

# WESA Appendices

## As of February 2020

### APPENDIX A: MEMBERSHIP

In accordance with Section 3 of the Association By-laws, the Commission has set the following annual fees:

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES:

- A1. Full Member:
  - (a) Member of the Association/League;
  - (b) Entitled to one (1) vote during Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings;
  - (c) Actively playing participant in league games; and
  - (d) Fees:
    - \$150.00 early bird rate
    - \$125.00 after June 15<sup>th</sup>
- A2. Associate Member:
  - (a) Member of the Association/League;
  - (b) Entitled to one (1) vote during Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings;
  - (c) Non-playing participant in league games; and
  - (d) Fees:
    - \$80.00 regardless as to the registration date.
- A3. Lifetime Member:
  - (a) Member of the Association/League;
  - (b) Entitled to one (1) vote during Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings;
  - (c) Actively playing or non-playing participant in league games;
  - (d) Appointed by Commission based on criteria which may include person's considerable contributions to the league over time, length of membership, merit, etc.; and
  - (e) Fees: Waived.

#### SPONSORSHIP FEES:

- A4. Diamond Sponsor:
  - \$3,400.00 early bird rate;
  - \$3,700.00 regular rate.
- A5. Gold Sponsor:
  - \$1,100.00 early bird rate;
  - \$1,300.00 regular rate.
- A6. Silver Sponsor:
  - \$400.00 early bird rate;
  - \$500.00 regular rate.

- A7. Levels of sponsorship will be determined by the Commission based on sponsorship fees, in-kind donations, promotional value, etc. as required.

**SPARE PLAYER FEES:**

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| A8. | Non-WESA Member – Per Player, per game | \$10.00   |
| A9. | WESA Member                            | no charge |

## **APPENDIX B: COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITIES & MEETINGS**

**B1. LEAGUE COMMISSIONER**

- (a) Chief Officer of the Association, responsible for the League's operations;
- (b) Solicit and liaise with WESA Sponsors as approved by Commission;
- (c) Plan and stage the League's Annual Awards Celebration;
- (d) Responsible for ordering League jerseys;
- (e) Primary NAGAAA delegate representing Vancouver;
- (f) Is responsible for maintaining the Vancouver account of the NAGAAA database including player ratings;
- (g) Is responsible for maintaining the WESA account of the Slo-Pitch National (SPN) database;
- (h) One (1) of three (3) signing authorities on cheques; and
- (i) Provide assistance to other Commissioners as required.

**B2. VICE-COMMISSIONER**

- (a) Plan and stage the association's Annual Pacific Cup International Softball Tournament;
- (b) in the absence of the League Commissioner, assume the duties of the League Commissioner and when so acting, shall have all the powers and be subject to all the responsibility hereby given or imposed upon the League Commissioner;
- (c) One (1) of three (3) signing authorities on cheques; and
- (d) Provide assistance to other Commissioners as required.

**B3. TECHNOLOGY COMMISSIONER**

- (a) Maintain and administer the league's website and all technical services (i.e. SMS, email, domain, etc.); and
- (b) Provide assistance to other Commissioners as required.

**B4. SECRETARY/COMMUNICATIONS**

- (a) Maintain an accurate record of all proceedings of the Commission, General, and Special Meetings;
- (b) Maintain the Constitution, By-Laws, and Appendices;
- (c) Handle general correspondence;
- (d) Facilitate posting details for league happenings including events, news, etc. via various social media vehicles;
- (e) Maintain a list of Lifetime Members;
- (f) Maintain annual list of Commissioners and Team Coaches/Managers;

- (g) Archives the history of WESA; and
- (h) Provide assistance to other Commissioners as required.

**B5. TREASURER**

- (a) Maintain accurate records of all monies received and dispersed by the League;
- (b) Prepare annual Budgets and Financial Statements;
- (c) Prepare Monthly Financial Statement for Commission;
- (d) Prepare a Financial Report for all General Meetings;
- (e) One (1) of three (3) signing authorities on cheques; and
- (f) Provide assistance to other Commissioners as required.

