

**WISCONSIN A.S.A. INC.  
CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS**

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## ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 1.01 Name

The name of this organization shall be “Wisconsin Amateur Softball Association, Incorporated”. It shall exist as a perpetual corporation.

### 1.02 Objective

The Wisconsin Amateur Softball Association, Inc. is formed with the objective to foster, develop, promote, and regulate amateur softball, to provide it with proper safeguards in accordance with the spirit of true sportsmanship, to establish and maintain by allied membership, alliances with associations devoted wholly or partake to the promotion of the game of softball and to promote annual softball championships, also to educate and train in the proper skills of amateur softball plays and rules of the game through promotion, organizing, and conducting clinics, seminars, and training courses.

### 1.03 Jurisdiction

The Wisconsin Amateur Softball Association, Inc. is incorporated as a not for profit organization. It is affiliated with and recognizes the Amateur Softball Association of America, Inc. as the governing body for amateur softball and agrees to abide by all official Amateur Softball Association of America, Inc. rules.

### 1.04 Construction

Whenever used in the Constitution and By-laws (articles), unless specifically mentioned, the following words, terms and phrases are defined to mean:

- a. NATIONAL ASA - means the Amateur Softball Association, Inc., the National organization.
- b. WASA - means the Wisconsin Amateur Softball Association, Inc., the State organization.
- c. MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL means, the advisory body of the WASA composed of the State Commissioner, Commissioner Emeritus, Assistant State Commissioner, President, Past-President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, State Umpire-In-Chief, State Youth (Junior Olympic) Commissioner, Sports Information Director, State Player Representative, State Divisional Commissioners, Divisional Player Representatives, Deputy Umpire-In-Chiefs, Deputy Divisional Player Representatives, Deputy Divisional Commissioners, District Divisional Commissioners, Affiliated Associations, Emeritus Positions and any other appointed positions made by the State Commissioner or State Umpire-In-Chief, with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- d. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - (Board) means the governing body of the WASA composed of the State Commissioner, Commissioner Emeritus, Assistant State Commissioner, Immediate Past-President, State Umpire-In-Chief, State Youth (Junior Olympic) Commissioner, State Player Representative, 3 Division of Play Commissioners, Women’s Commissioner and 4 officers elected by the Membership Council.
- e. ADDENDUM means that portion of the WASA Constitution and By-laws (articles) that will require periodic changes.

### 1.05 Amendment

- a. Amendments to the By-laws (articles) shall be proposed at the regular scheduled Board of Directors meeting.
- b. The Membership Council shall be given timely notice of all proposed amendments, and the Board of Directors shall consider the guidance of the Membership Council when approving all amendments.
- c. A proposed amendment may be submitted and approved as follows:
  1. Submitted 10 days prior to Membership meeting. A two-thirds approval of the Board of Directors present shall be needed to adopt the proposed agenda amendment.
  2. Submitted and presented at the Board of Director’s meeting. Such amendment must be in writing and submitted to the secretary for reading. A three-fourths approval of the Board of Directors present shall be needed to adopt the proposed floor amendment.
- d. An amendment approved by the Board of Directors shall become effective on the succeeding date of the next scheduled Board of Director’s meeting, unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

## **ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP**

### **2.01 Type**

- a. **APPOINTED:**

Positions appointed by the State Commissioner such as Assistant State Commissioner, Commissioner Emeritus, State Umpire In Chief, Sectional Deputy Umpire In Chief, District Deputy Umpire in Chief, State Youth Commissioner, Sectional Deputy Youth Commissioner, District Deputy Youth Commissioner, State Divisional Commissioners, Sectional Deputy Divisional Commissioner, District Deputy Divisional Commissioner, State Player Representative, Sectional Player Representative, District Player Representative, Council Member Emeritus and Sports Information Director. This also includes those appointments made by the State Commissioner or State Umpire in Chief with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- b. **AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS:**
  1. Local softball organizations within the physical boundaries of Wisconsin registering all of their teams or umpires with the WASA for the current year. A minimum of 6 registered teams or 12 registered umpires must be in the local association to be considered.
  2. Owners/operators of a softball facility/complex, which hold 3 or more WASA, sanctioned tournaments per year.
  3. A membership form and fees must be submitted annually to the WASA Commissioner by September 15. The membership form must include the association name, address, number of registered teams and umpires and the officers of the association (Director or President). The officers of the association will be listed on the membership council list as the official voting member of the association. All associations eligible to vote at the WASA Council Meeting will be noted during roll call at the meeting. Yearly membership commences October 1 with the approval of the Board of Directors. Each affiliated association is entitled to vote on the Membership Council as set forth in Article 3.05.
- c. **NON-COMPETING:**

This membership is on an open basis, upon payment of an annual fee. Non-competing membership fees shall include the current edition of the Official ASA Guide and annual subscription of USA Softball.
- d. **COMPETING:**

This membership is open to any individual who meets the residency requirements as set forth in the National ASA Code. In case of doubt, the State Commissioner shall require written notarized proof of residency. Appearing on a team's roster whose annual fee is paid constitutes application for membership. Application for membership indicates that the applicant is familiar with the By-Laws (articles) of the WASA and the Code of the National ASA, and if accepted for membership agrees to abide by all conditions set forth therein. Payment of the annual fee constitutes application for membership.

### **2.02 Fees**

- a. Appointed (See Addendum)
- b. Affiliated Association (See Addendum)
- c. Non-Competing (See Addendum)
- d. Competing
  1. Adult Team (See Addendum)
  2. Youth Team (See Addendum)
  3. Umpire (See Addendum)
  4. Individual Registration (See Addendum)
- e. Future fees will be set annually by the Membership Council and recorded in the Addendum.
- f. All financial obligations to the WASA must be met before membership in succeeding years will be granted.

## **ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING**

### **3.01 Date**

The Membership Council shall meet at least one time per year prior to December 31. The Membership Council meetings shall be no more than one day in length.

### **3.02 Site**

The site of the annual Membership Council meeting shall be determined by majority vote of the Membership Council. If the site becomes unavailable, than the State Commissioner shall determine the new site for the meeting.

### **3.03 Duties**

The Membership Council shall be an advisory body of the WASA. The Membership Council shall initiate or receive softball matters from members for consideration and after deliberation make recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Membership Council shall elect members to the Board of Directors as set forth in Articles 1.04d and 4.02b.

### **3.04 Agenda**

An agenda must be posted on the WASA web site for each voting member of the Membership Council a minimum of 10 days in advance of the annual Membership Council meeting.

### **3.05 Voting**

On all matters coming before the Membership Council, each voting council member shall be entitled to one vote. All voting council members will be listed on the current role call list approved by the WASA Board of Directors for the current year. If any WASA Council Member holds more than one voting position that member shall vote only one time unless a proxy vote has been approved by the WASA State Commissioner. All proxy votes must be submitted to the WASA State Commissioner as listed in Article 3.08.

- a. All financial matters will be discussed by the membership council and a recommendation will be sent to the Board of Directors for final approval.
- b. All fees, assessments and tournament bids will be discussed by the membership council and a recommendation sent to the Board of Directors for final approval.
- c. All tournament bids will be reviewed and recommendations sent to the Board of Directors for final approval.

### **3.06 Voting Members**

- a. All positions as listed under Article 1.04c.
- b. All Affiliated Associations meeting the requirements as set forth in Article 2.01b.
- c. Affiliated Associations are entitled one additional voting representative for every 50 teams registered in the previous year. (6 – 49 / one vote, 50 – 99 / 2 votes, 100 – 149 / 3 votes, etc.)
- d. All proxy votes as approved by the WASA State Commissioner as listed in Article 3.08.

### **3.07 Quorum**

A quorum shall consist of 15 voting members for the Membership Council meeting.

### **3.08 Proxy**

A proxy shall be appointed by the State President to represent any council or committee member absent provided the WASA State Commissioner was given advance notice of the needed proxy. All requests for a proxy must be given to the WASA State Commissioner in writing 10 days prior to the start of the next WASA Membership Council meeting or any committee meeting requested by the WASA. A proxy vote for any local association (team or umpire) must be from the local association and the request must be signed by the local association officer to be considered by the WASA State Commissioner for approval.

## **ARTICLE 4 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **4.01 Duties and Powers**

All corporate powers of the WASA shall be exercised by or under the authority of the Board of Directors. The property and business of the WASA shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors.

### **4.02 Number, Tenure, and Qualifications**

The number of Directors shall not be less than ten. Directors shall have the authority to increase the number of Directors beyond ten, as the Directors deem necessary, except that the total number of Directors shall be limited to fifteen.

- a. INITIAL BOARD – The four elected officers of the corporation, the State Commissioner, State Youth (Junior Olympic) Commissioner, three Division of Play Commissioners, and the State Player Representative.
- b. POST-INITIAL BOARD – After the initial term of office, the members of the Membership Council shall appoint at the Membership Council meeting in even number years, members from the Standing Committees for two-year term of office. The elected officers of the corporation shall serve for the term specified in Article 9 of these By-Laws, and the appointed positions of the State Commissioner, Commissioner Emeritus, Assistant State Commissioner, State Umpire in Chief, State Youth (Junior Olympic) Commissioner, Immediate Past President, Women’s Commissioner and State Player Representative.

