

VANCOUVER METRO SENIOR SOFTBALL

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VANCOUVER, WA 98666

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this association shall be THE VANCOUVER METRO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION hereinafter referred to as the ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

The objectives, and purpose, of this Association shall be to provide the Seniors of the community a recreational outlet to: foster, develop, promote and regulate amateur softball within the greater metropolitan area of Vancouver; to establish rules and regulations governing all members; to engage in any activity or enterprise that will be beneficial to its members; to coordinate the registration of players; to cooperate with the Vancouver Clark Parks and Recreation Department in extending the game of softball to the seniors as a municipal recreational activity.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

I. Active membership shall include all registered, playing, members. Only those persons who are amateurs and are not under suspension by the Board of the Association, shall be eligible to register as playing members.

A. An amateur, for the purpose of belonging to this Association, is a person who competes in softball solely for the pleasure, and physical, mental or social benefits he, or she, derives therefrom, and who has not directly, or indirectly, received pay, or other remuneration, other than necessary traveling expenses, for playing softball in this, or any other, softball organization

B. The Board shall have authority to suspend any member of this Association after affording the member an opportunity to be heard for any of the following acts:

1. Competing under an assumed name or false birth date
2. Being guilty of fraud or extreme unsportsmanlike conduct.
3. Knowingly competing with, or against, any player under suspension by any metropolitan, state or regional association.
4. Failure to adhere to the Association rules.

II Associate membership shall include those who desire to aid the program of the Association, such as scorekeepers, announcers, umpires and sponsors. Associate members are not required to make a financial donation and shall not be entitled to vote in the proceedings of the Association.

III There shall be no restriction on eligibility for membership based on sex, creed or color, except those persons applying for playing membership shall be 60 years of age, or older,

during the calendar year. The provisions of this Constitution, and By-Laws, shall apply equally to all.

IV All membership shall extend for the duration of the calendar year, unless canceled by the member, or suspended by the Board.

ARTICLE IV ADMINISTRATION

The administration of this Association shall be committed to the duly elected officers.

I. The Board of this Association shall consist of the current elected officers. The previous, active, past President and one current team manager from each team may act as advisors to the Board.

The Board shall have full power, and authority, to make decisions and act for this Association on all matters affecting the Association, except amendments to this constitution, or amendments to the By-Laws of this Association. The Board may, however, submit any matter to a vote of the membership, which vote shall be considered only advisory and not binding upon the Board.

II The OFFICERS of this Association shall be a President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two members at large. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting by the members of the Association. Elections shall be the province of the previous, active, past President and the Secretary. They will form a Nominating Committee from the general membership and, at the annual meeting, present a proposed slate. Nominations from the floor will be open at this time. After nominations are closed elections by ballot will be held. The new officers for the following year will be installed at the annual meeting. They will assume their new duties at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

A. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association. The President shall have authority to appoint standing, and temporary, committees for all purposes and may assign additional duties to the other officers.

2. First Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President; be in charge of umpires and shall draft league practice and season schedules.

3. Second Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President and First Vice-President; be in charge of field maintenance and be in charge of field scheduling.

4. The Secretary shall record minutes of all meetings and the action(s) taken; handle all correspondence regarding membership and game schedules and shall preside, with the previous active, past President, over elections.

5. The Treasurer shall have custody of the finances and shall bank same under the name of this Association. Shall be responsible for the collection of membership donations. Shall complete, and submit, all reports required by the Internal Revenue Service.

6. The previous active, past President shall preside over the player draft; preside over elections with the Secretary and shall chair the protest committee.

B. All officers shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor has been duly qualified and elected.

C. Any office vacated during the fiscal year may be replaced by a temporary appointment by the Board.

D. An elected officer may be recalled at any regular meeting of the membership, provided that a notice of recall, and its reasons there for, has been given to the membership through each team manager, and to the officer whose recall is asked, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. A majority vote of the members present will be necessary to recall the officer.

ARTICLE V MEETING

I The annual meeting of this Association shall be held prior to the end of the calendar year.

II Regular, or special, meetings may be called by the President or at the request of a majority of the Board. Notice of all meetings shall be mailed seven (7) days prior to the established date.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS AND FINANCES

I Player, and sponsor, donations shall be established by the Board.

II The treasurer is authorized to establish banking accounts for this Association.

III Checks may be signed by the Treasurer or any other Board member so designated.

IV Recurring expenses such as the P.O box, postage, softballs, field maintenance supplies may be approved by the league president and paid by the treasurer without prior VMSSA Board approval. The league president may authorize a onetime non-recurring expense up to \$250.00 without obtaining board approval. Any request for reimbursement by a league member of an expense authorized by the league President or the VMSSA Board must be supported by receipts. Any single expense exceeding \$250.00 requires VMSSA Board approval.

V An audit of the books will be performed each year by a committee appointed by the President.

ARTICLE VII FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year will be November 1 through October 31.

ARTICLE VIII NON-PROFIT STATUS

This Association is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, #91-166-0549.

Not with standing any other provision of these Articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an Association exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by an Association contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Upon winding up, and dissolution, of this Association, after paying, or adequately providing for, the debts and obligations of the Association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized, and operated exclusively, for charitable, educational, religious, and or scientific purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any general meeting of the membership, providing that seven (7) days' notice of the proposed amendments be made known to all members.

ARTICLE X EFFECTIVE DATE

This Constitution was amended by the membership of VMSSA at a meeting called in accordance to article IX on November 08, 2018.