

Northern Allegheny County Senior Softball League (NACSSL) By-Laws (4/22/25)

Objective: This League, a non-profit Senior Softball organization located in the Northern Allegheny County Pennsylvania, is dedicated to uniting senior softball players.

1. **The league shall be governed** by ASA USA, or equivalent official rules, except where superseded by its own By-Laws and Playing Rules.
2. **Quorum:**
 - A. The presence at a Manager meeting of at least (75) percent of the Managers and/or Board members entitled to vote shall constitute a Quorum for any action presented for League vote. All votes permanently affecting Rules, By-Laws or league business must be in person except where noted in League Rules.
 - B. "Manager" shall be defined as Team Manager, Team Assistant Manager or Team Representative as designated by Team Manager.
 - C. All NACSSL Business and Rules will be determined by one vote per team based on Quorum of Managers vote. Decisions exclusive to Gold or Silver divisions will be determined by one vote per team $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of managers in that division.
 - D. Disputes, Protests, Discipline and Rule Exceptions will be determined by vote of Board and Managers where necessary. All Disputes, Protests, Discipline, and Rule Exceptions decided during the playing season will be reviewed in an open forum at the Fall Board/Manager Meeting.
3. **Revisions to By-Laws:**
 - A. Any future additions, amendments, or deletions to these By-Laws must be approved by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority Quorum of Managers vote.
4. **League Officers** elected, shall be a President, Vice-President Silver Division, Vice-President Gold Division, Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - A. Officers shall be elected and re-elected annually by team Managers present at the Fall Board/Managers meeting, to serve a one-year term. Elections shall be determined by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority Quorum of Managers vote.
 - B. Minimum requirement to be a Board Member is that candidate must have been a dues paying member for a minimum of 2 years.

- C. Vacancies occurring before an Officer term expires shall be filled by Board appointment approved by Managers.
- D. Any Officer or Manager willingly breaking a league rule, without cause, will be subjected to discipline as determined by hearing and 3/4 majority Quorum of Managers vote.
- E. 501(c)(3) Unincorporated Association
President Ron Zankey
Secretary Dan Harrison
Treasurer Elmer Ebeck

5. **Team Formation**, Age Requirements, Divisions:

- A. The League will be comprised of three divisions: Silver, Gold and Platinum.
- B. Age requirement for league player participation is 50 years based on birthday in the year of participation.
- C. New team formations require that the new manager present a proposal defining terms of entry or reformation to the league in writing and in person at a Managers' meeting. Active Managers, and Board members will evaluate terms of entry proposals by the new team Manager and approve entry by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority Quorum of Managers vote.
- D. NACSSL is not responsible for team sponsorship. Sponsorship is sole responsibility of team managers and players.
- E. Teams are responsible to pay for umpires, equipment, uniforms and other items necessary for competition.

6. **Rules of Play** will be covered in a separate document maintained by a Rules Chairman and/or designated League Officer. All Rules require $\frac{3}{4}$ majority Quorum of Managers vote. Rule changes may be voted and amended at any scheduled or special Board/Manager Meeting.

7. **Finances:**

- A. The League shall maintain a common Treasury generated by membership dues, donations, grants or other sources of income to fund all necessary operating costs, including alterations and improvements to the Senior Softball fields in North Park.
- B. The Board shall determine with Manager approval, dues amount to be assessed to each player to defray operating costs based on the proposed budget. Dues must be paid 1 check per team. The dues are payable prior to

the 1st scheduled game of the season. Unpaid dues will result in a forfeit for each game the dues are unpaid. Individual dues refund requests must be in writing by the team representative and approved by the Board.

- C. Managers will determine the method to be used to disburse payment to umpires.
- D. An official budget estimate shall be prepared by the League Officers and presented to the Managers at the January Managers meeting for approval by a majority Quorum of Managers vote.
- E. The Treasurer shall establish a checking account in the name of the League. Managers shall approve additional signers in the event of absence of the Treasurer.
- F. A current detailed financial ledger shall be maintained by the Treasurer and submitted to Managers at the Fall meeting.
- G. No League funds or surplus funds are to be used for private use by any person in the event of a sale or dissolution of the League.
- H. In the event of dissolution of the League, all equipment, cash and other assets shall be donated to an organization or organizations deemed worthy of such donations as determined by majority Quorum of Managers vote.
- I. An annual audit shall be conducted by the League Officers within the fiscal year and approved by Managers at the October Managers meeting. The fiscal year shall begin on the first day of November and end on the thirty-first day of October.

8. **Code of Conduct** for Managers/Teams/Members/Officers:

- A. All teams must provide 2 email addresses and 2 cell phone numbers for league communication. Managers or Assistant Manager without email and or cell phone must delegate this responsibility to team member of choice. No exceptions.
- B. All Managers, Assistant Managers and designated team representatives must be adequately familiar with Rules of Play.
- C. All teams must be represented at all Manager Meetings by at least one team representative, preferably the team Manager and/or assistant Manager but not more than two representatives per team can attend. Paid dues members are welcome to attend.
- D. Managers are responsible for game attendance by their team. Forfeits that occur at the field at scheduled game time due to not enough players are unacceptable and may result in discipline as determined a review of

circumstances by the Board and Managers review. Rules concerning Forfeits in advance of scheduled game time will be defined in the League Rules Document.

- E. Managers and players are expected to behave on the field with dignity, honesty and respect to opposing players, umpires, opposing Managers, and fans. Abusive or foul language will not be tolerated and may result in ejection by umpire, game forfeit and or discipline by league.
- F. Alcohol use is prohibited by participating teams during games.
- G. Managers, League Officers and players are responsible for proper care of league physical assets such as equipment and playing grounds.
- H. All those attending Manager Meetings are expected to adhere to Reasonable Man Rule with respect to Representatives', Managers and Officers.
- I. Assault of an official as defined in Pennsylvania Cons. Stat. Ann. Section 2712 is a felony.
- J. **PLAYER RISK.** Each player must understand that they are playing at their own risk. The league does not provide team or individual accident insurance. All players, managers and coaches are required to sign the NACSSL Player Waiver, Release of Liability and Indemnification Agreement form in order to participate.
- K. **Player safety.** All players are encouraged to use safety equipment such as mask, helmet, teeth guards, shin guards etc. Please refer to the current USA Softball Official rules Safety Awareness Guide.
- L. **All official NACSSL games must be umpired by a Certified USA umpire.**