### **4.03 Meeting**

The Board of Directors shall meet after the annual Membership Council meeting. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the State Commissioner, or any three Directors. The persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board may fix any reasonable time and place for holding any special meeting of the Board.

### **4.04 Site**

The site of the Board of Directors meeting shall be determined by majority vote of the Board. If a site is not available, the State Commissioner shall determine the site.

### **4.05 Quorum**

Six members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at any regular or special meeting of the Board. If less than a majority of the members of the Board are present, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting.

### **4.06 Voting**

On all matters coming before the Board of Directors, each Director shall be entitled to one vote.

- a. The Board of Directors shall vote on and approve:
  - All financial items and budget items
  - Fees, compensation and assessments
  - Tournament bids, sites, dates and awards
  - Tournament viability
  - Changes to tournament procedures when needed
  - Legislation and amendments voted on by the Membership Council
  - Membership Council reports
  - Membership minutes
  - Meeting sites
  - Recommendations and finding from disciplinary hearings
  - Contracts

### **4.07 Conduct of Meeting**

The President and in his absence, the Vice President, shall call the meetings of the Board of Directors to order and shall act as chairperson of the meeting. The Secretary of the corporation shall act as secretary at

all meetings of the Board of Directors, but in the absence of the secretary, the presiding officer may appoint an assistant secretary, or any Director or other person present to act as secretary of the meeting.

**4.08 Removal**

Any Director may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors, provided that the notice of such meeting included such removal as an item of business to be undertaken at the meeting. Any Director of this corporation may be removed by such affirmative vote if, in the opinion of such majority, the best interests of the corporation would be served thereby, or if, in the opinion of such majority, other sufficient cause exists for removal.

**4.09 Vacancies**

A vacancy shall be deemed to occur at any time the number of Directors is less than ten. If there are any vacancies on the Board, the Membership Council shall select individuals to fill the vacant positions. Any Director selected to fill a vacancy shall be selected for the entire unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

**4.10 Presumption of Assent**

A Director of the corporation, who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee thereof of which he is a member, at which action on any cooperate matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his dissent shall be entered into the minutes of the meeting, or unless he shall file his written dissent to such action with the person acting as the secretary of the meeting before the adjournment thereof, or shall forward such dissent by certified mail to the secretary of the corporation immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. Such right to dissent shall not apply to a director who voted in favor of such action.

**4.11 Unanimous Consent Without Meeting**

Any action required or permitted by law, may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all the directors entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

**4.12 Compensation**

All members of the Board of Directors shall serve without compensation. However, the Board may approve such reimbursement for expenses incurred by a Director in furtherance of the activities of the corporation.

**4.13 Conflict of Interest**

No contract or other transaction between the corporation and one or more of its Directors or any other corporation, firm, association, or entity in which one or more of its Directors or officers has a material financial interest, shall be either void or void able because of such relationship or interest or because such Director or Directors are present at the meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee thereof which authorized, approved or ratified such contract or transaction or because an interested Director is counted for such purpose, if (1) the fact of such relationship or interest is disclosed or known to the Board of Directors or committee which authorizes, approves or ratifies the contract or transaction by vote or consent sufficient for that purpose, without counting the votes or consents of such interested Directors, or (2) the fact of such relationship or interest is disclosed or known to the members entitled to vote in the authorized, approved or ratified such contract or transaction by vote or written consent, or (3) the contract or transaction is fair and reasonable to the corporation. Common or interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee thereof, which authorizes, approves or ratifies such contract or transaction.

## ARTICLE 5 – SPECIAL CORPORATE ACTS

### 5.01 Contracts

The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation, in addition to the officers so authorized by these by-laws to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation and such authority may be general as specific instances.

### 5.02 Checks, Drafts, Etc.

All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instrument shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President or Vice-President of the corporation.

### 5.03 Deposits

All funds of the corporation not otherwise designated, shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as may be selected by or under the authority of a resolution of the Board of Directors.

### 5.04 Receipt and Disposition of Property

The corporation may receive and accept property, whether real, personal or mixed, by way of gift, bequest or devise, from any person, firm, trust or corporation which property may be held, administered, sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of, by appropriate officers of the corporation. However, no gift, bequest or devise of any property shall be received and accepted by the corporation if it be conditioned or limited in a manner which is inconsistent with the purpose of the corporation, or with the maintenance of a tax-exempt status of the corporation. The principal and income of all property received and accepted by the corporation shall be held, administered and invested to advance the purposes of the corporation. The funds of the corporation may be invested in any property or securities deemed prudent in the judgment of the Board of Directors, and this judgment may be exercised with the assistance of or may be delegated to any independent outside investment counsel, bank or trust company selected by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE 6 – OFFICER'S & STATE COMMISSIONER

### 6.01 Number

The principal officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected by the Membership Council. Such other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary may be elected or appointed by the Membership Council.

### 6.02 Removal

Any officer may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors of the corporation in the attendance at any meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present, provided that the agenda of such meeting included such removal as an item of business to be undertaken at the meeting. Any officer may be removed by such affirmative vote if, in the opinion of such majority, the best interest of the corporation would be served thereby, or if, in the opinion of such majority, other sufficient cause exists for removal. The removal of an officer shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the officer removed. Election shall not of itself create contract rights.

### 6.03 Vacancies

A vacancy in any principal office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, shall be filled by the Membership Council for the unexpired portion of the term, in a manner prescribed in the by-laws for regular elections to such office.



**6.04 Bonds**

The Board shall require the Treasurer and President of the corporation and may require any other officers to give bond indemnifying the corporation against larceny, theft, embezzlement, forgery, misappropriation, wrongful abstraction, willful misapplication, or other act of fraud or dishonesty, in such sum and with such sureties as the Board may deem sufficient and secure.

**6.05 Titles**

- a. The titles of the elected officers of the WASA, Inc. are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- b. The title of the chief administrative officer is State Commissioner.

**6.06 President**

- a. Election: The President shall be elected at the Membership Council meeting if the Vice-President does not become President at the end of his term.
- b. Term: The President shall serve a term of two years. The President may not serve more than two consecutive terms as President.
- c. Duties: The President shall serve as presiding officer at the Membership Council meeting, Board of Directors and will be chairman of the Executive Committee. He shall also make appointments that are set forth in the WASA By-laws (articles).

**6.07 Vice President**

- a. Election: The Vice-President shall be elected at the Fall Membership Council meeting in the even number years.
- b. Term: The Vice-President shall serve a term of two years and not more than 2 consecutive terms as Vice-President. The Vice-President shall assume the position of President at the end of the Presidents term. If the Vice-President is unable to assume the position of President or resigns, and election will be held for the positions of President and Vice-President.
- c. Duties: The Vice-President may assume the duties of President if the office becomes vacant and will be chairman of the Team Classification Committee.

**6.08 Secretary**

- a. Election: The Secretary shall be elected at the Fall Membership Council meeting in the even number years.
- b. Term: The Secretary shall serve a term of two years. The Secretary may not serve more than two consecutive terms as Secretary.
- c. Duties: The Secretary shall keep and read the minutes of the Membership Council meetings. The Secretary shall also call the roll and check credentials of all voting members. The secretary shall make copies of all minutes for the State Commissioner to keep on file in his office.

**6.09 Treasure**

- a. Election: The Treasurer shall be elected at the Fall Membership Council meeting in the even number years.
- b. Term: The Treasurer shall serve a term of two years and may be re-elected.
- c. Duties: The Treasurer shall keep all financial records of the state organization. A financial statement shall be made available to the Membership Council at each bi-annual meeting.

**6.10 State Commissioner**

- a. Appointed: The State Commissioner is appointed by the ASA Board of Directors of the National ASA.
- b. Term: The State Commissioner shall serve until he or she resigns, or is removed from office by the ASA Board of Directors of the National ASA.
- c. Duties: The duties of the State Commissioner are set forth in the Code of the National ASA. The State Commissioner shall act as parliamentarian at Membership Council meetings. He shall make appointments that are set forth in the WASA by-laws (articles). The State Commissioner shall designate the location of the principle office in Wisconsin.

## **ARTICLE 7 – APPOINTED POSITIONS**

### **7.01 State Umpire in Chief**

- a. Appointment: The State Umpire-In-Chief is appointed by the State Commissioner.
- b. Term: The State Umpire-In-Chief shall serve a term of one calendar year, however, will continue to serve unless notified by the State Commissioner.
- c. Duties: The State Umpire-In-Chief shall thoroughly familiarize himself with the current ASA Official Guide and interpretations. He shall conduct umpire clinics throughout the state, assist in organizing local umpire associations, compile performance ratings, and serve as official state ASA rules interpreter. He shall assign all umpires that are to work WASA Championship Tournaments. He will appoint Deputy Divisional Umpire in Chief's, Deputy Sectional Umpire-In-Chief's and required assistants to assist him.
- d. Conflict of Interest: The State Umpire in Chief cannot be affiliated with a registered WASA team participating in Championship Play. This includes, but is not limited to being a coach, team representative, or member of a team's BOD if one exists. Having a child or spouse participating in Championship Play is not considered an affiliation.

