

# RULES & CONSTITUTION HOUSEKEEPING FOR 2026 P.W.S.A. RULE BOOK

Following are the housekeeping items that will be inserted into the 2026 P.W.S.A. rule book using Article 3, Governance 3.2 Powers of the Board page 26 (online) of the 2025 P.W.S.A. rule book.

1. All places in our rule book that refer to Affiliation deadline to change to **May 4<sup>th</sup> for U9/11 to U19 Divisions and May 19<sup>th</sup> for U23/Women, Intermediate II, Masters Rec Divisions.**
2. All places in our rule book that refer to Decision regarding Tier I or Tier II to change to **May 19<sup>th</sup>.**
3. All places in our rule book that refer to Signing deadline to change to **May 25<sup>th</sup> for U9/11 to U19 Divisions and June 2<sup>nd</sup> for U23/Womens, Intermediate II, Masters Rec Divisions.**
4. All places in our rule book that refer to Commitment deadline to change to **May 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Moved by R. Lasalandra, Seconded by J. Gray-Baker

**CARRIED**

# NOTICE OF 2025 MOTIONS – BY-LAWS

## MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### AMENDMENTS TO THE **BY-LAWS** – OPERATING RULES

Submitted by PWSA

Motion #BL1

Moved by Debbie Malisani

Seconded by Janet Gray-Baker

**REFERENCE** : (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

**Article 2.1 Membership pg 23**

### **WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

#### ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIP

##### 2.1 Categories -

The Association (P.W.S.A.) has the following categories of members:

a) Association Membership - Association defined as an entity governed by a Board of Directors, with By-Laws and Policies

under which all members are governed. All P.W.S.A. affiliated organizations comprising of more than one Team Member

who agree to abide by the By-Laws of The Association (P.W.S.A.), as enacted and amended from time to time, will be

Association Members. Association Members have one vote per association. Note! All Associations affiliated prior to

November 2020 will be legacied in.

b) Team Membership - All P.W.S.A. affiliated female softball teams who agree to abide by the By-Laws of The Association

(P.W.S.A.), as enacted and amended from time to time, will be Team Members, who must be a member of an Affiliated

Association. Team Membership is a non-voting class.

c) Individual Membership - All players, coaches and managers affiliated with Team Members in good standing. All players,

coaches and managers are a non-voting class.

d) Directors, Officers, Past Presidents and Life Members in good standing, who agree to abide by the By-Laws of The

Association (P.W.S.A.), as enacted and amended from time to time, will be Members.

All Past Presidents carry one collective vote Life Members carry one collective vote

e) Associate Membership - All teams registering with The Association (P.W.S.A.) for Insurance purposes only will be Associate

Members. Associate Membership is a non-voting class.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

**Revision**

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who agree to abide by the By-Laws of The Association (P.W.S.A.), as enacted and amended from time to time, **may** be

Association Members. Association Members have one vote per association. Note! All Associations affiliated prior to

November 2020 will be legacied in.

b) Team **Registrant** - All P.W.S.A. affiliated female softball teams who agree to abide by the By-Laws of The Association

(P.W.S.A.), as enacted and amended from time to time, will be Team **Registrants**, who must be a member of an Affiliated

Association. Team **Registrant** is a non-voting class.

c) Individual **Registrant** - All players, coaches and managers **associated** with Team **Registrants in good standing. All individual**

**registrants (players, coaches and managers) are a non-voting class.**

d) Directors, Officers, Past Presidents and Life Members in good standing, who agree to abide by the By-Laws of The

Association (P.W.S.A.), as enacted and amended from time to time, will be Members.

**All Past Presidents carry one collective vote, Life Members carry one collective vote**

e) Associate **Registrants** - All teams registering with The Association (P.W.S.A.) for Insurance purposes only will be Associate

**Registrants.** Associate **Registrant** is a non-voting class.

**Note: Application for membership**

**Associations desirous of joining the PWSA will be required to participate in an Affiliation hearing to determine if they will be granted affiliation.**

**(R1.02) moved here**

Teams desirous of joining The Association (P.W.S.A.) may do so by single team affiliation. A single team is defined as any one team not affiliated with an affiliated member softball association. In addition, the new team applying for entry into The Association (P.W.S.A.) may not be composed of a group that carries 2/3 of a member club in good standing from the previous playing season. Single team entries as of 2020 playing season are legacied into The Association (P.W.S.A.) provided they remain in good standing.

Exceptions to this rule can be made by review of a special P.W.S.A. approval committee made up of P.W.S.A. Board members and neighboring affiliated member association presidents.

