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ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES

1. Section 1 - Title of Organization

1.1 This organization shall be known as the Midland Softball Association.

2. Section 2 - Objectives

- 2.1 To assist in the promotion and improvement of the game of softball among those who engage in the sport solely for the pleasure and physical, mental, and social benefits they derive there-from.
- 2.2 To educate the public regarding the excellent qualities of the game for players and spectators of all ages and sexes.
- 2.3 To keep the game on a high amateur plane, out of the hands of private promoters interested in personal gain.
- 2.4 To assist in the formation of the rules for the game of softball.
- 2.5 To establish rules for the conduct of and assist in promotion of local tournaments.

3. Section 3 - Government

- 3.1 The governing board of this Association shall be the Executive Board.
- 3.2 The Executive Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, one representative per division, the Commissioner (an ex-officio representative) from the Midland Parks and Recreation Department, Umpire-in-Chief, and the Immediate Past President.
- A. Distinct divisions entitled to representation are as follows: men's slowpitch, men's fastpitch, women's slowpitch, women's fastpitch, men's modified, women's modified, coed, men's church, women's church, and men's grand masters.
- B. Divisional representation will be allotted to any subsequent divisions (not mentioned in 3.2.a) when at least ten (10) teams entered in the division the previous year. One additional representative will be required for each portion of thirty (30) teams above the first thirty (30) entered in the division the previous year.
- 3.3 The Executive Board shall be empowered to delegate its' authority to an Executive Committee composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Commissioner and Immediate Past President to expedite rulings in the event that only one or two matters need to be acted on by the Board. The Executive Committee must have a quorum of four members, and all matters brought before the Committee shall be reported to the Board in writing.
- 3.4 Each person who is or was a trustee, director, member, officer or member of a committee of the corporation and each person who serves or has served at the request of the corporation, as a trustee, director, officer, partner, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise shall be indemnified by the corporation to the fullest extent permitted by the corporation laws of the State of Michigan as they may be in effect from time to time. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any such person against any liability asserted against and incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation would have power to indemnify such person against such liability under the preceding sentence. The corporation may to the extent authorized from time to time by the Board, grant rights to indemnification to any employee or agent of the corporation to the fullest extent provided under the laws of the State of Michigan as they may be in effect from time to time.

4. Section 4 - Election of Officers

4.1 President. The President shall be the preceding year's Vice-President.

- 4.2 Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Members of the Association at the annual business meeting shall elect the Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer during the month of March or April.
- 4.3 DIVISIONAL Representatives. All DIVISIONAL Representatives shall be elected by their respective DIVISIONS during the month of March or April, or as soon thereafter as practical.
- 4.4 Commissioner. The City of Midland Department of Parks and Recreation shall designate a qualified member of its staff to serve as Commissioner.
- 4.5 Umpire Representative. The Umpire Representative shall be the Umpire-in-Chief.
- 4.6 Historian's Duties. To provide insight and guidance to the MSA Board on past decisions and policies that has shaped MSA softball.

5. Section 5 - Duties of Officers

- 5.1 The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He shall preside at the annual meeting and such other meetings of the Association as may be called. He shall appoint such committees as may serve the best interests of the Association. He shall appoint qualified members of the Association to any vacancies occurring on the Executive Board. He shall be one of the signatories on the bank accounts of the Association.
- 5.2 The Vice-President shall assist the President and Commissioner. He shall be one of the eligible signatories on the bank account.
- 5.3 The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Association and the Executive Board, including names of those present; issue notices and bulletins; and file one copy of such minutes, notices and bulletins with the Commissioner. He shall be an authorized signatory on the bank account.
- 5.4 The Treasurer shall maintain bank accounts in the name of the Association, all of which shall require two of four authorized signatures; receive and disburse all moneys for the Association and keep an accurate monthly accounting thereof, one copy of which he shall file with the Commissioner and one copy with the President. He shall be one of the authorized signatories on the bank accounts of the Association. He shall not negotiate or issue any check or other instrument drawn on the accounts of the Association unless such check or instrument is endorsed or signed by two of the four authorized signatories.
- 5.5 The Commissioner shall issue memberships to qualified teams and team members, rule on interpretations of all rules pertaining to the players, league regulations or any other matter of dispute that comes before the Association, except as otherwise provided herein. He shall be one of the authorized signatures on the bank accounts.
- 5.6 A Seat of a member of the Executive Board shall be considered vacant if he shall miss two consecutive Board meetings, unless excused.

