

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Family Pride

To THE EDITOR:

[This is] my first time ever writing a letter to the editor, but I wanted to voice a concern I have within our local gay community and felt this might be a good platform.

Are there any other gay fathers in Portland that are feeling left out of the Pride events because they are scheduled on Father's Day weekend? Does this seem insensitive or a step backwards when we are working so hard towards gay marriage and equal rights for gay parents?

I attempt to attend and support all events promoting equality and yet within my own community I feel discriminated against as a father that would love to be a part of the Pride events that celebrate who I am. But I cannot because I am a father first and would feel horrible to not celebrate the weekend with my children. ...

I don't mean for my comments to create animosity within our community but rather a

sensitivity and awareness that hopefully in the future, the Pride committee might consider that holding Pride on Father's Day weekend is not very P.C. and results in [excluding] those of us that would otherwise love to attend.

*Dr. Raymond Frye
Portland*

Foul Ball

To THE EDITOR:

Your News Brief of May 7th article [Vol. 27, No. 10, pp. 10-11, Northwest News in Brief, "NAGAAA Lawsuit Challenges LGBT Sports Parameters"] regarding the NAGAAA/NCLR lawsuit contains factual errors: The RCSA Open Division has not instituted a rule that limits participation based on sexual orientation. Both the Open and Women's Division of the RCSA are fully inclusive in their support of the LGBTQ community. Erroneously reporting that the RCSA is a discriminatory entity is damaging

to our reputation in the community and I would like this error corrected. ... In addition it should be made clear that NAGAAA and the RCSA are separate entities. The RCSA is Oregon's Gay and Lesbian Softball League, while NAGAAA is a National Gay Softball Organization. The RCSA is a member of NAGAAA, but we are not a local chapter, merely a signatory member, and we are not bound by NAGAAA rules in operating our league in Oregon. ... RCSA Open Division is a member in good standing with NAGAAA, and our teams are able to participate in the NAGAAA Gay World Series despite not mirroring the NAGAAA two heterosexual limit per team on the local level (a mistaken notion that was reported in your April issue). Teams must comply with NAGAAA rules when participating in the NAGAAA Gay World Series, but that is outside the RCSA's jurisdiction to require or enforce.

*Jake Packer
Open Division Commissioner,
Rose City Softball Association*

CORRECTIONS:

Just Out reported in its May 7 issue that the Rose City Softball Association had reinstated a "two heterosexuals per team" rule that had previously been thrown out [Vol. 27, No. 10, May 7, pp. 10-11, Northwest News in Brief, "NAGAAA Lawsuit Challenges LGBT Sports Parameters"]. This was reported in error.

In the April 16 issue of *Just Out*, it was also erroneously reported that the RCSA would need to reinstate the "two heterosexuals per team" rule to compete in the NAGAAA Gay World Series [Vol. 27, No. 9, pp. 18-19, "Fair Play"].

Just Out regrets the errors.

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