(1) Any team associated, or part of an Association, must play their home games in the Region/municipality their association is based.

(2) Any team associated with an association that would like to schedule a practice or game in another region/municipality occupied by another association would have to ask permission to schedule any games or practices in the district or defined area.

(3) Any single team associations would have to follow the same rules as listed above and be denied access to any district they were not based out of without obtaining permission from a pre-existing single team or multiple team association.

(4) Any team or association found in violation of this policy would be subject to disciplinary action, and immediately cancel all games scheduled outside of their district/approved area.

(5) New teams applying for entry shall be limited to playing at the Tier 2 level (where one exists) for a period of two full seasons. After the two-year entry period they may elect to play at whichever level is appropriate for their team providing they remain in good standing throughout the two-year entry period.

#### **RATIONALE**

To revise membership categories as per 2025 court ruling

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Significant if not following recommendations of the court

#### **FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Carried  Amended  Withdrawn  Defeated

### **MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE **BY-LAWS** – OPERATING RULES**

**Submitted by** PWSA

**Motion #BL2**

**Moved by** Rose Lasalandra

**Seconded by** Mike Merchant

**REFERENCE :** (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

**Article 3.21, Committees, page 29**

#### **WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

##### **ARTICLE 3.21**

Committees - The Officers will comprise the Executive. The Board may appoint such other committees as it deems necessary for assisting the Board in carrying out its activities. Committees will operate pursuant to Terms of Reference established by the Directors. Members can request in writing documentation on how committees are appointed, ex-officio, and Terms of Reference.

Note! Standing Committees include Administrative Expense Review, AGM (Summit), Annual Awards Banquet, Canada Games/Talent I.D., Finance, Budget, National Travel, Fundraising, Team Ontario Fundraising, High School Tournament, LTPD Colour Your Dream, Manual Revisions, Policy & Protocol, By-Laws & Operating Rules, Scholarship/Bursary, and Trophies, Medals, Plaques, Banners.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

AMEND 3.21 Committees Note:

Note! Standing Committees include AGM (Summit), Annual Awards, Canada Games/Talent I.D./Colour Your Dream, Finance, Budget, National Travel, Fundraising, Team Ontario Fundraising, High School Tournament, Manual Revisions, Policy & Protocol, By-Laws & Operating Rules, Scholarship/Bursary, and Trophies, Medals, Plaques, Banners.

**RATIONALE**

To amend Committee names and/or removal of obsolete committees

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Carried  Amended  Withdrawn  Defeated

**MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – OPERATING RULES**

Submitted by     PWSA    

**Motion # BL3**

Moved by     Rose Lasalandra    

Seconded by     Janet Gray-Baker    

**REFERENCE: (Section, article, number, page, etc.)**

**Article 10.1-page 34**

**WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

10.1 Adoption - This By-Law was presented by the Board of Directors to the voting Members of the Association and was ratified at the Annual General Meeting duly called and held on February 22, 2025.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

10.1 Adoption - This By-Law was presented by the Board of Directors to the voting Members of the Association and was ratified at the Annual General Meeting duly called and held on **February 21, 2026.**

**RATIONALE**

To adopt the bylaws as presented and ratified by the membership

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

none

**FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Carried     Amended     Withdrawn     Defeated

# NOTICE OF 2025 MOTIONS – OPERATING RULES

## MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS – **OPERATING RULES**

Submitted by PWSA

Motion #OR1

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Debbie Malisani \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Janet Gray-Baker \_\_\_\_\_

### REFERENCE: (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

**R1.02 Affiliation. (p.37 online)**

### WHEREAS (Article as currently written)

**R1.02 Affiliation** - Teams desirous of joining The Association (P.W.S.A.) may do so by single team affiliation. A single team is defined as any one team not affiliated with an affiliated member softball association. In addition, the new team applying for entry into The Association (P.W.S.A.) may not be composed of a group that carries 2/3 of a member club in good standing from the previous playing season. Single team entries as of 2020 playing season are legaced into The Association (P.W.S.A.) provided they remain in good standing.

Exceptions to this rule can be made by review of a special P.W.S.A. approval committee made up of P.W.S.A. Board members, and neighboring affiliated member association presidents.

(1) Any team associated, or part of an Association, must play their home games in the District their association is based.

(2) Any team associated with an association that would like to schedule a practice or game in another district occupied by another association would have to ask permission to schedule any games or practices in the district or defined area.

