

SIOUX EMPIRE PSA-Softball
May 7th, 2023: MEETING AGENDA
June 4th, 2023: NEXT MEETING

Website: www.siouxempirepsa.org

Registration: www.siouxempirepsa.leageapps.com

Email: Softball

Call to Order/Roll Call

First: Robbie

Second : Preston

Administration:

Commissioner- Robert Burandt - x

Assistant Commissioner - Chase Burandt - x

Team Managers/Proxies/Others:

Jawbreakers - x

Pups - x

Sliders - x

Game Changers - x

Strikers - x

Dollys Angels - x

Starburst - x

Dirty Secrets - x

Prior meeting minutes approval

First: Cheryl

Second: Chris

Athletic Code:

- Current version live on SEPSAs website. Please review this was updated and voted on for the 2023 season. Should you see any issues that need to be amended for future seasons, please note them for the 2024 season and beyond.

Gay Softball World Series (GSWS):

- Team(s) Intent to bid:
 - Sliders
 - Dolly's Angels
 - Jawbreakers
- Bidding teams must submit team fee (\$500.00),and letter of intent prior to week 3 of games.
 - See motion below for hotel deposit requirements
- Team Sliders are only team to complete the requirements and will represent SEPSA in the 2023 GSWS.
- Need to create SEPSA GSWS T-Shirt design
 - Open to purchase from all
 - Ideas of what to do with funds raised
 - Use as a fundraiser for the team(s) going to GSWS?
 - Thoughts?
 - Create a competition and then vote on best

Umpire(s):

- Umpires will be paid monthly unless specified otherwise.

Travis Weber

Chelle Cain

Terry Buescher

Consistency on calls.

Alcohol while playing the games.

If a player is intoxicated:

- Entire team being ejected:
 - Jawbreakers - No
 - Pups - no
 - Sliders - no
 - Game Changers - no
 - Strikers - Yes
 - Dollys Angels - no
 - Starburst - no
 - Dirty Secrets - no

Only player is ejected instead of entire team.

Player needs to talk to manager and manager who then talks to Umpire.

Another team was not wanting to play as players are being unruly to their team. Manager thinks so because of alcohol.

Ratings committee:

Thanks to Michael Blegen and the entire ratings committee for their hard work. Final ratings are due XX date.

- Michael will be working on teams traveling to NSC first, then needing help with players who were not present at the ratings clinic.

Registration & Fees:

- Final week to add players (3). Final week to transfer players (5)
- Team Fees:
 - All team fees are paid in full
 - All team accounts are at 0 balance from 2022 Canaries fundraiser,
 - SF Pups have donated \$6.77 to the 2023 softball fund
 - Jawbreakers have donated \$6.77 to the 2023 softball fund

Sioux Empire Classic:

- Registration now open.
 - Current registered teams
 - SF Pups
- Michael to discuss further

Commissioner Discussion:

- Alcohol

- Alcohol is allowed (NON-GLASS) on Sundays. For spectators and teams who have COMPLETED their games for the day. There shall be NO active player drinking while their team is playing. Games this season are back-to-back so there is no hour break for any team so this should be a nonissue.
 - See discussion under umpires
- Food at the fields:
 - Not allowed for sale
- NSC Teams
 - Sliders, Dolly's Angels
 - Requesting SEPSA sponsor BOTH teams for this event
- Request to pay field maintenance provider Nathan Swygert \$20 per field per week.
 - Amount \$20 per week per field. (amount up for discussion)
 - Jawbreakers - Yes
 - Pups - Yes
 - Sliders - Yes
 - Game Changers - Yes
 - Strikers - Yes
 - Dollys Angels - Yes
 - Starburst - Yes
 - Dirty Secrets - Yes

Team discussion(s):

- Scorebooks following games
 - Possible to use the SIGNED umpire cards
 - Item of note, need to figure out how to calculate players that are present and not in the line-up or Sub as this would not go onto the umpire card with the limited room available. ??
 - Thoughts??
 - Keep as is.
- Issues need to go through grievance procedure.
 - Claims of unsportsman like conduct have been directed to use this process.

Miscellaneous:

- SEPSA LGBT/Straight ration vs NAGAAA:
 - SEPSA currently does NOT have an LGBT to Straight identifying ratio per team
 - NAGAAA's rule and penalties are:
 - 60.23 Discretionary Penalties for Violating the non-LGBT Roster Rule: The following penalties may be applied for violations of the non-LGBT roster rule:
 - a. A team in violation of the Non-LGBT player guidelines shall be subject to disciplinary action that may include but is not limited to, (a) Permanent suspension of the Non-LGBT player from future GSWS and Open Division events. (b) Disqualification and forfeiture of all the offending team's games. (c) One (1) year's suspension of the team's Manager. (d) A fine imposed against the team's member association. b. Any member association official in violation of or having assisted in a violation of this rule is subject to disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to, (a) Permanent suspension as a member association representative to

the Open Division. (b) A one (1) year's suspension of the member association official from participation in all Open Division activities. (c) A fine imposed against the official's member association. (d) Forfeiture of all games played by all of the teams representing the official's Association prior to the discovery of a violation.

Motions:

Motion: Hotel Deposit fee to be paid by SEPSA general funds and reimbursed from GSWS host city if team meets requirements for reimbursement. If teams fails to meet requirements, said team will then have to submit hotel deposit payment to SEPSA in full.

First: Michael

Second:Robbie

Pass Unanimous

Motion: To request sponsorship from SEPSA general funds for both teams traveling to Minneapolis for North Star Classic.

First: Robbie

Second: Chase

Pass Unanimous

Adjournment:

First: Robbie

Second: Chase

Notes & Reminders:

Please submit additions and changes to Softball Thursday prior to the meeting

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