### **7.02 State Youth (Junior Olympic) Commissioner**

- a. Appointment: The State Youth Commissioner is appointed by the State Commissioner.
- b. Term: The State Youth Commissioner shall serve a term of one calendar year, however, will continue to serve unless notified by the State Commissioner.
- c. Duties: The State Youth Commissioner shall serve as membership chairman for youth registrations in the WASA, and shall be the youth coordinator for the national Youth Program. The State Youth (Junior Olympic) Commissioner may appoint Deputy Sectional Youth (Junior Olympic) Commissioners, Deputy District Youth (Junior Olympic) Commissioners and other aides as necessary.

### **7.03 Past President**

- a. Appointed: The Past President shall be approved by the WASA Board of Directors or appointed by the WASA Commissioner if the position is vacant.
- b. Term: The Past President shall serve until he or she is replaced by when the current Presidents term ends. The Past President may sever an additional term if the position is vacant.
- c. Duties: The Past President shall serve on the WASA Board of Directors, and be a member of the Executive Committee. The Past President may sever on additional committees if appointed by the WASA State Commissioner.

### **7.04 Sports Information Director**

- a. Appointment: The Sports Information Director is appointed by the State Commissioner.
- b. Term: The Sports Information Director shall serve a term of one calendar year, however, will continue to serve unless notified by the State Commissioner.
- c. Duties: The Sports Information Director shall serve as editor of the WASA newspaper and serve as the chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee. He shall collect and distribute promotional materials.

### **7.05 State Player Representative**

- a. Appointment: The State Player Representative is appointed by the State Commissioner.
- b. Term: The State Player Representative shall serve a term of one calendar year, however, will continue to serve unless notified by the State Commissioner.
- c. Duties: The State Player Representative shall be chairman of the Player Representative Committee and represent the WASA at the Great Lakes Regional meetings.

### **7.06 State Divisional Commissioner**

- a. Appointments: The State Commissioner shall appoint State Divisional Commissioners to serve in the following divisions of play:
  1. Fast Pitch
  2. Slow Pitch
  3. Modified Pitch

4. Women's
- b. **Term:** The State Divisional Commissioners shall serve a term of one calendar year, however, will continue to serve unless notified by the State Commissioner.
- c. **Duties:** The State Divisional Commissioners shall be chairman of the Division of Play Committee in which he/she is appointed. They shall advise the State Commissioner on all matters in their division of play. They shall recommend to the State Commissioner, individuals for appointment to serve as Deputy Divisional Commissioners. They shall monitor classifications within their division of play in the state, and advise the State Commissioner, and Deputy Divisional Commissioners of inequities.

**7.07 Divisional Player Representative**

- a. **Qualification:** A Player Representative must be an active rostered player.
- b. **Appointment:** Divisional Player Representatives shall be recommended by Deputy Player Representatives in their division of play for appointment by the State Commissioner.
- c. **Duties:** The Divisional Player Representatives shall represent players from their division of play at the Membership Council meetings. They shall serve on the Classification Committee when disputes arise in their division of play.

**7.08 Deputy Divisional Commissioner**

- a. **Appointment:** the State Commissioner will appoint The Deputy Divisional Commissioners.
- b. **Term:** The Deputy Divisional Commissioners shall serve a term of one calendar year, however, will continue to serve unless notified by the State Commissioner.
- c. **Duties:** The Deputy Divisional Commissioner shall coordinate all ASA activities within their respective divisions of play within their sections. Each Deputy Divisional Commissioner shall be responsible for securing within their section sites to host Sectional Tournaments for championship play. Deputy Divisional Commissioners may advise and assist District Divisional Commissioners on team classifications within their division of play under Article 10. Deputy Divisional Commissioners shall mediate disputes in their division of play between districts within their sections.

**7.09 Deputy Divisional Umpire in Chief**

- a. **Appointment:** The Deputy Divisional Umpire-In-Chief shall be appointed by the State Umpire-In-Chief with the approval of the State Commissioner. This position will be considered on the immediate State UIC staff.
- b. **Term:** The Deputy Divisional Umpire-In-Chief shall serve a term of one calendar year, however, will continue to serve unless notified by the State Umpire-In-Chief.
- c. **Duties:** The Deputy Divisional Umpire-In-Chief is responsible for their assigned division of play within the state unless otherwise notified by the State Umpire-In-Chief. The Deputy Divisional Umpire-In-Chief shall thoroughly familiarize themselves with the current ASA Official Guide and interpretations. They shall conduct umpire clinics throughout the state and assist in organizing local umpire associations. They shall assist the State Umpire-In-Chief in compiling performance ratings on registered ASA umpires. The Deputy Divisional Umpire-In-Chief shall assign umpires to work ASA Sectional Championship Tournaments. They shall recommend to the State Umpire-In-Chief those umpires capable of working State ASA Championship Tournaments. They may appoint District Umpire-In-Chiefs or other aids as necessary.
- d. **Conflict of Interest:** The Deputy Divisional Umpire in Chief cannot be affiliated with a registered WASA team participating in Championship Play. This includes, but is not limited to being a coach, team representative, or member of a team's BOD if one exists. Having a child or spouse participating in Championship Play is not considered an affiliation.

**7.10 Deputy Divisional Player Representative**

- a. **Qualification:** A Player Representative must be an active rostered player.
- b. **Appointment:** Deputy Divisional Player Representatives shall be recommended by Deputy and District Divisional Commissioners from within their section and from their division of play for appointment by the State Commissioner.
- c. **Term:** The Player Representative shall serve a term of one calendar year, however, will continue to serve unless notified by the State Commissioner.

- d. Duties: The Player Representatives shall represent players from their section in their division of play at the Membership Council meetings.

#### **7.11 Deputy Sectional Umpire in Chief**

- a. Appointment: The Deputy Sectional Umpire-In-Chief shall be appointed by the State Umpire-In-Chief with the approval of the State Commissioner. This position may be considered on the extended State UIC staff.
- b. Term: The Deputy Sectional Umpire-In-Chief shall serve a term of one calendar year, however, will continue to serve unless notified by the State Umpire-In-Chief.
- c. Duties: The Deputy Sectional Umpire-In-Chief is responsible for all divisions of play within their section unless otherwise notified by the State Umpire-In-Chief. The Deputy Sectional Umpire-In-Chief shall thoroughly familiarize themselves with the current ASA Official Guide and interpretations. They shall conduct umpire clinics throughout their section and assist in organizing local umpire associations. They shall assist the State Umpire-In-Chief in compiling performance ratings on registered ASA umpires. The Deputy Sectional Umpire-In-Chief shall assign umpires to work ASA Sectional Championship Tournaments. They shall recommend to the State Umpire-In-Chief those umpires capable of working State ASA Championship Tournaments. They may appoint District Umpire-In-Chief's or other aids as necessary.
- d. Conflict of Interest: The Deputy Sectional Umpire in Chief cannot be affiliated with a registered WASA team participating in Championship Play. This includes, but is not limited to being a coach, team representative, or member of a team's BOD if one exists. Having a child or spouse participating in Championship Play is not considered an affiliation.

#### **7.12 District Sectional Commissioner**

- a. Appointment: The Deputy Sectional Commissioners are appointed by the State Commissioner.
- b. Term: The Deputy Sectional Commissioners shall serve a term of one calendar year, however, will continue to serve unless notified by the State Commissioner.
- c. Duties: The Deputy Sectional Commissioners shall thoroughly familiarize themselves with current eligibility requirements and WASA team classification guidelines. They shall make rulings on player eligibility and team classifications in their division of play within their district. They shall assist the State Commissioner on making team classification assignments under Article 22. Each Deputy Sectional Commissioner shall assist the Deputy Sectional Commissioner in securing a site for sectional tournaments as required for championship play. Deputy Sectional Commissioners may appoint Deputy District Commissioners and other aides as necessary.

#### **7.13 Commissioner Emeritus**

- a. Years of Service: Upon completion of 10 years of service, a Commissioner may be appointed by the WASA Commissioner as Commissioner Emeritus upon his retirement as an active State Commissioner.
- b. Appointed: Upon appointment by the WASA State Commissioner or upon appointment by the ASA Executive Director to the position of ASA Commissioner Emeritus.
- c. Entitlement: A person who has been named WASA Commissioner Emeritus is entitled to attend all WASA meetings, be a voting member of the WASA Board of Directors, a member of the Classification, Executive and Hall of Fame Committees and have one vote in all meetings. Any Commissioner Emeritus may be reimbursed by the WASA for all travel and lodging expenses to any ASA National Council meeting that he attends.
- d. ASA Emeritus Status: Any Commissioner that has ASA Commissioner Emeritus status will be entitled to all privileges by the ASA and will be a voting member of the WASA at all ASA National Council meetings. ASA Commissioner Emeritus is an ASA National position set in the ASA National Code.
- e. Removal: A WASA Commissioner Emeritus may be removed by the WASA Commissioner.

