

Section 1 : Corporate By-Laws

A. This is a non-stock, no dividend corporation

B. Corporate Purpose

- 1. The purpose of this corporation shall be to promote fellowship among recovering alcoholics and addicts through softball and other related activities, for the physical, mental, moral and social advancement of it's members.

C. Organization of the Corporation

1. Team Representative

- A. Should be the coach / manager, or a player designated by the coach or manager of the team.

2. Officers

- A. Officers of the corporation should consist of the:

Commissioner - Deputy Commissioner - Treasurer - Secretary - Directors.

D. Qualifications

1. Commissioner

- A. Five years continuous time in recovery
- B. At least 2 years as a continuous representative, officer, or team coach or manager.

2. Deputy Commissioner

- A. Four years continuous time in recovery
- B. At least 2 years as a continuous representative, officer, or team coach or manager.

3. Treasurer

- A. Five years continuous time in recovery
- B. At least 2 years as a continuous representative, officer, or team coach or manager.

4. Secretary

- A. Two years continuous time in recovery

5. Directors

- A. Two years continuous time in recovery
- B. One year participation.

6. No one team shall have more than **ONE OFFICER** as aforementioned (i.e. coach, player, or active member) actively serving as a **LEAGUE OFFICER** during any elected term (s) or if any vacancy (s) are created.

E. Term Of Officers

1. Officers shall serve a term of 2 years from the Bi-Annual elections, or for the balance of the term when elected to fill a vacancy.

F. Removal Of Officers

1. Any Officer that uses drugs or alcohol shall be automatically removed from office by his/her act.
2. Any officer not fulfilling his/her duties to the corporation can be removed by a quorum of the officers.

G. Nomination and Election of Officers

1. Nominations and Election Of Officers
 - A. Shall be held every 2 years on the date designated by the commissioner.
2. Nomination
 - A. Any team representative can nominate any qualified person to serve as an officer.
 - B. A second must be made by a representative from another team.

3. Election

- A. Officers shall be elected by a quorum of three quarter of the team representative's present.
- B. Only one vote per team shall be allowed.

H. Replacement Officers

1. Whenever a vacancy of office occurs, an emergency meeting will be called by the remaining officers for nomination and election, in order to fill the vacancy for the remainder of that vacancy's term.

I. Team Representative

1. Every team is responsible for designating at least 1 person to attend all league meetings. (2 representatives are preferred)
2. A. The team representatives are permitted one vote per team on all league issues, By-Law revisions, and motions.
3. B. The team representatives do not have to be a coach or captain. Therefore no excuses will be accepted if your team does not have representation.
4. C. Any team unrepresented at league meetings cannot vote or dispute interpretation of any By-Law revision and/or motions made and voted upon, when that team was not present.

J. Finances

1. Bank Account (s)

- A. The corporation shall have the power to open and maintain such accounts, with banks and other financial institutions as are appropriate to carry out the purpose of this corporation.

- B. Account (s) shall be opened by a resolution of the team representative designating a financial institution with the type of account needed, and where the officers whose signatures are necessary to make withdraws. Such resolution shall designate five officers, and provide that the signatures of any three designated officers will be required on any check or other withdrawal.

2. Contracts

- A. Team representatives shall approve by majority vote all contracts.
- B. Purchases of any goods or services in any amount of less than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) may be done on approval of three officers.

3. Solicitations and Fundraising

- A. The commissioner shall have the authority to appoint individuals, or committee's to solicit donations and organize fund raising activities.

4. Indebtedness

- A. Any person, player, team, service or supplier owing monies to any individual player, team or incorporation is ineligible to be rostered until restitution is satisfied.

5. Dues

- A. Each team is responsible for their entrance fee, payable before the **first fielded game** each season.

6. Reductions

- A. No reduction in dues shall be made to any team applying for membership, although the directors may grant a grace period.

7. Resignation

- A. Any team resigning shall be held for full payment of all indebtedness incurred during their active season.
- B. Any team resigning forfeits their rights to fees paid for the current season.

8. Reinstating

- A. Any team formally a member of and not indebted to the corporation, desiring to again become a member, shall make a application in the usual manner and shall pay an admission fee the sum equal to the amount of team incorporation fee and league fees.

9. Liability

1. The corporation and standing officers shall not be liable for:
 - A. Injuries to Player (s) in practice or games.
 - B. Debts accumulated by players or teams.
 - C. Property damage as a result of game play or practice.
 - D. Injury to a non - participant, Fans, or By-Standers.

