

Clean and Sober Softball Association (CSSA)
All Members Meeting
Saturday, February 7th, 2026
Cedar Grange – Maple Valley, WA



Board of Directors:

Present	Absent		Present	Absent	
X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tomas Ramirez – Director			
X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tony Dayton - Vice Director	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chelsee Corona – Tournament Coordinator
X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jason Kingsbury – Treasurer	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amanda Haffner - Public Information
X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jade Wiltsey - Vice Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Owen Schimming – Rules & Ethics
X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Renee Jones – Secretary	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dan McGhee – Vice Rules & Ethics

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting started at 1:03pm.
- b. BOD present as listed above.
 - Representation from: East, South, West, Central, Cascade, TSRL & Olympic divisions
 - Absent: Southwest, Yakima, North

2. Tournament Updates

- a. Tournament field update
 - Prairie Dog (5/23-5/24, Tri-cities – all 5 complexes available)
 - 12 Steps to Home (6/27-6/28, **KASCH** & Jackson – 8 fields = 36-38 teams)
→ Many divisions still have league and won't be able to participate. Unfortunately, field availability limits what we are able to do.
 - Independence (7/4-7/5, Delta)
 - Not Forgotten (7/11-7/12, Bremerton)
 - Fellowship (7/18-7/19, Skagit)
 - Twisted (7/25-7/26, North Bed & Tibbits) Moving the bases to the correct distance at Tibbits this season.
 - Let It Go (8/1-8/2, Gateway Yakima)
 - SOS (8/8-8/9, Enumclaw & Delta)
 - Surrender (8/15-8/16, **YAUGER**)
 - Last Call (8/22-8/23, Russell Road & Celebration)
 - NWC (9/5-9/6, Tri-cities – all 5 complexes available)
- b. Tournament Entry Process & Deadlines
 - Staggered registration – July Tournaments = May 2nd; August Tournaments = June 6th
 1. See if this helps with making the process more equitable for teams.
 2. Tri-Cities tournaments will remain open whole time – once full, there will be a waitlist. There will be a cap of 85 teams for both Tri-Cities Tournaments.
 - Deadline to register/pay is 3 weeks before Prairie Dog & NW Championships

- Deadline to register/pay is 2 weeks before all other tournaments.
- c. Kasch Park Fee
 - \$6 per day per person gate fee. Payable by card only. Make sure all of your teammates know. Checking to see if there is an age restriction – see if kids count. Get a hand stamp upon leaving.

3. Equipment/rules update

CSSA will adopt USSSA rules regarding violations involving illegal balls and bats.

Clarification – there are some divisions that may end up getting unstamped balls from USSSA. This rule change will be enforced in tournaments. Ejection rule for the purpose of illegal balls and bats is ejection from the rest of the current game, and 1 full additional game – reflective of USSSA rule, not the modified CSSA ejection rule.

- a. Illegal Balls
 - **Offensive team violation** (illegal ball thrown in and hit by batter): Batter is out. First offense: warning issued to the coach. Second offense: coach is ejected. For CSSA purposes, “coach” is defined as the manager listed on the roster.
 - **Defensive team violation** (illegal ball thrown in): First offense: warning issued to the coach. Second offense: coach is ejected.
- b. Illegal Bats
 - Bats must be 240 and stamped. If a player swings and hits with an illegal bat: Player is out and ejected from the game.
 - USSSA banned bat list is also considered an illegal bat.
- c. Ball Order Timeline
 - Ball order deadline: **February 27**
 - Expected arrival: Second week of March
 - 1. There is a delay in men’s balls due to a car accident, so about half of the balls are going to be delayed.
 - Divisions must coordinate pickup with the BOD

4. Division Action Items & Deadlines

- a. Needs to be done ASAP (Cannot set up eligibility form or website without this information):
 - Submit list of your teams
 - Submit list of division service positions
- b. Due by the council meeting **3/7/26**
 - Sanction /Admin fees of \$70 per team (pay via Zelle)
 - Confirm your division’s league start date
 - USSSA team list form needs to be filled out.
 - Division-specific rule changes
 - 1. Approved changes will be forwarded to USSSA.

5. Team Insurance through USSSA

- a. FAQ Guide: <https://www.usssa.com/docs/2021/faq.pdf>
- b. Insurance Brochure: <https://www.usssa.com/docs/2021/slowpitch.pdf>

6. Motions

See attached.

