

## **All Managers' Meeting Clean & Sober Softball Association March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 2pm – 5 pm Fremont Baptist Church**

### **Attendance**

North 3      Cascade 2      East 3      West 3      CENSou 2      BOD 4

\$40 cash from Spidey to pay for 8<sup>th</sup> team on West (total 8 teams for West)

Jason East pay \$360 for 9 teams check # 1338

Cody paid \$70 for 1 dozen balls & another sanctioned team

Please put your registration number on the top of your roster, so we know you have registered with PlayNSA.com

Grandfather: Matt Fleck is the only outstanding "regular" player left. Grandfather players

### **Old Business**

- All Directors are responsible for collecting forms and turning them into BOD no later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of league
  - <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=cleanandsobersoftball>
  - All forms, contact information and tournament schedule is posted on our site
  - Tournament schedule is posted
- Code & By-Laws available on the CSSA website
  - Coaches responsibility to know rules on eligibility, player types (regular, exemption, grandfather, hardships, permanent transfers, etc.), necessary forms, deadlines, & general playing rules
- Teams
  - Cascade – needs to pay sanction fees Collecting funds at their Divisional meeting 03.19.15
  - North (paid sanctions for 7 teams)
  - West (paid sanctions for 7 teams) \$40 additional paid today to welcome their 8<sup>th</sup> team
  - CenSou (paid sanctions for 7 teams)
  - East – (no notes) Paying today Jason treasurer
  - ALL Independent teams owe the \$35 to CSSA for 2015
    - No independent teams present today
- Tournaments
  - Memorial Day BUY NOW button will be up Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> before Noon.
  - Tournament Volunteer Opportunities We need tournament directors for each tournament except Memorial weekend & State
    - Reloaded volunteered for Twisted
    - #1 Offenders volunteered for Not Forgotten
    - #1 Offenders & Aftershock volunteered to co-direct Last Call (Gig Harbor)
  - Cost per tournament: 4 game guarantee \$300 & 5 game guarantee \$350
  - 3 deposits on tournaments at a time. Can pay for as many as you like, and as one is played and rolls off, another will be added.
  - LAST CALL:
    - 4 GG NOT 5 GG
    - \$300 without t-shirts for each team      or      \$350 with t-shirts for each team
    - Council Action Item: Let BOD know your teams' vote whether they want t-shirts or not for Last Call
      - Reply no later than 04.15.15
- Coaches Packets
  - Available on-line Monday 03.09.15
- Team sponsorship
  - CSSA does not share 503(c) non-profit status for teams to get sponsor write-offs
- Host Hotel
  - Red Lion \$92 / night      Call 1-800 REDLION (733-5466)
  - Ask to make a reservation at the Red Lion of their choice – Columbia Center, Richland, Pasco or Inn and Suites
- Online roster registration and insurance
  - <https://www.playnsa.com/>
  - "interact with NSA" middle right of screen
  - Click on NSA Team Sanctions