9. Liability (Cont.)

- **2. Teams are responsible for damages to any property, person, or By-Stander injured or damaged as a result incurred for team.**

10. Fines and expulsion of member

- **1. The officers may, by three quarters vote of those present, for any cause deemed sufficient, by them, and after notice given to him, fine, suspend, or expel any member. Any member so fined, suspended or expelled, shall have the right at any given time within TWO WEEKS after receiving official notice of his fine, suspension, or expulsion, to require the commissioner to call a general meeting of corporation to consider the matter, provided such a member pay the actual cost incurred in calling such a general meeting. Due notice shall be given to each resident team. At such meeting a majority vote shall decide whether the action of those officers shall remain or be set aside.**

K. Duties of Officers

1. Commissioner

- **A. Call and preside at all corporate meetings.**
- **B. Appoint all committees.**
- **C. Cast tie-breaking vote for all matters that are deadlocked by team's representatives.**
- **D. Remove any team and/or players for not abiding by the laws.**
- **E. Cannot make or second a motion.**
- **F. Day-to-Day operation of corporation.**

2. Deputy Commissioner

- **A. Any duties assigned by the commissioner.**
- **B. Assume duties of the commissioner during his/her absence.**
- **C. Any decision by the deputy commissioner in the absence of the commissioner shall be final.**

3. Treasurer

- **A. Collect and deposit all monies.**
- **B. Give a written report, plus a copy of full seasons bank statements and canceled or voided checks to each team representative at every corporate meeting.**
- **C. Upon request, the treasurer shall provide to any officer a full financial statement.**
- **D. All monies shall be paid by check or money orders:**
- **Addressed to: United Recovery Corporation**

4. Secretary

- **A. To take the minutes at all league meetings.**
- **B. Keep records of all league activities.**

- C. **Services custodian of the corporation seal and corporation records.**
- D. Record all injured reserve players.
- E. Oversee and assist the treasurer with collecting all corporation monies

6. Directors

- A. To be part of arbitration committee presiding on all protests.
- B. Must review all play-off team's scorebooks for player play-off eligibility.

L. Eligibility

1. Player eligibility/Rosters

- A. Players must have thirty days clean and sober, abstaining from drugs and alcohol in a twelve-step program accommodating their recovery.
- B. Anyone using drugs/alcohol during the season: 1st offense during the season is a 30-day suspension. 2nd offense during a season is a suspension for the rest of the season, including the playoffs.
- C. Any player added after the decided cut-off date is not eligible for the play-offs. Also, **a player must play in at least half of his team's games to be eligible for the playoffs**
- D. All rosters will be turned in to the Commissioner by the decided date. Failure to do so will result in forfeits.
- E. No player can change to a team **with a better winning percentage. No player can change teams after the decided date. Commissioner must be notified of player changing teams.**
- F. A team members name can only appear on one roster in this league. If a players name appears on a 2nd teams roster, that 2nd team will forfeit games in which that player played in.
- G. Each team can have 25 players on their roster
- H. Each team can have no more than 2 players at a time on Injured Reserve
- I. Any minor must have written consent from a parent or guardian holding harmless the corporation and team from any liability. Also, This written consent **MUST BE NOTARIZED.**
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2. Coach / Manager

- A. Coach / Manager must have one year of recovery, abstaining from drugs and alcohol in a twelve step program accommodating their recovery.

- B. Once a coach / manager uses or picks up alcohol/ drugs, He/She becomes ineligible until they again achieve at least one year of recovery.
- **C. Any coach / manager added after the decided cut-off date is not eligible for the play-offs.**
- D. A coach is eligible to play for his team in the playoffs no matter how few games he has played in
- E. No coach / manager can change to a team with a better winning percentage.
- F. A coach / manger's name can only appear on one roster in this league.

M. Rule interpretation & By-Law Revisions

- A. Any amendment of the By-Laws will be made by three quarters (3/4) of the officers of the corporation, then brought to the next corporate meeting for a quorum approval.
- B. A quorum will consist of three quarters (3/4) of the team representatives present.
- C. Any team unrepresented at corporate meetings can not vote or dispute interpretation of any By-Law revisions and/or interpretations.
- D. By-Laws and rule interpretation are held within this website.

N. Team Representation

- A. Every team is responsible for designating at least one person to attend all corporate meetings.
1. The team representative (s) are permitted one vote per team on all or any corporate By-Law revisions and motions.
 2. The team representative (s) does not have to be a coach or manager; therefore NO EXCUSES will be accepted if your team does not have representation.

O. Rain Policy/ Schedule

- Always assume we are playing unless you hear otherwise.

- In the event of rain on Sunday morning, home team coaches will contact Commissioner by 7:00 am to determine if games can be played. Home team coaches will then be responsible for contacting the visiting team coaches by 7:30. If any games can be played, they will be played. The Commissioner will contact the umpires.

- Games rained out will be made up on the rain date at the end of the season.

- Playoffs must begin at least 3 weeks before Labor Day.
- In the event that the make up games on the rain date get rained out, and there are no more Sundays in which to play before the start of the playoffs, leaving teams with a different number of games played, then playoff seedings will first be determined by winning percentage, then by tiebreakers.
- If a team that has clinched a playoff spot refuses to play a make up game, then they will automatically drop to the 8th seed.