#### **7.14 Assistant State Commissioner**

- a. The Assistant State Commissioner is a

- b. Appointed: The WASA Assistant State Commissioner will be appointed by the WASA State Commissioner, And shall serve until removed from his/her position by the WASA Commissioner or retirement.
- c. Term: The WASA Assistant State Commissioner shall serve until he/she resigns, the position is no longer needed or is removed by the WASA State Commissioner.
- d. Duties: The WASA Assistant State Commissioner shall assist the WASA State Commissioner as directed, attend all WASA meetings, be a voting member of the WASA Board of Directors, a member of the Classification Committee, the Executive Committee and the Hall of Fame Committees. He shall have one vote at all meetings.

**7.15 WASA Council Member Emeritus**

- a. Years of Service: Upon completion of 10 years of service as a voting member of the WASA Membership Council, or a member of the WASA Hall of Fame, may be appointed by the WASA Commissioner as Council Member Emeritus.
- b. Appointed: Upon written request for appointment by the council member and approval by the WASA State Commissioner.
- c. Entitlement: A person who has been named WASA Council Member Emeritus is entitled to attend all WASA Membership meetings and have one vote in all meetings.
- d. WASA Council Member Emeritus Status: All WASA Council Members Emeritus shall have a lifetime position unless removed by the WASA Commissioner and the WASA BOD for just cause.
- e. Removal: A WASA Council Member Emeritus may be removed by the WASA Commissioner and WASA BOD or the position is vacated by death or resignation.

## **ARTICLE 8 – COMMITTEES**

**8.01 Executive Committee**

- a. Membership: Members shall be the State Commissioner, Commissioner Emeritus, Assistant State Commissioner, State President, State Player Representative, State Youth Commissioner, State Umpire-In-Chief, State Treasurer and Immediate Past State President.
- b. Duties: The Executive Committee shall make rulings on matters presented to it, and these rulings shall be in effect until the next Membership Council meeting, when a final ruling will be adopted by the Board of Directors.

**8.02 Team Classification Committee**

- a. Membership: Members shall be the State Vice-President, State Commissioner, Commissioner Emeritus, Assistant State Commissioner, State Umpire-In-Chief, and the Sectional Commissioner and Sectional Player Representative in whose division of play the dispute is submitted.
- b. Duties: Committee members shall make recommendations to the WASA State Commissioner on team classification appeals brought before the committee. Committee members may advise but not vote on classification appeals from their own section.

**8.03 Hall of Fame Committee**

- a. Membership: Members shall include the Sports Information Director, WASA Commissioner Emeritus, WASA State Commissioner, WASA Assistant State Commissioner, plus a minimum of 6 members appointed by the State Commissioner.
- b. Term: The appointed members shall sit on the committee for two calendar years beginning with the first annual meeting.
- c. Duties: The committee shall screen and recommend to the Membership Council, candidates for the WASA Hall of Fame.
- d. Meetings: The committee shall meet at the annual WASA Fall Membership Meeting and will schedule a final meeting the first of the year to vote on HOF inductees during odd numbered years. The location and date of the meeting will be made by the State Commissioner.

**8.04 Standing Committees**

- a. Division of Play Committees
  - 1. The following Division of Play Committees will meet as directed by the President.

- a. Adult Fast Pitch
  - b. Adult Modified Pitch
  - c. Adult Slow Pitch
  - d. Junior Olympic Softball
2. Membership shall be comprised of any Membership Council Member so desiring. The State Divisional Commissioners shall chair their respective division of play committee.
  3. Duties: The Division of Play Committee should initiate or receive softball matters from their division of play for consideration and make recommendations to the Membership Council and the Board of Directors. The committee shall nominate two members from their committee to the membership Council for appointment to the Board of Directors.
- b. Player Representative Committee.
    1. Membership shall be comprised of Player Representatives. The State Player Representative shall chair the committee meetings.
    2. Duties: The Player Representatives Committee should initiate or receive softball matters from players for consideration and make recommendations to the Membership Council and the Board of Directors.
  - c. Affiliated Associations Committee.
    1. Membership shall be comprised of representatives from the Affiliated Associations as set forth in Article 2.01b.
    2. Duties: The Affiliated Association Committee should initiate or receive softball matters from affiliated associations for consideration and make recommendations to the Membership Council and the Board of Directors.
  - d. Tournament Directors Committee
    1. The WASA Commissioner shall schedule a workshop for all tournament directors that are hosting ASA and WASA tournaments that will be held in Wisconsin that current year. This will be a mandatory meeting and will cover the following items.
    2. All tournament directors, division of play commissioners associated with tournaments, JO Commissioner, WASA Commissioner, State UIC, and tournament UIC's are required to attend. Additional host and tournament personal may attend.

**8.05 Other Committees**

Other committees not having and exercising the authority of the Board of Directors and the management of the corporation may be appointed in such manner as may be designated by a resolution adopted by a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Except as otherwise provided in such resolution, members of each committee shall be directors of the corporation and the President of the corporation shall appoint the members thereof. Any member thereof may be removed by the person or persons authorized to appoint such members whenever in their judgment the best interest of the corporation shall be served by such removal.

**8.06 Vacancies**

Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointment made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointment.

**8.07 Quorum**

Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of the majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.

## **ARTICLE 9 – BOOKS AND RECORDS**

- 9.01** The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and record of account and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors and committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by a director, or his agent or attorney, for any proper purpose at any reasonable time period.

## **ARTICLE 10 – FISCAL YEAR**

- 10.01** The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end the last day of December in each year, also known as a calendar year.

## **ARTICLE 11 – INDEMNIFICATION**

- 11.01** The corporation shall indemnify all of its officers and directors and prior officers and directors to the fullest extent now or thereafter permitted by the Wisconsin non-stat. corporation law. Every person who is or was a director or officer of this corporation (together with their heirs and personal representatives or such person) shall be indemnified by the corporation against all loss, cost, damages and expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) asserted against, incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit or proceeding, including criminal proceedings to which he is made or threatened to be made a party by reason of his being or having been such director or officer, except as to matters as to which he shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his duty as such director or officer in relation to the manner involved. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall be in addition to all rights which officers, directors, or employees may be entitled as a matter of laws.

## **ARTICLE 12 – SEAL**

- 12.01** The Board of Directors shall provide a corporate seal that shall have inscribed thereon the full name of the Wisconsin Amateur Softball Association and the words “Corporate Seal, Incorporated Wisconsin 1989.”

## **ARTICLE 13 – COMPETITION PROCEDURES CODE**

- 13.01** The State Commissioner shall maintain and keep the WASA rules of competition and procedures in a separate document entitled Competition Procedures Code. This shall include, but not be limited to, the WASA sections and districts, player eligibility and tournament and umpire rules.

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## ARTICLE 14 – SECTIONS & DISTRICTS

### 14.01 NORTH WEST SECTION

- a. District #1 – Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland
- b. District #2 – Burnett, Polk, St. Croix
- c. District #3 – Washburn, Sawyer, Barron, Rusk
- d. District #4 – Dunn, Pierce, Pepin
- e. District #5 – Chippewa, Eau Claire

### 14.02 NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

- a. District #6 – Iron, Vilas, Oneida
- b. District #7 – Price, Taylor, Clark
- c. District #8 – Lincoln, Marathon
- d. District #9 – Forest, Florence, Langlade
- e. District #10 – Wood, Portage

### 14.03 NORTH EAST SECTION

- a. District #11 – Marinette, Oconto, Menomonee
- b. District #12 – Shawano, Waupaca, Outagamie
- c. District #13 – Brown, Door, Kewaunee
- d. District #14 – Waushara, Winnebago, Marquette, Green Lake, Fond du Lac
- e. District #15 – Calumet, Manitowoc, Sheboygan

### 14.04 SOUTH WEST SECTION

- a. District #16 – Buffalo, Trempealeau, Jackson
- b. District #17 – La Crosse, Monroe
- c. District #18 – Juneau, Adams, Sauk
- d. District #19 – Vernon, Crawford, Richland
- e. District #20 – Grant, Iowa, La Fayette

### 14.05 SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

- a. District #21 – Columbia, Dodge
- b. District #22 – Dane
- c. District #23 – Jefferson, Walworth
- d. District #24 – Green, Rock

### 14.06 SOUTH EAST SECTION

- a. District #25 - Washington, Ozaukee
- b. District #26 – Waukesha
- c. District #27 – Milwaukee
- d. District #28 – Racine
- e. District #29 – Kenosha

## **ARTICLE 15 – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

### **15.01 BORDERLINE TEAMS**

May participate in the WASA Championship Play only if the number of Wisconsin residents on the team roster is greater than the non-Wisconsin residents, (exception – are those borderline teams who registered with the WASA in 1986 and will be grandfathered as long as their WASA membership is continuous.)

### **15.02 CHAMPIONSHIP LIMITATION**

A team shall compete in only one classification in a division of Championship Play. A team may participate in a National Qualifier in a higher classification of play and still be eligible for State Tournament Play at the team's lower level of classification.

### **15.03 PICKUP PLAYERS**

The WASA will follow Article 503 of the current years ASA Code for pick up players.

