

**COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**DRAFT -- Fall Managers Meeting - October 22, 202 -- DRAFT**  
**Denver Elks Club, 2475 W 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO**

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by CSSA Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Bob Schwartz, Kent Gorham, Ernie Brady, Beau Bressler, Dave Adams and Ray Childs.  
Board members absent: None  
Attendees representing 36 teams and 4 Recreation Centers were present.  
Harbour asked all veterans to stand and be recognized, introduced Gene Tomczak, a veteran, who led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Harbour commented that he has included the recognition of veterans at the meeting as a CSSA tradition, established by the previous Commissioner, Emilio Sanelli, many years ago.
- 2. Introduction of Board Members and other Contributors:** Harbour introduced members of the CSSA Board in attendance, as listed above giving their status, and thanked Bressler and Schwartz for their service as they are completing their second year of their second term and thus are leaving the Board. Harbour then asked those who had served as Standings Secretaries during the 2021 season- Marc Wright, Chris Elnicki, Ed Rhodus, Bob Schwartz, Rick Paine, Don TeStrake, Gene Tomczak and Stevan Kalmon- to raise their hand if present, and mentioned Mark Gembarowski who handles the CSSA website work, recording scores, updating information, etc. Harbour noted his appreciation for all the efforts mentioned which helps him operate the CSSA league.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Harbour stated that the finances of the organization are OK, but the end-of-year account balance has declined over the past few years, from about \$10,000 at the end of 2017, to less than \$4,000 currently, and stated that the team fee that CSSA collects will definitely increase for the 2022 season to at least \$200 per team. The current \$175 fee has been in place since 2009 when it was increased from \$125, at a time when the account balance was only \$77. When all the 2021 bills are paid over the next few weeks, a final tabulation will be made and the team fee issue will be addressed by the Board.
- 4. Review 2021 Season:** Harbour reviewed the 2021 season and commented on a few items with comments as follows: 1) Number of teams that played in the 2021 regular season and the tournaments; 2) Players ejected during the season; 3) Issues related to the postponed and cancelled games and the difference in those two categories of games; 4) and the usual issues regarding new players (ringers) at the tournaments, inconsistent uniforms, non-approved bats, etc.
- 5. Discussion Items- 2022 Season** – Harbour reviewed a list of issues that the Board has been looking at for next year that will be implemented as administrative matters, i.e. action taken by the Board, to improve the operation of the league in a more efficient manner. A sheet was included in the handout with these items listed and briefly described. At this time these issues are being considered and are not final.

  - **CODE OF CONDUCT-** Due to several issues that came up during the 2021 season, additions, improvements and revisions are needed. Harbour referred to work done by Gorham and asked that he summarize his efforts at this time. Gorham reviewed the items that he is addressing, i.e. adding a few definitions, modifying/revising language for better clarity, better organizing the sections of the Code, addressing players who are on both a 50's and a 70's team, etc. Harbour stated that the Board will finalize this matter and decide whether to keep the Code as a separate document or to incorporate the Code matters into the Rules document.
  - **Revise Rule 2.2a, Rosters-** Add a requirement that managers have a copy of their current Roster available at all games, and that players must provide an ID to prove identity if required.
  - **Revise Rule 5.4 BATS-** Revise the current rule regarding approved bats to clarify the language and include the new USA designation (ASA changed their name to USA in recent years).

- Revise Rule 7.2, etc. Postponements and Cancelled Games- This rule was significantly revised for 2019, and will be revised for better clarity regarding postponed games, cancelled games, makeups, etc.
- Revise Rule 7.6 Length of Game- Harbour advised that the Board was considering a major revision regarding the “Length of Game” because of problems and issues caused by games taking too long to play a double-header, and the impact that creates, mainly with umpires. A discussion was held with comments covering a wide variety of opinions regarding a time limit on games as is done in tournament games, starting batters with a 1-1 count, limiting break time between the games of the double-header, and other methods of cutting down the total time required to play the normal scheduled double-headers. The Board will consider all the information offered in making a decision for the 2022 season.

B1/B2 & 70’s Gold Scheduling Issues- Harbour raised the ongoing issue that the league has regarding how to schedule the B-1 and B-2 teams, as well as the 70’s Gold teams, utilizing the run equalization process/procedure to try to create competitive games. A discussion took place where those present could offer opinions, suggestions and comments. It was agreed that Mark Gembarowski would collect information from all involved and provide a summary to Harbour for use by the Board in their discussions on the matter, and in deciding how to handle this matter for next year.

