

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION GENERAL ELECTIONS POLICY & PROCEDURES

This policy sets forth procedures for the election of members to the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS: All **resident** members in good standing who have paid their annual dues are eligible to vote for members of the Board. Resident members shall be defined as members whose primary residence is in any of the Sun Lakes and Sun Bird communities and shall include both homeowners and renters. Resident members specifically include participants in the Tuesday-Thursday League Play, Monday Informal Play and Ladies League. Residents, who play only on Age Group Teams, but have paid full dues equivalent to Tuesday-Thursday players, are eligible to vote and hold office.

ELIGIBLE BOARD MEMBERS: Any resident member in good standing as defined above shall be eligible to run for election to the Board of Directors.

DATE OF ELECTIONS: The general election for Board Members shall be held each year in the month of March on a date to be determined by the Board of Directors at its February meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTIONS COMMITTEE AND CHAIRPERSON: The Board will appoint an Elections Committee and Chairperson at its February meeting. The Committee shall consist of three members. Any resident member of the Association shall be eligible to be appointed to such Committee, with the exception that no then current Board Member shall serve on the Committee.

SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES: The Elections Committee will solicit candidates who have a desire to serve as Board Members and post the candidates names at the Field of Dreams at least one week prior to the Date of Elections.

OTHER DUTIES OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:

The Elections Committee shall:

1. Verify the eligibility of interested candidates;
2. Coordinate the preparation of ballots for the election;

3. Coordinate the preparation of a list of eligible voters;
4. Conduct the election on the Election Date at the Field of Dreams; and,
5. Count the ballots and advise the Board of the election results.

DEFINITION OF VALID ELECTION: In order to be a valid election, a simple majority of eligible voters as determined by the Elections committee must vote in the election. If a majority does not vote, the election shall be deemed null and void and a new election shall be held as soon as practicable at a time and date to be determined by the Board.

DEFINITION OF ELECTED MEMBERS: The candidate with the largest number of votes shall be the winner of the election. If more than one position is being elected, then the candidates with the highest number of votes shall be deemed winners. For example, if two positions are open, the candidates with the top two vote totals shall be elected. A candidate need **not** receive a majority of votes cast to be elected.

BEGINNING DATE OF SERVICE: The successful candidates will assume their duties as of April 1 following the date of election.

RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER: In the event a Board member resigns, the President of the Board will appoint an interim Board member from among the resident members. The appointment shall be subject to approval by a majority of the Board of Directors. The interim member shall serve until the next General Election.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Directors on December 14, 2007 and is certified by the Secretary to not be in conflict with any provisions of the Bylaws of the Association. In the event it is later determined that this policy conflicts with any provision of the Bylaws, then the provision of the Bylaws shall prevail.