



# Seacoast Church Softball Union (SCSU) BYLAWS



## **Purpose:**

1. To assist local churches in advancing the Kingdom of God by providing and promoting the opportunity for Christian fellowship, recreation, outreach, and athletic competition through softball.
2. To glorify God in our attitudes and actions and promote principles of good sportsmanship and teamwork.

## **Membership:**

1. The League is comprised of church teams in good standing which pay an annual entrance fee.
2. Entry fee for this year is **\$240** per team.
3. A first down payment of \$125 per team is due on March 1. Missing that payment will add an extra \$50 to the team dues. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and final payment is due by April 15. That dollar amount will be known by April 1. Failure to pay the full team dues by April 15 will result in teams not being allowed on the schedule.
4. New church teams may be added to the league by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Any potential new teams must show up at a board of directors meeting, and must be at the coaches meeting. New teams may also be required to bring a new field to the league.
5. Each participating church must have a signed copy of our League "Sign-Up & Waiver Form" and "Statement of Faith" on file with the league commissioner. These Forms must be signed by a pastor or official representative of the church.
6. A church team may be suspended or removed from the league by a 2/3 vote of the board of directors and the league commissioner.
7. The League Commissioner and/or the Board of Directors has the authority to suspend individual players or determine other appropriate action for conduct unbecoming of our league. Discipline will be dealt with on a case by case basis.
8. It is also understood that all SCSU teams and participants are obliged to adhere to codes of conduct established by the management entities of the individual fields at which we play.

## **Administration:**

1. The League is governed by the League Commissioner and a 6 member board of directors.
2. The Board of Directors will meet monthly starting in January prior to the start of the season.
3. A simple majority of Board of Directors present at an annual meeting or Board of Directors meeting will constitute a quorum.
4. All issues and rulings that require a decision by the League are subject to approval by the Board of Directors by a majority vote.

## **League Commissioner Responsibilities**

1. The League Commissioner is accountable to the Board of Directors.
2. In the event the League Commissioner resigns his position, he shall appoint a qualified successor to assume his duties and responsibilities. This appointment will be subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting.
3. The League Commissioner shall provide for the following:
  - a.) Act as league committee Chairman and schedule meetings.
  - b.) Collect entrance fees and disburse funds
  - c.) Schedule games and fields

- d.) Render decisions regarding protested games according to USSSA rules and league by-laws.
- e.) Maintain record of league standings
- f.) Obtain trophies/awards for presentation to Championship team winners.

### **Finance**

1. The League will be financed by an annual entrance fee assessed each member church team. This fee will be determined by the League Commissioner and approved by the board of directors and will allow for costs to reserve fields, purchase awards, maintain the web site, photocopying, and cover other related expenses.
2. Any surplus funds remaining at the end of a season will be rolled over or disbursed at the discretion of the League Commissioner.

### **Amendments**

1. Amendments to the league By-laws or Rules & Regulations may be made by the board of directors.

### **Authority and Rules**

1. The league will adhere to the official softball playing rules as adopted by the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA). The USSSA rules along with the following modifications and additions will constitute the official league rules and regulations.