

Portland Area Senior Softball League (PASS) League Policies and Procedures

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as of 16 February 2022

1. General:

A. The PASS softball season shall be from April to October of the same year unless changed by the Board of Directors. The league's registration form will contain specific dates.

B. A player must be at least 65 years of age or older (Delta Park Recreational Division), 62 years of age or older (North Clackamas Recreational Division) and must be at least 61 years of age or older (Competitive Division), as of the playing year, as set by the Board of Directors. A player will be deemed registered and a member of the league upon receipt of the registration fee established by the Board of Directors and annotated on the registration form.

C. Payment of the registration fee entitles the player to unlimited participation within his/her division and all league activities and programs for one year. Registration as a member will cease at the end of the calendar year. The Recreational Division will charge \$50 for members who did not register by the deadline up until the 8th week of the season. After the 8th week, ball players who register will be charged \$25 for the remainder of the season. Registered players who are 80 or older by the end of the calendar will not have to pay a registration fee.

D. All Team Managers will be appointed and approved by the Board of Directors. Team managers will serve in that capacity for one season, unless removed with or without cause by the Board of Directors. Team Managers and their assistant coaches may be invited to attend board meetings but are non-voting members.

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

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

G. Schedules will be drafted by the League Scheduler showing the fields, dates, and times for each game. Additionally, team rosters will be provided to each Team Manager.

H. The Board of Directors shall determine the type of tournament and/or play-off that will be conducted at the end of the season.

I. The Board of Directors will determine the brand and core for the softball. The Delta Park and north Clackamas Recreational Divisions will use the Trump Stote: 44 core - 375 psi softball. The Competitive Division Commissioner will select the brand and core of softball for his division. The Division Commissioner will be responsible for ensuring that two new softballs and the strike mat are delivered to each field prior to the start of competition.

2. Insurance

Prior to the start of each softball season, the Board of Directors will authorize the purchase of liability insurance. The policy will provide coverage from 1 January to 31 December of the current season. The purchase of liability insurance will provide protection against claims resulting from injuries and damage to people and/or property. The policy will cover both legal costs and any legal payouts for which the league would be responsible if found legally liable.

3. Player draft rules for team roster selection

Teams for each division are formed by a player draft held shortly before the start of the season. For the purpose of team equity, all players will be rated based upon their playing skills. The ratings will be done by the Team Managers and will be kept confidential except to the Team Managers and the Board of Directors. Players will not be advised of their assessed skill rating.

Players will be rated based on their demonstrated performance in past years or upon observations of knowledgeable associates. The rating categories will be A, B, C, and D with A being the top rating. At the end of the season, the Team Managers will review the skill level of their roster players and determine the appropriate rating category for each team member. This evaluation will be submitted to the Board of Directors for use in next year's draft. (See attached Evaluation Form). Below is a listing of evaluation criteria.

1. Running Capability
2. Fielding Capability
3. Throwing Capability
4. Hitting Prowess

The Board of Directors will determine the draft sequence. The draft sequence of "up & down the river" (1-8, 8-1, 1-8 etc.) will be used for all selections during the draft. Prior to the draft, each Recreational Division Team Manager may select ONE assistant manager who will represent the team in the absence of the Team Manager. In the Competitive Division, the Team Manager may select ONE assistant manager plus reserve TWO additional players. The selected assistant managers will be exempt from the draft and may attend the draft. The Team Managers may select any player from any skill level during their turn. Every effort will be made to respect the desires of players who wish to participate on the same team. The draft will continue until all registered players are selected or until rosters are filled.

The first stage of the draft will start with the selection of all A listed players followed by B, then C, then D. This process will continue until all players, who paid their registration fee prior to the registration deadline, are drafted. Otherwise, they will be posted on a "Substitute List" which will be used by Division Commissioners and Team Managers to fill vacancies as they occur.

The Board of Directors will prepare and distribute team rosters and substitute lists to all Team Managers, which will include player contact information. Contact information will be limited to the player's name, phone number, and email address. No personal information or a physical address will be included.

4. Cancelling games due to poor weather conditions

On game day, an appointed person will contact Delta Park – Owens Sports Complex/North Clackamas fields to check for safe playing conditions. If the fields are unplayable, he/she will

post the decision at approximately 8:15 a.m. on the weather lines listed below. When a game has been cancelled, Team Managers are requested to call their team members and advise them of the decision either by email or phone. If a go/no go decision has not been posted by 8:15 a.m., then the games are assumed to be on. A cancelled game will be rescheduled in coordination with the league scheduler and the affected Team Managers

Delta Park Weather Line: 503-823-3020, Option #3

North Clackamas Weather Line: 503-742-4343

When a game is interrupted by heavy rains/lightning, the appropriate Division Commissioner will consult with the Team Managers and call a 10-minute game suspension to see if conditions improve. After the 10-minute delay, the playing safety level of the fields will be evaluated, and a decision to resume play or cancel the game will be made. The Division Commissioner will make that decision based on recommendations from the Team Managers. If 5 innings (4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead) have been completed, the game will be declared complete, and no reschedule will occur.

5. Player Conduct

The policy of the PASS League is that 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 not be tolerated. If such action is observed and brought to the attention of the Team Manager, he/she will address the situation immediately before play continues. If the Team Manager cannot resolve the issue, it will be brought to the attention of the Division Commissioner for resolution. The Division Commissioner has full authority to issue a warning (verbally or written at his/her discretion) or remove the player from the field. Subsequent violations by the same player, may result in a two week suspension from playing in any league activity. If the Division Commissioner cannot resolve the issue, he/she will bring the situation to the attention of the Administrator. The Administrator will appoint an Ad-hoc Committee of two disinterested Team Managers who will analyze and evaluate the issue and make a recommendation for the outcome. The Administrator's decision will be final. Should the disruptive behavior be significant and/or threatening, in the opinion of the Administrator, a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors will be convened. The Board of Directors may issue a letter of immediate dismissal based on the recommendation of the Administrator. This action must be based on a majority vote by a quorum of Board members present at the meeting, and all Board members in attendance will sign the dismissal letter.

Approved by the Board of Directors _____

William Tidd

Administrator

Steve Kapka

Secretary