- Click on “click here to register an ADULT softball team”
  - Receive your team’s sanction number & electronically register your team
  - Please make sure you write your registration number on the top of your roster
- NSA Rulebooks & Scorebooks (Paul Langdon)
  - NSA behind the times and books are being shipped to Chris and Chris will make sure that every Deivision is given their books
- Committee(s) 2015
  - Rules and Ethics Chair: **Service Position Available**
  - Classification Chair: James Spivey
    - Each division should have one upper and one lower classification point and needs to get the names and contact information to Spider ASAP. James 360.689.1988
  - Eligibility Chair: Kirk Carlson
- Association Dues
  - \$40 / team
  - Additional \$35 for Independent teams
- Balls
  - \$30 / dozen
  - Chris heard Cascade needs more balls
- Bats
  - As of this year 2015 all bats, except wooden, must have the NSA 2012 stamp on them as well as being included on the NSA approved bat list. This rule has been in the makes for 3 years and is this is the year that it takes effect. NSA delayed the implementing of this rule until 2015 to give the players a chance to get their money’s worth out of the bats they purchased prior to 2012.
    - Throughout the year they can eject you from the game. League we are sure they will tell you to “put it away”
    - Non-approved list is easier to go through than the approved bat list at Playnsa.com
- Sanctions
  - NSA WA State UIC name: Dale Gelner 425.344.5040
  - Expectation: Coaches register their team on-line and report the team’s sanction number to Chris Davidson not later than 03.23.15
  - <https://www.playnsa.com/>
  - “interact with NSA” middle right of screen
  - Click on NSA Team Sanctions
  - Click on “click here to register an ADULT softball team”
  - Receive your team’s sanction number & electronically register your team
- Team Insurance
  - Supplemental insurance for teams
  - “Quick Link” middle left side of screen >>> Insurance
  - 2015-2016 NSA Team & League General Liability & Excess Accident Medical Insurance Plans
    - <http://orders.westpointinsurance.com/apps/details.php?type=tm&ac=NSA>
- Banquet
  - Does the teams want to continue with the format we currently have?
  - West said: yes
  - East didn’t like the last couple years’ banquets and timing that people had to show up directly with their uniforms
  - Chris D said that if there is interest than Chris D can stop the Saturday games about 4 pm, which means we will be playing later Sunday night
- Voting
  - AMENDMENTS AND RULE CHANGES
    - Amendments to the CSSA Code,By-Laws), & Playing Rules regular procedure. Any proposed amendment Code, Bylaws and Rule Change shall be proposed and acted upon only in accordance with the regular procedure outlined herein
    - Amendments proposed may be approved only at duly called Council Meetings upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of those in attendance and entitled to vote.

- Code IV B (d) Council Quorum Present. A quorum shall consist of the president or one or more regional director(s) and at least 50 percent plus one of the Council members. 51% of the Council must be present in order to conduct voting.
- CSSA's Council includes three (3) Members from each Division and the BOD.
- 5 Divisions X 3 Members = 15 + 3 BOD Members w/ voting privileges totals 18 Council Members.
- 51% = 9 Council Members/ BOD must be present to conduct business.
- 2/3 or 66% = 10 Members to approve a By-law motion or amendment.

○ A majority, also known as a simple majority in the U.S., is a subset of a group that is more than half of the entire group.

1. **Presented by** - Chris Davidson & Seconded by – Amy Henderson **PASS**  
**Motion** – Amend the exemption rule to immediate family members (16&up, no max age) to include brothers and sisters, siblings must maintain sobriety requirement. Exemption players can only play with their roster team when qualifying person is not present and can only be picked up on another team if qualifying person is also picked up.  
 FOR   13                        Against   3
2. **Presented by** - Chris Davidson & Seconded by – Larry Fettig **PASS**  
**Motion** – Teams get participation points towards state for participating in 12 Steps to Home Tournament being put on by TSRL.  
 FOR   16                        Against   0
3. **Presented by** – Kirk Carlson & Seconded by – Shelly Carlson **FAIL**  
**Motion** – League Play: Home team listed remains home team regardless of equalizer rule.  
                     Tournament Play: Always flip for home team regardless of equalizer rule.  
 FOR   9                        Against   7
4. **Presented by** – Country Honchen & Seconded by – Brent LaFond **FAIL**  
**Motion** – Independent players pay \$60 independent fee (player) and meet tournament eligibility requirements of four (4) league games. Independent players are defined as a regular player with a living address 100 miles outside of league playfields.  
 FOR   3                        Against   13
5. **Presented by** – Chris Davidson & Seconded by – Amy Henderson **PASS**  
**Motion** – To amend rule requiring independent teams to have 50% of roster living in state of WA. Change- remove requirement for Oregon (TSRL) teams to have 50% of their roster living in Washington to be eligible to play in CSSA tournaments and state championships  
 FOR   14                        Against   2
6. **Presented by** – James Spivey & Seconded by – Brent LaFond **FAIL**  
**Motion** – Any available member, board, chair, or council person may be allowed to be on the CSSA board, council, or chairperson spot available  
 FOR   8                        Against   8
7. **Presented by** – James Spivey & Seconded by – Lee Fletcher **FAIL**  
**Motion** Change the classification policy guide to a more updated version. (See proposed classification policy below)  
 FOR   5                        Against   11

**Proposed Classification Policy**

The CSSA system combined input from a classification committee comprised of two league member's one upper and one lower classification member and an alternate if needed from each league.