6. Section 6 - Membership

- 6.1 Sponsor Membership. A person, firm, or organization that finances a team's entry fee.
- 6.2 Team Membership. Teams will be allowed membership when they have twelve (12) to twenty (20) players and play a regular schedule of games sanctioned by the MSA or the Midland Parks and Recreation Department.
- 6.3 Player Membership. A player who meets the MSA eligibility requirements and pays his or her membership fees.
- 6.4 A non-player who wishes to become a member of the MSA may do so by paying his membership fee.

7. Section 7 - Meetings

- 7.1 An Annual Meeting of the membership shall be held in March or April of each year for the purpose of conducting Association business such as election of officers, consideration of by-law changes, and adoption of financial reports.
- 7.2 The Executive Board meetings shall be called by the President as dictated by impending business and he shall provide notice to the board members.

8. Section 8 - Amendments

- 8.1 These by-laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the membership, provided that the proposed change has been presented to the Commissioner in writing five days prior to the meeting.

9. Section 9 - Eligibility

NOTE: The MSA Board reserves the right to limit the number of teams. Should limits be imposed the following order of preference will be used.

- 1. Teams on which a majority of the players live or work in Midland County.
- 2. Teams who played in league the previous season.
- 3. New teams will be considered by date of receipt of application.
- 4. Teams on which the majority of the players do not live in or work in Midland County.

Definition: Midland team - a team that is made up of players who work or live in Midland County full time.

- 9.1 Membership shall be open. Any member under the age of eighteen years shall be required to present their parent's or guardians' written permission before they are eligible to play in the Midland Softball Association.
- 9.2 Church League Teams: A person must be a registered church member when churches play in a designated church league.
- 9.3 Masters: Player must be fifty (50) years old by December 31 of the current softball season.
- 9.4 Grand Masters: Player must be sixty (60) years old by December 31 of the current softball season.

10. Section 10 - Leagues

- 10.1 Leagues will be determined by the Commissioner using preference data supplied by the managers.
- 10.2 The Commissioner's office will schedule all leagues and will have the final authority thereon.
- 10.3 League winners shall be determined by the total season's win-loss record. In the event of a tie for first place, the tiebreaker will be the teams' head-to-head win-loss record. If the tie cannot be broken using the tiebreaker, co-champions will be recognized.

11. Section 11 - Fees

- 11.1 A membership fee will be required for players, coaches, managers, and other members participating in Midland Softball Association programs.
- 11.2 The City of Midland assesses each adult player a fee to cover the cost associated with administration of the softball program.
- 11.3 The sponsor's entry fee covers the cost of administration of the program. The fee may vary year to year in accordance with prices.
- 11.4 The Executive Board and Commissioner will determine the standard fee for the current season each year by the first of April.

- 11.5 Team entry fee and roster sheets are to be turned in to the Parks and Recreation office on or before the deadline date set by the Commissioner. Teams failing to have a minimum of twelve (12) players registered by the deadline set by the Commissioner shall forfeit their first game.
- 11.6 Cost for all local tournaments will be decided by the Board. Fees for other tournaments will be decided upon by the committee in charge.
- 11.7 District Tournament fees will be set by the Commissioner and administered by the Association with the Association realizing the income.
- 11.8 Player fees, once paid, shall not be refunded once the season has begun. Team fees, once paid, shall not be refunded once the season has begun. Exception: Player fees, paid for a league that is not established may be refunded.