## **ARTICLE 16 – DISQUALIFICATION**

### **16.01 Disqualification**

Acts of disqualification. A team, team member, manager or team official may be disqualified for any of the following:

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
2. Physical violence, such as an attack on an umpire or tournament official immediately preceding, during or immediately following a game.
3. Commission of fraud, such as playing under an assumed name, falsifying an affidavit or roster or giving false information to tournament officials.
4. Participating when they do not meet the eligibility requirements of the ASA.
5. Knowingly competing with or against individuals or teams which are disqualified from ASA play.
6. Commission of any act while participating in ASA activities such as: failure to pay indebtedness, destruction of property, violation of state or local laws or any other acts that are contrary to the objectives and purposes of ASA.
7. Violation of ASA substance abuse policies and procedures.
8. Forfeiting a game in Championship play.

### **16.02 Disqualification Procedures**

1. Time Limitations. Disqualification complaints must be filed with the WASA Commissioner not more than 6 months from the alleged date of violation.
2. Hearing. Prior to disqualification, the accused must be given an opportunity for a hearing by the WASA Commissioner. The WASA Commissioner may appoint a deputy or district commissioner, an officer or an official of the local association or any other disinterested party to conduct the hearing in his place.
3. Notification. The accused must be notified in writing of the time, place and date of the hearing. A team or team member is entitled to an alternate date if for good cause the original date is not acceptable. Should the accused player fail to attend the hearing, the person conducting the hearing may proceed and take the evidence of those in attendance.
4. Rulings. After hearing the evidence the person presiding at the hearing shall render a written decision within 14 days. If a decision is not rendered within 14 days, a written appeal may be made to the Executive Director or his designee, whose decision shall be final.
5. Right of Appeal. Following the decision of the WASA Commissioner, the accused or any person claiming that an act of disqualification was or was not committed may appeal in writing within 14 days to the Executive Director or his designee, whose decision shall be final.

**16.03 Effect of Disqualification**

A team, team member, team official, or umpire shall cease to be eligible to participate in tournaments conducted or sanctioned by ASA while disqualified or any local association.

**16.04 Disqualification Procedure (Tournament Play)**

1. Protest Committee – There shall be a tournament protest committee including the tournament director, WASA representative and other members agreed upon by the tournament director and the WASA representative. The Protest Committee shall have jurisdiction to decide questions of disqualification from that tournament or to which a decision (except one of an umpire’s judgment) in the tournament play be appealed. The decision of such committee shall be final.
2. Hearing. Upon the discovery of an ineligible player or acts of disqualification under Article 505(A) of the ASA Code, the team or team member shall be provided a fair notice and opportunity for a hearing before the Tournament Protest Committee whose decision shall be final.
3. Disqualification. A team that is disqualified under this rule shall forfeit the game being played or the game last played and shall be disqualified from further play in the tournament and in any subsequent tournament for which it may have qualified by virtue of its play in the tournament in which it was disqualified and shall be placed last in the final order.
4. Forfeits. Teams that forfeit as a result of other than ineligible players or acts of disqualification under Article 505(A) of the ASA Code shall be allowed to continue in tournament play unless the forfeit was their second loss.

**16.05 Additional Penalties**

A team or team member may be disqualified for a period of time for violation outlined in Article 505(A) at the sole discretion of the WASA Commissioner. However the following acts of disqualification require a minimum of one-year loss of eligibility.

1. Physical violence.
2. Commission of fraud.
3. Competing knowingly with or against disqualified players.

**ARTICLE 17 – REINSTATEMENT**

**17.01 Reinstatement**

The WASA will reinstate players, managers, umpires and teams that have been suspended for all violations of ASA Article 505 after they have served their disqualification time. If after proper appeal to the ASA Executive Director the disqualification has been overturned the player, manager, umpire or team will be reinstated.

**ARTICLE 18 – INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

**18.01 WASA Sanctioned Tournaments**

The State Commissioner will sanction Invitational Tournaments. The Membership Council will determine the sanction fee. The sanction fees for the Invitational Tournaments are listed in the Addendum.

**18.02 WASA State Tournaments**

(Not leading to ASA Championship Play)

1. Men’s 9- Man and 10-Man Modified Pitch, Men’s Fast Pitch, and Women’s Fast Pitch (all Divisions of Play).
  - a. Class A – State Traveling Roster
  - b. Class B – League Roster
  - c. Class C – League Roster
2. Tournament Procedures

- a. The WASA Tournament Director shall follow all requirements and fees as listed in WASA Article 21.
  - b. Teams do not advance to any additional tournament.
  - c. Pick-up players will be permitted as outlined in the ASA Code.
  - d. Bid procedure will follow WASA Article 23.10.
  - e. Tournament awards will follow WASA Article 19.81.
3. The WASA Modified Commissioner and the WASA Modified Committee will classify all men's modified pitchers and players. Pitchers in the ASA 9-Man play must be a US citizen, all other foreign player may play any position other than pitcher. Pitchers that are classified to be a ASA 10-Man Championship pitcher may play at another position but not as a pitcher.
  4. The WASA Division of Play Commissioner and the WASA Division of Play Committee shall classify all teams. Pick up players added to the WASA State Tournament roster may change the team's classification and are subject to approval by the division of play committee and commissioner.
  5. All teams shall follow the ASA uniform guidelines.
  6. The tournaments will be double elimination as per WASA Article 19.55.
  7. Men's Fast Pitch Tournaments may adopt local rules with the approval of the WASA State Commissioner.

**18.03 National Invitational Tournaments**

All berths granted to the Wisconsin ASA will be awarded to teams based on their participation and ranking in the WASA State Championship play. Rosters and pick up players must be in accordance with Article 502 and 503 of the ASA Code.

## **ARTICLE 19 – WASA CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY**

**19.01 Divisions**

The WASA recognizes the Divisions and Classifications of Championship Play listed in the ASA National Code in Article 506. Divisions and rosters in for WASA Championship Play are listed in ASA Article 506 and WASA Article 19.10, 19.20 and 19.30. Roster definitions are listed in Article 19.59.

**19.10 Fast Pitch**

- a. Men's Fast Pitch Division
  1. Major, Class A, Class B, Class C, Class D and Men's 23 & Under
  2. Men's Masters 40, 45 and 50 &
- b. Women's Fast Pitch Division
  1. Major, Class A, Class B, Class C and Women's 23 & Under
  2. Women's Masters 35 &
- c. Boy's (J.O.) Fast Pitch Division
  1. Boy's 18, 16, 14, 12 and 10 & Under
- d. Girl's (J.O.) Fast Pitch Division
  1. Girls Gold Division 18 & Under - Team's State Traveling Roster
  2. Girls Class A 18, 16, 14, 12 and 10 & Under
  3. Girls Class B 18, 16, 14, 12 and 10 & Under
  4. Girls Class C 18, 16, 14, 12 and 10 & Under

**19.20 Modified Pitch**

- a. Men's Modified Pitch Division – 9 Man
  1. Class A, Class B and Class C
- b. Men's Modified Pitch Division – 10 Man
  1. Class A, Class B and Class C
- c. Women's Modified Pitch Division
  1. Class A

**19.30 Slow Pitch**

- a. Men's Slow Pitch Division
  - 1. Major, Class A, Class B, Class C, Class D and Class e/Rec
- b. Women's Slow Pitch Division
  - 1. Class A, Class B, Class C and Class
- c. Co-ed Slow Pitch Division
  - 1. Major and Class A
- d. Men's Masters Slow Pitch Division
  - 1. 35, 40 and 45 &
- e. Men's Seniors Slow Pitch Division
  - 1. 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 and 75 & Over

**19.50 Rules**

The WASA will follow the current year ASA Official Rules of Softball.

**19.51 Home Run Limit**

The WASA will follow Rule 5 of the current year ASA Official Rules of Softball.

**19.53 Uniforms**

- a. Adult Teams
  - 1. All adult teams will comply with the Official ASA Rules on uniforms and equipment. (Rule 3)  
Exceptions will be:
    - a. Class B, C, D, Co-ed, 16" Slow Pitch, Industrial and Masters/Seniors may wear uniforms that are alike, for WASA State Tournament play only.
    - b. Co-ed players may not wear metal, plastic or polyurethane spikes.
      - c. Teams participating in Qualifiers, Regional, Area, Zone or National Championship Play must be in complete uniform.
- b. Youth Teams
  - 1. All youth teams must comply with the Official ASA Rules on uniforms and equipment. (Rule 3)  
Exceptions will be:
    - a. Youth teams may wear alike uniforms in WASA State Tournament Play.
    - b. Youth players may not wear metal, plastic or polyurethane spikes.
    - c. Teams participating in Qualifiers, Regional, Area, Zone or National Championship Play must be in complete uniform.

**19.54 Levels of Championship Play**

- a. Sectional (district as defined in the ASA Code)
- b. State
- c. Regional
- d. Area
- e. National Qualifier
- f. Northern National
- g. Eastern National Championship
- h. National Championship Finals

**19.55 Tournament Format**

All WASA State Tournaments will be double elimination.

EXCEPTION: The WASA State Commissioner is directed by the WASA Board of Directors that when any State Tournament has less than 4 teams entered, the State Commissioner will combine State Tournaments after consulting with the Sectional Commissioner and State Tournament Director.

