

Vancouver Metro Senior Softball Association

BY-LAWS

(As amended at the General Meeting of Membership Nov.8, 2018)

ARTICLE I – REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- A. A player must be 60 years of age, or older, as of the playing year as set by the Executive Board of the Association. A player shall be deemed registered and a member of the Association when he/she has paid the individual membership fee established by the Executive Board. The fee is considered a donation.
- B. The registration of all players shall expire at the end of the calendar year.
- C. Transfers or additions of players to team rosters must be approved by the league president.
- D. All teams shall be limited to not more than fifteen (15) registered players.
- E. There shall be no refunds after one (1) week before the first scheduled league game. Exceptions may be considered by the Executive Board.
- F. The Association may request proof of the age of an Association member or prospective member in the form of a birth certificate or other form of official documentation.

ARTICLE II – LIABILITY

The Association's purpose is to provide a recreational program for its members. Those who participate, recognizing the hazards attendant to such participation, shall hold Clark County, The Clark County Parks Department, The Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department, The City of Vancouver, The Vancouver Metro Senior Softball Association, their agents or representatives, harmless for any injury that occurs as a result of their participation in the Association's program.

ARTICLE III – PROTESTS AND PROCEDURES

- A. A protest on the interpretation of rules will be accepted only if it conforms with Rule II of the Official ASA Guide and Playing Rules. Judgment calls are not protest-able.

- B. The Protest Committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members and chaired by the Immediate Past President. The President shall appoint the Committee members.
- C. If during a game a situation arises that can be protested, the captain or manager of the protesting team shall notify the umpire and the opposing manager that the game is being played under protest from that point on. This will provide all interested persons with the decision and will aid in proper determination of the issue. The umpire will note the inning, number of outs, players involved, score at time of protest, umpire(s) name(s), managers names, and the date and time the protest occurred. Failure of a team to follow this procedure shall forfeit the right to file an official protest.
- D. The formal protest must be filed within forty-eight (48) hours of the game in question if it is based on rules interpretations. It shall be in the form of a letter, in duplicate, which must contain the names of the teams playing, the date and field, the umpire involved and the rule which it is alleged has been misinterpreted. The letter shall be mailed or delivered to the Secretary who will forward it to the Protest Committee for decision. A filing fee of \$20 must accompany all protests. If the protest is allowed, the fee will be returned. If the protest is not allowed, the fee reverts to the Association's treasury.
- E. Protests base on the alleged ineligibility of a player must be filed with the Secretary within five (5) days of the game in question. In all tournament games, a protest must be filed before the next game is to be played.

ARTICLE IV – REGULATIONS FOR LEAGUE PLAY

- A. All team managers must be selected or approved by the Executive Board, and must be active members of the Association. Their term of office will be one calendar year and they will constitute the non-elective members of the Executive Board.
- B. Schedules shall be drafted by the First Vice-President, shall show the fields, dates and times assigned for each game, and shall be provided to each team manager.
- C. No team shall be added to the schedule following the deadline established without approval of the Executive Board.
- D. The Executive Board shall determine the type of tournament and/or play-off to be conducted at the end of the season.
- E. The Executive Board shall establish specific rules governing league play and revise same from time to time as deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any regularly called meeting of the membership.