

MID-COLUMBIA SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

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Mission Statement: The Mid-Columbia Senior Softball Association allows for men and women to participate in a unique softball experience that encourages fun, competition, and exercise, with the emphasis on rules that focus on safety and injury reduction as much as possible.

Section I ----- Eligibility

A. Age

Men who have their 50th and women who have their 40th birthday in the calendar year of the season are eligible to play.

B. Authentication

ID will be required to authenticate age.

Section II ----- Board of Directors

The league is governed by a Board of Directors that oversees all financial, league and team rules.

A. Membership

1. The Mid-Columbia Senior **Softball** Board of Directors consists of **a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 11 board members. Members for all open board positions are nominated by league** players from the previous year and any new players who have paid league fees for the upcoming year.
2. Eligibility: All Board Members must have been members of the Mid-Columbia Senior Softball League the season prior to their selection to the Board.
3. Nomination Process: The Board will notify members regarding the positions that are up for election **as openings occur**. Nominations will be open 4 weeks **preceding notification of an open board position. The board reserves the right to add new board members at any time as needed to fill the open positions on the board.**
4. Selection: Officers for the upcoming season will be elected by the Board at the January Board meeting. A candidate for an officer position must receive the vote of two-thirds of the current members of the Board.
5. The Board shall elect from its members the following officers:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Player's Rep
6. The Secretary and Treasurer may be the same person.

7. The President and the Treasurer will verify the income statement in December of each year.

B. Term of Office / Abandonment / Removal

1. **Each Board Member has a term of three years.** After three years, a Board Member may be re-nominated and can accept/decline the nomination to be reelected.
2. A Board Member shall be deemed to have abandoned office if the member has three consecutive unexcused absences from Board meetings. A majority of the Board shall determine whether the absences are excused.
3. A Board Member may be removed by two-thirds majority vote of the remaining Board Members.

C. Meetings

1. The existing Board Members will meet as deemed necessary to discuss pertinent business. Board meetings may be scheduled by the President or by a majority of the other Board Members.
2. **Meetings attended in person and/or virtual as needed.**
3. Voting: **Greater than 50% of the current board members** constitutes a quorum to conduct League Business. The concurrence of a majority of the members present at a meeting is required to take action.
4. Parliamentary Procedure: The Board of Directors will follow Roberts Rules of Order.