**19.56 Tournament Champions**

- a. Teams placing in the tournaments listed below, must compete at the next higher classification:

1. Men's Fast Pitch – Teams will be classified by the Division of Play Commissioner and the State Commissioner.
2. Women's Fast Pitch – Class B Champions must compete at the next level of play if that team has taken 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Class B State Tournament 2 years in succession.
3. Men's Modified Pitch – Class A and B teams must advance to the next higher classification based on the number of teams in the tournament.
 

6 – 12 team's	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place
13 – 24 team's	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
25 & more team's	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> place
4. Women's Modified Pitch – 1<sup>st</sup> place in Class A & B State Tournaments. Any team that has 2 or more wins in the State Tournament will not be allowed to drop to a lower classification.
5. Men's Slow Pitch –
  - a. Class C must move up to Class B after winning the tournament 3 times. The wins do not need to be consecutive. They must play at the Class B level 2 times to be eligible to appeal for reclassification.
  - b. Class D must move up to Class C after winning the tournament. They must play at the Class C level one time to be eligible to appeal for reclassification.
  - c. Class E must move up to Class D after winning the tournament. They must play at Class D level one time to be eligible to appeal for reclassification.
6. Women's Slow Pitch – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Class B and C State Tournaments.
- b. Sectional Champions, State Tournament Champions, and teams required competing at a higher classification as stated in Article 19.57a. will be seeded in the second round of the State Tournament bracket if possible.
- c. Teams designated as defending Sectional, State Tournament Champions and teams falling under Article 19.57a. from the previous year must have 5 or more players including pick up players from the previous years WASA official roster. This also includes those teams designated in Article 19.57a. who must play in a higher classification.
- d. Modified teams advancing to a National Championship or National Invitational Tournament (NIT) may not play outside of their classification in the current year. Modified Pitch and Slow Pitch teams that wish to play in a NIT must have the permission of the WASA Commissioner. Berths to an ASA National Championship Finals that also has an NIT at the same time must have at least 4 berths to the National Tournament filled before a berth to an NIT will be awarded.
- e. The ASA National Office according to Article 507 will classify all teams that participate in the ASA Championship Play. The ASA Mandatory Classification Rule will final and a listing of all mandatory reclassifications and restricted classifications will be available through the WASA Office or listed on the ASA web site.

**19.57 Team's Tournament Eligibility and Roster**

- a. Teams wanting to participate in ASA Championship play must be registered and membership paid to the WASA before they can play.
- b. Teams wanting to participate in ASA Championship play must submit their National ASA Official Roster form and WASA Official Entry form to the tournament director.
- c. The WASA Official Roster as defined below:
  1. **SLOW PITCH ROSTER** – is defined by the guidelines set up in the ASA National Code and the Player Classification Committee. Teams, players and pitchers will be classified by the Slow Pitch Committee and the Division of Play Commissioner.
  2. **FAST PITCH ROSTER** - is an open roster. Teams, players and pitchers will be classified by the Fast Pitch Committee and the Division of Play Commissioner.
  3. **MODIFIED PITCH ROSTER** – is an open roster. Teams, players and pitchers will be classified by the Modified Pitch Committee and the Division of Play Commissioner.
  4. **JUNIOR OLYMPIC ROSTER** - JO Girl's Fast Pitch Class A Roster is an open roster. Class B is made up with players from the same league, and Class C Girl's Fast Pitch is made up with players from the same team's regular season league roster and cannot be an all-star team or have pick-up players.)
- d. Teams receiving a berth in the Championship Play, and have signed an ASA Official Roster, and do not advance to the next level of play may be suspended from ASA championship Play for one year.

**19.58 Tournament Entry Procedure**

- a. The Board of Directors will set the entry fees. The fees are listed in the addendum.
- b. All tournament entry fees, WASA Official Entry Form, WASA League Roster, and Official ASA Championship Roster deadline shall be 10 days in advance of the opening date of the tournament.
- c. (Exception – Men’s Slow Pitch and Men’s Modified Pitch. Teams shall submit the above forms and fees 10 days in advance of the first scheduled tournament listed under the division of play.)
- d. The team’s Sectional District Commissioner or Deputy Sectional Commissioner must sign an Official National ASA team Roster and WASA Official Entry Form.

**19.60 Host Teams**

State Tournaments with qualifying Sectional Tournaments shall reserve berths for no more than 2 host teams.

**19.62 State Tournament Draw**

The tournament draw shall be conducted by the State Commissioner or his delegated WASA official. Before the tournament draw all official tournament entry forms, official rosters shall be completed with all proper signatures and all entry fees shall be paid.

**19.64 Championship Berths**

Teams which have received Regional, Area, Zone, National, National Championship Finals or National Invitational Tournament berths based on their finish in a State Tournament must notify the WASA Tournament Director and the WASA State Commissioner immediately following their last game of the tournament, if they intend to use the berth. Failure to notify the State Commissioner will result in loss of travel monies, if any, and the berth being awarded to the next team eligible based on their tournament finish.

**19.65 Tournament Umpire in Chief**

- a. See Article 20

**19.70 WASA Tournament Representative**

- a. The WASA Division of Play Commissioner will recommend a representative to the WASA Commissioner for his approval.
- b. The State Commissioner will appoint all State, Regional, and National Qualifier Tournament Representatives.
- c. Duties: The WASA Representative will assist the tournament director to assure compliance with the ASA National Code, and to file with the State Commissioner a completed Tournament Representative WASA Tournament Evaluation Form. The Representative will also be responsible for the tournament draw, to verify that all teams are ASA registered, verify and sign all championship play rosters, assist the tournament director with the WASA tournament forms and to handle Code questions.

**19.80 State Tournament Awards – JO**

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team shall receive a team trophy and individual medals/trophies based on the National Roster maximum of 20 players.
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team shall receive a team trophy and may receive individual medals/trophies based on the National Roster maximum of 20 players.
- c. The WASA Board of Directors will designate all trophies and awards for ASA State Championship Play.

**19.81 State Tournament Awards – Adult**

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team shall receive a team trophy and individual awards based on the National Roster maximum of 20 players
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team shall receive a team trophy and may receive individual awards based on The National Roster Maximum of 20 players.
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team shall receive a team trophy and may receive individual awards based on The National Roster Maximum of 20 players.



- d. Most Valuable Player (MVP) shall receive an individual trophy and/or award. The MVP will be determined by the Tournament Director and/or delegated representatives.
- e. All Tournament Team - The Tournament Director shall choose all Tournament Team and/or delegated representatives provided there are at least 8 or more teams in the tournament. Individual trophies and/or awards may be given. Positions to be selected are: first base, second base, short stop, third base, outfield (4), pitchers (2 FP/MP) (1 SP), catcher, and designated player (FP/MP), extra player (SP).
- f. Information on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams, MVP and all tournament team must be submitted to the WASA Sports Information for recognition in the state newsletter.
- g. The WASA Board of Directors will designate all trophies and awards for ASA State Championship Play.

## **ARTICLE 20 – UMPIRES**

### **20.01 Registration**

An umpire may register through the State Commissioner, State Umpire-In-Chief, Deputy Divisional Umpire-In-Chief, Deputy Sectional Umpire in Chief or affiliated WASA league

### **20.02 State Tournament Selection**

The State Umpire-In-Chief or his designated representative shall assign all umpires to work the various State or National Qualifying Tournaments. Umpire selections to these tournaments are due to the State UIC a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the event. Changes, drops or additions to these tournament assignments can be done up until the event, if needed, when approved by the State UIC.

### **20.03 Sectional Tournament Selection**

The Deputy Sectional Umpire-In-Chief shall assign all umpires to work the various sectional Tournaments.

### **20.04 Tournament Umpire in Chief**

- a. The WASA State Umpire-In-Chief will appoint all State Tournament and National Qualifier tournament UIC's and assistant site UIC's. Assistant site UIC's are required for additional sites away from the main complex for Championship Play only. Non-Championship Play tournament and assistant site UIC's may be appointed by the State UIC or his designated representative. The WASA Commissioner will have the final approval of all appointments.
- b. Duties: The tournament UIC shall have the following responsibilities:
  1. The tournament UIC will assign all umpires to work the tournament. For State Tournament or National Qualifiers, the tournament UIC will provide the umpire roster to the State UIC no later than 6 weeks prior to the tournament for approval. Qualified local umpires will be used to the maximum extent possible to foster local umpire development and to conserve expenses. At-large umpire assignments, in excess of three (3) will require State UIC approval with the Tournament Director consent.
  2. Verify that all umpires are ASA registered.
  3. Schedule umpires to work games, with the schedule provided to him by the tournament director.
  4. Final rules interpretation.
  5. Field and playing conditions during game.
  6. Fill out evaluation forms for all umpires working the tournament and send the reports to the State UIC.
  7. Fill out reimbursement forms for tournament expenses and give to the tournament director for payment.
  8. Work with the tournament director to schedule rooms needed for the UIC and at-large umpires.
  9. The UIC will not be required to work any of the tournament games unless there is an emergency. If he does work, he must assign an assistant UIC to be available full time in his absence.
  10. The UIC will be compensated as per addendum.
  11. Fill out UIC WASA Tournament Evaluation Form and return it to the WASA Office.
- c. Duties: The Assistant Site UIC shall have the following responsibilities.
  1. Assist the tournament UIC in their duties.
  2. Final rules interpretation on site.

