

Citrus Park 50+ Softball League

Women's Section Rules and Regulations

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NOTE: All rules and regulations in this document relate only to the Women's Section of the Citrus Park 50+ Softball League

OFFICERS

The Executive of the women's section shall include:

1. The immediate Past President returning from last year.
2. A President who shall be the President Elect from the past year. If this person is unable to serve, the Executive members will elect by ballot a President from their second year elected members.
3. A President Elect who will be nominated for the position each year and be elected by ballot by the general membership.
4. A Secretary who will be nominated for the position every second year and be elected by ballot by the general membership.
5. A Player Rating Committee Chairman who will be nominated for the position every second year and be elected by ballot by the general membership.
6. A Team Selection/Player Substitution Committee Chair who will be nominated for the position every second year and be elected by ballot by the general membership.
7. A Member-at-Large who will be nominated every second year and be elected by ballot by the general membership.
8. The Umpire-In-Chief, appointed by the Executive.
9. A Registrar appointed by the Executive, preferably a person who is in the park from November until April and who has computer skills and access to a computer.
10. The President and the immediate Past President will serve as part of the Board of the Citrus Park 50+ Softball League.
11. A Manager's Representative, elected by the managers.
12. In the event any Executive Member, with the exception of the President, is unable to serve, the replacement will be appointed by the Executive to serve until the next election.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

1. The Executive as a group shall:
 - a. Oversee all the activities related to the Women's Section of the Citrus Park 50+ softball league
 - b. Appoint the Umpire-in-Chief and Registrar.
 - c. Appoint the committee chairs.
 - d. Hear and render decisions on protests regarding Regulations
 - e. Suspend managers, players, or umpires as in Playing Rules, general # 9.
 - f. Appoint members to fill vacancies should they occur.
 - g. Keep members informed of all activities.
 - h. Register players.
 - i. Approve all playing rules.
 - j. Approve amendments to the Women's Regulations and Playing Rules.
 - k. Approve all Women's Section activities on and off the playing field.
2. The Immediate past President shall:
 - a. Provide the Executive with the experience and knowledge of her year as President.

- b. Co-chair the Rules and Regulations Committee
 - c. Chair the banquet committee.
 - d. Appoint and assist coordinators for banquet decorations.
 - e. Present the president jacket at the annual banquet.
 - f. Have one vote on all matters before the Executive.
 - g. Serve as part of the Board of the Citrus Park 50+ Softball League as either chairperson or secretary.
3. The President shall:
- a. Act as chair of all regular and special meetings of the Executive, which she calls, or appoints the President Elect to act in her place. Conduct all meetings in an orderly fashion.
 - b. Call special meetings of the Executive or general membership when necessary.
 - c. Prepare agendas for all meetings.
 - d. Suggest names for the Umpire-in-Chief, and all committee chairs, with the approval of the Executive.
 - e. Distribute new playing balls for each scheduled game on Monday and Wednesday (three new balls each day) or appoint a stand-in.
 - f.
 - g. Present the 75+ player's jackets at the annual banquet.
 - h. Mentor the president elect for a smooth transition to president.
 - i. Contact activities director to arrange date and time for women's banquet.
 - j. Order plaque for the Past President.
 - k. Have one vote on all matters before the Executive only to break a tie. If the President is not the chair of the meeting, she may vote as other members.
 - l. Serve as a part of the Board of the Citrus Park 50+ Softball League and advise Women's Section Executive of pertinent motions or changes.
4. The President elect shall:
- a. Act in place of the President at her request.
 - b. Co-chair the Rules and Regulations Committee
 - c. Ensure that balls are ordered for league play.
 - d. Organize pre-season and post-season ball practices and non-league games.
 - e. Count election ballots and notify candidates of results.
 - f. Shall assign a member of the Citrus Park Women's Softball League to fulfill preseason duties on time if unable to do so.
 - g. Have one vote on all matters before the Executive.
5. The Secretary shall:
- a. Record the minutes for all *Executive* and general membership meetings for the Women's Section.
 - b. Keep these minutes to be handed down from year to year.
 - c. If necessary, inform in writing any persons concerned with a decision made by the board.
 - d. Post notices to inform all members of decisions made by the Executive Board.
 - e. Post names of board and committee members.
 - f. Provide minutes of the meetings to the Executive.
 - g. Count election ballots and post a list of the new *Executive* members
 - h. Advise activities office of current President and President-elect and their phone numbers.
 - i. Keep a motion log for the season.
 - j. Have one vote in all matters before the Executive.
6. The Chair of the Player Rating Committee shall:
- a. Schedule and chair all meetings for the purpose of rating new players and re-rating former players, if necessary.
 - b. Select 3 registered players to serve on the committee.
 - c. Maintain committee guidelines.
 - d. Contact the registrar regarding the status of players prior to submitting ratings to the Team Selection Committee.

