

**TREASURE COAST SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (TCSSA)**  
**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, fun, and a competitive spirit between senior softball players in the Treasure Coast area of Florida.

**ARTICLE TWO:**

**ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT**

- A. The management and operation of the Treasure Coast Senior Softball Association (TCSSA) will be under the direction of the TCSSA Officers. The officers will consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Draft Director.
- B. Terms of Office:
  - 1. Each Officer will remain in office for a two (2) year term. Elections will be held each February. In 2020, there were two positions to be filled. In 2021, there will an election for the three remaining positions. In subsequent years, the same pattern will be followed.
  - 2. Previous members of the Board may run for office if they so desire.
  - 3. Each new term will take effect on April 1st of the election year.
  - 4. Each year, after the election, the Board members will decide who will serve as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Draft Director.

**ARTICLE THREE:**

**ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS** – Any TCSSA member in “good standing” may run for a position on the TCSSA Board of Directors. A member in “good standing” is a paid-up member throughout the term in office.

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 paper ballot at the field or by email sent to the Treasurer.
- 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 term on April 1<sup>st</sup> begins.
- D. All those who are “paid-up members” of the League during, the current year, are eligible to vote.
- E. Removal of a board member may occur when: fifty-one percent of the TCSSA members vote for a special election; or, if sixty percent of the Board of Directors votes to remove a board member.
- F. If a position on the Board becomes open during a Board member’s tenure, that open position shall be filled, by appointment of the remaining Board members. The person who replaces the departing member will only serve for the duration of the departing member’s term.

ARTICLE FIVE:

**DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- A. President: Shall preside at all meetings of the TCSSA. 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 TCSSA and be ready to assume the Office of President if the President is not available, or cannot continue as President. Shall coordinate the mid-season pizza event, the after-season luncheon and the cookout after the all-star game.

C. Secretary: Shall keep the minutes of meetings and will conduct all TCSSA correspondence. He will read the minutes of the previous meeting at all TCSSA meetings. Provide for appropriate get-well, sympathy, condolence cards, etc.; for injured, hospitalized, ill and deceased players.

D. Treasurer: He shall collect all monies due the Association, keep receipts and financial records and administer the Association checking account and all related accounts. A monthly update of the TCSSA's financial status will be emailed to all paid-up members.

E. Draft Director: Shall assist the Board in the management of the TCSSA and coordinate the team selection process.

E. Committee Members: Should have a thorough knowledge of ASA Softball Rules and Regulations; and, in addition the supplemental rules for the TCSSA. They will be assigned for specific functions, and report to the President.

F. Other Responsibilities of the Board of Directors:

1. Ensure that the Rules and Regulations are kept up to date and any changes are communicated to the membership.
2. Review and rule on protested games.
3. Oversee the team selection process.
4. Oversee the assignment of players after the player selection process is completed.
5. Screen new players as to their compatibility to play in our league.
6. Ensure that all members of the league are at least 60 years old during the year in which they participate in league play.
7. Decide if monetary gifts, contributions or, awards are to be made.

ARTICLE SIX:

**CONSTRUCTION OF THE LEAGUE TEAMS:**

A. The number of teams and the number of players on each team will be determined by the Board of Directors at the conclusion of the registration period. If necessary, players not included in the initial team assignments will be assigned to a “player pool” and, upon request, the registration fee will be refunded. When necessary, a committee made up of all team managers; under the direction of the Draft Director, will assign pool players to specific team for a determined length of time.

B. Failure to comply with the team assignment: A player, who submits an application and then fails to play for the team for which he was assigned, is eliminated from Association play for the entire season, unless a mutually agreeable trade can be arranged prior to the start of the season or there are extenuating circumstances. 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).

C. After a player is assigned to a team:

1. When the team selection 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 must keep all players assigned to a team 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 will be dropped from the team roster. **If a drafted player quits prior to the start of the season, that player may be replaced by a player with a lower player rating than the player that quit. It will be the responsibility of the Board to assess the skills of the proposed new player. (Amended 1/17/2021)**

2. If a manager desires to trade a player, all of the team managers must be given an equal opportunity to make a bid for the player to be traded. By a simple majority vote of the managers and the Draft Director, the fairest trade will be executed. All trades will be completed before the start of the season.

3. The trading of draft positions, before or during the draft, is prohibited.

#### ARTICLE SEVEN:

##### **CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO ASSOCIATION REPUTATION**

A. If, at any time a TCSSA 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 permanently from the TCSSA.

B. If the member being expelled wishes to appeal his expulsion, he may do so by submitting, in writing, a letter to the Board of Directors requesting a hearing on the matter explaining his reason(s) for disputing the ruling.

C. If a player leaves the field and/or the area around the field during a game, that player will be dismissed from the team and will not be eligible to play again until the following season. That player's registration fee will not be refunded.

ARTICLE EIGHT:

**APPLICABILITY**

All By-Laws shall applicable to all members of the TCSSA. The preceding articles are hereby designated as the OFFICIAL BYLAWS of the TCSSA. This document replaces all previous By-Laws.

Approved by a vote of a majority of TCSSA Board of Directors at the meeting held on September 24, 2020.