3. Field and playing conditions during game on site.
4. Provide evaluation notes to the tournament UIC for umpires.
5. The assistant UIC will not be required to work games unless in an emergency.
6. The assistant site UIC will be compensated per the addendum.

**20.05 Tournament Umpire Fees and Expenses**

The minimum fees and expenses will be determined by the Membership Council and incorporated into the State Umpire contract. Umpire fees and expenses are listed in the Addendum.

**20.06 Umpire Uniform Requirements**

All umpires working sanctioned ASA leagues and tournaments will comply with the National Code requirements.

**20.07 National Tournament Selection and Nominations**

The State Umpire in Chief shall make selections/nominations to the Regional Umpire in Chief for all National Tournaments. All required paperwork to fulfill the requirements of the National Tournament selection/nomination will be provided by the State Umpire in Chief.

- a. Umpire Minimum Requirements for selection or nomination.
  1. Must be registered with the WASA for the selected year and in good standing.
  2. Must have been an ASA registered umpire in the previous calendar year.
  3. Must have attended a National Umpire School in the past 6 years.  
Exception – The State Umpire in Chief can waive this requirement in case of an emergency or extraneous circumstances.

**ARTICLE 21 – TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR PROCEDURES**

**21.01 State and Sectional Tournaments**

- a. The tournament host / sponsor are financially responsible for the following:
  - ✓ Trophies and awards as noted in Article 19.80 and 19.81
    - Adult Tournaments
      - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place team trophy and 3<sup>rd</sup> if tournament has more than 16 teams.
      - Individual awards for the 1<sup>st</sup> place team may be given.
      - MVP award.
      - Listed all-tournament team if tournament has 8 teams or more.
      - Additional awards may be given out at the tournaments discretion.
    - Youth Tournaments
      - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place team trophy and 3<sup>rd</sup> if tournament has more than 16 teams.
      - Medallions for the 1<sup>st</sup> Place JO Team.
      - Additional awards may be given out at the tournaments discretion.
  - ✓ Umpire games fees (2 per game, until the final 3 bracketed games and if game, these will use 3 umpires) Fees are listed in the 2014 WASA Procedural Code.
    - As listed in WASA addendum for current year.
      - a. Adult Fast Pitch 37.00
      - b. JO Fast Pitch Class A & B 37.00
      - c. JO Fast Pitch Class C 37.00
      - d. Modified Pitch 33.00
      - e. Slow Pitch 25.00
  - ✓ Umpire housing (tournament umpires & UIC if needed, 2 per room)
  - ✓ Any additional softballs purchased, in excess of those supplied by the WASA
  - ✓ Telephone expenses
  - ✓ Mailings and postage
  - ✓ Printing and advertisement costs
  - ✓ Scorekeepers and announcers

- ✓ Scorekeepers shall be used for every game. Scorekeepers shall be provided by the tournament director and host/sponsoring organization.
  - ✓ Police, security and medical.
  - ✓ Field rental and maintenance
  - ✓ All softball diamonds shall be maintained every 2 games by the tournament director and host/sponsoring organization. Fields shall be maintained for consistent and quality play.
  - ✓ Ball chasers
  - ✓ Any other related tournament expense
- b. The tournament host / sponsor are responsible for the purchase of all trophies for the tournament. The team trophies must be purchased from the designated trophy supplier. The individual trophies, MVP and any other individual awards may be purchased from any trophy supplier the tournament host/sponsor so chooses. Money for the team's trophies will be billed to the tournament host/sponsor and must be paid within 30 days. (If the tournament is not run the trophies may be returned to the WASA and the payment refunded. The WASA State Commissioner will decide when tournaments will be cancelled)
  - c. All the softballs used for the tournament will be decided by the WASA. The WASA will give the tournament host / sponsor a designated number of softballs based on the number of teams that played in the tournament the previous year at no cost to the tournament. Any additional softballs purchased are the responsibility of the host/sponsor and must be the same as the balls supplied by the WASA. Worth Softballs are the official ball for the WASA in 2014. Tournament Directors may use any softball (compression and COR) approved for the division of play by the ASA Code. All softballs will be approved by the WASA Commissioner and be the current brand of softball the WASA has sponsorship with.
  - d. All team trophies and softballs will be shipped to the tournament director.
  - e. The tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the National ASA Code and the WASA Code.
  - f. The tournament director shall consult with the WASA Representative assigned to the tournament. The WASA representative shall bracket and draw the tournament with the assistance of the tournament director. The tournament will use the official ASA bracket provided by the WASA. Teams that are reclassified and must play at the next higher level of championship play shall be seeded for their 1<sup>st</sup> game. If berths are available in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, these teams shall receive a berth in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of play if possible. Every effort shall be made to make sure teams from the same section or league will not play each other the 1<sup>st</sup> game.
  - g. The maximum entry fee as listed in the WASA addendum for current year
  - h. The host/sponsor shall use the entry fee to pay all tournament related expenses. The entry fee should cover all these expenses and travel money awarded to teams that advance to the next level of play.
 

Adult Tournaments

The tournament must pay the entry fee to the next level of play for the highest finishing team that advances. (Exception, Slow Pitch tournaments will pay the travel money directly to the teams per their bid. Teams do not have to advance to get the travel money). The host/ sponsor may pay additional money if desired.
  - i. The WASA assessment fees owed for the tournaments will be \$30 per team.
  - j. The bid fee that must be paid for the tournament bid will be \$100. The fee must be turned in at the same time the bid is. (The bid will be returned if it is not accepted. The bid fee will also allow the tournament to use the ASA/USA Softball and WASA logos for that specific tournament)
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    - ✓ Official WASA State Tournament entry forms
    - ✓ Official WASA tournament bracket (filled out)
    - ✓ WASA assessment form (filled out) along with check
    - ✓ All tournament team form (filled out)
    - ✓ Official order of finish form (filled out)
    - ✓ Web site form (filled out)
    - ✓ List of teams that are advancing to the next level of championship play
    - ✓ Any team registrations that are collected before the tournament.
  - l. The tournament director shall work with the UIC provided by the WASA to schedule the tournament umpires and required to do the following:
    - Provide a schedule of the tournament to the UIC to assign umpires prior to the tournament start.
    - Pay umpires immediately following the umpires last game. Number of games worked will be provided by the UIC.

- Provide housing fees for all UIC's and umpires that live outside 50 miles from the main complex. The tournament director will work with the UIC on required rooms and reserving the rooms.
  - Provide a sheltered location for umpires to change.
  - Provide reserved parking for the umpires to park.
  - Provide free and unlimited supply of water for the umpires.
- m. Pay the UIC fees for tournaments as listed in the WASA Code and By-Laws. The UIC shall not work any of the games unless it is an emergency and he/she must have a designated assistant UIC that is not working to take his/her place. The UIC fee will cover any telephone, postage or associated costs that the UIC has for setting up the tournament umpires.
  - n. The tournament director must confirm which teams will advance to the next level of championship play following the final game of each team that may be eligible to advance. Teams must decide if they will advance immediately following their last game of the tournament. The tournament director will provide the teams that are advancing to the next level of championship play, tournament information packets provided by the WASA.
  - o. The WASA Representative will be appointed by the WASA Commissioner and the fees will be paid by the WASA.
  - p. When the bids are awarded, a signed copy may be mailed to the tournament director upon request. If there are any changes to the bid they must be confirmed in writing. Any changes will be noted and a copy will be forwarded to the tournament director within 10 working days.
  - q. For all JO Tournaments the teams advancing must turn in their check for advancing to the ASA National Tournament to the WASA Tournament Representative. This must be completed before the end of the tournament.
  - r. All of the tournament information will be listed on the Official WASA website [www.wisconsin-asa.org](http://www.wisconsin-asa.org).
  - s. Tournament information will also be included in all WASA team and umpire registration packets for the 2015 season.

#### **21.02 Regional Tournaments**

The Host/Sponsor and Tournament Director shall abide by the conditions and procedures set forth in Articles 21.10 of the WASA Code and the ASA National Code.

#### **21.03 WASA Provisions**

- a. An ASA Representative to draw the Official championship Tournament Bracket as stated in Article 21.10b.
- b. A tournament Umpire-In-Chief as stated in Article 20.04.
- c. Umpires for Sectional, State, Regional, Area and Zone Tournaments as defined in Article 20.02 and 20.03.
- d. ASA scorebooks.
- e. Trophy catalogs if requested.
- f. 2014 team registration list if requested.
- g. Space in the WASA newspaper for tournament use, if so desired.

## **ARTICLE 22 – TEAM CLASSIFICATION**

#### **22.01 Philosophy**

The philosophy behind the WASA Classification Guidelines are to place teams in classes according to their competitive ability. Guidelines are to be used as guides and not as hard and fast rules.