(3) Any single team associations would have to follow the same rules as listed above and be denied access to any district they were not based out of without obtaining permission from a pre-existing single team or multiple team association.

(4) Any team or association found in violation of this policy would be subject to disciplinary action, and immediately cancel all games scheduled outside of their district/approved area.

(5) New teams applying for entry shall be limited to playing at the Tier 2 level (where one exists) for a period of two full seasons. After the two-year entry period they may elect to play at whichever level is appropriate for their team providing they remain in good standing throughout the two year entry period. The Association (P.W.S.A.) is committed to protecting the privacy of your personal information.

The Association (P.W.S.A.) may maintain a record of your interaction with other Association affiliated teams - scores, statistics, suspensions, competitions, play offs or travel commitments, etc. where required. Occasionally, affiliated teams, coaches or players may be contacted with softball related communications. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the privacy of your personal information, please contact The Association's (P.W.S.A.) Privacy Officer.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

**Revision**

**Move the content of 1.02 to the By-laws Article 2.1 and reword R1.02 as follows**

R1.02 Affiliation - Teams desirous of joining The Association (P.W.S.A.) may do so referencing and adhering to Article 2.1 in the bylaws.

The Association (P.W.S.A.) is committed to protecting the privacy of your personal information. The Association (P.W.S.A.) may maintain a record of your interaction with other Association affiliated teams - scores, statistics, suspensions, competitions, play offs or travel commitments, etc. where required. Occasionally, affiliated teams, coaches or players may be contacted with softball related communications. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the privacy of your personal information, please contact The Association's (P.W.S.A.) Privacy Officer.

**RATIONALE**

To revise membership categories as per 2025 court ruling

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Significant if not following recommendation of the court

**FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Carried     Amended     Withdrawn     Defeated

**MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – OPERATING RULES**

Submitted by PWSA \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion #OR2**

Moved by Debbie Malisani

Seconded by Rose Lasalandra

**REFERENCE :** (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

R1.06 Coaches and Managers, page 37 - 39

**WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

**Rule 1.06**

R1.06 Coaches and Managers - Managers and Coaches must be signed on the Team Registration Certificate for each team they are affiliated with (i.e. Coaches and Managers participating for more than one team must be signed on each team's contract, but may only register on one Team Registration Certificate per Division). Any paid trainers that coach a team cannot take players, from other associations, they train onto their team. Additional Managers and/or Coaches may register through the Divisional Coordinator or representative at a fee set annually

by the Board of Directors and must sign a release of liability waiver form as against The Association (P.W.S.A.). Only registered Managers, Coaches, Players and Team Personnel are allowed on the coaching lines and bench areas in all Divisions.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

**Addition**

R1.06 Coaches and Managers - Managers and Coaches must be signed on the Team Registration Certificate for each team they are affiliated with (i.e. Coaches and Managers participating for more than one team must be signed on each team's contract, but may only register on one Team Registration Certificate per Division). Any paid trainers that coach a team cannot take players, from other associations, they train onto their team. **Any violation of this rule will result in a 1 (one) year suspension of the Head Coach.** Additional Managers and/or Coaches may register through the Divisional Coordinator or representative at a fee set annually by the Board of Directors and must sign a release of liability waiver form as against The Association (P.W.S.A.). Only registered Managers, Coaches, Players and Team Personnel are allowed on the coaching lines and bench areas in all Divisions.

**RATIONALE**

To amend R1.06 to include a penalty for violation of a paid trainer using other players from other associations.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Amendment to main motion**

Any paid trainers that coach a team cannot take players, from other associations, they train onto their team in the following year.

Note! All such cases will be investigated

Moved by Tom Cox, Seconded by John Crawford

Amendment to the main motion carried.

Main Motion as Amended carried.

Carried  Amended  Withdrawn  Defeated

**MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – OPERATING RULES**

**Submitted by** PWSA

**Motion #OR3**

**Moved by** Brad Rooney

**Seconded by** Mike Merchant

**REFERENCE :** (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

R1.07 – Fees, page 39

**WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

**R1.07** - The Board of Directors shall, from time to time, set the annual affiliation fees under the following categories: (a) Affiliation, insurance, participation in one play-off tournament. (b) Additional play-off tournament. (c) Associated Teams (Insurance only).

