

# CONSTITUTION

## California Softball Officials Association

### ARTICLE I

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the California Softball Officials Association, hereafter referred to as the "Association".

### ARTICLE II

#### OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1. The objectives of the Association shall be to:

- A. Uphold, encourage and promote high ethical standards among the institutions, spectators, participants coaches and officials involved in softball.
- B. Provide a high quality instructional program in the training, preparation and development of softball officials.
- C. Encourage a thorough knowledge of the rules among all persons involved in softball.

### ARTICLE III

#### MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership of the Association will be composed of only those Units recognized by the Executive Council.

Section 2. A Unit may be organized in any geographical area, but shall not have overlapping boundaries. It shall consist of a duly constituted membership based on the provisions herein.

Section 3. Each Unit shall establish requirements for its members consistent with the By-Laws of the Association.

Section 4. Groups of softball officials may petition the Executive Council for admission into the Association as a Unit.

Section 5. All Units shall abide by this Constitution and its By-Laws.

Section 6. Unit membership may be withdrawn by the Executive Council for due cause.

## ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be elected by the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall hereinafter be referred to as the Council.
- Section 2. Upon 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of the Council an elected Council officer may be removed.
- Section 3. The Council shall consist of three ( 3 ) representatives from each Unit. Units shall cast one ( 1 ) vote per election.
- Section 4. Each Unit shall determine the method of selecting its representatives to the Council. The names of the representatives shall be sent to the Executive Secretary / Treasurer on or by May 1<sup>st</sup>, annually.
- Section 5. The election of officers will be conducted at the May meeting.
- Section 6.
- A. Nomination of candidate for elective office:
    - ◆ Must be a current or past officer in a member Unit
    - ◆ Member officer would be: President, Vice President, Secretary / Treasurer or Instructional Chairperson
    - ◆ No individual, even though submitted by their unit, would be eligible unless he/she is a current or past officer in their Unit
  - B. President term to run two ( 2 ) years. President could be voted into office for more than one term, two ( 2 ) years per term, but not more than two terms in succession or four ( 4 ) years.
  - C. Vice president to be a one ( 1 ) year term, but he/she is to be voted into office by the members of the Council
    - ◆ Would be limited to four ( 4 ) years in succession
    - ◆ Cannot be from the same Unit as the President
    - ◆ His/Her selection could skip a year, then be eligible
  - D. Secretary / Treasurer should be an elected office
    - ◆ Position will appear on a yearly ballot for election
  - E. Instructional Chairperson should be an elected office
    - ◆ Position will appear on a yearly ballot for election.
    - ◆ "Finals" Kit should be created and implemented
    - ◆ Observe "Finals" games as directed by the President
    - ◆ Submit a written report to the President after the "Finals"

## ARTICLE V MEETINGS

- Section 1. The Council shall meet Semiannually. The first meeting will be in May and the second will be in December. And as such times as deemed *necessary*.
- Section 2. Each Unit shall determine the number of meetings required for its members. A minimum of three ( 3 ) per year shall be Mandatory.

## ARTICLE VI QUORUMS

- Section 1. A quorum for the Council shall consist of representatives of at least four ( 4 ) Units
- Section 2. Each Unit shall determine what shall constitute a quorum in order to conduct local business.

## ARTICLE VII RATIFICATION

Section 1. This Constitution shall be in force for a Unit when ratified by that Unit

## ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of the Units represented at the Executive Council meeting, provided that the amendment has been submitted, in writing, to the Units at least ( 60 ) days prior to the presentation of the amendment to the Executive Council.

## ARTICLE IX GRIEVANCE

Section 1. A. Grievance presented to the Executive Council shall first be heard by the Unit involved and will not include items or subjects involving Constitutional areas covered by individual Units.  
B. A member of the Association may present any grievance, in writing, directed to the attention of the Council. It shall be the responsibility of the Council to answer the member's grievance in writing within a reasonable period of time.

## ARTICLE X VACANCIES

Section 1. A vacancy of an officer on the Council caused by death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office, or otherwise, shall be filled by appointment at the next regular meeting of the Council by majority, though less than a quorum. Each successor officer shall be appointed for only the period of time until the next meeting of the Association. He/She shall serve until such successor shall be elected.