- e. Shall assign a member of the Citrus Park Women's Softball League to fulfill preseason duties on time if unable to do so.
 - f. Have one vote on all matters before the Executive.
7. The Chair of the Team Selection/Player Substitution Committee shall:
- a. Schedule and chair all meetings for the purpose of team selection.
 - b. Select 4 registered players to serve on the Committee.
 - c. Maintain Committee guidelines.
 - d. Have the authority to assign substitute players.
 - e. Be present at all scheduled games.
 - f. Assign reserves to a team for practices.
 - g. Be responsible for the education of reserves re league rules and substitution process
 - h. Act as liaison between the Rating Committee and the Team Selection Committee.
 - i. Have one vote on all matters before the Executive.
8. The Member-at-Large shall:
- a. Chair the Sunshine Club Committee.
 - b. Order jackets for the past President and any 75+ years players with 10 years of play (including active reserve years).
 - c. Order shirts, hats, visors, etc. and other duties as assigned.
 - d. Have one vote on all matters before the Executive.
9. The Manager Representative shall:
- a. Represent the managers at Executive meetings and act as liaison between Executive and managers.
 - b. Assemble a managers' packet and provide one to each manager.
 - c. Have one vote on all matters before the Executive.
10. The Registrar shall:
- a. Register all women who wish to play in the league.
 - b. Collect registration fees and submit them to the Treasurer.
 - c. Keep the Player Placement Committee advised of all registered players.
 - d. Distribute all information collected at registration to the Executive, managers and all committees as required.
 - e. Maintain all current forms used for registration, elections, player placement, managers, and the general population of the women's ball league.
 - f. Assemble a managers package
 - g. Appoint and work closely with the Assistant Registrar to share workload and provide training.
 - h. Have one vote on all matters before the Executive.
11. The Umpire-in-Chief shall:
- a. Schedule and arrange for the organization and training of the umpires for all games, both league and playoffs (when necessary).
 - b. Act as liaison between the umpires and the *Executive* and represent the umpires at the *Executive* meetings.
 - c. Act as chair of the Playing Rules Protest Committee.
 - d. Have one vote on all matters before the Executive.
12. Each member of the Executive shall hold office for the term for which she was elected or appointed.
13. The term of office for the new Executive will take effect at the annual banquet.
14. The elected officers of the new Executive shall meet as soon as possible after the banquet to appoint the Umpire in Chief and Registrar for the next season. Before the end of the season, a form shall be given to each of the umpires to identify and submit to the President possible candidates for Umpire in Chief.

MEETINGS

1. The women will meet separately to conduct the matters that pertain to the women's section only.
2. A quorum of 70% of the elected Executive members (7 of the 10) must be present to vote on motions.

3. All decisions made by the Executive must be in the form of a motion, duly moved and seconded, and voted on by the Executive members. A simple majority of 51% of the elected Executive members in attendance, (the chairman of the meeting votes only to break a tie) is required to carry the motion.