The affiliation fee shall include payment for affiliation for Players, Manager, Coaches, - up to twenty-one (21) people, one current Softball Canada rule book, players medical and accident insurance, liability insurance and Softball Canada’s assessment fee. Note! Insurance coverage in the USA is liability on the diamond only.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

**Revision**

RI.07 Fees - The Board of Directors shall, from time to time, set the annual affiliation fees under the following categories: (a) Affiliation, insurance, participation in one play-off tournament. (b) Additional play-off tournament. (c) Associated Teams (Insurance only).

The affiliation fee shall include payment for affiliation for **seventeen (17)** Players, **Managers**, Coaches, one current Softball Canada rule book, players medical and accident insurance, liability insurance and Softball Canada’s assessment fee. Note! Insurance coverage in the USA is liability on the diamond only.

**RATIONALE**

To allow for 17 player Team Certificate with sufficient management/coaching

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

  X   Carried        Amended        Withdrawn        Defeated

**MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – **OPERATING RULES****

**Submitted by**   PWSA  

**Motion #OR4**

**Moved by**   Debbie Malisani  

**Seconded by**   Rose Lasalandra

**REFERENCE :** (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

R4.06 – Tie Breaker, pages 45 - 46

**WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

R4.06 - Tie Breaker - In all Divisions, after seven (7) innings of regulation play, the International Tie Breaker shall be used. In the U13 Divisions, tournaments with time limits on games, the International Tie Breaker shall be at the end of seven (7) innings or when the time limit is up.

Exception: In the U9/U11 Divisions with time limits on games, the International Tie Breaker shall be at the end of six (6) innings or when the time limit is up.

Exception: In tournaments using pool play/round robin format, ties after 7 innings shall stand. At the completion of the round robin/pool play portion of such tournaments, The Association (P.W.S.A.) final standings in the round robin/pool play shall be established using the following criteria and will revert back to (1) after each criterion if the tie is broken:

(1) Win/Loss Record. If still tied, then:

(2) Winner of games between the tied teams. NOTE: In order to use this criteria, all subject tied teams must have played each other and one team must have defeated all the teams they are tied with to be ranked higher. If still tied, then:

(3) Difference plus or minus of total runs scored with no limit in all games will be used.

(4) Least runs allowed.

(5) Most runs scored.

Note: In all Provincial Championship tournaments which lead to a Canadian or Eastern Canadian Championship, any tie which means a life or elimination from the tournament will be subject to a play-off game.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

**Amend**

R4.06 Tie Breaker - In all Divisions, after seven (7) innings of regulation play, the International Tie Breaker shall be used. In the U13 Divisions, tournaments with time limits on games, the International Tie Breaker shall be at the end of seven (7) innings or when the time limit is up.

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(1) Win/Loss Record. If still tied, then:

(2) Winner of games between the tied teams. NOTE: In order to use this criteria, all subject tied teams must have played each other, and one team must have defeated all the teams they are tied with to be ranked higher.

(3) Difference plus or minus runs scored to a maximum of seven (7) total runs scored of completed innings.

(4) Least runs allowed.

(5) Most runs scored.

Note: The above criteria will determine the final placements in all tournaments.

**RATIONALE**

To clarify the requirement for tie-breaker games

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Amendment to main motion  
Retain

Note: In all Provincial Championship tournaments which lead to a Canadian or Eastern Canadian Championship, any tie which means a life or elimination from the tournament will be subject to a play-off game.  
Moved by Debbie Malisani, Seconded by Mike Merchant

Amendment to the main motion carried.  
Main Motion as Amended carried.

Carried  Amended \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated

**MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – OPERATING RULES**

Submitted by Brantford Bobcats

**Motion #OR5**

Moved by Tom Cox

Seconded by Chris Meyer

**REFERENCE :** (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Rule Book 4.06 Note

**WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

Note: In all Provincial Championship tournaments which lead to a Canadian or Eastern Canadian Championship, any tie which means a life or elimination from the tournament will be subject to a play-off game.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

The definition of "Playoff Game" be amended to stipulate a three inning game which, if still tied at the conclusion of three innings, shall move to ITB for the 4th and subsequent innings.

**RATIONALE**

As written, this rule results in two or more teams having to play an additional full game, or multiple games where three or more teams are tied. There is often already a very heavy schedule of games on the final day, and these additional full 7 inning games require players to play an unreasonable number of innings in a short period of time.

At the Women's Championships last summer there was a three-way tie which added 4 plus hours to the day and had one team facing the prospect of 5 straight games. It's difficult for a team to go through that process without jeopardizing players' health and with little potential to move into the actual playoffs with a reasonable chance of advancing.

The Championship game didn't conclude until almost 11pm after starting at 8am.