**B6. RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMISSIONER**

- (a) Enforce the SPN League laws;
- (b) Maintain a Team Coach's/Manager's Manual;
- (c) Set the Schedule of Regular and Play-off Games;
- (d) Arrange for Umpires for all Regular and Play-off games;
- (e) Obtain field permits for all Regular and Play-off games;
- (f) Solicit and train Scorekeepers;
- (g) Maintain league statistics;
- (h) Responsible for game cancellation advisements to the membership;
- (i) One (1) of two (2) NAGAAA Representative representing Vancouver; and
- (j) Provide assistance to other Commissioners as required.

**B7. MEMBERSHIP COMMISSIONER**

- (a) Solicit Association members and new people to become members;
- (b) Keep an accurate and up-to-date Membership List;
- (c) Organize the Player Draft and any Supplemental Player Drafts;
- (d) Maintain the Spare Player List and the Waiting List; and
- (e) Provide assistance to other Commissioners as required.

**B8. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSIONER**

- (a) Plan and stage fundraising activities and social events for the Association; and
- (b) Provide assistance to other Commissioners as required.

**B9. MEMBER-AT-LARGE – C DIVISION**

- (a) Assist in facilitating communications within the Association;
- (b) Act as Divisional liaison;
- (c) Control and maintain all Association equipment (including automated external defibrillator equipment); and
- (d) Provide assistance to other Commissioners as required.

**B10. MEMBER-AT-LARGE – D DIVISION**

- (a) Assist in facilitating communications within the Association
- (b) Act as Divisional liaison;

- (c) Control and maintain all Association equipment; and
- (d) Provide assistance to other Commissioners as required.

B11. A quorum for Commission meetings shall be 50% of the total number of Commissioners in office.

## **APPENDIX C: TEAM FORMATION AND MANAGEMENT**

- C1. The Commission will determine the number of teams and the minimum number of players on each team based on the number of people registered prior to the Player Draft.
- C2.
  - (a) A Universal Player Draft will be used to form each team.
  - (b) The drafting procedure used by Team Coaches/Managers will be first to last and last to first, as randomly assigned.
  - (c) All persons who have registered and are in good standing, must be selected in the open Player Draft.
- C3.
  - (a) For the Player Draft, registrants are permitted to register with one (1) "Buddy" (i.e. friend, co-worker, partner, etc.).
  - (b) Each "Buddy" must register in the same Division and indicate the other person's name on the registration form.
  - (c) Prior to the Player Draft, each Coach will
    - i. Assign a draft round number to all Team Coaches/Managers and their Buddy (if applicable) – including themselves and their Buddy (if applicable)
    - ii. The Team Coach/Manager will email C3 (c)(i) to the Membership Commissioner at least 7 days prior to the draft. Any ranking/draft round not given by this date will be determined by the Committee (see C3(d)).
    - iii. The Membership Commissioner will form a Committee of non-Team Coaches/Managers to review the information submitted by Team Coaches/Managers in C3 (c) (i) to assign the draft round number for each Team Coach/Manager (and Buddy if applicable).

The Committee will use first hand player knowledge, NAGAAA ratings and/or historical data to determine rankings. Once set, these rankings are final and cannot be changed during the Player Draft.
  - (d) At the Player Draft, Team Coaches/Managers will determine the number of rounds between all players who have registered with a Buddy.
  - (e) After the Player Draft, registrants who have not been drafted onto a team will be placed on a Waiting List by Division. Buddy requests will no longer be accepted or in effect following the Player Draft.
- C4. There will be no trading of players during or after the Player Draft.
- C5. If a Team Coach/Manager wishes to remove or replace a player from his or her team, permission to do so must be requested to the Commission, in writing/email.

It is the Team Coach/Manager's responsibility to keep the current "official team roster" updated with the Commission.

- C6. Teams may be comprised of Full Members; and up to two (2) Associate Members who are not part of the Player Draft.
- C7. All Members placed on a team, must play full games (both offensively and defensively) in at least 25% of the games the player is available to participate in.

(eg: a player who is available for all 20 Regular Season games, must play in a minimum of 5 full/complete games during the season).

Note: Half games played cannot be combined to equal 'full' games.

Failure to comply with this rule may result in penalty.

