

The Constitution of the Hotlanta Softball League



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ARTICLE 1: NAME OF ORGANIZATION

1.1 The name of the organization shall be the Hotlanta Softball League (HSL), after this referred to as “HSL” or the “Organization”. The Organization may comprise two (2) separate divisions – an Open Division and a WNT Division. Each division may adopt rules and regulations for its division and function independently of each other. The Open Division and the WNT Division may be further divided into subdivisions based on competition levels and determined by the teams of the division. Each subdivision may establish rules and regulations for its subdivision upon approval by the entire division. HSL is a nonprofit corporation.

ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The primary objective of the Hotlanta Softball League is to develop members of character and integrity who will serve as positive members of the Atlanta community. The following objectives best amplify the league’s mission:
- A. Promote amateur athletics, youth education with special emphasis on the participation of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning community in an atmosphere of friendly competition, particularly softball.
 - B. Promote pride, unity and confidence in league teams, sponsors, and community.
 - C. Practice positive leadership and display the courage necessary to advocate just causes in the face of public or social pressures.
 - D. Hold ourselves responsible and accountable for our thoughts, feelings, and actions.

The Hotlanta Softball League has a strong foundation built on the values of family, community, and positive attitudes. All members of the Hotlanta Softball League will strive to uphold these traditions through hard work, professionalism, and loyalty.

Family. Relationships are to be grounded in honesty, trust, and respect. Through the bonds we create, we will hold ourselves and our teammates in the highest regard.

Community: HSL has an opportunity to strengthen the community through active participation and service. In giving ourselves, we can enrich the lives of others around us.

Attitude: HSL’s attitude will be defined by participants’ strength of character and constant pursuit of excellence both on and off the field.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Any person who wishes to support the stated objectives of the Organization may become a member by satisfying the membership requirements set forth in the HSL Open Division Rules and

Regulations or WNT Division Rules and Regulations. All members of HSL are encouraged to support and participate in the local gay community activities, especially HSL functions.

The name and address of each member and date of issuance shall be entered in the private records of HSL, and will not be sold, rented or disseminated to any other organization. Without the expressed permission of HSL members. Reproduction, sale, rental, lease, or use of the mailing list, directory or any other content by any other person or group of any of the contents, for any purpose is expressly prohibited. Instances of unauthorized use will be sent to Executive Council for evaluation and possible actions.

ARTICLE 4: SOFTBALL COUNCIL

- 4.1 The HSL Softball Council shall be defined as either the Summer Softball Council or the Winter Softball Council. Any reference to Softball Council in HSL documents shall be interpreted to refer to whichever Council, summer or winter, is in session and duly authorized under this article.

The Summer Softball Council term shall be from the commencement of the HSL Spring Delegate Meeting through iPride GSWS and ASANA World Series each year. The Winter Softball Council term shall be from the end of iPride GSWS for Open Executive Council and ASANA World Series for WNT Executive Council, the latter of the two for HSL Commission and Treasurer, until the commencement of the next HSL Spring Delegate Meeting.

The Summer Softball Council shall consist of the members of the Executive Council (See Section 5) and a team representative, appointed by the team, for each team participating in the HSL Spring Season. To be considered a participating team, an initial roster and team fee must be submitted to HSL for the Spring Season. Executive Council members or their proxy shall be given voting rights as specified in Section 5. Each Summer Softball Council team representative or designated proxy, defined as a member of the same team, shall have one vote in representing member team in all decisions regarding HSL policies made at all meetings between the HSL Spring Delegate Meeting and the end of the Summer Softball Council term.

The Winter Softball Council shall consist of the members of the Executive Council. Each Winter Softball Council member shall have one vote in all decisions regarding HSL policies made at all meetings between the end of the Summer Softball Council term and the HSL Spring Delegate Meeting.

The Softball Council shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- A. Attendance at all duly scheduled HSL meetings.
- B. Be responsible for communicating Commission and League activities, requirements, and needs to their team and/or sponsor(s).
- C. Be familiar with both the Constitution and each division's rules and regulations.

