

Citrus Park 50+ Softball League

Men's Section Rules and Regulations

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Officers

1. The 7 Executive members of the Men's Section shall include;
 - a. a President who shall be the President-Elect from the past year. If this person is unable to serve, the Executive members will move the President-Elect/Secretary to President and elect/appoint a new President-Elect/Secretary,
 - b. a President-Elect/Secretary who will be nominated for the position each year and be elected by ballot by the general membership
 - c. a Vice-President of Player Placement, who will be nominated for the position every second year and be elected by ballot by the general membership,
 - d. a Registrar appointed by the 3 elected members of the Executive,
 - e. an Umpire-in-Chief appointed by the 3 elected members of the Executive,
 - f. a Chairman of the Men's Rules Committee appointed by the 3 elected members of the Executive
 - g. a Managers' Rep chosen by the managers of the men's teams.

2. The immediate Past President and the President of the Men's League will serve as part of the Board of the Citrus Park 50+ Softball League.

Each member of the Executive shall hold office for the term for which he was elected or appointed, or until he is unable to carry out his duties because of illness, or he refuses to carry out his duties, or he resigns from office, or he is removed from office, or a new Executive is organized.

The term of office for the Executive is from April 1 of the year in which it was formed until March 31 of the following year.

No one person, even though he represents more than one group, may have more than one vote on any matter before the Executive.

Duties of the Executive

The Men's Executive (as a group) shall;

1. under the direction of the President, oversee all the activities related to the Men's Section of the Citrus Park 50+ Softball League,
2. approve the appointment of the chairmen of all committees, other than the Rules Committee.
3. make decisions regarding any changes to the rules
4. render decisions on protests
5. render decisions that occur as a result of a controversy in a game,
6. suspend managers, players, or umpires if necessary,
7. transfer players from one team to another if necessary,
8. appoint members to fill vacancies on the Executive should any occur,
9. discuss concerns of the team managers and render decisions,
10. invite committee chairs to executive meeting for reports when necessary,
11. submit requests for funds for expenses (e.g. banquet expenses, registration expenses, etc.) to the Board for approval and then submit bills to the League treasurer.

The President shall;

1. act as chairman of all regular and special meetings of the Executive which he himself calls, or appoint the President-Elect to act in his stead,
2. call special meetings of the Executive when necessary,
3. prepare agendas for all meetings,
4. have one vote on all matters before the Executive, only to break a tie. If the President is not the chairman of the meeting, he may vote as other members,

The President-Elect/Secretary shall;

1. preside at any meetings that the President requests,
2. assist the President with his responsibilities,
3. act in place of the President if he cannot or will not act,
4. record the minutes of all meetings of the Men's League and keep a record of same to be handed down from year to year to the incoming secretary and kept for posterity,
5. inform all persons concerned, in writing if necessary, of the decisions made by the Executive,
6. post notices of information to keep all members informed of decisions made by the Executive. These notices are posted to the League website and at both field bulletin boards.
7. monitor website and bulletin boards to keep content current,
8. provide a report of the minutes of any meeting if requested by the Executive,
10. have one vote on all matters before the Executive.
9. **Serve as a member of the team selection committee.**

The Vice-President, Player Placement shall;

1. chair the Player Placement Committees including Player Rating, Team Selection and Player Substitution and have responsibility for and report activities to the Executive when requested:
2. have one vote, on all matters before the Executive.

The Registrar shall;

1. arrange for the registration of players for the teams, organize registration days in and register all men who wish to play in the League,
2. collect registration fees and submit them to the League Treasurer,
3. keep the Team Selection Committee, Player Rating Committee, and the Player Substitution Committee advised of all the registered players.
4. have one vote, on all matters before the Executive.
5. **Serve as a member of the team selection committee.**

The Umpire-In-Chief shall;

1. arrange for the training of the umpires,
2. assign umpires to all games, both league and playoffs,
3. act as liaison between the umpires and the Executive and represent the umpires at the Executive meetings.
4. have one vote, on all matters before the Executive.
5. Approve and mark legal bats for the men's league.

The Managers' Rep shall;

1. represent the managers at Executive meetings,
2. call and chair meetings of the managers when necessary.
3. have one vote, on all matters before the Executive.

The Chairman of the Men's Rules Committee shall;

1. represent the Men's Rules Committee at executive meetings,
2. call and chair meetings of the Men's Rules Committee.
3. review the rules and make recommendations for changes
4. prior to contacting the web admin to have any rule changes posted to the website, refer the changes to the Constitution Committee for their review, to ensure there is no conflict with the Constitution. Once cleared, communicate with the web admin to affect any amendments and have them posted prior to the annual meeting
5. work with those who are organizing the pre-season games so that any new changes to the rules should be tried out during the pre-season games in October and November,
6. chairs any Playing Rules protests.
7. presents any playing rule changes for the up-coming season at the annual general meeting
8. have one vote, on all matters before the Executive.

