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Windsor Essex County Senior Sports Organization Slo-Pitch League Administrative Rules

Administrative Rules

1. These rules define the methods used for the administration of the league. They are separate from the playing rules, or the rules enforced by the umpires during the playing of the games.

Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct for Players

1. Recognize and appreciate the efforts made by managers, officials, and Board members in providing the opportunity for you to play the game and enjoy the sporting environment.
2. Accept and follow the rules as laid down by the league.
3. Accept and respect the authority and decisions made by the volunteer representatives of the league, e.g.: medical staff, umpires, etc....
4. Shall not use foul/coarse language or gestures toward anyone, e.g.: players, umpires, spectators, etc....
5. Display consistently high standards of behavior.
6. Play for fun and enjoyment of the game and the camaraderie amongst your fellow players.
7. Recognize and applaud all good play whether it be a player on your team or an opponent.
8. Be a good sport -win with modesty and lose with dignity
9. Co-operate with your manager, teammates and opponents. Every member of our league is an ambassador. Players should not criticize the league in any written or verbal format, on or off the diamonds. This type of behavior is detrimental to the league as a whole and is not the type of player we want to participate in our league.

Disputed Calls

We will have volunteer umpires and their call, right or wrong, is final. The umpire may eject from the game anyone they deem to have crossed the line. Players other than the manager will not dispute an umpire's call. That includes balls/strikes, fair/foul and asking for judgement, rule interpretation or anything else. The manager may ask their player for their interpretation of the disagreement and then the manager may present the position to the umpire. This communication will always remain civil, and all parties will always remain respectful. Negative behavior towards an umpire is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

Code of Conduct for Members of the Executive Board

1. Board members are expected to respect one another. Board members should be respectful, caring and patient. There is no tolerance for disrespect towards fellow Board Members. Respect includes listening to each other's opinions and comments even though you may disagree. All members have a right to be heard and express their thoughts without being ridiculed.
2. Realize that meetings are important and that you should try to attend as many as possible. Your input is welcomed and encouraged. If you are unable to attend, let the Secretary know in advance if possible. No reason needs to be given.
3. Unless otherwise stated, all mass emails sent to the Board members must have the approval of the President or designate. Mass emails should only be sent out for information that Board members need in a timely manner. It should not be used for your personal agenda.
4. Cell phones should be off or muted during the meetings.
5. Private discussions amongst board members should not occur while another board member is speaking. Everyone should be listening to what the speaker has to say.
6. In order that all meetings are conducted in a fair and proper manner, Robert's Rules of Order will be followed when applicable. All decisions will be made by a majority vote of those present at the meeting. Every member will be allowed to voice their opinion(s) on any motion and have a vote on the motion. President votes only to break a tie.
7. Board members shall accept the result of a vote even though they did not agree with the passed motion.
8. Discussions that take place during meetings should be for members' ears only.

Consequences of Not Following the Code of Conduct

The severity of the incident will dictate the degree of consequence applied, which may include any or all cited below.

1. Verbal warning,
2. Written warning,
3. Suspension,
4. Expulsion

Smoking Policy

There is to be no smoking or vaping at the complex outside of the designated smoking areas. They are 1) the parking lot and 2) the area by the equipment trailer.

Penalties:

1. For the first offence, a warning. The convener will be notified that a warning has been issued. He will maintain a written record of each warning.
2. For the second offence, the player must leave the park and will be suspended for his/her next scheduled game. The convener must be notified.
3. For further offences, the penalties will escalate exponentially.

Medical Person on Duty

1. The medical person on duty has the power to decide the severity of an injury and whether a person can or cannot continue in a game
2. If the medical person on duty declares that a player cannot continue in the game, she/he will notify the umpire
3. The umpire will then declare that player as ineligible to play in the game.
4. The medical person on duty will complete an incident report for the injury.
5. The medical person on duty will ensure that the convener and the chairperson of the Health and Wellness Committee be informed of the incident.
6. If she deems it necessary, the medical person on duty can demand to see a doctor's note stating that the player is fit to play.

