

## §6.17 – PITCHER’S REQUIRED MINIMUM SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Pitchers shall wear minimum protective safety equipment while pitching, comprised of suitable head gear and shin guards. Pitchers may elect to not wear the mandated safety equipment by signing the back of the *Official Game Card* over their position in the lineup, for each game they pitch under such an election.

By their signature, the Pitcher acknowledges and affirms:

- **Liability Waiver and Release (Injury to Player)** – By electing not to wear the mandated safety equipment, the Pitcher waives any and all claims, individually, and by his or her heirs, and holds harmless Senior Softball World Championships, Inc. ("SSWCI"), its Board of Directors, Senior Softball USA, LLC, ("SSUSA") its Members, any municipal or park facility employees, their agents or employees and Tournament Directors and sponsors from and against any and all loss liability, charges and expenses (including attorney's fees) and causes of action of whatever character which may arise for injury that may have been reasonably prevented by the mandated safety equipment during participation in SSUSA events;
- **Player Responsibility for Procuring Insurance** – The Pitcher is fully aware that SSWCI and SSUSA do not carry, or provide, any medical insurance for any participants and that all players are solely responsible for procuring their own insurance;
- **Assumption of Inherent Risk** – The Pitcher recognizes that he or she assume all risks involved arising from participation in this Tournament as a pitcher electing to not wear the mandated safety equipment, and knowingly undertakes the inherent risks of the sport; and
- **Softball Skills** – The Pitcher is familiar with the skills required to participate as a Pitcher in an event sponsored by SSWCI and SSUSA (including batting, fielding, running and throwing) and has satisfied himself or herself that they are proficient in these skills.

### **WAIVER PROCEDURE**

1. Manager prepares lineup on the reverse of the ***OFFICIAL GAME CARD***;
2. Pitchers electing to play without wearing the required Minimum Safety Equipment shall sign their name over their position on the lineup card prior to the delivery of their first pitch to evidence voluntary compliance with the waiver provisions of SSUSA Rule Book §6.17; and
3. The Home Plate umpire is responsible for determining if Pitchers are wearing the Minimum Safety Equipment and for administering the waiver provisions of SSUSA Rule Book §6.17. The umpire's decision is a judgment call, not subject to appeal or protest.

Team:			Team:	
Last Name, 1 <sup>st</sup> Initial	Nº	Bat	Nº	Last Name, 1 <sup>st</sup> Initial
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Substitutes			Substitutes	
Player Restrictions			Player Restrictions	

**PITCHER WAIVER** – Pitcher signs over his lineup position above to opt out of protective equipment pursuant to SSUSA Rule Book §6.17 in its entirety