- D. Other duties, as determined by a majority of the HSL Executive Council which may be necessary for the efficient administration of the organization.
- E. All may be subject to background checks.

ARTICLE 5: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

5.1 The Executive Council shall consist of the following elected officers with their respective responsibilities:

A. Officers

- i. Commissioner/Chief Executive Officer CEO
The general duties of the Commissioner shall include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Preside at all regular and special meetings of the organization.
 - b. Assist the Treasurer in preparation of the budget.
 - c. Serve as an authorized guarantor of HSL financial transactions.
 - d. Establish such committees which may be necessary for the efficient administration of the Organization. All committee chairs must be approved by the Executive Council.
 - e. Plan for elections and staffing of the election booth.
 - f. Only vote in meeting to break a tie.
 - g. Be responsible for the administration of any Fall Softball League sponsored by HSL.
 - h. May attend all iPride meetings. If the Commissioner cannot attend, the Executive Council may select a replacement.
 - i. Administration of fundraising on behalf of HSL.
 - j. Pursue corporate sponsorship on behalf of HSL.
 - k. Act as Public Relations on behalf of HSL
 - l. Have such duties as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this constitution.
 - m. Serve as Officer of the Day when scheduled.
 Oversight over the Big Peach Committee.
- ii. Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer
The general duties of the Treasurer shall include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Prepare a budget.
 - b. Maintain financial records.
 - c. Serve as an authorized guarantor of HSL financial transactions.
 - d. Present regular financial reports to the HSL Commissioner, Executive Council and Annual Delegates meeting The Non-Profit 990 form will be posted on the HSL website after the annual delegates meeting.
 - e. Monitor and/or maintain tax exempt status and legal status of the organization.
 - f. File taxes and maintain any documents necessary for the 501 c3 status
 - g. Annually register HSL with Georgia Secretary of State as well as being listed as the Registered Agent of HSL
 - h. Have one vote on all league and Executive Council matters.
 - i. Serve, if possible, as a committee member of the iPride Open Division and ASANA

WNT Division Financial Committees.