Moving to a three-inning playoff achieves the objective of allowing teams to "win it on the field" without completely exhausting players and increasing the likelihood of injury.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None, possibly a small savings in diamond time

#### **FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Carried  Amended  Withdrawn  Defeated

### **MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – OPERATING RULES**

**Submitted by** Eric Sugar – Mississauga Lady Jays

**Motion #OR6**

**Moved by** Paul Carriere

**Seconded by** Rod Drouillard

#### **REFERENCE : (Section, article, number, page, etc.)**

R4.12, page 47

#### **WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

R4.12 - Designated/Flex Player –The designated/flex player (DP/Flex) is allowed in all divisions. Exception: U9/U11, U13.

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

##### **Amend**

Adding R4.12 - Only at Tier 2, coaches be given the option to bat everyone, along with the option to bat 9 or DP/Flex. Coaches need to indicate their choice at the plate meeting and may not change at any point after.

#### **RATIONALE**

This would give coaches the ability to give the girls at tier 2 more playing time and would create a better environment for our tier 2 players to grow and continue in the sport.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

\_\_\_\_\_ Carried \_\_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ **X** \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated

**MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – OPERATING RULES**

Submitted by PWSA

**Motion #OR7**

Moved by Mike Merchant

Seconded by Rose Lasalandra

**REFERENCE :** (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

R5.05 – Protest Fee, Page 48

**WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

R5.05 Protest Fee - For any protest to be considered, the protesting party shall pay a fee of \$25.00. If the protest is not upheld, the fee must be paid at the conclusion of the game or before they play another game.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

R5.05 Protest Fee – For any protest to be considered, the protesting party shall pay a fee of \$150.00. If the protest is not upheld, the fee must be paid at the conclusion of the game or before they play another game.

**RATIONALE**

To increase the commitment of lodging a viable protest

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

\$125 increase in fee for protests

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

**Amendment to main motion**

**5.05 Protest Fee - For any protest to be considered, the protesting party shall pay a fee of \$250.00. If the protest is not upheld, the fee must be paid at the conclusion of the game or before they play another game.**

Moved by Rod Drouillard, Seconded by Jim Walker

Amendment to the main motion carried.

Main Motion as Amended carried.

Carried  Amended \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated

### MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – OPERATING RULES**

Submitted by PWSA

Motion #OR8

Moved by Rose Lasalandra

Seconded by Janet Gray-Baker

**REFERENCE** : (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

R6.01 – Carded Umpires, page 48

#### **WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

R6.01 Carded Umpires - All umpires officiating in play-off tournaments must be Softball Ontario registered and carded in the current year. In order to be paid for their services, the umpire's current Softball Ontario registration number will be recorded on The Association (P.W.S.A.) Umpires' Report Form for the tournament. Umpire card numbers will be verified with Softball Ontario. Penalties for the use of non-carded umpires shall be in accordance with The Association's (P.W.S.A.) Letter of Understanding with Softball Ontario. Said agreement to be negotiated every two years.

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

R6.01 **Registered** Umpires - All umpires officiating in play-off tournaments must be Softball Ontario registered and **registered** in the current year. In order to be paid for their services, the umpire's current Softball Ontario registration number will be recorded on The Association (P.W.S.A.) Umpires' Report Form for the tournament. Umpire card numbers will be verified with Softball Ontario. Penalties for the use of **non-registered** umpires shall be in accordance with The Association's (P.W.S.A.) Letter of Understanding with Softball Ontario. Said agreement to be negotiated every two years.

#### **RATIONALE**

To remove the word CARDED and replace with REGISTERED

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Carried \_\_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated

**MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – OPERATING RULES**

**Submitted by** PWSA

**Motion #OR9**

**Moved by** Rose Lasalandra

**Seconded by** Janet Gray-Baker

**REFERENCE :** (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

R6.03 – Minimum Number, page 48

**WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

R6.03 Minimum Number - There must be a minimum of two Softball Ontario registered and carded umpires for every play-off game.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

**Amend R6.03**

R6.03 Minimum Number - There must be a minimum of two Softball Ontario **registered** umpires for every play-off game.

