

Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League

BY-LAWS

Ratified by the Board of Directors: February 22, 2005

ARTICLE I – NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS:

This organization shall be known as the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League (BBSSL). The principal mailing address of BBSSL shall be 14320 Fairdale Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20905.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE:

The Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League (BBSSL) is a non-profit organization established for the purpose of organizing and administering a softball league for senior athletes residing in the Greater Baltimore and surrounding Suburban Maryland areas.

BBSSL encourages Senior Citizens to exercise and improve their quality of life through active participation in an organized sports program. For the purpose of this document, Senior Citizens are defined to be people Sixty years of age and older. Male senior age 60 and above and female seniors age 55 and above are eligible to participate in BBSSL organized sports activities.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

BBSSL membership shall be open to all who participate in the Softball League. Membership is limited to citizens of the State of Maryland, unless individuals requested to be “grand-fathered-in” when they left the state.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BoD)

The Board of Directors shall consist of Officers and the Directors.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

A. Officers of the BBSSL shall be:

1. Commissioner
2. Deputy Commissioner
3. Treasurer

B. Directors of the BBSSL shall be:

Team Managers

In order to meet current operating requirements, Acting Directors (Assistant Managers) may represent their respective directors and enjoy full voting privileges on the issues being discussed and voted upon.

C. ADVISORS TO BBSSL

1. Internet Advisor
2. ASA Commissioner

D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

BBSSL Directors shall elect the Officers during the End-of-Season Meeting. Participation in the End-of-Season Meeting is required to exercise voting rights. Officers may also serve as a League Managers or Players. The BBSSL Newsletter and Web Page will contain a slate of persons and positions being considered for election. Nominations for any vacant positions can be made at any time during the year.

E. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. Commissioner

The Commissioner shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall also serve as an Ex Officio member of all committees. The Commissioner shall be the official liaison for the league and will interface with the public on issues associated with softball.

2. Deputy Commissioner

The Deputy Commissioner shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors in the absence of the Commissioner. He shall assist the Commissioner in the administration of the ongoing business of the organization.

3. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible to the Board for safeguarding the funds of BBSSL. The Treasurer shall be accountable for all receipts and disbursements of the organization. The Treasurer shall keep all requisite books of account in conformity with generally accepted accounting practices. The Treasurer shall submit to the Board an annual statement of the financial status of BBSSL and periodic interim fiscal reports as requested by the Commissioner. Financial records are subject to an annual audit by an Audit Committee composed of BBSSL members not serving on the Board.

F. VACANCIES

An Officer position shall be declared vacant upon the written notice of resignation from the person serving in that position. The Board may appoint an Acting Officer to fill a vacancy, but such person must be elected at the earliest opportunity.

G. DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

Serve as a Director of the League. Directors (Managers) must attend meetings or designate a representative. They must manage and represent their respective teams. When playing the role of "Home Team," they must provide a field, softballs and an umpire for the game(s) to be played. They must ensure proper decorum exists during the game(s).

H. DUTIES OF INTERNET ADVISOR

Serves as an Advisor to the League. Prepares and maintains the Web Page. Posts pertinent information about teams and the league. Collects game results and posts standings and remarks.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS, VOTING, QUORUM:

A. Regular Meetings

The BBSSL shall hold, nominally, three meetings per year: one in Pre-Season (February); between Halves (June); and, End-of-Season (October) at a time and place to be determined by the Board. The Board of Directors shall meet in February to formulate plans for the upcoming year. The Commissioner, when required, may convene special meetings of the Board of Directors.

B. Voting

Members must be in good standing in order to vote on issues at meetings. Each team shall have one vote. Simple Majority will rule when voting on all motions before the Board. No Proxy votes will be allowed.

C. Quorum

A simple majority of the Board of Directors present at meetings will constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII – LEAGUE YEAR:

The league year shall be from January 1 to December 31 of the same year.

ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY STANDARDS:

BBSSL will use a modified version of Roberts Rules of Order in the conduct of its meetings.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS:

Once adopted, these by-laws may be amended at a meeting of the Board of Directors, by two-thirds of those voting with a quorum being present, and written notification of the proposed amendments having been provided at least one week in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE X – RULES CHANGES

All rules change proposals must be submitted, in writing, to the Commissioner at least one week prior to scheduled meetings and must be listed on the Meeting Agenda.

ARTICLE XI – PROTESTS

All protests must be submitted in writing, within 72 hours of event, to the Commissioner, outlining the teams involved, the umpire involved, the basis for the protest and the rule whose interpretation is being challenged.

ARTICLE XII – CONDUCT

Any action by a member of the league considered unbecoming (for example: physically threatening another player or umpire, persistent use of obscene language, baiting opposing team members), will be reported by a team manager or umpire, in writing, to the Commissioner.

The Commissioner will appoint an Ad-hoc Committee of two disinterested managers and an independent umpire who will analyze and evaluate the protest and make a recommendation for the outcome. The Commissioner's decision will be final.

Provided by Jim Ganz