

## Changes/Updates to the Constitution 2013

### **Treasurer**

#### FROM:

The Treasurer shall also assist the Tournament Director, particularly with regard to but not limited to conducting the financial transactions necessary to putting on tournaments. In the event the Treasurer is unable to perform her duties, the President or Vice-President shall perform them.

#### TO:

The Treasurer shall also assist the Awards Coordinator and Tournament Director, particularly with regard to but not limited to conducting the necessary financial transactions.

### **Registrar**

#### FROM:

Shall be responsible for the registration and insurance of teams, players and coaches with Softball BC. She shall calculate and collect the requisite fees from each team (payable to the VWFL) and she shall then calculate and arrange with the Treasurer to pay the total fees due from the League to Softball BC. The Registrar shall also be responsible for League trophies and awards: prior to the end of the season she shall prepare, distribute, collect and count ballots for awards; receive from the Statistician a list of team MVP winners; collect trophies, arrange engraving and order awards.

#### TO:

Registrar shall be responsible for the registration and insurance of teams, players and coaches with Softball BC. The Registrar and Treasurer will collaborate together with League teams and arrange the drop off of fees and paperwork to the Softball BC Senior Coordinator prior to their deadline.

### **NEW**

**Awards Coordinator:** The Awards Coordinator will collect trophies from previous recipients and have them engraved prior to the awards ceremony. They will also distribute, collect and count the ballots for the awards. Team MVP recipients shall be provided by the Statistician as they are collect from game results. The Awards Coordinator will organize and order prizes for the League award recipients.

**Secretary****FROM:**

Shall be present at and record the minutes of all meetings and shall prepare and distribute copies to the Members of the Executive and Team Representatives. The Secretary shall also set up and head a Newsletter Committee made up of volunteers from the Membership-at-large to plan, produce and distribute to each team before the end of the first round of regular season play a newsletter outlining current league statistics, activities, upcoming events, etc.

**TO:**

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**Article 3 Meetings****OMIT:**

Any team failing to be represented at General and Team Representative Meetings shall be fined \$25.00.

Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14 keep

Omit 10 completely

## OPERATING RULES

### 1 Uniforms and Equipment

- 1a) BC Amateur Softball Rules and Regulations shall apply, except for dress.
- 1b) Running shoes and soccer boots are allowed. Metal or hard plastic cleats are not permitted.
- 1c) Catchers shall wear full gear at all times. This shall consist of helmet, mask, throat protector, chest protector, and shin guards. No catcher shall play without full dress.
- 1d) Helmets shall be mandatory for batters and base runners, as per BC Softball Rules.
- 1e) As a safety precaution to prevent injury, the VWFL highly advocates that members follow the Softball BC recommendations and remove all jewelry prior to the commencement of a game. If members choose to dismiss this recommendation then wear at your own risk.
- 1f) Teams are responsible to carry with them their own set of bases (home plate not needed), a spare pitcher's mound, rakes and a shovel for any field maintenance that might need to occur.
- 1g) The league ball is the Dudley leather 12" Optic Raised seam. However, with supply issues balls and possible alternatives will be discussed at the AGM if needed.

### 2 Field Etiquette

- 2a) Teams are responsible for leaving the premises clean. The Executive requests teams report damages or poor conditions immediately to the Vice President of the league.
- 2b) Absolutely no liquor is permitted on any premises
- 2c) Smoking is limited to the parking areas only as requested by the Municipalities.
- 2e) Minor parks have specific set up/take down requests as many have drop in bases and well maintained infields. Please take the time to ask or review these parks guidelines.

### 3 Team Responsibilities

- 3a) The Home Team shall:
  - Put the bases and pitching plate in by 6:00 pm
  - Provide a new game ball
  - Input the game score, MVP for the opposing team and umpire's name within 24hrs
- 3b) The Visiting Team shall:
  - Supply a presentable alternate game ball
  - Rake the fields after the game and ensure garbage is cleaned up
  - Input the game score, MVP for the opposing team and umpire's name within 24hrs

#### 4 Games

- 4a) In all games in the VFWL, seven (7) innings shall constitute a legal game. In playoffs, games shall continue until a winner is declared. Games which cannot be completed due to darkness or weather shall be rescheduled, unless five (5) innings have been completed. The team ahead after five (5) full innings shall be declared the winner.
- 4b) The decision to call the game shall be made by the umpire.
- 4c) When a team earns seven (7) runs in any one inning, that half of the inning shall be considered complete. Then the other half, or new inning shall begin. This does not apply to the seventh or final inning.
- 4d) If a team is ahead by fifteen (15) runs after four and one-half (4 1/2) innings, or any inning thereafter, the game may be declared over.
- 4e) Games may be cancelled prior to 6:15 pm on game days, if done so for reason of rainout, by the Lower Island Softball Umpire's Association or allocator by telephone to the VWFL President by 4:00 pm that day. Calls will then be made to the Team Representatives as quickly as possible, who will in turn notify their team members.
- 4f) Teams failing to field a full complement of nine (9) players by 6:30 pm shall forfeit the game. The score of a forfeited game shall be 7 - 0 in favour of the team not at fault. If a team is aware that a forfeit will occur please notify the VWFL President by 4:00pm so the umpires can be notified and the other team.
- 4g) A rained-out game shall be re-scheduled to an evening organized by the Vice President depending on the schedule for the season.
- 4h) Courtesy runners are a privilege in the VWFL for those who have minor injuries but are still capable to bat but unable to run long distances. Please indicate at the beginning of the game with the coaches, captains and umpires who the injured player is/are. Out of courtesy the injured runner will go to only first (1st) base and the alternative runner will replace that person.