- C8. Full Members must be on a team roster three (3) weeks prior to the end of the regular season and must have played a minimum of two (2) games in order to be eligible to play in the Play-offs.
- C9. Any regular season games played by a Spare Player will not count towards NAGAAA qualifications, Play-off qualification, awards, statistics, etc.

### **WAITING LIST**

- C10. Once the player quota in each Division has reached its maximum, persons wishing to join the League as Full Members must complete a registration form and submit this to the Membership Commissioner. These registrants will be added to the Wait List by Division.
- C11. Buddy registrations are not permitted for those on the Waiting List, single registration only.
- C12. Any person(s) placed on the Waiting List will be assigned to a team based on waitlist seniority. Teams who are below the minimum number of members required will receive the next available Wait Listed registrant. If multiple teams are below the minimum number of members required then waitlisted registrants will be placed on a team in the drafting order randomly assigned at the Player Draft, see C3. (b).

### **DEFINITIONS**

- C13. Substitute Player: A Full Member or Lifetime member, in good standing, assigned to the team they are playing for; and is listed as a substitute on the official game lineup.
- C14. Spare Player: A person who is playing on a team that they are not assigned to. This can be:
  - (a) a person who is not a Full or Lifetime Member; or
  - (b) a person who is a Full or Lifetime Member.

See section D27 and D28 for further regulations.

### **LEAGUE SCHEDULE**

- C15. There will be no rescheduling of games except those cancelled due to weather conditions.

## **APPENDIX D: RULES OF PLAY**

### **GENERAL**

- D1. In general we will be abiding by Slo-Pitch National (SPN) Rules – a copy is given to all Coaches/Managers. Any questions can be directed to the Rules and Regulations

Commissioner. All conversations with the Umpire of any given game are through the Team Coach/Manager only.

- D2. SPN playing rules, where not consistent with the League's Rules of Play: the League's Rules of Play shall prevail.

### **GAME STRUCTURE**

- D3. Scheduled games will be seventy-five (75) minutes long. There is no on-diamond warm up, grace period or extensions given for the start of games. Start time is game time.
- a. D Division teams must have a minimum of seven (7) Full Members ready to start a game at its scheduled time. Failure to comply will result in forfeiting the game 15-0.
  - b. C Division teams must have a minimum of seven (7) Full Members ready to start a game at its scheduled time. Failure to comply will result in forfeiting the game 15-0.
  - c. There shall be NO auto-out for any team starting with less than 10 players. An auto-out will occur if a player in the batting order is not able to bat.
  - d. Teams starting with less than 10 players, may add members of their team to the batting lineup as they arrive. (ie: A team may start with 8 players and add a 9th and 10th player as they arrive). Spares can not be added to a batting lineup once a game has started.
  - e. For all games, at the 55-minute mark the teams will finish that inning, and the next inning is declared open.
- D4. Game Cancellation
- a. Cancellations of games due to unsafe field conditions will be called by 3:00 p.m. for weekday games, and on an individual game basis on weekends.
  - b. When a game is cancelled due to unsafe field conditions (i.e. caused by rain, etc.), the sequence that the game takes place from the regular season schedule is not the sequence that it remains at when the game is played as a make-up game; it will take on the sequence that it actually happens in the game schedule.
  - c. Games may be cancelled at game time, if the Umpire determines it is unsafe to start the game.
  - d. Games in progress may be cancelled or postponed due to unsafe field conditions as determined by the Umpire.
- D5. A game called by the Umpire, which cannot be continued, will be considered completed if: five or more innings have been played or if the home team has the winning run during the uncompleted fifth inning.

Games which are not considered completed will be rescheduled, see D4 (b).

D6.

- a. All Members will play a minimum of three (3) innings per game, both offensively and defensively, and must enter the game by which ever happens first of:
  - i. The top of the fourth inning.
  - or–
  - ii. The first half-inning after 30 minutes of play from the official start time.
- b. Failure of a Team Coach/Manager to comply may result in a penalty being imposed by the Commission.