#### **22.02 Mandatory Reclassification**

A team that has 4 or more players on a roster, including pick-up players, from a team or teams that finished in the top four positions in the same National Championship Final must play in the next higher classification for their next ASA playing season unless they played in the Major classification.

EXCEPTION: Additional teams will have mandatory reclassification as listed in ASA Code Article 507 g 1.

**22.03 Method**

District Commissioners shall classify teams within their districts as defined in Article 7.10 (Exception: classifications are to comply with Article 19.57). District Commissioners may appoint boards or committees to assist in classifying teams within their district. It is the duty of the Deputy Commissioner to monitor team classifications in their section and advise the Deputy Sectional or Division of Play Commissioner of any inequities.

- b. Division of play commissioner has the authority to reclassify teams. Teams must be notified of the reclassification and have the right to appeal the decision.
- c. J.O Commissioner has the discretion to classify teams at the time of registration.
- d. JO Commissioner shall create a team classification committee for JO teams. The committee shall consist of JO coaches (one each) from the six sections of the state (NE, NC, NW, SE, SC, SW). The committee shall correspond by email or telephone.

**22.04 Team Classification Appeal**

Teams classified in accordance with 19.56 a., or Article 22 has the right to appeal their classification after participating at the higher classification. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the WASA State Commissioner no later than May 1. The State Commissioner will evaluate the information presented and forward the appeal to the Classification Committee. The committee will review the appeal and make a recommendation to the State Commissioner. If the appeal is granted, the team's roster will be frozen for the balance of the year. If the team adds a player to their roster, the appeal is nullified and the team is reclassified to the next higher classification.

- a. Mandatory Reclassification – A team that has five or more players on a roster from a team or teams as listed in 19.56 a., must play in the next higher classification for their next ASA Championship playing season.
- b. Restricted Classification – A team that wins two or more games, excluding forfeits may not participate in a lower classification in the same division of championship play during their next ASA Championship playing season. A team that has five or more players on a roster, from such a team, is considered the same team.

**22.10 Major Class Guidelines**

- a. Any team which desires.
- b. Teams will be classified according to the players on the roster and their player's classification as defined by the ASA National Player Classification Committee.
- c. Any Men's Slow-Pitch team participating in ASA Championship Tournament will fall under the home run limit rule as adopted by the National ASA Code.

**22.15 Class A, B, C, D - Guidelines**

- a. Teams will be classified according to the players on the roster and their player's classification as defined by the ASA National Player Classification Committee.
- b. Any team that is required to move up by the ASA National Office and/or the Wisconsin ASA.
- c. Teams that are reclassified by the Division of Play Commissioner and/or the Division of Player Committee. Reclassifications may be appealed to the WASA Classification Committee.
- d. Any Men's Slow Pitch team participating in ASA Championship Tournament will fall under the home run limit rule as adopted by the National ASA Code.

**22.20 Class E - Guidelines**

A team that participates in a league. The team must be the league rostered team for that participating year. Pick up players may be added from the team's league and must from teams that no longer are eligible to participate in Championship play. Pick up players must have a release form from their team and signed by the league director. If the league director is associated with the team another officer not associated with the team must sign the form.

## ARTICLE 23 – TOURNAMENT BIDS

### 23.10 Procedures

- a. State, Regional and National Qualifier bids will be accepted and voted on at the Fall Membership Council Meeting. The bids will be awarded by a majority vote of the WASA Board of Directors. The WASA will not accept any bids from host/sponsors, unless the bid site has registered all of their teams and umpires in the previous year in that division of play.
- b. A representative for the host/sponsor must be present to submit their bid to the Membership Council. This representative may be the tournament director, assistant tournament director, or appointed representative.
- c. All bids must include the \$100 sanction/bid fee. If the bid is not accepted, all monies will be returned. Bidders prior financial obligations to the WASA must be met before any future bids will be accepted. The bid fee is nonrefundable if tournament is accepted.
- d. All State Tournament bids shall be submitted to the State Commissioner by Sept. 15. The playing field and facilities shall be inspected prior to the tournament bid being turned in.
- e. The State Commissioner based on a first come basis with the approval of the Executive Committee will award State, National Qualifier and Regional Tournament in which no bid was received for the Membership Council to vote on.
- f. Sectional Tournament bids will be accepted and awarded by the deputy Sectional Commissioner in His section. It is recommended that the sectional Tournament be awarded before the Membership Council meeting.

### 23.11 Sanction Fee

- a. State Tournaments (see Addendum)
- b. Sectional Tournaments (see Addendum)
- c. Invitational Tournaments (see Addendum)

### 23.12 Adult Tournaments and Un-bid Tournaments

All adult championship play tournaments, and tournaments that are not bid on, will be awarded by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will review each bid and award the tournament based on the bid package and the viability of the tournament and tournament site. The Board of Directors will set the fees, awards and tournament director guidelines on an individual basis.

## ARTICLE 24 – WISCONSIN ASA HALL OF FAME PROCEDURES

### 24.01 Purpose

- a. To honor those men and women who have played a major role in the growth and development of softball in the state of Wisconsin.
- b. To bring to the attention of the citizens of Wisconsin the wide spread value of, and interest in, the game of softball by so honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to its success.

### 24.02 Nomination Procedures

- a. Categories:
  1. Player, Umpire, Manager, Sponsor Commissioner and Meritorious Service.
- b. There shall be no more than 10 inducted into the Hall of fame every 2 years.
- c. Each member of the Membership Council shall have the opportunity to nominate candidates from their area. Nominees not accepted must be re-submitted.
- d. Players Nominations:

1. To be selected for the WASA Hall of Fame, a person must have been an active player, participating in WASA championship Play, to be eligible for selection.
  2. The length of playing time is to be considered as a factor in the evaluation of candidates. No minimum playing time is required. Honors received at the National and State level shall be used as a gauge for candidacy. Factual and detailed information must be presented to the Hall of Fame Committee before a candidate can be considered. Scrapbooks, newspaper clippings and letters from competent references are acceptable.
  3. State Tournament averages and statistics, number of State Tournaments competed in and any special tournament honors will receive consideration.
- e. Umpires, Managers, Sponsors, Commissioners, and those for meritorious Service:
1. To be selected for the Hall of Fame, a person must have been an active contributor in the WASA, to be eligible for selection.
  2. The length of service is to be considered as a factor in the evaluation of candidates. No minimum time is required. Honors received at the National and State level shall be used as a gauge for candidacy. Factual and detailed information must be presented to the Hall of Fame Committee before a candidate can be considered. Scrapbooks, newspaper clippings and letters from competent references are acceptable.

**24.03 Hall of Fame Awards**

- a. A special designed plaque shall be given to those selected to the WASA Hall of Fame. An identical plaque shall be displayed in the State Hall of Fame.
- b. In addition, each inductee (and spouse) shall receive a lifetime pass to all WASA State Tournaments, along with a commemorative Hall of Fame shirt if asked for.
- c. WASA Hall of Fame rings are available to be purchased by the HOF inductee at their expense.

**24.04 Hall of Fame Presentation**

- a. Announcement of the year's selections shall be made at the WASA Spring Hall of Fame Meeting, with special stories being sent to the home area of the inductees.
- b. Formal induction ceremonies and presentation of awards shall be made as directed by the WASA membership Council at the Fall Meeting.
- c. Hall of Fame ceremonies will be conducted every two years.

**24.05 Citation of Merit Award**

- a. This award is to be given in recognition of those individuals who were dedicated to the game of softball. Their continued effort in the promotion of softball throughout the years, which has benefited players, fans and their entire community.
  1. One award may be given each year.
  2. Person will be presented the award at Hall of Fame Awards ceremony or at the WASA Fall Membership meeting.
  3. Person will not be required to be affiliated with the WASA to receive this award.

**24.10 Special Awards**

- a. Umpire of the Year Award
- b. Annual Media Award
- c. Commissioner Emeritus
- d. Perseverance Award
- e. Other Awards
- f. All the above awards are to be approved by the Hall of Fame Committee and the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE 25 – WISCONSIN ASA PUBLICATIONS

### 25.10 ASA Newspaper “The Messenger”

- a. Subscriptions
  1. No charge to all ASA registered teams, umpires and council members.
  2. No charge to those entities which disseminate ASA information, such as WPRA members, newspapers and radio stations, etc. as deemed appropriate by the State Commissioner and Sports Information Director.
  3. \$5.00 annual fee as stated in Article 25.01 c.
- b. Article Submission Dates.
  1. The 15<sup>th</sup> of every month except February and March which for these months will be the 1<sup>st</sup>.
  2. Publishing Dates – No less than two times per year.
  3. All information to be published should be submitted to the following address:  
Wisconsin ASA Messenger  
Tom Raimer  
PO Box 507  
Jackson, WI 53037  
[raimertm@msn.com](mailto:raimertm@msn.com)

### 25.20 ASA Web Site

- a. All information to be published should be submitted to the following address:  
[WASA Web Site](#)  
Dale Ferron  
4801 Marsh Rd.  
Madison, WI 53718  
[daleferron@charter.net](mailto:daleferron@charter.net)
- b. The web site address will be as follows: [www.wisconsin-asa.org](http://www.wisconsin-asa.org)