**RATIONALE**

To replace the word CARDED.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Carried \_\_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated

## MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – **OPERATING RULES**

Submitted by PWSA

Motion #OR10

Moved by Janet Gray-Baker

Seconded by Debbie Malisani

**REFERENCE :** (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Rules, Article Eight – Suspension and Appeal, R8.02 – Acts of Suspension – page 50 - 52

### **WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

R8.02 Acts of Suspension - Teams, coaches, managers or players will be suspended for conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike and undesirous manner and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, for the following specific acts:

(a) Permitting betting or improper conduct by players, coaches or managers at games. **Automatic suspension for a period of one year from the date of suspension.**

(b) Offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any games, or being interested in any pool or wagers thereon. **Automatic suspension for a period of one year from the date of suspension.**

(c) Deliberately degrading the image of The Association (P.W.S.A.) or their representatives. **Goes to a Discipline Committee. Suspension depends on severity.**

(d) If a Manager, Coach, or member of the team is involved in a major incident at a Canadian Championship. **Automatic suspension from participating in a Canadian Championship for a period of 2 years. Major defined by report from Softball Canada - examples Physical altercations, Police involvement.**

(e) Knowingly playing with or against a player, coach or manager who has been expelled or suspended. **Automatic suspension for a period of two months.**

(f) Refusing to sign the release of liability waiver form. **Suspension until such time as the release of liability form has been signed.**

(g) Using a player who is not eligible to play on that team. Automatic suspension for a period of two months. (h) Fighting with other coaches, managers, players, officials or spectators. **Goes to a Discipline Committee. Suspension depends on severity.**

(i) Verbal abuse, harassment of any official, player or spectator. **Goes to a Discipline Committee. Suspension depends on severity.**

(j) If a Manager, Coach, or member of the team management, offers money to a player for their services. **Automatic suspension for a period of one year from the date of suspension.**

(k) If a player - having demanded money for their services. **Automatic suspension for a period of one year from the date of suspension.**

(l) Submitting an N.S.F. cheque for payment of any fees to The Association (P.W.S.A.). **Automatic suspension until cheque and all charges are cleared.**

(m) When a player leaves their team, they must meet all financial obligations and return all parts of their uniform and property of the team/local organization, or pay the cost of the same, before playing with another team. **Failure to do so will automatically place said player under suspension until all property is returned or paid for.**

(n) The consumption of alcoholic beverages or any other impairment inducing substances on or near diamond facilities. Exception: Any Licensed area. **Automatic suspension for game, if a single game and/or automatic suspension for Tournament, if a Tournament.**

(o) Any cases of sexual abuse/harassment should be immediately reported to P.W.S.A. Any physical assault, discriminatory public tirades, or any situation in which the police are involved should be immediately reported to

P.W.S.A. (copy both the President and Secretary). **Failure to do so will result in an Automatic suspension of one year from the date of suspension.**

(p) A Member Association that signs off that police checks have been validated but it is found they have failed to receive and review a valid police record check/VSS, that **Association will be denied membership for a period of 2 years.**

**Note:** Teams/Associations must submit any matter involving unpaid dues to that Team/Association no later than 7 days prior to the Provincial Championship in the division they are affiliated with. All other issues that may result in suspensions or discipline must be submitted by September 5th of the current year.

**Note:** Any discipline matter/suspension will be reported to a minimum of two (2) directors of the local/member Association Board.

**Note:** Any parent/player/association who files a false claim or a direct claim with Sport Canada (without first following the complaint processes) included in our Safe Sport Discipline and Complaint policy (Safe Sport policy) will be responsible for the legal costs incurred by P.W.S.A.

**Note:** Safe Sport Discipline and Complaints policy, the timelines may be modified.

Note: Any Member Association or individual who takes action against another association or member or persons within their own organization will be responsible for all legal fees and/or third-party costs for the investigations and dispute resolution.

Disputes between Non-member associations/individuals will not be addressed by P.W.S.A. nor will P.W.S.A. engage in any handling or investigation of the matter.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

**Amend R8.02(i)**

(i) Verbal abuse, harassment of any official, player, **coach** or spectator **by any official, coach, player or spectator.**  
**Goes to a Discipline Committee. Suspension depends on severity.**

**RATIONALE**

Amend 8.02 (i) to include coaches and identify who is covered by the rule.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Carried  Amended  Withdrawn  Defeated

## MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – **OPERATING RULES**

Submitted by PWSA

Motion #OR11

Moved by Janet Gray-Baker

Seconded by Debbie Malisani

**REFERENCE** : (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Rules, Article Eight – Suspension and Appeal, R8.02 – Acts of Suspension – page 50 - 52

### **WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

R8.02 Acts of Suspension - Teams, coaches, managers or players will be suspended for conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike and undesirous manner and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, for the following specific acts:

(a) Permitting betting or improper conduct by players, coaches or managers at games. **Automatic suspension for a period of one year from the date of suspension.**