12. Section 12 - Contract Requirements

- 12.1 A player's signature on the team's roster with the player's membership fee must be on file with the Department of Parks and Recreation before a player is eligible to play.
- 12.2 A team, team member or manager may be suspended from further league or tournament play for a period of one (1) year for using a non-rostered player. There shall be an appeal allowed.
- 12.3 A player may be listed on any number of rosters in the same division provided that they are not in the same league.
- 12.4 Contract Deadlines
 - A. NO CONTRACTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER **June 15th**.
 - B. If, after June 15, a team shall have twelve (12) or less players available for play, the manager of such team may petition, in writing, the Commissioner to add not more than two (2) players to such team's roster as replacements for any players who are unable to play. The Commissioner, whose decision will be reviewed, may temporarily instate the players and a final ruling made at the next regular meeting of the Executive Board. Players who are being replaced are no longer eligible to participate in MSA play for the remainder of the current MSA season.
 - C. Suspended players shall be considered available for play for the purposes of this rule.
 - D. Such added players shall not be eligible for play in State Tournaments, which starts with Districts or District Play Downs, or League Tournaments.
- 12.5 Servicemen's Exceptions
 - A. When home on furlough, they may play with the team they last played with. In the event that team no longer exists, servicemen who formerly played may play upon application to and with the approval of the Executive Board.
 - B. When returning from the Armed Forces after June 15, they are eligible to play immediately after they sign their team roster with the Parks and Recreation Department, and have complied with Section 11.1.
- 12.6 No player's signature will be considered valid if the player, having played previously on a different team, has not turned in his complete uniform to the former manager. It will be the manager's responsibility to inform the Midland Softball Association of any outstanding uniforms. The name of the player shall be placed on the ineligible list.

13. Section 13 - Transfers

- 13.1 Players may transfer from one team to another during the season. A release must be obtained from his current team before the player changes teams. A new roster must be signed before he plays for his new team. A player may appeal to the Executive Board in writing.

14. Section 14 - Releases

- 14.1 A manager may release a player at any time during the regular season. The manager is responsible for notifying the said player of his release. A release must be on file with the Department of Parks and Recreation before it is effective. A week is considered Monday through Sunday.
- 14.2 In the case where a player asks for his release and manager refuses to grant it, the player may appeal, in writing, to the Executive Board, which may hold a hearing and/or issue a release for the player depending upon the circumstances of the case.

15. Section 15 - Player Conduct

- 15.1 If a player is ejected from a MSA sponsored game, he shall be suspended for the next MSA sponsored game played by his team. There shall be no appeal.
- 15.2 The second time a player is ejected from a game in one season, or if a person is ejected for crashing into a defensive person holding the ball, waiting to make a tag, shall be suspended for the next two (2) league or league tournament games played by their team. There shall be no appeal.
- 15.3 If a player is ejected from three league or League tournament games in a season, he shall be suspended for a period of twelve months from the date of the third suspension. There shall be an appeal allowed.
- 15.4 Any player striking or pushing the umpire shall be suspended for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of such incident. There shall be an appeal from such suspension provided it is made within forty-eight (48) hours of the incident.
- 15.5 Any display of violent or abusive behavior by a MSA member reported by a MSA member, spectator or umpire to the Board and documented, may be reviewed for disciplinary consideration.
- 15.6 If a suspended player participates in a game his team shall forfeit the game and the length of time remaining in player's suspension shall be doubled.

See Addendum for interpretation of a suspended player's participation as adopted by the Midland Softball Association Executive Board.

- 15.7 Any player or team representative discovered consuming alcohol or illegal drugs during a game would be disqualified from further participation in that contest. Alcohol and or illegal drugs will not be brought into the playing field or into the bench area. A repeat offense during a season may result in disciplinary action by the Midland Softball Association Board.