The purpose of statewide reps from each league is to maintain balance in team competition in tournament play.

**END OF SEASON AND START OF NEW SEASON RULES:**

1. Teams winning their State Championship and end of year will play "UP" the next year for a minimum of 3 tournaments (must include Memorial Day) this is for C class and below. (see appeals below)
2. Each division will be responsible for classifications at the beginning of their season.

Before the 1<sup>ST</sup> tournament:

1. League information; 3 council members from each division will be responsible of classifying their teams in their division as C, D, E, or Rec. This needs to be turned into the classification committee at the first classification meeting, usually held 3 weeks prior to first tournament. This allows the Division's to watch 4+ weeks of play before they decide to reclassify any

team. Each Division needs to notify their teams of their classifications so they have time to appeal prior to first tournament. (see appeals below)

After the 1<sup>st</sup> tournament

1. Any roster additions will need to be submitted to the committee for review by classification committee.
2. Classification committee will have the right to reclassify any team after the 1<sup>st</sup> tournament of the year.(see appeals below)

After the 2<sup>nd</sup> tournament

1. Teams that were reclassified after 1<sup>st</sup> tournament will now have the right to request to be reclassified. (submit your request to The CSSA Classification Committee Chair Person)
2. After two or more tournaments, the following criteria will be considered for re-classification;
  - a. Number of returning players.
  - b. Ability of new players on the team.
  - c. Points for and Points against.
  - d. Tournament performance.
3. Team's placing in the upper or lower 25% of two tournaments MAY be considered for re-classification.
4. Any team's re-classified from this point on have the right to appeal.(see appeals below)
5. Any team reclassified to a higher or lower division. For example; a team moved from Rec to E should be given time to play at least two tournaments at their new level so that they have games at that higher level or lower level. This is to use for an appeal if needed, and also this gives the committee a look at that teams games to make sure reclassification was indeed needed. But an appeal will not be accepted if the team reclassified does not play in two tournaments at higher or lower level.

After the 3<sup>rd</sup> tournament (this is only for teams that have won state previous year)

1. Teams winning their State Championship and end of year will play "UP" the next year for a minimum of 3 tournaments (must include Memorial Day) this is for C class and below. (see appeals below)

Appeal Process:

1. Teams that won their State Championship; after the 3<sup>rd</sup> tournament can submit their appeal to The CSSA Classification Committee Chair Person and a decision will be made at the next classification meeting.
2. Teams that have been reclassified after the 1<sup>st</sup> tournament will have a right to appeal. They can submit their request to The CSSA Classification Committee Chair Person and a decision will be made at the next classification meeting.
3. Any team that has been reclassified before 1<sup>st</sup> tournament will submit their appeal to their division board before 1<sup>st</sup> tournament is played. After the 1<sup>st</sup> tournament see appeal process rule 2.

Second Appeal Process:

1. If you appeal to the Reclassification Committee and you still don't agree with decision then you may submit a 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal to The Board of Directors and the CSSA classification chair person, at this point the classification board will submit to the B.O.D their prior reason for reclassification of your team and your appeal information will go in a package to the B.O.D. for a final decision.

### **New Business**

- NEW Motions to be voted on Fall 2015
  - Motions must be presented on the motion form available on the CSSA website

Adjourned

Notes:

Because of the 50% rule being passed Chris D will be calling a special meeting for vote via e-mail. The BOD would communicate whether it could be counted for points towards State. Make it a qualifying tournament.

Adjourn 2:52 pm