(b) Offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any games, or being interested in any pool or wagers thereon. **Automatic suspension for a period of one year from the date of suspension.**

(c) Deliberately degrading the image of The Association (P.W.S.A.) or their representatives. **Goes to a Discipline Committee. Suspension depends on severity.**

(d) If a Manager, Coach, or member of the team is involved in a major incident at a Canadian Championship. **Automatic suspension from participating in a Canadian Championship for a period of 2 years. Major defined by report from Softball Canada - examples Physical altercations, Police involvement.**

(e) Knowingly playing with or against a player, coach or manager who has been expelled or suspended. **Automatic suspension for a period of two months.**

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

**Addition R8.02 (q)**

R8.02 q) Any parent who enters the field of play at any PWSA, Eastern or National Event, uninvited, will be suspended from attending games for a period of 2 years. If at an Eastern Canadian or a National Championship their athlete will also be suspended from attending those events for a period of 2 years

**RATIONALE**

To put a rule in place to mitigate the increasing intrusion of parents onto the field of play and into the dugouts, interfering and harming coaches and athletes

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Carried  Amended  Withdrawn  Defeated

## MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – **OPERATING RULES**

Submitted by PWSA

Motion #OR12

Moved by Theresa Coleman

Seconded by Mike Merchant

#### REFERENCE : (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

R9.02 – Application, page 54

#### WHEREAS (Article as currently written)

R9.02 Application - Upon application and payment of a fee to be set annually by the Board of Directors to cover administrative costs, the Travel Permit Chairperson or their representative shall issue a team/coach/player a travel permit to travel outside the Province. Applications for travel permits must be received no later than two weeks prior to date(s) the permit is requested for. The application must contain the team/coach/player names, date of tournament or game and the destination before it can be processed.

Applications for travel beyond continental North America must submit a list of all individuals travelling with the team, and how they may be contacted at their destination.

Note: Any request for a permit received within 72 hours of date of travel will incur an additional fee of \$250.00, if it can be processed.

#### BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)

##### AMEND R9.02

R9.02 Application - Upon application and payment of a fee to be set annually by the Board of Directors to cover administrative costs, the Travel Permit Chairperson or their representative shall issue a team/coach/player a travel permit to travel outside the Province. Applications for travel permits must be **received at minimum 2 weeks (14 calendar days) in advance of the date of travel**. The application must contain the team/coach/player names, date of tournament or game and the destination before it can be processed. **Permit applications not received in this time frame will be subject to the following stipulations: (7 to 13 calendar days) before date of travel will incur a \$250 late processing fee.**

**Any permit application submitted 6 calendar days or less prior to date of travel will not be processed.**

Applications for travel beyond continental North America must submit a list of all individuals travelling with the team, and how they may be contacted at their destination.

#### RATIONALE

To amend the rule to reflect new Travel Permit stipulations as per the Travel Permit page on the P.W.S.A. website.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Carried \_\_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated

**MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – OPERATING RULES**

**Submitted by** Brantford Bobcats

**Motion #OR13**

**Moved by** Tom Cox

**Seconded by** Chris Meyer

**REFERENCE :** (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

R10.02 Qualifying and Grand Championship Tournament Applications

**WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

Any softball organization, service club, umpires association, affiliated team, or a league with affiliated teams may submit a bid to host a (P.W.S.A.) Association Play-off tournament.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

An additional section (f) be added to the rule to read as follows:

The host of each Qualifier (Provincial and National) and Grand Championship shall be entitled to reimbursement of diamond fees equal to the lesser of actual costs incurred or 90% of the base rate established by a board committee and indexed to the annual CPI adjustment.

**RATIONALE**

A committee formed at the discretion of the board of directors shall undertake a survey to obtain an average hourly cost of diamond rental based on quotes from a minimum of five member organizations. The average of these quotes shall establish a benchmark hourly rental rate which will be used to establish a maximum diamond rental remuneration for host organizations.

At the conclusion of the event, the host can submit their municipality invoice for the rental and the remuneration can be calculated based on hours used.

At present, hosts are being expected to significantly subsidize the costs of hosting PWSA events. For three years Brantford hosted the U23/Womens event and each year lost over \$700 as the remuneration fell significantly below the actual cost. The remuneration being provided hasn't kept up with the significant cost increase faced by most member organizations.