16. Section 16 - Reinstatement

- 16.1 Any player suspended under the provision of the sub-sections 15.3 or 15.4 must petition the Executive Board for reinstatement before being eligible to play.

17. Section 17 - Protests

- 17.1 The Protest Committee will consist of at least six members of the Executive Board of the MSA. Protest will be heard within two weeks of the filing of the written protest.
- 17.2 In the event that a protest is heard by the Executive Committee as outlined in rule 3.3 only four members are required to hear the protest.

- 17.3 A protest form, in duplicate, shall be filed with the Commissioner at the Parks and Recreation office within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident protested by the representative of the team lodging the protest.
- 17.4 A protest fee of \$10.00 shall be paid when the protest is filed. Such fee shall be refundable only if the Protest Committee determines there was substantial basis in fact for the protest.
- 17.5 No protests shall be accepted by the Commissioner unless Rule 9 of the Official Softball Rules has been followed.
- 17.6 Protests during the League tournament play shall be made at the time the alleged infraction of the rules occurs and the protest must be settled before the game continues. Umpires are to settle field protest; however, they may confer at the time, when necessary, with the Commissioner, if present. An appeal shall not postpone the game.

18. Section 18 - Local Tournaments

- 18.1 League tournament will be scheduled by the Commissioners office.
- 18.2 Tiers will be established in an attempt to evenly distribute competition.
- 18.3 Tiers will consist of not more than 16 teams.
- 18.4 Tiers will be played in single elimination brackets until four (4) teams remain.
- 18.5 Draws will be done by the Commissioners office.
- 18.6 The final four (4) teams of the tournament shall be run off in a double elimination series. During the double elimination phase, the time limit shall not be in effect.

19. Section 19 - Lighting Rules

- 19.1 Lights will not be available for twilight games. The twilight games will not be played off.
- 19.2 Lights will be turned on at the discretion of the umpire and the park attendant.

20. Section 20 - Diamond Reservations

- 20.1 Practice or Practice Games. Diamonds may be reserved on Friday morning for the following week's practice. Reservations will be accepted at 7:00 a.m. in person at the Parks and Recreation office or after 8:00 a.m. by phone. One reservation per team per week will be accepted. Each team will be allowed one reservation only.

The Parks and Recreation Department may, with notice, alter this policy at times to accommodate as many teams as possible.
- 20.2 Exhibition Games. Exhibition games are games involving at least one Midland team, but in which both teams are ASA sanctioned. The Umpire-in-Chief or the Commissioner assigns umpires. For matters of player conduct, the teams will be subject to MSA by-laws.
- 20.3 Diamonds are available for exhibition games. Permission must be secured from the Commissioner at least seven days prior to game with diamonds allocated by the Parks and Recreation office.

21. Section 21 - Scoring and Records

- 21.1 The home team shall designate the official scorer for each game. It shall be the responsibility of each team to check periodically with the scorer to be sure that there is no disagreement.

22. Section 22 - Umpires

- 22.1 Umpires for all MASA - ASA sponsored games will be selected from the Umpires Organization, which is part of the Midland Softball Association, and supervised by the Softball Commissioner.
- 22.2 All officials must have completed the instruction program as sanctioned by the Midland Softball Association.
- 22.3 State Registration. All officials must be registered with the Michigan Amateur Softball Association and Amateur Softball Association of America as officials.
- 22.4 Duties of the umpires are as follows:
 - A. Umpires are responsible for knowledge of and execution of all materials included in the ASA Official Guide, ASA Umpires Manual, ASA Official Scorers Manual, and Midland Softball Association by-laws.
 - B. After the game, secure possession of the game balls and completed scorecard.
 - C. Report conduct of game, manager, coaches, spectators, and unusual incidents.