- D7. Any Member who is not present at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled game start time and/or deemed unfit and/or not ready to play by his/her Coach/Manager will be entered into the game at the discretion of the team Coach/Manager;
- D8. Courtesy Runner
- a. Each team will be allowed only one (1) courtesy runner per inning.
  - b. A courtesy runner may be used each time the same batter returns to bat during the same inning.
  - c. A courtesy runner may be any player listed on the official game line up.
- D9. Maximum Runs:
- (a) D Division - A maximum of five (5) runs per inning will be allowed per team, except for the open inning.
  - (b) C Division - A maximum of eight (8) runs per inning will be allowed per team, except for the open inning.
- D10. The Mercy Rule will be set at a fifteen (15) run lead after six (6) innings.
- D11. The Flip-Flop Rule will become active if at the start of the final and open inning the Visiting team is ahead by six (6) or more runs. The teams will then flip the inning around. The Home team will bat during the top of the inning.
- If the Home team makes up the run differential to tie or take the lead in the game, the Visiting team would then bat in the bottom of the final inning.
- D12. "Peel" or "Slide Rule" is in effect. This means that the runner must make an attempt to slide into Second or Third Base or peel off giving way to the defensive player and allowing the defensive player to make a play. Runners cannot intentionally impede the defensive player's attempt to throw to a base by standing/running in the line of the play. Umpires will use their judgment to make this call.
- D13. No bunting.
- D14. No stealing of bases. No lead offs – automatic out. Anticipation is permitted.
- D15. Bats are not to be thrown, ever.
- D16. The orange side at First Base is for safety; the runner can run through the base touching the orange side of the base while avoiding collisions and not be tagged "Out" as long as they stay outside of the baseline. For safety, the base runner may use the white portion of first base; if, and only if, the defensive player occupies or blocks access to the orange side of the base.
- D17. A Scoring Line shall be used, the Home Plate shall not be active for a runner. Home Plate is for the sole of the catcher. If the runner touches Home Plate, the Umpire shall call the runner out.
- D18. The commitment line is the point of no return; once it is crossed, the player cannot go back to Third Base, the player must continue to the scoring line at Home.
- D19. All pitches must have an arc (not less than 6', not more than 12').
- D20. No outfielder(s) (C and D Divisions) shall start play inside the encroachment line (150' / 45.72m) on any given batter. Progress closer than the encroachment line may only occur after the batter has made contact with the ball.
- a. If an Umpire determines encroachment has happened on a batted ball, the Umpire may award first base to the batter -or- the offensive coach may accept the result of the play.

- D21. A player, who is bleeding, must immediately be removed from the field to have the bleeding controlled, cleaned up, and the wound completely covered.
- D22. The "on deck" batter must be present.
- D23. Players cannot wear shoes with steel cleats.
- D24. All Members must wear the current team jersey on field.
- D25. Bats (unless otherwise specified as "not approved" in the Coach's manual, and/or updated on the USA Softball / ASA non-approved bat list) containing the ASA only stamp shall be permitted for play during the regular season and WESA Cup
- D26. Any player who has a concern about an injury occurring from being struck with a ball during WESA/SPN sanctioned play should address that concern by the use of protective equipment. For safety reasons, WESA/SPN strongly recommends that all players wear protective equipment while playing both defensive and offensive positions. Protective equipment including masks, headwear, catchers' equipment and soccer style shin guards may be used by all players in any WESA/SPN sanctioned event.
- D27. Catch-up + 5 Rule: Teams may catch-up, then go ahead by 5 runs. The visiting teams first at-bat, only 5 runs (D Division) and 8 runs (C Division) can only be scored. The last inning is open.
- D28. Batters will begin with a 1-1 count and will have 1 foul to give with 2 strikes.

