



2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RULES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Membership Voting Structure - The voting members for each Division at the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting of the Members will be as follows:
There will be a total of 30 voters not including life members eligible to vote. Any life members eligible to vote will be entitled to one (1) vote each.
The votes shall be allocated as follows:
 1. President – 1 Vote
 2. Director Norman Region – Vacant. No vote
 3. Director Parkland Region – 1 Vote
 4. Director Westman Region – 1 Vote
 5. Director Central Region – 1 Vote
 6. Director Interlake Region – 1 Vote
 7. Director Eastman Region – 1 Vote
 8. Director NW Ontario Region– Vacant. No vote
 9. Director Winnipeg North Region – 1 Vote
 10. Director Winnipeg South Region – 1 Vote
 11. Minor Advisory Board Representative – 1 Vote
 12. FP Advisory Board Representative – 1 Vote
 13. SP Advisory Board Representative – 1 Vote
 14. Provincial Umpire in Chief – 1 Vote
 15. Officials Representative (Rural) – 1 Vote
 16. Officials Representative (Urban) – 1 Vote
 17. Officials Advisory Representative – 1 Vote
 - 18-25. Members at Large – Minors (4/4 Split UR) – 8 Votes
 - 26-28. Adult Members at Large - 3 Votes
 - 29-30. Official Members at Large - (1/1 Split UR) – 2 Votes
 2. A Quorum at any General Meeting shall be a simple majority at all times of the voting delegates in good standing attending the General Meeting. Each voting member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the General Meeting. No proxy votes shall be allowed at any meeting.
 3. At the discretion of the Chairperson, non-voting delegates in attendance at the General Meeting, provided they are members in good standing with the Association, shall have the right to address the meeting.
 4. All remarks should be addressed to the chair. Chairman is judge of relevancy. The chairman may limit discussion on any motion.
 5. No other business than the adjournment or termination of the meeting shall be conducted at a General Meeting at a time when a quorum is not present. If at any time during a General Meeting there ceases to be a quorum present, business then in progress shall be suspended until there is a quorum present or until the meeting is adjourned or terminated.
 6. All questions shall be decided by a simple majority vote, except in the case of amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws and General Operating Rules.
 7. An abstaining vote shall not be counted either “for” or “against”. They simply have decided not to vote and therefore, their vote does not count.
 8. Constitution, By-Laws and General Operating Rules may be enacted, repealed or amended at an Annual General Meeting by at least a two-thirds majority of votes cast by voting delegates.
 9. The President (or Chair) shall vote only in the case of a tie.
 10. Any question at a General Meeting shall be decided by a show of hands, except that:
 - (a) the election of the President shall be made by secret ballot;
 - (b) a secret ballot shall be held upon request of five (5) voting delegates.
 11. The position of President on the Board shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting. The President must receive a majority of all votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the voting procedure will be repeated with the candidate receiving the fewest votes being dropped from the ballot for the subsequent vote.
 12. On the first ballot for the President’s position, all approved candidates shall be granted a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the Assembly.
 13. Those members having the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting for President will be as follows:
 - (a) the President;
 - (b) the current Board of Directors;
 - (c) other Divisional Voting Members (as per #1);
 - (d) the Advisory Board;
 - (e) Life Members.
 14. The maximum number of voting representatives will be a total of thirty (30) plus the number of Life Members present at any General Meeting.
 15. When a Notice of Motion has not been served as provided for in (16.02 of the 2023 Softball MB Information Handbook), the Notice of Motion may be brought to the floor at any Annual General Meeting by a unanimous vote of delegates present.
 16. At all meetings of the Association, items not covered by the Softball Manitoba Constitution and By-Laws shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order (Modified Version).
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