- a. NUMBER 1 – Implement “roster points” to establish starting classifications for each team.
 - Discussion: CSNSA uses a point system – this is similar. Tags are based on ending classification of the team player played last season.
- b. NUMBER 2 – NW Champ teams winners with 6 returning players can petition to be reclassified.
 - Discussion: This is a rule that was already adopted as to all teams, but separates it for clarification of winners for NW Champs
- c. NUMBER 3 – BOD must hold position for 2 years.
- d. NUMBER 4 – Eliminate code – that the BOD can reclassify teams 4 weeks before Prairie Dog
- e. NUMBER 5 – Amend code – 6 or more returning players who win NW Champs must remain at classification for 1 year.
- f. NUMBER 6 - Exemption players with qualifiers on 2 different teams are allowed to pick up with both teams.
- g. NUMBER 7 – all balls have official CSSA stamp
 - A bunch of confusion with the balls last season – make it so it’s very clear.

7. Open Discussion

- a. Vice rules and ethics was appointed this year for 1-year since it is a new position. Dan McGhee has accepted this position.
- b. Council meeting next month – appeal will happen next council meeting.

8. Next Meeting Dates

- a. Council Meeting March 7th 2026 @ 1pm – Cedar Grange, Maple Valley

9. Adjournment

- a. Time adjourned: 2:03pm



MOTION FORM

No: 1 Motion Passed _____ Failed _____

In Favor _____ Against _____ Abstaining _____

No: _____

Presented By: Mike Crose Seconded By: Juber

I Move That: Each team may carry four (4) roster points. A roster point is determined by the player's last team classification after the completion of MW Championships. Teams with four (4) roster points will be given the plus tag. Teams w/ five (5) points will move 1 whole classification
a. A player one class above equals 1 roster point
b. A player two classes above equals 2 roster points
c. Plus tags will not be used. ex. D+ will be considered D for roster point purposes

Intent: to give all divisional council members a classification standard at the start of each season.

Make Sure in your motion you use EXAMPLES:

1. WHO is to do something
2. WHAT are they to do

If needed, also tell: I move that the CSSA hold and annual.....

3. HOW they are to do it
4. WHEN is it to be done
5. WHY they are to do it



MOTION FORM

No: 2 Motion Passed _____ Failed _____

In Favor _____ Against _____ Abstaining _____

No: _____

Presented By: Mike Grose Seconded By: [Signature]

I Move That: teams that won the previous year's NW Championships may petition for reclassification. The division council members must vote unanimously to approve the petition, and the CSSA BOD approves the reclassification by two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Intent: to allow continued competition at an appropriate level due to Roster changes

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MOTION FORM

No: 3 Motion Passed _____ Failed _____

In Favor _____ Against _____ Abstaining _____

No: _____

Presented By: Mike Grose Seconded By: [Signature]

I Move That: Members being nominated for a Board of Director position must have held that same position for a period of at least 2 years at the Divisional level.

Intent: to ensure incoming member has reasonable knowledge of the Board of Director position prior to being voted in to said position.

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MOTION FORM

No: 4 Motion Passed _____ Failed _____

In Favor _____ Against _____ Abstaining _____

No: _____

Presented By: Kim Petitchere Seconded By: Ken Carona

I Move That: Eliminate from the code the motion that was passed December 2022 put in by Tomas Ramirez

"The BoD has the opportunity to reclassify teams four weeks prior to Prairie Dog tournament."

Intent: ~~to~~ ^{especially} Put classification of new teams or teams with less than 6 returning teams back in the hands of Divisions, the people who actually see them play.

Put it back on classification committee to change ~~code~~ after prairie if they feel necessary.

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MOTION FORM

No: 5 Motion Passed _____ Failed _____

In Favor _____ Against _____ Abstaining _____

No: _____

Presented By: Tomás Ramirez Seconded By: Chelsee Corona

I Move That: The code be amended to add a section C. III (17) a; b → Teams that have 6 or more returners that win NW Championships must stay at their new classification for ~~3~~ one year or higher for one entire year.

Intent: Separate the section with 6 returners from NW chams and all others.

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MOTION FORM

No: 6 Motion Passed _____ Failed _____

In Favor _____ Against _____ Abstaining _____

No: _____

Presented By: Tomas Ramirez Seconded By: Chelsee Corona

I Move That: Exemption Players who are children of two qualified players, that play on separate teams, will be allowed to pick up with parent that they are not on rostered team.

Intent: Allow child of exemption player to play with ~~both~~ other parent if rostered team is not playing.

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MOTION FORM

No: 7 Motion Passed _____ Failed _____

In Favor _____ Against _____ Abstaining _____

No: _____

Presented By: Terry Pierson Seconded By: Mike Grose

I Move That: All Balls used in CSSA tournaments
~~are~~ Have official CSSA stamp

Intent: _____

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