### **SPARE PLAYERS**

- D29.
  - a. Full D Division Members shall be able to participate as a Spare Player three (3) times for another team in D Division and 6 times for a team in C Division but play no more than nine (9) games total as a Spare Player per regular season. The penalty for violation will be a default of that game to the opposing team.
  - b. Full C Division Members shall be able to participate as a Spare Player in the D Division, to a maximum of six (6) games total per regular season. Once a Full Member has played the maximum of six (6) games total as a Spare Player they are no longer eligible to spare. The penalty for violation will be a default of that game to the opposing team.
  - c. A Spare Player that is not a Full Member of the Association is entitled to play up to a maximum of six (6) games total per regular season regardless of Division. The Spare Fee shall apply. Once a Spare who is not a Full Member of the Association has played the maximum of six (6) games total, they are no longer eligible to spare. The penalty for violation is a default of that game to the opposing team.
  - d. A Lifetime Member who is not assigned to a team may spare up to a maximum of six (6) games per regular season regardless of Division. The spare fee shall not apply. The penalty for violation will be a default of that game to the opposing team.
  - e. For member spares in playoffs, they are allowed under the same rules as in regular season. Non-members sparing in playoffs are not allowed, unless under extraneous circumstance and pre-approved by the Commission with names submitted within a minimum of (2) weeks prior to the playoff tournament and the commission will pre-approve (1) week after the submission. Non-members spare fee will be \$25 per day. The number of regular season games already played by a Spare Player will not count towards their eligibility to spare in Play-off games.



- f. The spare fee, as defined in A8, must be paid to the Scorekeeper prior to the start of game. Failure of a Team Coach/Manager to comply may result in a penalty being imposed by the Commission.

D30. Spare Players

- a. D Division: A Team Coach/Manager may select a maximum of two (2) Spare Players to bring the playing roster up to ten (10) players for a game.
- b. C Division: A Team Coach/Manager may select a maximum of two (2) Spare Players to bring the playing roster up to ten (10) players for a game.
- c. A Spare Player may not be removed from a game once started, except in the case of injury.
- d. Defensively, the Substitute Player may occupy any position.

**REPLACEMENT OF INJURED PLAYERS**

D31.

- a. If a starting player from a team is injured, any Substitute Player may be inserted into the game provided that they are listed in the line-up, even if this Substitute Player has already been replaced by a previous substitution.
- b. Offensively, the Substitute Player must occupy the place in the batting order vacated by the injured player.
- c. Defensively, the Substitute Player may occupy any position.

- D32. Once an injured player has left the game, and a Substitute Player has been recorded as officially entering the game in his/her place, the injured player may not return for the remainder of the game.

**APPENDIX E: NORTH AMERICAN GAY ATHLETIC AMATEUR ALLIANCE (NAGAAA)**

- E1. NAGAAA is the host of the Gay Softball World Series (GSWS) – the largest annual predominantly gay sporting event in the world. Created in 1977, NAGAAA is a non-profit international sports organization comprised of men and women dedicated to promoting organized “softball” or “slo-pitch” competition for the gay and lesbian community.
- E2. Annual NAGAAA commitments are:
  - (a) Membership dues;
  - (b) Minimum of one (1) representative from the Commission to attend Winter meeting;
  - (c) Minimum of one (1) representative from the Commission to attend Summer meeting;
- E3. Any costs associated with these NAGAAA commitments are budgeted annually;
- E4. Teams winning the opportunity to go to the GSWS will need to pay their entry fee and travel costs for themselves or through external sponsor donations. General WESA revenue will not be used to fund travel costs/expenses for teams and teams should coordinate their own fundraising to offset their expenses to go to the GSWS.
- E5. Any fines assessed by NAGAAA at a GSWS are payable a member and or a team;

## **GSWS ROSTERS**

- E6. All players on a GSWS roster are required to have met the minimum NAGAAA eligibility requirements.
- E7. All players on GSWS roster must have an official NAGAAA Player Rating.

## **PLAYER RATINGS**

- E8. The NAGAAA Ratings Committee will be appointed by the Commissioner in consultation with the Commission. The Committee is to be filled from, but not limited to:
  - (a) WESA Team Coaches/Managers;
  - (b) WESA Full Members, Associate Members, and or Lifetime Members; and
  - (c) WESA Commissioners;with the goal of having a mix of experience and new perspective from Team Coaches/Manager, non-Coaches, players in the C and D Divisions.
- E9. Objective: to review NAGAAA ratings as submitted by Team Coaches/Managers. This will be completed by a meeting of all Committee members and observing games/practices of teams and players.
- E10. The Team Coach/Manager of each team will submit NAGAAA ratings for each player by working with their Assistant Coach(es).
- E11. Ratings are due to the Commissioner by June 15th.
- E12. The NAGAAA Ratings Committee will meet between June 15th and June 20th to finalize all NAGAAA ratings for WESA players.
- E13. Ratings will be published to Team Coaches/Managers before June 21st.
- E14. Any player who wishes to protest their rating, can do so by:
  - (a) Emailing the Commissioner by July 1st;
  - (b) Specify the question(s) that are being protested; and
  - (c) Give specific examples, documentation, & statistics.
- E15. The NAGAAA Ratings Committee will review any protest and give a ruling by July 10th.

