

Frequently Asked Questions Re: Bylaws Amendments

What follows are several questions that have been asked by current players. These are not all inclusive, and the Bylaws Amendment Committee recommends you read the proposed Bylaws for more in-depth information.

Why does the League need Bylaws?

The League is a registered 501.c.7 non-profit organization, now with nearly 300 players. A board of directors is required to run the organization, and the Bylaws provide the framework within which that board operates, and reports to / is responsive to the players.

Didn't the League have Bylaws already?

Yes, but following careful review and significant input from players and team managers, the current Board agreed that those Bylaws were outdated and inadequate for the league as it currently exists. Hence, updated Bylaws are needed as the league evolves and continues to grow.

What are the major elements being changed from the current Bylaws?

There are several. First, and perhaps most importantly, it gives every player a voice in how the league runs by giving them the ability to attend all board meetings and provide input directly to the board at the meetings. Board meeting agenda's must be posted in advance of the meeting. The new Bylaws specify that any player can become a director; the current bylaws prevent managers and assistant managers from serving on the board. The proposed Bylaws set a requirement for open board meetings, also setting a required number of meetings during the calendar year. It enumerates the specific responsibilities, duties and powers of the board. Finally, it attempts to create a high level of transparency to the leagues operation.

Who developed the amended Bylaws?

The current board, having determined the need for amendment of the current bylaws, created a seven member Bylaws Amendment Committee, comprised of players in the league. Committee members were volunteers with a variety of relevant backgrounds and from all three playing divisions. This committee met many times during late 2021 and early 2022, resulting in the proposed Bylaws now being put up for approval or rejection by players in the league.

Have the proposed amended Bylaws been reviewed by an attorney?

Yes. The Bylaws to be voted on include recommendations from counsel.

What happens if the Bylaws are approved?

They will immediately go in to effect and an election of new directors in accordance with the new Bylaws will occur. After their election, the new Board will be seated and they will determine who will be Commissioner, etc for the league for their term of service as directors.

How are Directors elected?

Candidates for the Board, having submitted a Candidate Declaration form, are posted at the website for a specific period of time. Players are notified of the upcoming election and candidates, giving players an opportunity to review the candidates. The election is then held

where players vote for the candidate(s) of their choice. The candidate(s) receiving the most votes are declared the winners and will be seated as part of the new Board.

Do the players vote for Commissioner, and other Officers?

No. Once the new Board is seated, the Board will elect the Commissioner, Vice-Commissioner, Treasurer and Secretary.

How will we know who is running for the Board?

Candidates will be required to complete a 'Candidate Declaration & Information' sheet, which will then be posted on the league website.

Who can run for the Board?

Any player in good standing on a current Winter season roster can run for the board.

Are there any 'automatic' board positions, as there are now with division Coordinators?

Not under the new Bylaws. Coordinators are able to run for a board position as any other active player can.

Can the Bylaws be amended in the future if need be?

Yes, there are provisions for amendments to be considered.

What if the amended Bylaws are not approved?

We will revert back to the current Bylaws and determine if a second effort to amend the Bylaws should go forward.

How will I vote on the amended Bylaws?

The league can hold the vote in many ways, paper ballot, show of hands at a mass meeting, or electronically. If electronically, you may get an email via the QuickScores email system, and you will also be informed by your managers as to how, when and where the vote will occur regardless of the method. All efforts will be made to make the vote secure and prevent players from voting more than once, whether by accident or on purpose.

What if I don't have email and the vote is electronic?

You will be given a paper ballot to complete and turn in.

What if I am away the days that the vote occurs?

You can request a ballot from the league Secretary (Rudy Davis)