

Winter Haven Senior Softball Constitution

Article I. The Name. The name of the organization shall be referred to as *WINTER HAVEN SENIOR SOFTBALL* (WHSS).

Article II. Purpose. The purpose of WHSS is to promote and provide an opportunity for all able-bodied persons, age 55 and over, to play recreational softball.

Article III. Membership & Eligibility. A person becomes eligible for membership at age 55, or at any time during the current calendar year that that person will be age 55. Upon request, each person must provide proof of age via document(s) (e.g. drivers license, passport) satisfactory to any board member. In addition to age verification, each person shall pay any duly authorized organization fees or charges and waives his rights to claims against WHSS. No person shall be deemed a WHSS member or allowed to participate in any WHSS softball game until all fees and/or charges are paid in full and a written waiver is executed, as certified by a Board Member. Membership will be on an annual basis, beginning in October of each year. At the direction of the WHSS Board of Directors, membership fees may be adjusted during the months of June through September.

Article IV. Governing Body. The business of WHSS shall be conducted by the Board of Directors (BOD), comprised of the following: Commissioner, Treasurer, and 3 at large board members. Each Board Member shall be elected for two (2) years and shall have one (1) vote on all business matters brought before the BOD. Elections will be staggered, with a Commissioner and two at large board member elected on even years; Treasurer and second at large board member elected on odd years. Nominations for BOD members will be due July 15 with voting closed September 30. In all voting procedures, a majority rules. The commissioner, with a majority approval of the BOD may appoint up to two (2) additional voting members to the BOD. The commissioner with a majority approval of the BOD may also appoint two (2) advisors from the community at large. Advisors shall have no voting power.

Article V. Duties of the Board of Directors. The BOD will be responsible for the administration of all business matters relating to the activities of WHSS as well as the enforcement of the rules and regulations of WHSS. The Board of Directors shall meet periodically, (but not less than once every two months), and as called into session by the Commissioner. Any WHSS member may attend any BOD meeting, unless the

meeting has been announced as a "closed meeting". A meeting of the BOD may also be called at any time provided a majority board agrees to the calling of such meeting. In matters of an emergency nature which requires prompt action, the Commissioner and one other board member, acting together as an Executive Committee, may respond and act in lieu of a meeting of the entire BOD. All actions taken by the Executive Committee in such an emergency must be reported in full at the next BOD meeting. All BOD meetings shall be conducted under and governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

Article VI. Duties of the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall preside at all meetings of WHSS. The Commissioner shall have such authority granted by the BOD to rule in business matters of concern to WHSS between scheduled meetings of the BOD, including matters regarding membership, team rosters, and/or rules interpretations that may arise during the course of a WHSS softball game.

Absence of Commissioner. The Commissioner may appoint a board member to preside in the absence of the Commissioner. In such situations, the appointed board member shall have the full authority of the Office of the Commissioner, including matters regarding membership, team rosters, and/or rules interpretations that may arise during the course of a WHSS softball game.

Article VII. General Meetings. WHSS shall have an Annual General Meeting each year during the third calendar quarter. The purpose of this general meeting shall be election of the BOD for the coming year. All persons who are members are eligible to vote at this meeting. Each Board Member will be elected for a 2 year period, with selections alternating each year. Two board members will be elected in one year, with an additional two board members and Commissioner elected in the following year.

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