

ROSEVILLE SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

Mission Statement

The mission of Roseville Senior Softball Association (RSSA) is for senior softball players over 55 years of age to participate in a safe and competitive association, with the intent to keep teams balanced in playing ability and to provide fun and fellowship.

Membership

RSSA membership shall be open to all players 55 years of age or older in the current calendar year. Players under the age of 55 must be approved by the RSSA Commissioner to participate. All teams will abide by the rules of the ASA (Amateur Softball Association), SSUSA (Senior Softball USA and rule(s) modifications adopted by RSSA. Any new players are to be referred to a team manager or league director who in turn informs the Deputy Commissioner. A player MUST fill out a registration form prior to their first game. A registration fee will also be collected from each member (player). Registration fees shall be applied to softballs, insurance premiums, rental of the softball fields, directories, schedules, score books and other equipment as needed. The governing body of the league will consist of the Executive Committee and League Directors. Members of the governing body may not hold more than one of these positions at a time or serve as a team manager.

Officers Executive Committee

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee (OFFICERS) of the association shall be a Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Secretary, Treasurer, and one at large member and will be responsible for decisions concerning finance, scheduling, future planning, settling of grievances and final determinations of all questions that may arise during the league activities. The Executive Committee shall have full authority for the direction and operation of the association and shall also serve as an appellate board to hear and decide appeals from decisions and determinations of the Officers and Directors. Executive Committee will meet twice a year in April and October or when a special meeting is called for by the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner.

Section 2. Election/Removal. Officers will be elected bi-annually by the registered participants (players). Any Officer, league director, or team manager may be removed, for cause. The party removed may demand a due process hearing. The Executive Committee will preside over the hearing.

Election of officers

The RSSA will elect officers yearly. Officers will serve for two years. All officers may serve more than one term. The election of Deputy Commissioner, Secretary, and Member at Large will be held during the odd numbered years and the office of Commissioner and Treasurer will be during the even numbered years. If an officer's vacancy occurs, the Executive committee will appoint replacements to the committee until the next election.

Section 3. Commissioner. The Commissioner shall hold office until a successor is elected or appointed by the Executive Committee. The Commissioner shall be the chief executive officer of the association and supervise the other officers of the association. The Commissioner will also set the agenda and preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee. In addition, he will have the following responsibilities.

- Negotiates facilities for the winter and summer leagues.
- Handles Public relations concerning the league.
- Responsible for Safety issues.
- Assigning a legal representative for legal support.
- Selects bank for the association's transactions.
- Signs checks for all disbursements. Approval from the two members of the Executive Committee is required.
- Designates person(s) to facilitate the annual association event.
- Designates ad-hoc committees when necessary.
- Responsible for all appointed committees.
- Selects insurance for the association.

Section 4. Deputy Commissioner. The Deputy Commissioner shall perform the duties of the Commissioner during the absence or disability of the Commissioner. He will also;

- Chair the nominating committee when necessary.
- Recruits and assigns league directors with advice and consent of the Executive Committee.
- Responsible for player personnel, which entails player evaluations and assigning any and all players to an appropriate league.
- Responsible for discipline in conjunction with the league director for player conduct or sportsmanship issues, as well as any other player issues that may arise.
- Signs checks for disbursement in the Commissioner's absence.

Section 5. Secretary. The Secretary shall record all minutes of the Executive Committee meetings. In addition he will have the following responsibilities.

- Responsible for association's web site and web master.
- Maintains team rosters
- Co-ordinates printing and distribution of League directories
- Collects and reconciles registration forms received from the directors the beginning of each season.
- Maintains the player database.
- Initiates association elections as needed

Section 6. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of the funds and securities of the association. In addition, he will have the following responsibilities:

- Collects player's monetary fees from the directors at the beginning of each season.
- Provides the Executive Committee monthly financial and budget updates
- Provides financial information for two executive meetings per year, and as needed.
- Handles all monies to be deposited to the association's bank account.
- Responsible for financial control, reporting and management.
- Reconciles bank statements

Section 7. Member at Large.

- Duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.
- Community Liaison
- Facilities Coordinator
- Acquires equipment (balls, mats, pitching screens, etc.) for each league.

Section 8. Voting and Quorum. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote in all actions of the Executive Committee. Members shall abstain from voting on matters involving their personal interests. In actions of the Executive Committee, the Commissioner shall only vote to break ties. A simple majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum, provided however, that one of the members present must be the Commissioner or the Deputy Commissioner. By-laws must be ratified or amended by a simple majority vote of the voting players in the association.

League Directors

There will be one Director appointed by the Deputy Commissioner for each league during the summer and winter seasons. Directors will be Ex-officio members of the Executive

Committee. Directors will also have the following responsibilities:

- Recruits team managers for their respective leagues.
- Collects registration forms and dues from the managers the 1st week of each season.
- Conducts league manager meetings, selection/assignment of players for his league, in conjunction with the Deputy Commissioner.
- Strives for team balance within the league with consent of the team managers.
- Plans, coordinates and communicates league information to the players of the league in conjunction with the team managers.
- Keeps master list of rule changes and deviations from national rules for his league.
- Handles grievances when necessary for players or managers of his respective league.
- Makes decisions related to game cancellations, such as rainouts, etc. when necessary.
- Informs the Deputy Commissioner of players who wish to change leagues.
- When necessary, raises issues of concern to the Executive committee.

Team Managers

Responsibilities for Team Managers are as follows:

- Participates in player assessment and selection process with the League Director.
- Collects registration forms and dues, for each player on his team, prior to their first game of the season. Registration forms and dues are given to the Treasurer once they are received from each player.
- Responsible for all communications concerning the league to his team players.
- Develops and amends rules for his respective league, in conjunction with the league director.
- Interprets and arbitrates all issues that develop during a game.
- Assists in approving and providing team uniforms.
- Responsible for necessary equipment on game days.
- Informs League Director when a player wishes to change leagues or teams.

Team Players

Team players are drafted or assigned to a league team for each season. Their responsibilities are as follows:

- Registers and pays for each summer or winter season prior to their first game, registration slips and dues given to their respective manager.

- Abides by league rules, demonstrates sportsmanship, and cooperates with team managers, fellow players and umpires during each game.
- Conduct: Intentional physical contact and/or verbal abuse will not be tolerated by RSSA. Disciplinary action will be determined by the Executive Committee. Player safety is paramount to the association.
- Advises his team manager when he desires to change leagues.
- May request a hearing with the league director on any issue or disagreement concerning his league or team.
- Required to attend an evaluation session if requested by the Deputy Commissioner

Standards of Conduct and Sportsmanship

As stated in the mission statement of Roseville Senior Softball Association (RSSA): our guiding principles encourage safe competition by all players in an environment of sportsmanship that provides for fun, fellowship, and courtesy and respect for all players and fans.

Behavior found to be detrimental to the Mission of the RSSA will have consequences and dealt with accordingly. Detrimental behaviors that would be deemed not in the spirit of the RSSA Mission could include, but not limited to the following.

- The display of abusive behavior in any form during a game or RSSA sponsored event. Examples would be words or gestures
- Excessive use of Profanity. Especially in the presence of guests or others using the facility(s).
- Any behavior that is not conducive to fair play.
- Physical fighting: Players will be ejected from the game or facility.

Consequences for detrimental behavior could include but not limited to:

- Verbal warning – Team Manager and/or League Director
- Written warning – Team Manager and League Director
- Temporary suspension – League Director and Deputy Commissioner
- Permanent suspension – Executive Committee

Suspensions are to be conducted after a hearing with all the parties involved.

We encourage all players to go through the line for the CUSTOMARY HANDSHAKE after each game.