## **SPONSORSHIP / TEAM NAMES**

- E16. Teams attending the GSWS will be representing WESA and are encouraged to wear their WESA jerseys for all games at the GSWS.

## **SOFTBALL EQUIPMENT**

- E17. Borrowing of WESA equipment will be permitted for GSWS Team(s) as arranged by the Rules and Regulations Commissioner. WESA equipment that is lost and or damaged must be replaced by the team.

## **WHY WESA JOINED NAGAAA**

- E18. In becoming a member of NAGAAA, WESA joins a larger organization which helps expose WESA to other softball leagues.

- E19. When players attend and experience out-of-town tournaments, including the GSWS, their love of the game can only increase.
- E20. The enjoyment of softball by all players will help keep players active in WESA and will help maintain and grow WESA for years to come.
- E21. WESA also gains the strength of NAGAAA, which helps in the pursuit of larger sponsorships for our league and tournaments.
- E22. The Pac Cup Tournament will also provide extra exposure through the NAGAAA network of cities, thus attracting more teams from farther destinations.
- E23. The player rating system will also help direct players to the proper position in future years, which again, helps ensure all players of WESA enjoy their time on the field.

#### **SELECTION OF TEAMS TO ATTEND GSWS**

- E24. The 1st and 2nd place teams in each of the C and D Divisions after the first ten (10) games will earn the right to send their team to the GSWS. There is also an opportunity to send an Open Masters level team to the GSWS.
- E25. The regular season play schedule will be as balanced as possible in an attempt to allow all teams to play each other an equal number of times.
- E26. Upon being notified each eligible team will have up to five (5) calendar days, at the discretion of the Commission, to confirm to the Commission their intention to attend the GSWS.
- E27. Upon accepting a GSWS berth, the eligible team will then have up to five (5) calendar days to submit payment to WESA for the tournament registration fee, and hotel deposit.
- E28. In the event that the 1st or 2nd place teams in a Division are unable to send their team, then the team in 3rd place of that Division after the first ten (10) games will have the option to send their team. This descending process will be followed allowing for two (2) teams from each Division to attend the GSWS.
- E29. The process for selecting an Open Roster Team, in either C Division, D Division, or the Masters Division will be determined by the Commission.

#### **APPENDIX F: WESA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA**

- F1. The intent of this designation is to recognize a person who is or has been associated with WESA providing substantially to it and has made a significant contribution to the softball association. Lifetime Membership is the highest Award available to recognize the exceptional contribution of individuals to the sports club. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.
- F2. In considering the award of Lifetime Membership an individual should have demonstrated significant, sustained, and high quality service enhancing the reputation and future of WESA.
- F3. The nomination should be prepared so as to set out the achievements and activities of the nominee and at a minimum must meet the award criteria as set out below. Nominations must be received by the current Commission no later than the 1st of July in the year which the nomination is to be considered.

- F4. The following rules govern consideration for the WESA Lifetime Award:
- (a) The nominee's length of service to WESA in either or both an:
    - i. on field (i.e. Coaching / Managing); or
    - ii. off field (i.e. WESA Commission, association supporter / sponsorship, etc.) roles;with such service in either role being taken concurrently;
  - (b) The nominee must have made a substantial contribution to WESA and meet the following criteria:
    - i. Been an outstanding leader in the association through Coaching/Managing a team;
    - ii. Volunteered significantly to WESA in other areas other than Coaching or serving on the Commission; and or
    - iii. Provided useful experience / knowledge / support / sponsorship to guide WESA's operations / evolution / progression;
  - (c) The nominee will have demonstrated a commitment to the principals of fair play & good sportsmanship;
  - (d) The general attitude and overall demeanor of the nominee to ensure that the attitude is one that reflects a dedication to the values of WESA;
  - (e) The nominee will have provided valued leadership and / or been an outstanding role model to the members in general;
  - (f) The nominees' service must reflect favorably on and brought credit to WESA;
  - (g) The nomination must be submitted by any current WESA member in good standing;
  - (h) The person may not nominate himself or herself;
  - (i) No elected officer or officer by acclamation or appointment of the Association may be a nominee during an active term of office;
  - (j) The WESA Commission has the right to forego a designation in a given year;
  - (k) The selection shall be made by the current WESA Commission;
- F5. These points apply in whatever role the nominee has participated in during their service in WESA (on or off the field). Achieving the minimum service levels will not in any way automatically guarantee the award of Lifetime Membership.

