

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
of the
STEVENS POINT SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.
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CONSTITUTION

Article 1 Club Name:

The name of the club shall be "The Stevens Point Softball Association, Incorporated."

Article 2 Club Purpose:

The purpose of this club shall be to establish, maintain & promote the sports of youth and adult softball, baseball, and volleyball by organizing the efforts of the club members to the following goals:

To create a favorable public image of softball, baseball, and volleyball, to encourage general support of our program;

To establish the highest standards of good sportsmanship, skill, citizenship, social behavior and good fellowship, so that our club shall be a source of pride to its membership and its community.

Article 3 Membership:

The members of this club shall consist of players, sponsors, honorary members, and directors. Once accepted into membership, they shall abide by this Constitution and Bylaws

PLAYERS: Shall consist of persons interested in carrying out the objectives and who abide by the regulations set forth in this Constitution and Bylaws.

SPONSORS: Shall consist of all who hold franchise in the Association and are in good standing with the regulations set forth in this Constitution and Bylaws,

HONORARY MEMBERS: Shall be any individual, company or organization granted the privilege of membership by the assent of two-thirds of the members present, for their interest in, or aid to the club.

DIRECTOR: SHALL BE ANY PERSON ELECTED OR APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS DESCRIBED IN THIS CONSTITUTION.

Article 4 Officers, Board of Directors, and Committees:

THE OFFICERS OF THIS CLUB SHALL BE THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND SECRETARY TREASURER, ALL OF WHOM SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE MEMBERS AND SHALL HOLD THEIR OFFICE FOR TWO (2) YEARS OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE CHOSEN. OFFICERS SHALL ALSO BE BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONSIST OF **NINE (9)** MEMBERS.

THEY SHALL INCLUDE THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY-TREASURER, AND **SIX (6)** MEMBERS AT LARGE. AT LARGE MEMBERS SHALL INCLUDE: **ONE(1) UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF**, APPOINTED BY THE

PRESIDENT WITH APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS; THE REMAINING **FIVE(5)** MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE FIVE OF THIS CONSTITUTION, AT THE ANNUAL SPRING LEAGUE MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION, ON A DATE SET BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL SERVE A TWO (2) YEAR TERM. ELECTIONS FOR PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY-TREASURER, AND TWO (2) DIRECTORS SHALL BE IN ALTERNATING YEARS WITH **THREE (3)** OTHER DIRECTORS. **THE UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF SHALL BE** APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT WITH BOARD APPROVAL AND SHALL SERVE A TWO (2) YEAR TERM.

Committees shall be appointed by the President, who shall designate the Chairperson of the committee(s) appointed.

Article 5 Membership Voting Privilege:

Each team, being in good standing, shall be allotted one (1) vote in all matters pertaining to elections of the Board of Directors, Officers, rule changes and amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws.

Each team, in their own fashion, shall appoint that voting member. VOTING BY PROXY SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED.

Article 6 Amendments:

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Club by the two-thirds majority of the members present, provided the proposed amendment shall comply with all of the requirements of the law and comply with the purpose of the club as set forth in Article 2. Two (2) readings shall be required before the proposed amendment can be voted upon.

Article 7 Vacancies:

If a vacancy from any cause, in any office of the club occurs, the president of the club shall fill such vacancy by appointment of some eligible member thereto, until the next annual spring meeting of the club. If the office of the president shall be vacated for any reason, such vacancy shall be filled by the vice-president.

Any director or officer missing three (3) consecutive meetings may be removed by a majority vote of the board of directors.

BYLAWS

Article 1 Meetings:

The meetings of this club shall be held on dates and places designated by the Board of Directors. A quorum shall consist of FIVE (5) members of the Board of Directors

Article 2 **Order of Business:**

All Meetings of this club and its committees shall be governed by “Robert’s Rules of Order.” The order of business shall be:

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Guests and Prospective Members
3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
4. Report of the Officers
5. Report of the Committees
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Election of Officers (If Any)
9. Announcements
10. Adjournment

Article 3 **Duties of Officers:**

It shall be the duties of the President to preside at all meetings of the club and perform such other duties as usually pertain to that office. In the absence of the President, the Vice-president shall preside. In the absence of the President and Vice-president, the Secretary-Treasurer shall preside

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of the transactions of the club and perform such other duties as may be required. That person shall collect the dues from members and such other funds that may belong to the club. THAT PERSON AND ANY OTHERS DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall have custody of the funds of the club and shall deposit it in a bank designated by the club.

Article 4 **Duties and Powers of the Board of Directors:**

The Board of Directors is charged with the duty of assisting and advising the President in the formulating of plans for the advancement and progress of the club.

The Board of Directors shall formulate such rules as it shall deem expedient for the proper conduct of the affairs of the club, and generally have such powers as not otherwise delegated.

The Board of Directors is empowered to ask for a statement from any member as to all transactions connected with the club or regarding any activities of the club.

Article 5 **Audits:**

An audit of the records shall be made annually by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR AN AUDITING COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THAT BOARD

Article 6 Fees:

The League entry fee shall be set with a due deadline, by the Board of Directors

The player fee shall be set with a due deadline, By the Board of Directors

The club reserves the right to withhold twenty-five percent (25%) of fees paid in, if any team withdraws. That amount shall be the minimum amount that may be withheld.

Article 7 Applications For and Removal From Membership:

Application for membership may be submitted on specified dates and places as set by the Board of Directors

The club may expel any member for willful neglect, official misconduct, or unlawful behavior contrary to the Constitution of this Club.

Article 8 Franchise:

The league entry fee for each team that participates shall be franchise. This fee reserves the right of the sponsor to register before any new teams are accepted for membership.

Article 9 Amendments:

These Bylaws may be amended in the same manner as expressed in Article 6 of the Constitution, provided for amendments of the Constitution