

**Clean and Sober Softball Association  
All Members Meeting  
November 4, 2023  
All notes taken by Secretary Kim Corona**

**AGENDA**

**Roll Call – BOD: Attending:** *Kim Petitcherc Director, Aaron Rotherick, Vice Director, Rachel Dreon Treasurer, Artemis Westmoreland Public Information, Kim Corona Secretary, Tomas Ramirez Rules and Ethics, Chelsee Corona Tournament Coordinator.*

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Financial Overview – Rachel broke it down high level. When is the next umpire contract Signed in 2021 for 22, 23, 24, 25 in December of 2024 we can make the decision to sign or wait for another 2 years to sign. Benefit will be the increases will be if we extend and we would be locked into those fees. Down fall they could jack it up or we could lock in, at our current rates for 4 years.**
- 3. Bats – 240 has been out at least 3 years there is no excuse for not having them, we are following the USSSA rules. Bats MUST be 240, 2024-year CSSA, we will be following whatever the USSSA rules are for bats. What is the council meeting we will know exactly what the changes are.**
- 4. Tournaments – the tournaments same as this year except Let it go will be at Delta, if not it will be at Brush. Last call will be Russell Road, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one was homeless, last year celebration USSSA has that field. We are talking to Skagit playfields they are in Mt Vernon, turf, and Lights. We can take more teams. There is nothing (fields) set in stone at this time until all paperwork is submitted. Will we get concessions for Evergreen they have no concessions; we will investigate it.**
- 5. Banquet Recap – Veronica giving Annie's report came in under budget, we embodied what clean & sober softball stands for. SEE ATTACHMENT. Alicia being apart of voluntold and it was amazing, getting out of self-meeting other people apart of the CSSA their gratitude for being a part of.**
- 6. Open Positions**
  - a. Vice Director: Kim C nominated, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tomas Ramirez,**
  - b. Secretary: Kim P nominated, Jondale 2<sup>nd</sup>, Renee Ward**
  - c. Rules & Ethics: Kim P nominated Chelsee C 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jason Bragg,**
- 7. Motions – See Attached**

8. **Open Discussion – Can we shorten game times, at this time we haven't had any problem getting teams into tournaments. We will assess as the year goes on to see if we need more fields and tournaments**

**Tony – News Tulalip Casino and other casinos have money to help recovery programs. Committee, to track all of the DATA points so that we can build our own complex. Go after the Opiates divert. Tony will volunteer to head up the committee. Rachel will help with the grant proposals.**

**James – Accountability for the coach as well as the player for motion #5, add a**

**Tomas – build an eligibility committee, see the code, extension of the BOD 1 man and 1 woman that play other teams etc, weeknights, etc.**

**Part of the eligibility committee that help so that we are not just hearing hearsay. Tom is an umpire and has not yet seen this.**

**Appointed positions**

**Tony, I have something to say I think it is self-discovery, he doesn't agree with the lack of autonomy, not safe space.**

**Jason – he's see this more like players that really don't have an issue with but they drink, but they want to play CSSA**

**Good conversation around who, what where we should do, is this how we want to move forward to police off the field. Could be dangerous, calling people out in the off season**

**Tomas – People who are NOT interested in being clean and sober drinking on Tuesday, going on the weekend hitting home runs and then going back out and drinking in the parking lot.**



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No: 1

Presented By: Jeff Grant

Seconded By: Tomas Ramirez

I Move That: The Olympic Division be added as  
an official division of the CSSA.

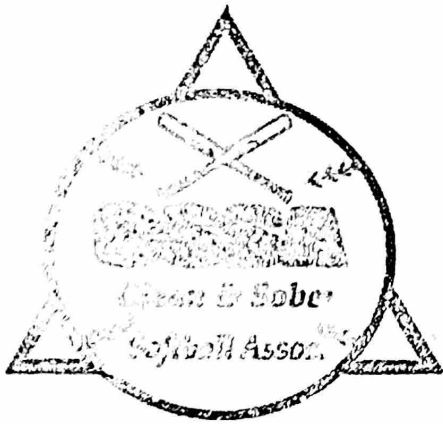
Intent: To expand the CSSA and provide easier access  
to Thurston, Mason, and Lewis Counties.  
Olympic Division currently has 7 teams.