This financial cost makes many organizations unwilling or unable to host. Teams attending championships should be expected to pay the costs associated with running that championship.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Team affiliation cost can be adjusted to compensate for the additional cost. This will result in a \$50 increase per team for 2027 season ~~small increase cost for each member organization~~ but should be cost neutral for PWSA.

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Carried  Amended  Withdrawn  Defeated

**MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – OPERATING RULES**

Submitted by PWSA

**Motion #OR14**

Moved by Brad Rooney

Seconded by Theresa Coleman

**REFERENCE :** (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

R12.02 & R12.03, page 59

**WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

R12.02 MVP - The Most Valuable Player of each Division shall become the holder of a Trophy as designated by the Board of Directors.

R12.03 Presentation of Trophies - Trophies shall be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

AMENDING R12.02 & R12.03

R12.02 MVP - The Most Valuable Player of each Division shall become the holder of **an Award** as designated by the Board of Directors.

R12.03 Presentation of **Awards – Awards** shall be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet.

**RATIONALE**

To change the wording to reflect not actual trophies but rather awards

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Carried \_\_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated

**MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – OPERATING RULES**

Submitted by Matt McLaren

Motion #OR15

Moved by

Seconded by

**REFERENCE :** (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Operating Rules – Officials/Governance/Athlete Safety  
(No existing PWSA operating rule currently establishes an Association-level framework for umpire evaluation, incident reporting, or eligibility verification.)

**WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

The PWSA Rule Book and policies do not currently provide a standardized Association-level process for documenting safety-related incidents involving officials, verifying umpire eligibility or suspension status, or ensuring consistent oversight of umpire conduct involving athletes;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

the PWSA establish an **Umpire Evaluation, Conduct Oversight, and Athlete Protection Framework** as an operating policy, effective the season following adoption, which shall include:

- a non-public mechanism for submitting post-game umpire evaluations related to professionalism and conduct;
  - a formal incident reporting process for safety-related or boundary-related concerns involving officials; and
  - a requirement that assigning bodies verify umpire eligibility and suspension status prior to assignment;
- and that this framework be implemented without overriding the authority of umpire associations or existing disciplinary bodies.

**RATIONALE**

To address a governance gap by providing clear, consistent processes for incident reporting, eligibility verification, and oversight related to umpire conduct and athlete safety. This framework protects athletes, officials, and the Association by ensuring concerns are handled professionally and documented appropriately.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None anticipated

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

\_\_\_\_\_ Carried \_\_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated

**Ruled Out of Order. To be put forth at Softball Ontario AGM**

# NOTICE OF 2025 MOTIONS – GENERAL RULES

## MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – OPERATING RULES

**Submitted by** P.W.S.A.

**Motion #G1**

**Moved by** Lynda Turton

**Seconded by** Shelly Rooney

### **REFERENCE :** (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Article 3.4 page 27

### **WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

**3.4 Election of Directors** – a) Election and Term - The seven (7) Elected Directors will be elected for a 3-year (3 people), 2-year (3 people), or 1-year (1 person) term at the Annual General Meeting of members to hold office until the close of the Annual General Meeting at the end of their term. The election shall be by ballot. No acclamation – Directors must be elected by simple majority to move the Ordinary Resolution.

### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

To accept the following Directors elected to the Board of Directors at the 2025 P.W.S.A. Virtual AGM:

Brad Rooney – 1-year term

Janet Gray-Baker – 2-year term

Mike Merchant – 2-year term

Theresa Coleman – 2-year term

Debbie Malisani – 3-year term

Rose Lasalandra – 3-year term

Cathy Bilinski – 3-year term

### **RATIONALE**

To nominate to the open position of the board

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

### **FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Carried  Amended  Withdrawn  Defeated

**MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – OPERATING RULES**

**Submitted by** P.W.S.A.

**Motion #G2**

**Moved by** Janet Gray-Baker

**Seconded by** Brad Rooney

**REFERENCE :** (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Motion to approve the Auditor

**WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

To approve the appointment of Smith Chappell Marsh Vilander LLP Chartered Accountants as auditors for the 2026 financials ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**RATIONALE**

Appointment of auditor

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Carried  Amended  Withdrawn  Defeated

**MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS – OPERATING RULES**

**Submitted by** PWSA

**Motion #G3**

**Moved by** \_\_Shelly Rooney\_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by** \_\_Sophie Champagne\_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE :** (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Motion to adjourn

**WHEREAS (Article as currently written)**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion: State whether revision, addition, deletion, etc.)**

Motion to Adjourn the 2025 Annual General meeting

**RATIONALE**

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Carried  Amended  Withdrawn  Defeated