The Rules Committee

1. The league will use, for the most part, the Softball Canada rule book. Any variations are contained in this document and are governed by the Rules Committee, a subcommittee of the Executive Board of Directors.
2. The Rules Committee is made up of 5 members of the WECSSO Executive. They are: the Commissioner, the Umpire-in-Chief and the three Division Conveners. The President and the Secretary of WECSSO will also be on the Committee as ex-officio members
3. The Rules Committee will meet on an annual basis during the off-season to consider all suggested changes in the playing rules, It will then submit proposed new rules, along with modified existing rules intended for the betterment of league play to the Executive Board of Directors.
4. Once the Official Rules have been approved by the Executive Board for the upcoming season, the Rules Committee may meet during the season as necessary to consider further rule questions or rule proposals. Any additional changes must be approved by the Executive Board.
5. At all times, the health and welfare of the players should be the prime consideration in adopting rules of play.

Rosters

1. Rosters will be established by a draft conducted by the division conveners and the managers in that division. Rosters should not exceed 15 players. Extra players will be placed on a waiting list.
2. An individual shall be eligible to play during the calendar year in which he celebrates his 55th birthday.
3. Any new player joining the league after the draft will be assigned to a team by the convener of that division.
4. At any time, for the betterment of the league, roster changes can be made by the convener (with the input of all managers in that division). If there is not total agreement amongst the managers, the Commissioner will make the final decision.
5. Only players on official league rosters may participate in league games.

6. Teams will have an equal number of participants in each game (as close as possible). If a team has 14 players and the opposing team has 12, one player should move from one team to the other to equate the number of players. No player should be moved twice in a season until all players have moved once.
7. All players should sit out a minimum of one inning defensively, pitchers excepted.

Incident Reports

When any member of our league witnesses any unusual event (an ejection, poor sportsmanship, etc.), they should complete an Incident Report and submit it to any member of the Executive Committee. Similarly, if any member of our league witnesses a player, coach or manager act in a manner that is not in agreement with this Code of Conduct, they should complete an Incident Report and submit it to any member of the Executive Committee. The report will then be forwarded to the Commissioner who will act upon it immediately. Every manager and every member of the Executive Committee has a supply of Incident Reports.

The Commissioner will retain all Incident Reports received during the season to keep a 'paper trail' of repeat offenders. The Commissioner will review the report and decide on a course of action. For less serious offences, he will handle the matter himself. If he decides the incident is more serious, he will immediately suspend the offender and schedule a meeting of the Discipline Committee. This 'interim' suspension will be in effect until a decision is made by the Discipline Committee.

Discipline Committee

The Discipline Committee is made up of 5 members of the WECSSO Executive. They are: the Commissioner, the Umpire-in-Chief and the three Division Conveners. The President of WECSSO will also be on the Committee as an ex-officio member. The Commissioner will chair the meeting and only vote to break a tie. He will notify the player and his manager of the suspension and inform them that a meeting has been called. Prior to the meeting, the Commissioner shall receive, if possible, a written statement from the accused to give his version of the incident. Any witnesses to the event should also submit a written report to the Commissioner (perhaps on an Incident Report form). In attendance at the meeting should be the complainant (and one witness) and the accused (and one witness). The writer of the Incident Report (and his witness) shall enter the meeting first. They will explain to the Discipline Committee why the report was submitted and the response that they believe is necessary from the Committee. After responding to questions from the Committee, they will be asked to leave. Then the accused (and his witness) will enter the meeting and present their version of the incident. After questioning, they will be dismissed. The Committee will then review what they have seen and heard and make a decision. The goal is to arrive at a unanimous decision by consensus. The Commissioner will announce the decision to both parties within the next 24 hours.

He will explain to both parties the reasons for the decision. If a further suspension is involved, the Commissioner will explain to the suspended player that he may not attend the complex during league games or attend any team practice.

If either party enters an appeal, the appeal meeting will not be held until fifteen (15) days after the original disciplinary hearing. An Appeal Board shall hear the appeal. Its decision is final and binding to all concerned. The Board shall be made up of three (3) members of the Executive Board who were not part of the original disciplinary hearing. A member of the Appeal Board will announce the decision to both parties.