Make Sure in your motion you use EXAMPLES:

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2. WHAT are they to do

If needed, also tell: I move that the CSSA hold  
and annual.....

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No: 7

Presented By: Shelly Graham

Seconded By: Limp

I Move That: SW Washington Division be added as a division of CSSA.

Intent: To Bridge the gap between Clark and Lewis county and build unity amongst our members.

we currently have 7 teams, and a BOD.

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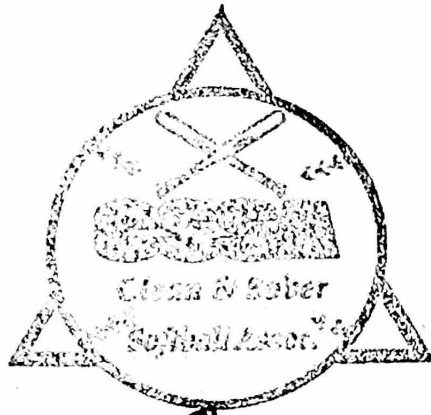
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No: 3

Presented By: Thomas Ramirez Seconded By: [Signature]

I Move That: The CSSA move the 200 ft line  
back 10 ft to 210 ft.

Intent: To allow for a higher on base percentage  
for female batters.

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No: 4

Presented By: Tomas Ramirez Seconded By: [Signature]

I Move That: Exemption players must be on the same roster as qualifying player at any time if a hardship transfer, then it will take two pickup spots.

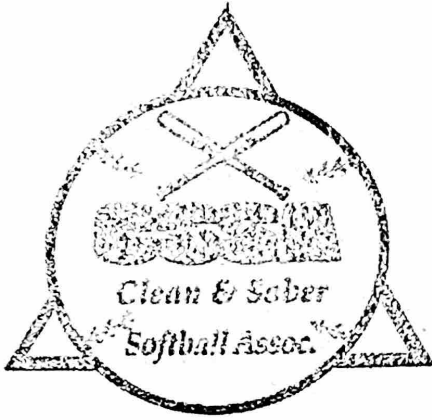
Intent: Clear language regarding exemption players.

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No: 5

Presented By: Tomas Ramirez Seconded By: KMO

I Move That: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Rosters Clean & Sober  
Dates must match Player Eligibility forms.  
If they do not match players will be suspended  
for 30 days.

Intent: An extra layer of accountability.

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No: 0

Presented By: Renee J Seconded By: Kim P

I Move That: the language defining the CSSA quorum in the bylaws be changed. The bylaw currently reads "All motions are passed or failed based on a 2/3rd or 66% affirmative vote of the quorum present, at any duly organized meeting."

Changed to read:

All motions are passed or failed based on a 2/3rd or 66% affirmative vote, at any duly organized meeting. (abstentions have not effect on the outcome of the vote.)

Intent: Motions are passed based on the will of the people and would ensure that decisions made are actually reflective of the group conscience. Abstension votes can still be cast however, they will not count as "no" votes and will not count in the overall total of the 66% of votes needed in order to pass.

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5. Can we round to the nearest number in computing the result of a vote? For example, since two thirds of 101 is 67.33..., will 67 affirmative votes out of 101 votes cast meet the requirement of a two-thirds vote? ▾

6. Do abstention votes count? ▲

The phrase "abstention votes" is an oxymoron, an abstention being a refusal to vote. To abstain means to refrain from voting, and, as a consequence, there can be no such thing as an "abstention vote."