23. Section 23 - Umpire-in-Chief

- 23.1 The Umpire-in-Chief shall be selected by the umpires and serve as a voting member of the Softball Board.
- 23.2 The Umpire-in-Chief is responsible for all duties outlined in the ASA Umpires Manual.
- 23.3 The Umpire-in-Chief will assist the Parks and Recreation office in rating and assigning umpires to league games.
- 23.4. The Umpire-in-Chief will make all umpire assignments as pertains to all exhibition and tournament games excluding districts and regional play.
- 23.5. Umpire-in-Chief Compensation. Umpire-in-Chief will receive \$15.00 per week beginning the first week of scheduled play and continuing through season end.
- 23.6 Umpire-in-Chief should have a minimum of seven (7) days notice for assignment of umpires for exhibition and tournament games. Recommendations will be accepted from sponsoring managers or groups.

24. Section 24 - Umpire Clinics

- 24.1. A clinic will be held each year (1) to promote better softball through adequate training prior to the softball season, (2) to encourage and obtain additional people to actively engage in umpiring and (3) to increase the number of local people who can be sanctioned by the State as a qualified umpire.

ARTICLE II

PLAYING RULES

Midland Softball Association games will be governed by Amateur Softball Association (ASA) rules except where a specific local rule has been adopted herein. Modified softball will share local rules adopted for Fastpitch.

25. Section 25 - Practice Time

- 25.1 The first named team on the schedule is designated as the home team. The second named team is designated as the visiting team. The home team will have infield at 5:45, the visitors at 5:50, and the managers and umpires will confer at 5:55, with the game beginning at 6:00. The Department of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to change the time depending on the season. Pre-game warm-up (infield practice) will not be permitted or scheduled on the infield for teams playing 2nd, 3rd, or 4th games on the same field.
- 25.2 (FAST PITCH ONLY) at the start of the game or when a new pitcher is substituted, the pitcher shall be allowed five warm up pitches. At the start of any subsequent half inning, the pitcher shall be allowed three warm up pitches. Any pitcher returning in the same half inning shall be allowed no warm up pitches. This does not apply if the umpire delays the start of play due to substitution, conference, injuries, etc. The plate umpire has the discretion to increase this number due to inclement weather or injury.

26. Section 26 - Game Times and Forfeit Allowance

- 26.1 Twilight games shall start no earlier than 6:15 p.m. **Forfeit time is game time.**
- 26.2 Subsequent games shall not start before the regular scheduled game time, nor within five (5) minutes after the completion of the previous game, whichever occurs latest.
- 26.3 PROVIDED THE GAME IS NOT TIED, no new inning shall start after an elapsed time of one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes from the starting time of all Fastpitch and Modified games, and no new inning shall start after an elapsed time of one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes from the starting time of the game OF all Slowpitch games. If the game is tied after the time limit has elapsed:

All slow pitch games will continue without interruption until the completion of the next inning in which the tie is broken in accordance with 32.1 c.

All fastpitch and modified games will start the next inning, and each half inning thereafter, with the offensive team beginning its turn at bat with the player who scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base until the completion of the next inning in which the tie is broken in accordance with 32.1 c. If a team is playing shorthanded and the runner who is to be placed on second base is the absent player, do not declare an out. The player whose name precedes the absent player shall be placed on second base. **NOTE:** A substitute may be inserted for the runner.

27. Section 27 - Minimum Number of Players Rule

- 27.1 Nine (9) players are required to begin a game in Slowpitch. Eight players are required to begin a game in Fastpitch or Modified. Nine (9) players, four (4) men and five (5) women or five (5) men and four (4) women, are required to begin a game in coed play with the tenth (10th) player position taking an out. In Fastpitch, if a team begins with eight (8), they must finish with a minimum of eight (8). No DP will be used. In Slowpitch, if the tenth (10th) player becomes available for play after the game has started, he shall enter the game at the first opportunity and he shall be placed number ten (10) in the batting order. In Fastpitch or Modified, if the ninth (9th) player becomes available for play after the game has started, he shall enter the game at the first opportunity and he shall be placed number nine (9) in the batting order.