- j. Perform other such duties as the Commissioner may designate.
 - k. Serve as Officer of the Day when scheduled.
 - l. Provide oversight of the Audit Committee
- iii. Assistant Commissioner
- The general duties of the Assistant Commissioner shall include, but are not limited to: a.
- Be recognized as the HSL NAGAAA/iPride representative.
- b. Preside over any meetings of HSL in the absence of the Commissioner.
 - c. Have one vote in all league and Executive Council matters, except when presiding over any HSL meetings, the Commissioner will only vote to break a tie.
 - d. Attend the NAGAAA/iPride Winter and Summer meetings. If the Assistant Commissioner cannot attend, the Executive Council may select a replacement.
 - e. Establish such committees as may be necessary for the efficient administration of the Division.
 - f. Become acting Commissioner should the Commissioner resign or is removed.
 - g. Create league and Commissioner's Cup schedules.
 - h. Be responsible for the handling of all documents for the league scheduled to be sent to NAGAAA/iPride including but not limited to:
 - (i) Team rosters
 - (ii) List of teams and managers
 - (iii) Division designation of teams (i.e., A, B, C, E, etc.)
 - (iv) Reservation of slots in the GSWS
 - (v) GSWS rosters
 - (vi) Player rating information
 - i. Serve as Officer of the Day when scheduled.
 - j. Oversight over the JRC Committee.
 - k. Perform other such duties as the Commission may designate.
 - ~~k-l.~~ [Tracking of all teams/players who fall under the No Repeat Rule.](#)
- iv. Secretary
- The general duties of the Secretary shall include, but not limited to:
- a. Notify the softball council members of the HSL Spring Delegate Meeting, board meetings, and any divisional meetings.
 - b. Maintain the minutes of all meetings.
 - c. Have one vote on all league, and Executive Council matters.
 - d. Prepare a sufficient number of ballots for elections and have copies of rosters available.
 - e. Maintain functionality of the HSL website.
 - f. Serve as Officer of the Day when scheduled.
 - g. Perform other such duties as the Commissioner may designate.
 - H. Oversight over the Social Media Committee.
- v. Parliamentarian/Historian
- The general duties of the Parliamentarian shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Advise the HSL Commissioner and Executive Council on all matters of procedure in accordance with the HSL Constitution, Robert's Rules of Order, and each division's rules and regulations.
 - b. Maintain an official record, electronic and hard copy, of the Constitution, the Rules and Regulations and Amendments thereto.
 - c. Have one vote on all league, respective division, and Executive Council matters.
 - d. Serve as Hall of Fame Chairperson and maintain all Hall of Fame records.
 - e. Maintain a history of the league
 - f. Serve as Officer of the Day when scheduled.
 - g. Perform other such duties as the Commissioner may designate.
 - h. Oversight over the Rules and Regulations Committee.
 - i. Maintain an official record of "In Memoriam" database.
- vi. Social and Events Coordinator
- The general duties of the Social and Events Coordinator shall include, but not limited to: a. Organizing and overseeing all HSL fundraising events.
- b. Serving as Board liaison for all Ad Hoc Standing Committees formed regarding additional HSL activities including but not limited to, any other social, fundraising or charity events.
 - c. Assisting player recruitment events and clinics.
 - d. Serve as a member of the Gay Pride Committee.
 - e. Have one vote on all league and Executive Council matters.
 - f. Serve as Officer of the Day when scheduled.
 - g. Perform other such duties as the Commissioner may designate.
- vii. Competition Coordinator
- The general duties of the Competition Coordinator shall include, but are not limited to:
- a. Obtaining playing equipment and field supplies including, but not limited to, banners, line-up cards, scorebook, first aid supplies, etc., if necessary and
 - b. Assuring supplies are available at the fields for all scheduled play
 - c. In conjunction with Assistant Commissioner help with scheduling and any NAGAAA/iPride requirements and assist other board members in the recruitment of new players.
 - d. Create schedule for the Officer of the Day
 - e. Overseeing and organizing player recruitment events and clinics to assist in the placement of new players and players with not team affiliation.
 - f. Coordinate with the JRC Chair to ensure all new players receive an initial rating.
 - g. Serve on the Big Peach Committee
 - h. Have one vote on all leave, and Executive Council matters.
 - i. Serve as Officer of the Day when scheduled.
 - j. Responsible for maintaining player participation attendance at games for GSWS qualification.
 - k. At the end of every season, have the HSL Pick-A-Stick bats re-certified to ensure bats have not cracked or shattered.
 - l. Perform other such duties as the Commissioner may designate.

Oversight over the MASCARA Committee.

viii. Business Development Coordinator

The general duties of the Business Development Coordinator shall include, but are not limited to:

- a. Developing and maintaining a sponsorship package for presentation to potential League Sponsors
- b. Fostering and growing relationships with existing and potential Corporate Sponsors.
- c. Serve as a Liaison between the HSL and all local business owners pertaining to their sponsorship of the league.
- d. Assist Commissioner in contacting potential sponsors.
- e. Administrate all HSL Charity relationships and serve as a liaison with those Charities.
- f. Serve on the Big Peach Committee as Sponsorship Coordinator.
- g. Serve as the Chair of the HSL Gay Pride Committee, ensuring entry and overseeing HSL participation.
- h. Have one vote on all league and Executive Council matters.
- i. Serve as Officer of the Day when scheduled.
- j. Perform other such duties as the Commissioner may designate.

ix. ASANA Representative

The general duties of the ASANA Representative shall include, but are not limited to:

- a. Coordinating between Executive Council and ASANA World Series teams
- b. Must be a member of ASANA.
- c. Serve as an ASANA delegate to all ASANA meetings unless serving as an ASANA Executive Council Member nationally. If the ASANA Rep cannot attend, the Executive Council may select a replacement.
- d. Assist the JRC Chair in ratings and review of all female players.
- e. In conjunction with the Competition Coordinator, assist in the placement of Free Agents and create potential new teams for the placement of Free Agents as it relates to ASANA teams.
- f. Participate as a member of Ad Hoc standing committees including but not limited to Big Peach and Gay Pride Committee.
- g. Have one vote on all league and Executive Council Matters.
- h. Serve as Officer of the Day when scheduled.
- i. Perform other such duties as the Commissioner may designate.
- j. Oversight over the DEI Committee

