

FARGO USA SOFTBALL

BY-LAWS

1. THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION SHALL BE THE FARGO USA SOFTBALL.
2. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL CONSIST OF A NUMBER OF TEAMS DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
3. THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS APPEARING ON EACH TEAM'S OFFICIAL ROSTER SHALL BE LIMITED TO 20 PLAYERS FOR BOTH MEN & WOMEN. THE MINIMUM SHALL BE 12 PLAYERS FOR BOTH MEN & WOMEN. A NON-PLAYING MANAGER OR COACH SHALL BE CONSIDERED A MEMBER OF THE TEAM, BUT NEED NOT BE LISTED ON THE OFFICIAL ROSTER.
4. ANY PERSON SHALL QUALIFY PROVIDING:
 - A: LIVES OR WORKS IN CASS OR CLAY COUNTY
 - B: THEY ARE ON THE ROSTER OF A TEAM IN AN ADJOINING LEAGUE OR ASSOCIATION OR ON ANOTHER ROSTER STATEWIDE.
 - C: THAT ASSOCIATION CAN'T BE IN ANOTHER STATE.
 - D: THEY ARE NOT CURRENTLY UNDER SUSPENSION BY THE FSP OR THE ASA.
 - E: MEN & WOMEN MUST BE 16 YEARS OLD SOMETIME DURING THE YEAR.
5. THE DUES FOR EACH TEAM WILL BE \$1100. OF THIS AMOUNT, THE REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE \$250 AND THE BALANCE OF \$850 WILL BE DUE AT THE MAY MEETING. FEE TO BE SET ANNUALLY BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE TOTAL FEE CAN BE PAID AT ANY TIME UP TO THE GENERAL MEETING IN APRIL/MAY.
6. THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE FARGO USA SOFTBALL SHALL BE A 9 PERSON BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THERE SHALL BE 4 REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE INDIVIDUAL LEAGUES, 1 AT LARGE AND 4 EXECUTIVE BOARD (WHICH CONSISTS OF THE COMMISSIONER, ASST. COMMISSIONER, SECRETARY & TREASURER). THESE 9 SHALL BE VOTED ON BY THE MANAGERS OF THE APPROPRIATE DIVISIONS AT THE SPRING MEETING. EACH TEAM GETS 1 VOTE.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONSTITUTE A BOARD OF ARBITRATION WHO SHALL ACT ON PROTESTS AND OFFICIAL DECISIONS OF THE LEAGUE.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL BE VOTED ON BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THEIR FIRST MEETING.
7. ALL THE MEETINGS SHALL BE CALLED FOR AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSIONER.

A QUORUM SHALL CONSIST OF 2/3 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ALL LEAGUE BUSINESS SHALL BE PASSED BY THE SIMPLE MAJORITY (51%) OF THE BOARD PRESENT. ALL BY-LAWS SHALL BE AMENDED BY A 2/3 VOTE OF THE BOARD PRESENT.
8. THE LEAGUE SCHEDULE AND ALL TOURNAMENTS WILL BE SET BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ALL RAIN OUT DATES WILL BE DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD.
9. ALL UMPIRE FEES, RULES AND CLINICS WILL BE DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD.
10. TEAMS MUST BE CLOTHED IN THE SAME COLORED SHIRTS WITH 6" NUMBERS ON THE BACK.

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11. IN LEAGUE PLAY, A TEAM MAY START WITH 8 PLAYERS. THERE IS NO AUTOMATIC OUT IF THE TEAM STARTS SHORT OF PLAYERS OR BECOMES SHORT DURING THE GAME. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME. FOR ALL DIVISIONS, 10 RUN RULE AFTER 5 INNINGS & 15 RUN RULE AFTER 3 INNINGS. NO INNING CAN START AFTER 65 MINUTES. THERE IS A 6 HOME RUN LIMIT IN MEN'S CLASSIC & 4 IN ALL THE OTHER DIVISIONS. THERE IS A COURTESY RUNNER RULE IN ALL DIVISIONS.
12. SIGNED LEAGUE ROSTERS ARE DUE ON THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL SPRING MEETING.
13. THE GRANDFATHER CLAUSE WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR ALL NEW BY-LAWS. MEANING IF A PLAYER OR TEAM HAS PLAYED IN THE LEAGUE DURING THE PRIOR YEAR, THEY SHALL BE ABLE TO PLAY IN THE YEARS FOLLOWING.
14. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL RULE ON ALL MATTERS BORDERING THE FSP BY-LAWS, THE NDASA BY-LAWS AND NATIONAL ASA BY-LAWS.
15. THIS LEAGUE WILL COMPLY WITH ALL THE RULES ACCORDING TO THE NDASA AND THE NATIONAL ASA UNLESS INCONSISTENT WITH OUR BY-LAWS.
16. THE RULES CONTAINED IN "ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER" SHALL GOVERN THIS ASSOCIATION IN ALL CASES TO WHICH THEY ARE APPLICABLE IN WHICH THEY ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THESE BY-LAWS.
17. ANY FORFEITS DURING LEAGUE PLAY SHALL PUT A TEAM AND SPONSOR IN JEOPARDY OF BEING EXPELLED FROM THE ASSOCIATION. A LETTER WILL BE SENT TO THE SPONSOR AND MANAGER THAT THE TEAM IS IN JEOPARDY.
18. ALL ELECTED OFFICERS WILL FOLLOW JOB DESCRIPTIONS ON FILE WITH THE SECRETARY.
19. BOARD MEMBERS MUST EXCLUSIVELY REPRESENT FARGO USA SOFTBALL AND THE ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH IT BELONGS.
20. ANY FARGO USA SOFTBALL OFFICER MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE FOR JUST CAUSE BY A 2/3 VOTE.
21. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF FARGO USA SOFTBALL.
22. IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION, ALL ASSETS SHALL BE DISPOSED OF EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.
23. COMMISSIONER'S VOTE BREAKS ALL BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S TIE VOTES.