COMMITTEES

1. The women will have the following standing committees.
 - a. Player Rating
 - b. Team Selection/Player Substitution
 - c. Rules and Regulations Committee,
 - d. Banquet Committee,
 - e. Playing Rules Protest Committee.
 - f. Nominating Committee
 - g. Publicity
2. The Executive shall appoint the Chair of any committee that does not have an elected chair.
3. Other ad hoc committees may be named by the president if they are required.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

1. Player Rating - See Player Placement Regulations
2. Team Selection/Player Substitution – See Player Placement Regulations
3. Rules and Regulations Committee – Review proposed changes to any rules or regulations as requested by the Women’s Executive and makes recommendations for additions, changes or deletions.
4. Banquet - Plan the women’s year-end awards banquet.
5. Playing Protest Committee - See protests
6. Nominating Committee - See elections in Constitution. All nominees are to receive a copy of their duties before they agree to run.
7. Stats Committee - Keep ladies’ stats for the season for the managers.
8. Publicity - Post information regarding women’s softball activities to the Citrus Park website, the Citrus Park Softball website and the bulletin boards.

PROTESTS OF THE REGULATIONS

If any member of the Women’s Section has any concerns with the Regulations, these concerns should be brought to the Executive in writing. The Executive will address these concerns and make a decision. This decision shall be final.

PROTESTS OF THE PLAYING RULES

1. Such protests will be heard by the Playing Rules Protest Committee.
2. Under no circumstances can an umpire’s judgment call in a game be protested.
3. All protests of the interpretation of playing rules will be made by the manager of the team.
4. The protest must be announced to the umpires of the game and to the opposing manager at the time of alleged infraction. The umpires will instruct the Official Scorer to record the exact game situation at the moment of the protest.
5. The protest must be made by the protesting manager, in writing, stating the rule in question and describing the problem, to the President of the Women’s Section as soon as possible after the protested game.
6. The protest may be withdrawn at any time before the President is notified by informing the umpires and the opposing manager that the protest is indeed withdrawn.
7. The Playing Rules Protest Committee will call a meeting; invite those people that the Committee deems to have pertinent information regarding the situation to help them render a decision.

8. The decision of the Protest Committee will be a recommendation to the Women's Executive for approval. The President or her designate will notify the parties concerned of the final decision and make every effort to correct the problem to the satisfaction of the injured/offended parties.
9. Any member on the Protest Committee who has a conflict of interest must declare so and ask the President of the Women's Section for a replacement.
10. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after the problem occurs, at a time and place set by the person in charge of the hearing, and a decision made.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Only registered players of the current playing season may play in either the Can/Am or One-Pitch games.

AWARDS

1. All League awards are to be the responsibility of the Citrus Park 50+ softball League.
2. The Women's Section is free to create their own awards but must have the costs approved by the League Executive.
3. The umpires will form a committee to select the recipient of the Velma Knoebber Sportsmanship Award. The following criteria shall be used:
 - a. The award will be given to the player who most "exemplifies the ideals of sportsmanship on the playing field with ethical behavior, fair play and integrity"
 - b. Must have been a registered player for a minimum of five years.
 - c. Contributions to the Citrus Park 50+ Women's Section of the League shall be taken into consideration.
4. The managers will select the recipient of the Most Improved Player Award.
5. A jacket will be given to *an active* player in her 75th year who has played at least 10 years (to include active reserve years).

AMENDMENTS

Any part in these Rules and Regulations may be amended at any time before and in preparation for a new season by a simple majority of the members of the Executive who are present and voting. Organizational amendments may become effective at such time the Executive deems most appropriate for the operation of the Women's League. However, there should be no changes to the Playing Rules to become effective during the course of the season.

Any member of the Women's League may submit to the President in writing a proposed amendment to the Rules and Regulations, at any time. However, any submissions regarding Playing Rules must be made before November 30. The President will ask the Women's Executive to consider the proposal and make a recommendation.

Once an amendment has been discussed and approved by the Women's Executive, the final changes shall be submitted by the secretary to the chair of the Constitution Committee for review and uploading to the CP softball website.