B. Elections and Terms of Office

The Executive Council shall decide the time and place for the election of officers. ~~Nominations will open 30 days prior to elections. Any person wanting to run for election must be a current member of HSL in good standing and cannot run for more than one office. All nominations for officers must be submitted in electronic or written format to the HSL Commissioner or the~~

Assistant Commissioner, no later than fifteen (15) days before the election. The EC will choose a deadline for nominations each season. Nominees must accept the nomination for the elected position. A nominee can withdraw up to 7 calendar days before the election day. Nominees must accept the nomination.

- Nominations will open 30 days before elections
 - Nominees must be a member of the league and in good standing
- Nominations must be submitted electronically
 - No later than the 14th calendar day from the opening of elections by 11:59pm
 - Can not run for more than one position
- A nominee can withdraw up to 7 calendar days before election
 - Nominees must accept the nomination

Anyone elected Treasurer, Commissioner or any other position with access to HSL’s bank accounts are subject to a background check. The background check will be conducted after election, but before access to bank accounts are given. HSL will be responsible for finding a company to do the background check and will be responsible for the cost of the background check. If a background check comes back with any “negative” items, the unaffected board members will determine if the affected party should keep the position they were voted for. If the affected party does not keep the position, the affected board member can be removed using the process described at the end of this Article.

The membership shall be provided a notice in electronic format, of the election of all open offices and candidates running for each officer at least fourteen (14) days before the election. Each member of the Organization may cast one vote for each HSL Executive Council person.

Executive Council members will oversee the casting of ballots. Any Executive Council member running for election may not oversee the casting of ballots or the counting of votes. A member may abstain from voting for one or more positions on a ballot. Voting will be open for 72 hours. Saturday 7pm- Tuesday – 7pm Specific dates to be determined by the Secretary.

Once voting is completed, a conference call will be held to reveal the results within 24 hours. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared the winner of the election for such office. The HSL Secretary or the Commissioner shall affix their signature to the results of such election of officers.

Any office which does not have a candidate receiving greater than 50% of the votes cast shall have a run-off election between the top two (2) candidates. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify all coaches of the run-off at least five (5) days prior to the run-off election.

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The term of office for all officers will be two (2) years and based on HSL Policy Table A. The term for all offices will begin at the end of Summer Council to the completion of the 2-year term.

Any member of the Executive Council who has unexcused absences from two (2) consecutive regular meetings of the Council may be deemed to have resigned as a member of the Council and may be replaced in accordance with the provisions stated in the HSL Constitution. Absences may be deemed "excused" upon a majority vote of the remainder of the council.

If the resignation or removal of any Executive Council Member occurs during the summer council and the position is up for election during the current Summer Council, then the position will be appointed by the Executive Council for the remainder of the term. If the position is not up for election during the Summer Council, a special election will be held by Summer Council.

If a resignation or removal of any Executive Council Member occurs during the Winter Council, and the position is up for election during the upcoming Summer Council, then the position will be appointed by the Executive Council for the remainder of the term. If the position is not up for election during the upcoming Summer Council, the Executive Council shall appoint an interim member for the remainder of the Winter Council. The Summer Council will then elect a member for the remainder of the term.

If an Executive Council member fails to perform or violates the duties of their office, the Executive Council member may be removed from office by 66% vote of the Summer Council at any Council meeting, provided that said member receives written notification of the charges and meeting date by certified mail at least ten (10) calendar days before the meeting. The member will be given opportunity to rebut those charges at that meeting. The vacancy left for that position on the Executive Board shall be filled as provided in the HSL Constitution.

When any Executive Council member permanently becomes physically incapable of performing the duties of office, including by reason of death, a vacancy shall exist. In the event that any dispute arises in determining or permanent physical incapacity, the Executive Council shall decide the matter using all necessary and proper means.