#### **BENEFITS OF WESA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**

- F6. In addition to the status of membership of a select group within WESA, WESA Lifetime Members will be recognized by:
- (a) Award of the WESA Lifetime Membership at the WESA Annual Awards Celebration Event or Annual General meeting;

- (b) Exemption from regular league membership fees associated with WESA (Registration fees to cover WESA operational costs would apply for on field activities); and
- (c) Invitations to attend all official WESA functions (i.e. Annual Awards Celebration Events).

### **RETRACTION OF A WESA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**

- F7. Retraction of a WESA Lifetime Membership Award may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of WESA generally or on a specific code. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the unanimous agreement of the current Commission to be enacted. As part of the deliberations, the WESA Lifetime Member in question is to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Lifetime Membership status.

### **WESA LIFETIME MEMBERS (in no particular order)**

- 1. Fraser Biggs\* Founder / Member
- 2. Terry Wallace\* Sponsor (Deceased)
- 3. Dan Robertson (1998) Member
- 4. Rick Vandebeld (1998) Member
- 5. Gary Penny (2000) Sponsor
- 6. Art Gullett (2007) Member
- 7. Daryl Quick (2007) Member
- 8. Mike FitzGerald (2013) Member
- 9. Don Parker (2013) Member
- 10. Phil Moon (2015) Sponsor
- 11. Vince Marino (2015) Sponsor
- 12. Stephen Bauer (2015) Sponsor
- 13. Dennis Dahl (2015) Sponsor
- 14. Vince Connors (2015) Sponsor

\*NB: The years that the Lifetime Membership was awarded is not available.

## **APPENDIX G: LEAGUE ETTIQUITE**

- G1. Alcohol and/or illicit substances are not permitted on the field at any time. Each Umpire has the authority to remove a player and/or team from the game if a player is deemed under the influence or if compliance to remove open alcohol from the dugout is not adhered to after requested to do so. If any open alcohol is spotted during the game, the umpire will stop the game until all alcohol is put away.
- G2. Permits to use the public parks and diamonds are purchased by WESA from the City of Vancouver and as such members are expected to use the same etiquette they would abide by in any park. Garbage receptacles are provided by the city for members garbage. Under city bylaws no person shall leave any waste, litter, debris, offensive matter or other substance of any kind in or on any park, except in receptacles provided for the waste or substance. Should the receptacles be full or unavailable, members are encouraged to take their garbage and/or recycling home with them.
- G3. Respect and fair play is the foundation of a positive and healthy competitive environment. Fair play is respecting the rules set forth by WESA and to play within those set rules. Fair play is also respecting opponents, teammates, umpires, league officials, spectators, and other users of the park facilities by using appropriate language in any interaction with said groups. Any physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- G4. Failure to follow league etiquette and/or any infractions of Article 13.(b) in the Association By-Laws, on a first infraction, the commission may warn player(s) or suspend player(s) for:

- a. On a first infraction, the player(s) may be suspended for one (1) game if the commission feels its warranted.
- b. On a second infraction, the player(s) may be suspended for one (1) or two (2) games if the commission feels its warranted.
- c. On a third infraction, the player(s) will be considered not-in-good standing with the league and may be suspended for a minimum of three (3) games or if warranted, remain not-in-good standing for the remainder of the season including playoffs.

Any player not-in-good standing is subjected to review at the start of their next season. It's in the discretion of the commission that if any infraction is felt to be severe, the commission has the right to suspend the player(s) for any amount of time warranted.