27.2 If the Executive Board finds a team has violated the spirit of this rule, it shall declare a forfeit of all games in which such team has used eight (8) players. Further, such team shall be required to field a complete team for all games for the remainder of the season.

28. Section 28 - Runs Ahead Rule

28.1 If one team is leading by the amount of RUNS listed in the chart below after the indicated amount of INNINGS in the particular type of GAME, and the opposing team has had equal or more turns at bat, the team leading shall be declared the winner.

<u>GAME</u>	<u>RUNS AHEAD</u>	<u>INNING</u>
Slow Pitch	Twenty (20)	After 3
Slow Pitch	Fifteen (15)	After 4
Slow Pitch	Ten (10)	After 5
Modified	Fifteen (15)	After 3
Modified	Ten (10)	After 5
Fast Pitch	Fifteen (15)	After 3
Fast Pitch	Ten (10)	After 4
Fast Pitch	Seven (7)	After 5

29. Section 29 - Designated Runner

29.1. DESIGNATED RUNNER - A designated runner is a member of a team, who, while on offense, is designated to "run" for any legal base runner.

29.2 Designated Runner Rule:

- A. A "runner" may be designated to run for any legal base runner in any game without otherwise affecting the status of said player in the game. A designated runner must be selected prior to the game and must be included in the official lineup.
- B. It is not mandatory that teams use a designated runner, but failure to do so prior to the game precludes the use of a designated runner for that game.
- C. The designated runner role may not be used more than once per inning.
- D. The designated runner may run for any player in any inning.
- E. If the designated runner is injured or cannot continue, the player for whom he ran must return and this move then terminates the designated runner role for the remainder of the game.
- F. The designated runner may enter the game either as a substitute batter or fielder; this terminates the role of designated runner.
- G. The designated runner will not be included in the re-entry rule.

29.3. Enforcement of the "Designated Runner" rule.

If the rule is violated the penalty will fall into the category of an unreported substitution. The effect of an unreported substitution is disqualification of the unreported substitution.

30. Section 30 - Forfeit Rules

- 30.1 If a team is unable to field a team as set forth in Section 27, the plate umpire shall declare such team a loser by forfeit.
- 30.2 The manager of the opposite team shall be required to list a complete starting line-up of players present at the game site and present it to the umpire.
- 30.3 If neither team has a sufficient number of players present at the game site and available to play, a double forfeit shall be declared.
- 30.4 Any team, which forfeits two (2) games during the season, shall be reported to the Board for review. The Executive Board may suspend the team for the remainder of the season if circumstances warrant a suspension.

31. Section 31 - Postponements

- 31.1 No games shall be postponed except in case of inclement weather. Games postponed due to inclement weather may be rescheduled within the sole discretion of the Commissioner; or provided such game shall be rescheduled when it has a bearing on a team's qualifications for the play-offs or when it would prevent two teams from meeting during the entire season. If all games between two teams were postponed, they shall be rescheduled at least once and shall decide the choice of bat by flip of a coin.

32. Section 32 - Complete Games

- 32.1 A game shall be considered complete when called by the umpire:
- a) On account of darkness, rain or other inclement weather, provided that five (5) or more innings have been played.
 - b) If the home team is leading after 3 ½ or 4 ½ innings and section 28.1 has been invoked.
 - c) The time limit has been exceeded.

Upon the above happening, the score shall revert to the score at the last full inning if the home team does not complete its turn at bat.

EXCEPTION - No game will end in a tie regardless of time limit (SEE 26.3).

- 32.2 All games shall be started and finished on the diamond where scheduled; however, the plate umpire may transfer the game to another diamond at the same complex, if such diamond is available and in more playable condition.
- 32.3 If a game is delayed due to weather or any other reason, the game shall proceed at a time designated by the umpire on the same day. If it cannot be played on the same day, it shall be rescheduled in its entirety.
- 32.4 In all League tournament play a twilight game that is tied at the end of a complete inning may be completed under the lights; in this instance Sec. 32.1 shall apply.

