

SAN DIEGO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS

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1. NAME

The name of this organization is “San Diego Senior Softball Association” (Association).

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association is to organize and operate a softball league for seniors.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Age. Any person is eligible to become a member of the Association on January 1 of the year in which he or she reaches age fifty-five.

3.2 Registration Fee. Before becoming a member, a person must pay a yearly membership fee. Anyone paying seasonal dues to play in the league shall have the membership fee waived. The officers of the Association shall set the amount of the membership fee and seasonal dues, and shall have discretion to waive or refund some or all of one or both. Member status is required to serve as a manager or officer, and to vote in general elections.

3.3 Policies, Procedures, and Rules of Play. Before becoming a member, a person must agree to follow all of the Association’s policies, procedures, and rules of play, including the Association’s code of conduct and/or code of ethics.

3.4 Release of Liability. Before becoming a member, a person must sign a release from liability agreement in favor of the Association and its officers, directors, managers, and members.

4. OFFICERS

4.1 Officers. The Association shall have three officers: President, Director of Operations, and Commissioner.

4.2 Duties

a. President. The President or his or her designee shall schedule and preside over all meetings and drafts, make player assignments, prepare and maintain minutes of meetings, drafts and elections, appoint committees, solicit applications for manager candidates, develop playing schedules, and perform all other tasks necessary to keep the league functioning effectively.

b. Director of Operations. The Director or his or her designee shall manage the financial affairs of the Association and give a yearly financial report to the Board. He or she shall collect membership and sponsor fees, pay expenses, and maintain books and accounts. The financial records of the Association shall be made available to Association members upon reasonable request. The Director or his or her designee shall receive and maintain membership applications, maintain the roster of current members, including those who have dropped out or wish to join, and perform all other tasks necessary to keep the league functioning effectively.

c. Commissioner. The Commissioner or his or her designee shall rule on complaints and protests that occur during play, except judgment calls by umpires. The decision of the Commissioner or his or her designee shall be final and not appealable. The Commissioner or his or her designee shall be deemed the “field director” for purposes of Rule 17.6 (“Unsportsmanlike Conduct”) of the Playing Rules of Senior Softball USA, which governs disciplinary matters. The Commissioner or his or her designee shall also chair the Rules Committee.

4.3 Election. In January of each year, the officers will either appoint an Election Official or redesignate the current Election Official for another year. The Election Official is a member of the association who is not an officer. If the Election Official decides to run for an officer position, they will be replaced by the current officers. The Election Official will schedule and oversee the general election of officers. On October 1 of each year, the Election Official shall provide notice of the general election and solicit nominations for office. A candidate may not run for more than one officer position. Nominations must be received by October 31. Officers shall be elected in a general election of all Association members held between November 1 and December 15. The candidate who receives most of the votes cast shall be the winner.

4.4 Terms. Officers shall serve one year, commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31. There is no limit on the number of terms an officer may serve, unless removed from office.

4.5 Removal. Any officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the entire Board of Directors. An officer who is removed may never again serve as an officer.

4.6 Succession. If an officer is unable to serve, resigns, or is removed from office, his or her duties shall be assumed by the remaining officers until a successor is appointed. The remaining officers shall use their best efforts to appoint a successor as soon as possible. Once appointed, the successor officer shall serve the remainder of their predecessor's term.

5. MANAGERS

5.1 Appointment. Prior to each seasonal draft, the President shall solicit applications from Association members who are interested in managing a team during the following season. The President and other officers shall consider the applicants and select a number of managers equal to the number of teams to be fielded the following season.

5.2 Term. A manager's term is one season. There is no limit on the number of seasons a manager may serve, unless removed from office.

5.3 Removal. Any manager may be removed by a majority vote of the entire Board of Directors. A manager who is removed may never again serve as a manager or officer. A manager who resigns after the removal process has begun shall be deemed to have been removed.

5.4 Succession. If a manager is unable to serve, resigns, or is removed from office, his or her duties shall be assumed by an alternate manager. If the alternate manager is on another team, the President will make an equitable trade of players.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.1 Composition. The Board shall consist of the officers and the managers.

6.2 Meetings. The Board shall meet at each seasonal draft. The board may also meet at such times and places as determined by the President or requested by a majority of the League Managers. All Board meetings are open to all members of the Association. All members of the Association may discuss agenda items, but only officers and managers may vote. Proxies are not allowed for voting at League Board Meetings.

6.3 Voting. Each officer and manager shall have one vote. If one person is both an officer and a manager, the person shall have one vote.

7. RULES COMMITTEE

7.1 Composition. The Rules Committee shall consist of the Commissioner, who shall act as chairperson, and two other members of the Association he or she appoints. The two members-at-large shall not be officers or managers, and shall be confirmed by at least two officers.

7.2 Recommendation. The Rules Committee shall review current Association rules of play (on the field) on a continuing basis and submit recommended changes in writing to the Board.

7.3 Adoption. The Rules Committee's recommendations shall be decided by a simple majority of the Board members voting. The Board shall not act on a permanent, proposed rule change unless first considered by the Committee. A temporary rule proposal in effect for only the current season may be voted on without consideration by the Rules Committee. The President shall call for a vote within two weeks of receiving a proposed rule change/addition. If three or more members of the Board request, in writing, that the rule be discussed at a Board meeting, the President will schedule a meeting when at least 75% of the Board members can attend.

8. AMENDMENT

The bylaws of the Association may be amended only by the affirmative vote of two thirds of the number of Board members. No vote shall be taken unless and until the proposed amendment is first presented in writing to the members of the Board.