOT CHANGE. See Section 3.3 (d.) in the HWSA Rules for clarification. Therefore, the grade level must be SERIOUSLY considered by the coach, parents, and player as this determines the years of eligibility for that player in all future HWSA tournaments.



PARENT VERIFICATION of INFORMATION

PLAYER REGISTRATION DEADLINE is March 10, 2009

PARENT VERIFICATION of ELIGIBILITY for: _____
Player's Name

TEAM NAME: _____ CITY, STATE _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HWSA RULES:

I/We, _____ the parent(s)/legal guardian of the above player, have carefully read and reviewed the rules of HWSA. We agree that our family supports the goals and purpose of HWSA and will follow the rules of this organization. We understand that our failure to adhere to the rules and policies of the Homeschool World Series Association (HWSA) as stated in the HWSA rules and tournament information may result in disciplinary action by the HWSA Board. We have read the HWSA Player Eligibility Rules and we certify that the players named on this form meet these qualifications. We agree to notify HWSA if any player named on this form ceases to meet the HWSA Player Eligibility Rules while participating in a HWSA event. (See Section 2 for Definition of Homeschooling and Section 3 for Team, Organization, and Individual Player Eligibility Rules).

VERIFICATION OF PLAYER(S)' ELIGIBILITY:

Please review the individual player rules of eligibility as listed below (See Section 3 of HWSA rules). In order for a player to be eligible to play in an HWSA-sponsored tournament, he must be able to fulfill each of the following HWSA rules. Parents, please initial in the blanks provided for verification.

I/We verify that the player listed above is/has...

- _____ a. A homeschool student under the definition of homeschooling in Section 2 since **January 1st** of the year of the tournament (**Homeschool Rule**);
- _____ b. Presently living at home with his legal guardian (**Residency Rule**);
- _____ c. At least 13 years old and less than 19 years old on the date of September 1 prior to the contest (i.e., a player may turn 19 on September 2 prior to the contest and may **not** turn 20 prior to September 2 following the contest) (**Age Rule**);
- _____ d. At athletic grade level of 8 (eight) or higher as declared by his parents and coach. Please note that once a player declares his athletic grade level, that player may not subsequently change his declaration for the purpose of playing an additional year even if that player played 4 years or less at the end of his senior year, nor shall that player be allowed to repeat any grade level even if after repeating a level, that player will have played 5 years or less (**Athletic Grade Level Rule**);
- _____ e. Played high school baseball no more than 4 years previously (that is, if a player declares his grade level to be eighth grade, he shall be granted 5 years of eligibility; if a freshman, 4 years; if a sophomore, 3 years; if a junior, 2 years; and if a senior, he shall be granted 1 year of eligibility (**5-Year Eligibility Rule**);
- _____ f. Not been expelled from a public or private school during the academic school year of the contest or in the year prior (**Expulsion Rule**);
- _____ g. In good academic standing and is completing a high school course of study, as prescribed by his parents (**Academic Rule**);
- _____ h. In good standing with respect to character and behavior according to the player's parents, coaches,



Parent Verification of Information
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other team leaders, and according to criminal laws applicable to his/her place of residence
(Character Rule);

- i. On the Team Roster as timely submitted by his team to HWSA. Team Rosters must be submitted on or before the date of March 10, 2009 (Roster Rule);
j. Completed a Player Registration Form signed by the parents and the coach of the team, and provided a copy of the player's birth certificate upon registration with the HWSA Administrator (Registration Rule);
k. Have not participated on another HWSA homeschool team during the academic school year of the contest or in the year prior unless: (i) A team fails to submit its roster or the coach is not certain that the team will be able to timely submit a roster to participate in HWSA tournaments; (ii) A change of residence has been made by the player's family, and another team is closer; or (iii) A new team has been created consisting of a new sponsoring organization, name, coaches, and team roster. In such case, players from any team are free to transfer to the new team until the first Team Roster is submitted to HWSA on March 10 of the year the team participates in its first HWSA tournament. (Transfer Rule).

VERIFICATION OF PLAYER'S GRADE DECLARATION:

As the parent(s) and principal of the registered player, I/we hereby verify that the provided age, birth date, and grade declaration as listed above are correct. I understand that I am making a one-time statement verifying the birth date and grade of the registered player, and acknowledge that THIS INFORMATION CANNOT CHANGE (see Section 3.3 (d.) and 3.3 (j.) of HWSA Rules). Therefore, the grade level must be SERIOUSLY considered by the coach, parents and player as this determines the years of eligibility for that player in all future HWSA tournaments. I further acknowledge that this information will go on permanent file in the HWSA records, and will be considered the OFFICIAL documentation of the registered player's grade level. Player information on rosters submitted by Regional Tournament and World Series participating teams MUST be consistent with the information provided herein. I also will enclose a copy of the registered player's birth certificate verifying that this information is correct.

PERMISSION, CLAIMS, AND DISPUTES:

I give permission for my child to participate in this activity. I understand that there are risks associated with competitive sports. I (we) understand that any claim or dispute arising from or related to my/our participation in an event sponsored by the Home School World Series Association shall be settled by mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation of the Institute for Christian Conciliation, a division of Peacemaker Ministries (complete text of the Rules is available at www.Peacemaker.net). Judgment upon an arbitration decision may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. I (we) understand that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of my (our) participation and I (we) expressly waive my (our) right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against HWSA or any of its officers, directors, or agents for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

PARENTS' SIGNATURES X _____ Date: _____
X _____ Date: _____
COACH'S SIGNATURE X _____ Date: _____