**6. Motions to be voted on:** Motions to change the rules were submitted in writing and put together in the handout package given to each manager/team rep present at the meeting. Guidelines for the discussion of the motions were as follows: 1) If the person who made the motion is not present at the meeting, the motion will be automatically withdrawn, 2) Those presenting a motion have a reasonable time to do so, 3) If there is a second to the motion, there will be discussion, 4) Then, voting will take place. Discussions were held and clarifications were made on each motion, and then a vote was taken to determine if the motion “PASSED” or “FAILED”. New or revised language is shown in “**bold**” type. The motions, and results were as follows:

**Motion #1:** Ken Standen

Motion Title: Rule 4.2,b- Home Run Rule; Eliminate sentences in 1-up home run rule

Motion: Remove provision that the home team cannot go 1-up in bottom of the open inning

Seconded by : Rick Reeser    Votes FOR: 21        Votes AGAINST: 2    →**Motion PASSED**

CURRENT RULES:

**Motion – Revise current rule below as shown with strike-through:**

4.2, b Home Run Rule (All Divisions)- There is no limit to the number of home runs that one team can hit. However, no team can hit more than 1 more home run than their opponent. If a team does hit a home run and they are already “1-up”, the home run will be considered a walk- note a walk is different than a single. For example, if the team batting has a runner on third when a 1-up home run is hit, the runner does not score (unless forced to do so). ~~Also, the home team cannot go 1-up with a home run in the bottom of the open inning. If hit, it will be ruled a walk and runners will advance as described above.~~ “Inside the park” home runs are excluded from this rule.

**Motion #2:** Paul Para

Motion Title: Rule 3.6a- 175’ Line for women batters, for ALL Divisions

Motion: Apply the rule to ALL Divisions, INCLUDING all the 70’s Divisions

Seconded by : Don McGill    Votes FOR: 23        Votes AGAINST: 9    → **Motion PASSED**

CURRENT RULES:

**Motion – Include this rule for all divisions, INCLUDING ALL 70's Divisions as shown below:**

3.6a 175' Line In the Outfield (ALL DIVISIONS, ~~except 70's~~)- If 10 or 11 players are in the field playing defense both the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> players must take positions as outfielders behind the 175' line when women are batting. All out fielders must remain behind the 175' line and the infielders must remain in the infield until the ball is struck. If your field doesn't have a line you, the manager, must have some kind of marker (cones, flags, etc.) to show the 175' line. (70's leagues was ~~removed in 2010~~ **added in 2021**)

**Motion #3: Paul Para- As Motion 2. above passed, then Paul withdrew this motion**

Motion Title: Rule 3.6a- 175' Line for women batters, for ALL Divisions, except 70's Gold

Motion: Apply the rule to ALL Divisions, INCLUDING the Silver and Bronze 70's Divisions

Seconded by : \_\_\_\_\_ Votes FOR \_\_\_\_\_ Votes AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT RULES:**

**Motion – Include this rule for all divisions, except the 70's Gold, but INCLUDING the 70's Silver and Bronze Divisions as shown below:**

3.6a 175' Line In the Outfield (ALL DIVISIONS, except 70's **GOLD Division**)- If 10 or 11 players are in the field playing defense both the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> players must take positions as outfielders behind the 175' line when women are batting. All out fielders must remain behind the 175' line and the infielders must remain in the infield until the ball is struck. If your field doesn't have a line you, the manager, must have some kind of marker (cones, flags, etc.) to show the 175' line. (70's leagues was ~~removed in 2010~~ **revised in 2021**)

7. **Board of Directors Status/Election:** Harbour referred to a sheet in the handout package with information on the CSSA Board status and election. There are two Center Rep positions vacant and two nominees, Jenna Beidenfeld of South Suburban Parks and Recreation and Daniel Garcia of Westminster Recreation. There are three manager/player rep positions vacant and three nominees, Dave Adams (Wendy's Bombers), Ray Childs (Ace-Hi/Golden) and Jim Mieras (Louisville Eagles/Coyotes). Harbour recommended that the five nominees be elected by acclamation and attendees agreed, so Beidenfeld, Garcia, Adams, Childs and Mieras were elected to the Board for two year terms.
8. **OTHER:** Several items were brought up by attendees and discussion on each item was held as follows:
  - Terry Liverant raised a question as to whether the B-1/B-2 teams could agree to do away with umpires. Harbour expressed his position that umpires should be used in all CSSA games. A brief discussion was held. The Board will consider this suggestion and advise all if any changes are agreed.
  - Rick Reeser mentioned recruiting of players for teams and how all should be working towards bringing in new players for the CSSA teams.
  - Harbour asked if any teams had used the screen for pitchers protection during their games this season. Don McGill advised that one of his pitchers had used the screen, which was prompted by her being hit with a batted ball in 2019 which resulted in a broken wrist .
9. **Next CSSA Board Meeting:** Harbour stated that the date (probably in January 2022) and location of the next meeting of the CSSA Board would be determined and that he would advise the members of the Board and would publish the information on the CSSA website.
10. **Adjournment:** Larry Ouret motioned that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Paul Para and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 10-22-21

Minutes approved by CSSA Board at Board meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.