In the usual situation, where the rules require either a "majority vote" or a "two-thirds vote," abstentions have absolutely no effect on the outcome of the vote since what is required is either a majority or two thirds of the votes cast. On the other hand, if the rules explicitly require a majority or two thirds of *the members present*, or a majority or two thirds of *the entire membership*, an abstention will have the same effect as a "no" vote. Even in such a case, however, an abstention is not a vote and is not counted as a vote. [RONR (12th ed.) 44:1, 44:3, 44:9(a); see also p. 66 of *RONR In Brief*.]

7. What is a vote of no confidence? ▾



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No: 7

Presented By: Jason Bragg Seconded By: Chelsee

I Move That: Every player who signs up to play in the CSSA must review and sign the players code of conduct (attached).

Intent: So that every player, before playing, can have a uniform and clear understanding of what is expected of them when playing in the CSSA and how we should collectively be showing up as a league. This form should be submitted when players submit their eligibility form. This code of conduct outlines expected behavior and penalties if not followed.

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# CSSA Players Code of Conduct

NO PLAYER OR FAN SHALL, AT ANY TIME, LAY A HAND UPON, SHOVE OR THREATEN TO STRIKE ANYONE, ESPECIALLY OFFICIALS OR SOFTBALL PERSONNEL.

**PENALTY: EJECTION FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND POSSIBLE CHARGES BEING PRESSED.**

NO PLAYER OR FAN SHALL VERBALLY THREATEN ANYONE ESPECIALLY OFFICIALS OR SOFTBALL PERSONNEL.

**PENALTY: EJECTION FROM THE GAME, VENUE, AND POSSIBLE EJECTION FROM TOURNAMENT.**

NO PLAYER OR FAN SHALL USE SEXIST, PROFANE, OBSCENE, VULGAR LANGUAGE OR BEHAVIOR IN ANY MANNER, OR AT ANY TIME WHETHER ON THE FIELD OR NOT.

**PENALTY:**

- 1. WARNING BY UMPIRE OR DIRECTOR**
- 2. EJECTION FROM THE GAME AND VENUE**

NO PLAYER OR FAN SHALL REFUSE TO ABIDE BY AN OFFICIAL'S DECISION.

**PENALTY: EJECTION FROM THE GAME AND VENUE.**

NO PLAYER OR FAN SHALL APPEAR UPON THE FIELD OF PLAY OR IN THE STANDS AT ANY TIME IN AN INTOXICATED CONDITION.

**PENALTY: EJECTION FROM THE GAME AND VENUE.**

**ANY person ejected from a game constitutes a forfeit in pool play by that individual's team. An ejection during bracket play will result in an immediate 7 run deduction. An ejected player will not be allowed on the premises for their team's next 2 complete games. 1 game if a proper amends has been made.**

I \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I have reviewed and agree to abide by this Players Code of Conduct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Player's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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No: 0

Presented By: Jason Bragg Seconded By: Neda N.

I Move That: The rule around tournament player pick-ups is changed. The by-laws and rules of play currently state "Teams are only allowed one casual exemption player from any classification higher." Motion to add "(+ tags do not count as an upper pick-up)." THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO NW CHAMPIONSHIPS

Intent: Right now, according to our bylaws, if a rec team picks up a rec+ player, it's considered an upper pick-up. This proposed change will clarify the pick-up rule for what is considered a pick-up of "any classification higher" in regular tournament play (not for NW Championships). This will allow for teams that are short players in regular tournament play to have a larger pool of players to pick-up from - thus preventing a team from struggling to field a team.

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No: 9

Presented By: Neda N. Seconded By: Jeremy W.

I Move That: The CSSA remove the overplay rule.

Intent: This rule has been set in place to increase the opportunity for female plays to be made, but is often called incorrectly. It is interpreted differently by teams and umpires. There are always arguments and game delays, as umpires are not familiar with the rule. The intent is to avoid arguments on whether the play was actually over play or not.

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No: 10

Presented By: Tom Ward

Seconded By: James S.

I Move That: to remove the section in Rule #6 that states "pitch height will be 5' from the ground to 10' from ground".

Intent: Fall back to the sanctioning associations pitch rule!

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