St. Lucie County Senior Softball League (SLCSSL)

ST. LUCIE COUNTY SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE "BY-LAWS"

ARTICLE ONE:

ASSOCIATION OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

- A. To stimulate local interest in the game of softball among senior citizens.
- **B.** B. To further sportsmanship, friendship, and competitive spirit between senior softball teams and players in the St. Lucie County area.

ARTICLE TWO:

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

A. The management and operation of the St. Lucie County Senior Softball League (SCSSL) will be under the direction of the Board of Directors and a Commissioner. The Board will be comprised of the manager of each league team and a Commissioner. A manager from each team must be present at a meeting before an official vote can be taken. The manager may designate an assistant manager, a player of this team, or a manager from another team to conduct official business on his or her behalf. A representative from each team must be physically present or attend remotely.

A simple majority of votes cast is needed to decide a motion. The Commissioner will cast the deciding vote if there is a tie vote among the managers.

B. Other Responsibilities of the Board of Directors include:

- **i.** Ensure that the Rules and Regulations are kept up to date and any changes are communicated to the membership.
- ii. Approve the addition or removal of a team from the league.

C. The Commissioner's duties include:

- i. Presiding at all league meetings, communicating league business, and breaking all tie votes.
- ii. He is responsible for resolving all protests in a timely manner.
- iii. He is responsible for confirming that all the teams have <u>secured a field and</u> <u>insurance for all home games</u> and prepared a league schedule.
- iv. He will ensure that game balls are purchased and distributed to each team.
- v. He will work with the Secretary to prepare an agenda for each meeting and the minutes from the previous meeting.
- vi. The Commissioner and Treasurer will work together to generate a financial report documenting the year-to-date league financial transactions, and it will be presented to the Board of Directions at each meeting. They will also work together to collect all league fees.
- **D.** The fiscal year of the SLCSSL will be from May 1st to April 30th of the following year.

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ARTICLE THREE:

CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO ASSOCIATION REPUTATION

- A. If, at any time a player acts in such a way as to harm the SCLSSL's reputation or another player, a motion for expulsion may be made. An emergency meeting may be called to address the issue.
 - Ratification by a majority of the Board will result in the expulsion of the member charged for the rest of the season. If the season is more than half over, the expulsion may be extended to a portion of the following season, or, for serious violations, the member can be banned from the SLCSSL permanently.
- **B.** If the member being expelled wishes to appeal his expulsion, he may do so by submitting, in writing, a letter to the Board to request a hearing on the matter and explaining his reason(s) for disputing the ruling.

ARTICLE FOUR:

APPLICABILITY

The Board has the right and responsibility to solve issues and circumstances not covered by the current By-Laws, as well as rules and regulations. All By-Laws shall be applicable to all league members.

The preceding material is hereby made the OFFICIAL BY-LAWS of the St. Lucie County Senior Softball League. SLCSSL. Approved by the Board of Directors July 2024

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