- C. Any matter that comes before the Executive Council where there may be a conflict of interest, or that involves an Executive Council member's teammate or coach, roommate, current or recent partner or other associate for which the Executive Council member may not be able to render an unbiased opinion, then the Executive Council can vote to recuse that member from that deliberation and vote.
- D. All voting results completed by the Executive Council will be recorded in the meeting minutes and posted on the HSL website for public knowledge. This includes an individual breakdown of who voted Yes and who voted No.

a) Executive council retains the right to vote by private ballot, which would have to pass by majority of Executive Council Members. The roll call vote results would be kept between the Executive Council and the parties involved.

E. Return of Property

Within 30 days upon leaving their position or at the end of their term, whichever comes first, any member of HSL Executive Council, shall return all documents and/or items that are property of HSL. Such items shall include, but not limited to: i. Email accounts ii. Emails iii. Contact information of all coaches/managers iv. Player information v. NAGAAA/iPride handbook

All projects or work developed, deployed, or created by an Executive Board Member during their term of office that was for HSL use, is HSL property.

F. Officer Transition

A transition meeting shall take place between the outgoing and incoming officers. At this meeting, all HSL records and property shall be turned over to incoming officers. Bank signature cards shall be filled out thus turning over HSL accounts to the incoming officers. Failure to comply with this directive within thirty day time period of leaving the office shall result in this person being suspended from HSL. The suspension may voided upon return of all HSL property.

ARTICLE 6: OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION METHODS AND PROXIES

6.1 Any reference in HSL documents that require submission in writing shall be completed on physical paper or in electronic format. In the interest of efficient operation of the organization, the HSL Executive Council may, in its sole discretion, opt to hold any HSL meeting or call for a vote in person, via e-mail, or conference call.

HSL will recognize the designation of a proxy (not to include elections), provided that is properly submitted in writing to the presiding officer. When executing a proxy, an HSL Executive Council member may only designate another Executive Council member; and a team representative may only designate another member of their own team.

ARTICLE 7: MEETINGS

7.1 A HSL Spring Delegate Meeting and Winter Executive Council meetings shall be held as a forum for interaction and planning of activities. The HSL Spring Delegate Meeting and Winter Executive

Council meetings shall include all elected officers. A majority of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum for any such meeting.

A HSL Spring Delegate Meeting of the Organization shall be held in the spring of each year. [Each team must send a delegate to the Spring Delegates meeting. Executive Council members can not represent their team if they are a coach.](#) The Secretary will notify all perspective members of the date, time, and place of such meeting. The Spring Delegates Meeting will happen at least 2 weeks prior to opening season. At the HSL Spring Delegate Meeting, the HSL constitution and HSL rules and regulations previously approved by the Winter Softball Council will be electronically distributed. No quorum shall be required for any such meeting.

Extra Innings may be awarded, at the discretion of the HSL Executive Council, at the Spring Delegate meeting. The EC will randomly pick the team that is awarded Week 1 Extra Innings no later than 1 week after Team Registration has closed. This will allow the team chosen ample time to plan for Week 1 Extra Innings. The remaining teams will be chosen at the Delegates Meeting. Any team competing with an extra Innings or any Official HSL sanctioned event will be fined \$500. An appeal can be made to the Executive Council.

Special meeting may be called at any time by the HSL Commissioner or by a majority of the Softball Council. The designated Secretary shall notify each member of the Softball Council no fewer than five (5) days before any such meeting. The notice shall specify date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting. More than 50% of the membership of the Softball Council shall constitute a quorum for any such meeting.

Any member of the Organization may attend any meeting, including Executive Council (EC) meetings. However, only members of the Softball Council or their designated alternates are permitted to vote on motions. After a topic has been discussed by the EC members and before moving on to the next agenda item, non-EC members in attendance will have the opportunity to provide input on the discussed topic. During Winter Council, notification of all Winter Council Meetings will be sent to the members of the previous Summer Council for that same year.