Meetings

1. Regular meetings of the Men's Executive will be held at a time and place determined by the Executive.
2. A quorum of 72% of the elected Executive members (5 of the 7) 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 only. A simple majority of 51% of the Executive members (4 out of 6) is required to carry the motion. The chairman of the meeting votes only to break a tie.
4. Additional Men's Executive meetings will be held when the President or another executive member requires one.

Committees and Appointments

1. The Men's Executive shall appoint a Chairman for each standing committee and individuals for specific responsibilities, such as Stats.
2. The chairmen of each of the committees may select their members from volunteers and give a written list of the committee members to the Men's Executive.
3. Other ad hoc committees, if they are required, may be struck by the Men's Executive.
4. All committees that will require funds to carry out their planned activities for the year must submit such requests to the Men's Executive well before the Annual meeting in January. The Men's Executive, upon approval, will forward these requests to League Treasurer.

Duties of Committees/Individual Responsibilities

1. Player Rating Committee
 - a. Create and adjust the master rating list for all players
 - b. The V. P. Player Placement calls and chairs all rating committee meetings. He may appoint a player rating chairman to act on his behalf.
 - c. The player ratings chairman will serve as a member of the team selection committee.
 - d. See Committee Process "Player Placement – Player rating"
2. Team Selection Committee
 - a. Select the teams for the upcoming season according to the team selection process
 - b. The V.P. Player Placement will chair the team selection committee. The committee will consist of the V.P. Player Placement, the President Elect/Secretary, the Registrar, the Player Ratings Chair and two or more persons chosen at the V.P. Player Placement's discretion.

- c. See Committee Process “Player Placement – Team Selection”
3. Player Substitution Committee
 - a. Manages the substitution of players throughout the playing season
 - b. The V. P. Player Placement calls and chairs all committee meetings. He may appoint a player substitution chairman to act on his behalf.
 - c. See Committee Process “Player Placement – Player Substitution”
 4. Banquet Committee
 - a. this committee is traditionally made up of Men’s past presidents and chaired by the immediate Men’s Past President,
 - b. the Committee meets early in January to plan the men’s year-end awards banquet e.g. advertising, ticket printing, distribution and sales, arranges seating, arranges for the caterer, clean up, decorating, refreshments, coffee, inviting sponsors, etc.
 - c. during the January meeting, any League or Board concerns should be discussed by the past presidents and their recommendations should be directed to the appropriate officers.
 5. Stats
 - a. keep men’s stats for the season for the Managers, Team Selection and Player Rating Committees,
 - b. provide the Publicity Committee with whatever information it needs to do their job.

Note: Sharing of Information

The Player Rating Committee, the Team Selection Committee, and the Player Substitution Committee all collect data and need to share that information. The data collected by these three committees must be given to the Registrar. He will record the data and make it available to anyone who needs it.

PROTESTS

OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

If any member of the Men’s Section has any concerns regarding the execution of these Rules and Regulations (except the Playing Rules), these concerns should be brought, in writing, to the attention of the Men’s Executive. The Executive will address these concerns and make a decision. This decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

OF THE PLAYING RULES

1. Such protests will be heard by the Men’s Rules Committee.
2. Under no circumstances can an umpire’s judgment call in a game be protested.
3. All protests of the playing rules will be lodged by the manager of a team.
4. The protest must be announced to the umpires of the game and to the opposing manager at the time of the 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 Men’s Section as soon as possible after the protested game.
6. The President will inform the Men’s Rules Committee Chairman, who will call a meeting of the Committee and invite those people who he deems to have pertinent information regarding the situation that will help them in their deliberations. Protests will be heard as soon as possible, at a time and date set by the Committee Chairman.
7. The protest may be withdrawn at any time prior to the meeting. Otherwise, the Committee Chairman will make a recommendation to the Men’s Executive for a final decision.
8. The President or his 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 party or parties.

9. Any member of the Rules Committee who has a conflict of interest must declare so. The Committee Chairman may ask him to recuse himself.

AWARDS

1. All League awards are to be the responsibility of the Citrus Park 50+ Softball League.
2. The Men's Section are free to create their own awards but must have the costs approved by the Board.
3. The Men's Executive must approve all Men's Section Awards.
4. Individuals and teams must not create 'League' awards on their own but individual teams are free to create their own "team" awards such as team MVP etc. and must bear the costs.
5. The Kenny Click Award: this award is presented to the player in the Men's Section selected for demonstrating sportsmanship and skill and will be chosen by the umpires and presented at the annual banquet.
6. The Leo Zupin Award: this award is presented to the player in the men's section showing the most improvement during the season and will be chosen by the Men's Managers and presented at the annual banquet.

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 Men'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 Men'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 Men's Executive to consider the proposal and make a decision. The President may also refer the proposed amendment to the Rules Committee and request a recommendation.

It is hoped that the Men's League will function with few problems. However, problems and their solutions are healthy for the growth of the organization. These Rules and Regulations should make problem solving easy and organized. Should any complication occur for which a solution cannot be reached by following These Rules and Regulations, the Executive is empowered to make a decision.