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Dear K-18 Baseball Association Supporters:

I hope this letter finds you and yours approaching the end of the year with healthy families and full hearts. The K-18 Association sends this letter with great excitement and anticipation for the New Year. We take this opportunity to announce the addition of a new division after 70 years of sound K-18 baseball history.

The K-18 Association has decided to move forward with a division for girls' fastpitch. As we survey the geographical area of K-18, it is apparent that girls' fastpitch softball is emerging as a premier sport for girls of the junior high and high school ages. While not all details are solidified, we would like to know the interest that your community or program has in participating in the inaugural, history-making season.

Again, even though we are still ironing out the final points, we do know this:

- The league age group is for grades 9-12. (based on the upcoming school year)
- In the future, the addition of a junior division will be addressed.
- Lucas will serve as the host site of the state tournament.
 - Currently, a possible date for the 2020 tournament is the weekend before the boys' state championship but we will make every effort to stay away from the USA and USSSA State tournaments as well.
- League and qualifying format will be similar to the boys' division based on participation numbers.
- National Federation of High School (NFHS) rules are the standard we will follow, with additional K-18 Rules as deemed necessary.
- Eligibility requirements will mirror the K-18 boys' division with the exception of the expanded age requirements.

The finality of the details are still forming, but the above are the solid starting points as we move ahead in this venture for a season beginning the summer of 2020.

Please send an email or call John Walz (and/or Ron Haag) directly with questions and/or your community's/program's interest in participating in the K-18 Girls' Fastpitch division. The K-18 Association is very excited about the league and state tournament in this division. Please respond by January 24th, 2020.

Feel free to share this letter with anyone who may have interest.

Looking forward to hearing your questions or interest in participating!

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