

TREASURE COAST SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE ONE: ASSOCIATION OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

- A. To stimulate locally a greater interest in the game of softball among senior citizens.
- B. To further sportsmanship, friendship and competitive spirit between senior softball teams in the Treasure Coast Area of Florida.

ARTICLE TWO: ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- A. The management and operation of the Association will be under the direction of the Association Officers. The Officers will consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and two Directors
- B. TERMS OF OFFICE:
 - a. Each Officer will remain in office for a two (2) year term. Elections will be held each year. In 2018, there will be two positions to be filled. In 2019, there will be elections for the three remaining positions. In subsequent years, the same pattern will be followed.
 - b. Previous members of the Board may run for office if they so desire.
 - c. Each new term will take effect on April 1ST of the election year.
 - d. Each year, after the election, the Board members will decide who will serve as President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and two Directors.
 - e. The position of Secretary/Treasurer can be separated among the Directors, if the Board so desires.

ARTICLE THREE: ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS

- A. Elected Officers must meet all the following conditions:
 - 1. Be a registered voter and taxpayer in the State of Florida.
 - 2. Be a year-round resident of the Treasure Coast Area.

ARTICLE FOUR: ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. During the last week of-January of each year an announcement will be posted at the field and sent by email, calling for volunteers to run for the Board of Directors.
- B. In mid-February, an election will be held by ballot at the field; and by email.
- C. In March the election results will be announced giving new members of the Board the opportunity to acquaint themselves with their new position before their appointment on April 1st.
- D. All those who are paid-up members of the League during, the current year, are eligible to vote.

- E. Removal of Board members may be made: when fifty-one percent of members vote for it in a special election; or, if sixty percent of the Board of Directors vote to do so.
- F. If a position on the Board becomes open during the tenure of a Board member, that position can be filled by the remaining Board members, for the duration of their term.

ARTICLE FIVE: RESIDENCY RULE EXCEPTION

If a Treasure Coast resident is not available or willing to run for a Board position, a non-resident Association Member can be considered to run for that position with the unanimous consent of the existing Board of Directors.

ARTICLE SIX: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. PRESIDENT: Shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He shall appoint Committees and Committee Members with the concurrence of the Board. He shall oversee the operations, actions and decisions of the committees.
- B. VICE PRESIDENT: Shall oversee activities of the Association and be ready to assume the Office of President if the President is not available, or cannot continue as President.
- C. SECRETARY/TREASURER: Shall keep the minutes of meetings and will conduct all Association correspondence. He will read the minutes of the previous meeting at all Association meetings. He shall collect all monies due the Association, keep receipts and financial records and administer the Association checking account and all related accounts. Records and account information will be made available to any association Member who wishes to examine them. He will post a financial statement for the previous year on the bulletin board for members to see. (NOTE: This position can be shared as per Article Two, B, e)
- D. DIRECTORS: Shall assist the Board in the management of the Association.
- E. COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Should have a thorough knowledge of ASA Softball Rules and regulations; and, in addition the supplemental rules for the Treasure Coast Senior Softball Association. They will be assigned for specific functions, and report to the President of the Association.
- F. OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
 - a. Ensure that the Rules and Regulations are kept up to date and any changes are communicated to the membership.
 - b. Review and rule on protested games.
 - c. Manage the Draft process
 - d. Oversee the assignment of players after the Draft takes place.
 - e. Screen new players as to their compatibility to play in our league.
 - f. Ensure that no more than ten percent of the total members of the league are below the age of 62. No members should be below the age of 55.

- g. Provide for appropriate get-well, sympathy, condolence cards, etc.; for injured, hospitalized, ill and deceased players.
- h. Decide if monetary gifts, contributions or, awards are to be made.

ARTICLE SEVEN: PLAYER DRAFT:

- A. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE DRAFT: A player who submits his name for the draft and then fails to play for the team which drafted him, is eliminated from Association play for the entire season, unless a mutually agreeable trade can be arranged prior to the start of the season. However, managers are under no obligation to arrange a trade. If such a player is not traded, he must resubmit his name again for the following year if he wishes to be an Association member (Note: Application fee will not be returned).
- B. AFTER A PLAYER IS DRAFTED:
 - 1. When the draft process is completed, a player may not be dropped from the roster unless he notifies his manager or association Board member, of his decision not to play. A team that drafts a player must keep that player for the full season, unless he is traded to another team prior to the start of the regular season. If a member misses three (3) consecutive playing dates without giving notification. he is dropped from the team roster.
 - 2. Players not included in the initial draft will be assigned to a team by a committee made up of one team manager from each team; under the direction of the President of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE EIGHT: CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO ASSOCIATION REPUTATION

- A. If, at any time an Association Member acts in such a way as to harm the Association's reputation or another Association Member, a motion for expulsion may be placed by any Association Member. (An emergency meeting may be called to address the issue.) Ratification by a majority of the Board, will result in 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 Association permanently.
- B. If the member being expelled wishes to appeal his expulsion, he may do so by submitting, in writing, a letter to the Association Board a request for a hearing on the matter explaining his reason(s) for disputing the ruling.

ARTICLE NINE: APPLICABILITY

All By-Laws shall applicable to all members the Association

The preceding material consisting of three (3) typewritten pages and is hereby made the OFFICIAL BY-LAWS of the Treasure Coast Senior Softball Association. This document replaces and supersedes 2003 By-Laws and all previous By-Laws.

Approved by a vote of a majority of members in May of 2017.