The HSL Executive Council, in its sole discretion, may declare any meeting mandatory. Any team that fails to send a representative to a mandatory HSL meeting will be assessed a fine; the amount will be determined each year by the Executive Council and announced prior to the HSL Spring Delegate Meeting. The fine must be paid to HSL before that team will be allowed to play its next HSL scheduled game.

In the event of an emergency, the HSL Executive Council reserves the right to conduct an emergency meeting during the Summer Council. The meeting would only be called when a decision is needed that would not affect the HSL Constitution or Division Rules and Regulations.

The minutes of all HSL meetings must be made available within 14 days of the conclusion of the meeting.

ARTICLE 8: SOFTBALL RULES

- 8.1 The HSL Rules and Regulations shall be changed as needed by the Executive Council during the Winter Softball Council session and subsequently presented to the Summer Softball Council at the HSL Spring Delegates Meeting. Any changes made by the Executive Council during the Winter Softball Council can be overturned by the affirmative votes of not less than 66% of the Summer Softball Council. Additionally, changes to the rules and regulations may be presented anytime from the Spring Delegate Meeting until the end of the season. Any such changes shall require the affirmative votes of not less than 75% of the Summer Softball Council. Rules changed during the season will become effective immediately, unless otherwise specified.
- 8.2 The Executive Council and/or the Softball Council shall have the authority to suspend specific sections of the Constitution during times of emergency or when situations arise and it is impossible or impractical to convene necessary Councils to formerly amend the Constitution. The Executive Council and/or the Softball Council must follow these guidelines:
- A. Declare a State of Emergency and the rationale for declaration
 - B. Identify which section(s) of the Constitution are being suspended
 - C. Identify the duration of the suspension, not to exceed 12-months
- 8.3 If the declaration is made by the Executive Council, the Softball Council may call a special meeting following the procedures laid out in Article 7.1 of the HSL Constitution and can overturn and/or amend the emergency declaration by not less than 75% of the delegates.
- 8.4 In addition to suspending parts of the Constitution, under an emergency declaration, the Executive Council and/or Softball Council may put temporary rules in place to ensure the safety of the league, players, coaches, umpires, fans and guests. These temporary rules may not exceed 12months unless added to the Constitution via the procedures as spelled out in Article 8.1 of the HSL Constitution.

ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENTS

- 9.1 Amendments to the Constitution and/or Rules and Regulations may be made as necessary. Any Amendment shall require the affirmative vote of not less than 75% of the Summer Softball Council to go into effect for the current year. Amendments shall require the affirmative vote of not less than 66% of the Summer Softball Council to go into effect the following softball season.

ARTICLE 10: NATIONAL SPORTS ALLIANCE

- 10.1 The Organization shall be a member of a national sports alliance, such as International Pride Softball (NAGAAA/iPride) or Amateur Sports Alliance of North America (ASANA), whose goals and

objectives are similar to those of the Organization. Any membership fees of such national sports alliances shall be paid by the Organization. No team shall represent Hotlanta Softball League at both NAGAAA/iPride Gay Softball World Series and ASANA Softball World Series.

ARTICLE 11: FEES AND EXPENSES

11.1 Executive Officers and Softball Council members shall not receive any compensation or remuneration for their services to the organization. However, necessary and reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the organization by any Executive Officer or Softball Council member may be paid by the organization subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

Any expenditure that comes out of the HSL's savings account must be approved by the Executive Council. If an Executive Council meeting cannot be held, a quorum of the Executive Council members must approve the expenditure. Proper documentation to support the expenditure must be maintained and available for review by any HSL Member. Unapproved expenditures will be handled by Georgia State Law.

ARTICLE 12: GRIEVANCE/APPEAL PROCESS

12.1 The Softball Council may declare any person or team in HSL in violation of HSL Guidelines if that person or team exhibits behavior detrimental to the best interests of the HSL. The person or team would be in violation only after the guidelines as stated in the respective division's rules and regulations are followed.

Any penalty enacted by the Softball Council may be appealed in writing within three (3) days to the Executive Council. A majority vote of the Executive Council to uphold or alter the decision of the Softball Council shall be final.