If a game is moved mid-inning (due to darkness) from an unlighted field to a lighted field, the game shall resume at the end of the last full inning played. No inning shall be split between an unlighted field and a lighted field.

33. Section 33 - Equipment Specifications

- 33.1 All equipment must meet current ASA specifications.
- 33.2 Balls. The Association will furnish top grade balls. The Board will select the make of ball to be used.

33.3 Bat Testing**A. Testing Information**

1. All bats must be ASA approved and must have the ASA logo.

2. ALL bats must be tested and have either the ASA, MASA, or MSA hologram label affixed to the bat.
 3. Bats may be spot tested at any time throughout the season by a committee of the MSA Board.
- B. Penalty:**
1. Before the game: Any bat deemed illegal or altered, cannot be used.
 2. For using a bat without the hologram label, will result in an out, ejection, and suspension for one (1) year from the date of the occurrence for any and all MSA play excluding ASA state play.
 3. Equipment may be confiscated by the umpire, field director, or the MSA Board at any time, and / or if someone is injured and needs medical assistance. 2011

33.4 Uniforms. It is suggested that all members of a team be dressed alike for the morale of the team.

33.5 Double First Base Rule. If a double bag is used, the INSIDE bag will be white. The OUTSIDE bag shall be fluorescent orange. See the ASA rule for proper usage of the double base.

34. Section 34 - Responsibilities of Manager

34.1 He will be responsible to and for his team in the softball program.

35. Section 35 - Duties of Manager

- 35.1 Register the team.
- 35.2 Register the players.
- 35.3 Pick up league schedules.
- 35.4 Register for all tournaments.
- 35.5 Inform all players of schedule changes.
- 35.6 Read the ASA & MSA Rules and Regulations.
- 35.7 Checking and properly filling out the scorecard.
- 35.8 Inform Midland Softball Association of any outstanding uniforms for ineligible list.

36. Section 36 - Honorary Life Membership

- 36.1 Honorary Life Membership in the Midland Softball Association will be awarded to members or former members who have furthered the objectives of the Association and in recognition of either outstanding service to softball or in softball. The award shall consist of an appropriately framed certificate.
- 36.2 Awards will be made at an appropriate Association activity. A maximum of four Honorary Life Memberships may be awarded each year.
- 36.3 Selections shall be made by the Board no later than August 1 from nominations presented by members.
- 36.4 Nominations for the award shall be received by the MSA Board until July 15. Nominations must be in writing and must be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Office.

37. Section 37 - Miscellaneous

37.1 Rules and regulations governing Grand Masters League play will be the result of collaboration between the participating teams and the Softball Commissioner. The Commissioner will have the final authority thereon.

37.2 Men's Church Slow Pitch Only – Stealing is not permitted. 2011

38. Section 38 – Batting

38.1 (Adult slow pitch only, except masters and seniors.) The batter shall **not** assume a one-ball, one-strike count upon entering the batter's box.

ADDENDUM I

Interpretations of Section 15 as adopted by Midland Softball Association Board on July 29, 1979:

In an effort to clarify the intent of the Midland Softball Association as regards players suspended from participation, the following interpretation is hereby adopted.

A player suspended, either as a result of an ejection from a previous game or as a direct result of MSA Board action, shall be subject to the following restrictions:

1. He/she shall be limited to the role of a passive spectator at any games involving his team or league.
2. He/she shall be restricted to those areas specifically designated for spectators. In either case he/she shall be clearly away from the bench area of either team.
3. His/her interaction with players of both teams and game officials will be limited to spontaneously cheering an outstanding play.

Any violation of the above will result in a forfeited game as well as doubling of the games remaining in the suspension.