ARTICLE 13: HALL OF FAME

13.1 Purpose: The purpose of the Hotlanta Softball League Hall of Fame is to provide an historical perspective and perpetuate the history of gay softball in Atlanta and its surrounding areas.

13.2 Membership Eligibility

- A. Any current or former member of ~~the HSL, living or deceased~~ (including players, managers, coaches, scorekeepers, sponsors, and fans), who has been in ~~the HSL or a member of NAGAAA/iPride/ASANA~~ for at least ten years is eligible for nomination to the HSL Hall of Fame. ~~Length of membership will be determined by the Hall of Fame Director.~~
- B. Nominees should have made *significant* contributions to the advancement, enhancement or continuation of the HSL.
- C. If a nominee is ~~deceased~~deceased, the 10-year rule can be waived.

13.3 Application/Nomination

- A. Nominations to the HSL Hall of Fame will be accepted beginning at the Spring Delegates meeting and will close 30 days after opening day. If no nominations are received during this time, the nomination period will close, and no new nominations will be eligible for the current HSL season.
- B. The Nominations may be submitted by any person, past or present HSL member, who is familiar with the candidate. Talk to the person you wish to nominate and find out about their history. A minimum amount of supporting information is advisable (Remember, just because you see that someone is doing a lot one year, does not mean they have contributed towards league enhancements in previous years.)
- C. We strongly recommend that the nomination include a photograph of the nominee. A photo helps; the reason for the photo is that names do not always convey the person nominated. A picture is worth a thousand words and could jog the memory of the voting members. It can determine whether or not a nominee is elected into the HSL Hall of Fame. Anyone submitting a photograph to identify a nominee gives HSL a “license” to use the photo only in conjunction with the HSL Hall of Fame.
- D. Nominations will be good for 3 years. At the end of the three-year period, if the nomination is not voted into the HSL Hall of Fame, the submission will expire, and the person who submitted the nomination will need to re-submit the nomination.

13.4 Voting Process

- A. The Parliamentarian will prepare an online ballot with the names of all nominees and provide a copy of the nominations to the HSL Hall of Fame voting members. The Hotlanta Softball League Hall of Fame committee reserves the right to have votes submitted via e-mail or US postal service.
- B. Voting members will have 15 days from the date the nomination biographies are distributed/posted to vote.
- C. The voting members may vote for an unlimited number of nominees. A “yes” vote means that the nominee has exhibited values and accomplishments deserving of inclusion to the HSL Hall of Fame.
- D. The Parliamentarian and HSL Commissioner will verify the validity of the voting members, tabulate the results of the voting, and notify the nominees, the HSL Executive Council, and the living HSL Hall of Fame members of the results.

13.5 Induction

- A. The Top 3 Percentile above the 66% threshold of votes cast per candidate will be inducted into the HSL Hall of Fame. If no candidate is above the 66% threshold, the top candidate or in case of a tie candidate(s) with the highest percentage of votes received will be inducted into the HSL Hall of Fame.
- B. Automatic Induction into the HSL Hall of Fame:
 - a Any HSL member who is inducted into the NAGAAA/ASANA Hall of Fame and has been a member of HSL for 10 years or more, will automatically be inducted into the HSL Hall of Fame.

- b Any HSL member who is inducted into the NAGAAA/ASANA Hall of Fame and has been a member of HSL for less than 10 years, will not be automatically inducted into the HSL Hall of Fame and will need to go through normal channels to be inducted into the HSL Hall of Fame.
- c These inductees will not affect the three (3) HSL Hall of Fame inductees.

13.6 Voting Members

A. Voting members shall consist of the following:

- i. The members of the HSL Hall of Fame.
- ii. The current HSL Executive Council.
- iii. Only one ballot can be cast per member.

13.7 Removal from the HSL Hall of Fame

A. Any Hall of Fame member who receives a lifetime ban from HSL/iPride/ASANA will be automatically removed from the Hall of Fame. Additionally, any HSL member who has a lifetime ban from HSL/iPride/ASANA, is ineligible for nomination to the HSL Hall of Fame.