2010 URSL Tie-Breaker(s)

1. * head to head when all tied teams have played each other.
 - a. both games must be fully completed and recorded
 - i. for two teams still tied move to #2
 - ii. **for three of more teams still tied see attached scenarios below before moving to #2**
2. if the teams split the two games then it goes to margin of victory
 - eg. If team "A" beats team "B" by 5 runs in the first game and team "B" beats team "A" by 1 run in the second game then team "A" wins by the overall greater margin of victory

3. if still tied then it goes to the better or the best overall run differential dependent upon how many teams are tied and how many playoff spots are available
 - eg.** If team “A” scored 225 runs for and allowed 200 runs against they would have a positive +25 run differential. If team “B” scored 170 runs for and allowed 195 against they would have a negative -25 run differential. Even though Team “B” allowed fewer runs against during the course of the season they would lose the tie breaker to team “A”. And, that is because when the overall run differentials are compared Team “B”’s run differential was 50 runs worse.
(Team “B” -25 vs Team “A” +25) = Winner Team “A” by a factor of 50
4. if still tied then it goes to season ending stats: “fewest” runs allowed
5. if still tied then it goes to season ending stats: “most” runs scored
6. if still tied then a coin flip witnessed by the directors and opposing coaches will be the final deciding factor

*if the tied teams do NOT play ALL tied opponents due to scheduling then skip to tie-breaker rule number #3

The above tie-breaker rules will be adopted on a going forward basis commencing with the 2010 season.

Three Team Tie-Breaker Senario I

proceeds to tie-breaker 2. *HOWEVER*, the combined margin of victories will be subtracted from the combined margin of defeats

Team A 2-2

- a is 1-1 against b
- a is 1-1 against c

Team B 2-2

- b is 1-1 against c

- *b is 1-1 against a*

Team C 2-2

- *c is 1-1 against a*
- *c is 1-1 against b*

Three Team Tie-Breaker Senario II

*proceeds to tie-breaker 2. HOWEVER, the **combined** margin of victories will be subtracted from the combined margin of defeats*

- Team A 2-2*
- *a is 2-0 against b*
 - *a is 0-2 against c*

Team B 2-2

- *b is 2-0 against c*
- *b is 0-2 against a*

Team C 2-2

- *c is 2-0 against a*
- *c is 0-2 against b*

Three Team Tie-Breaker Senario III

Team A 3-1 : wins top spot of the 3 and wins tie-breaker

- *a is 2-0 against b*
- *a is 1-1 against c*

Team B 1-3 : finishes at the bottom of the 3 and is ELIMINATED

- *b is 0-2 against a*
- *b is 1-1 against c*

Team C 2-2 : finishes in the middle of the 3; may or may not be eliminated depending if 1 or 2 teams are advancing....

- *c is 1-1 against a*
- *c is 1-1 against b*

Four Team Tie-Breaker – A, B or C proceed to tiebreaker #2 if need be... However, ONLY the remaining common margin of victories/losses from A, B & C will be counted; meaning that since D has been eliminated their common scores are now taken out of the equation

A is 2-0 against B

B is 0-2 against A

C is 0-2 against A

D is 0-2 against A

A is 2-0 against C

B is 2-0 against C

C is 0-2 against B

D is 0-2 against B

A is 2-0 against D

B is 2-0 against D

C is 2-0 against D

D is 0-2 against C

<i>A is 6-0</i>	<i>B is 4-2</i>	<i>C is 2-4</i>	<i>D is 0-6 and is ELIMINATED</i>
<i>A is 2-0 against B</i>	<i>B is 0-2 against A</i>	<i>C is 2-0 against A</i>	<i>D is 0-2 against A</i>
<i>A is 0-2 against C</i>	<i>B is 2-0 against C</i>	<i>C is 0-2 against B</i>	<i>D is 0-2 against B</i>
<i>A is 2-0 against D</i>	<i>B is 2-0 against D</i>	<i>C is 2-0 against D</i>	<i>D is 0-2 against C</i>
<i>A is 4-2</i>	<i>B is 4-2</i>	<i>C is 4-2</i>	<i>D is 0-6 and is ELIMINATED</i>
<i>A is 2-0 against B</i>	<i>B is 0-2 against A</i>	<i>C is 0-2 against A</i>	<i>D is 1-1 against A</i>
<i>A is 2-0 against C</i>	<i>B is 2-0 against C</i>	<i>C is 0-2 against B</i>	<i>D is 0-2 against B</i>
<i>A is 1-1 against D</i>	<i>B is 2-0 against D</i>	<i>C is 2-0 against D</i>	<i>D is 0-2 against D</i>
<i>A is 5-1</i>	<i>B is 4-2</i>	<i>C is 2-4</i>	<i>D is 1-5 and is ELIMINATED</i>
<i>A is 2-0 against B</i>	<i>B is 0-2 against A</i>	<i>C is 2-0 against A</i>	<i>D is 1-1 against A</i>
<i>A is 0-2 against C</i>	<i>B is 2-0 against C</i>	<i>C is 0-2 against B</i>	<i>D is 0-2 against B</i>
<i>A is 1-1 against D</i>	<i>B is 2-0 against D</i>	<i>C is 2-0 against D</i>	<i>D is 0-2 against C</i>
<i>A is 3-3</i>	<i>B is 4-2</i>	<i>C is 4-2</i>	<i>D is 1-5 and is ELIMINATED</i>
<i>A is 2-0 against B</i>	<i>B is 0-2 against A</i>	<i>C is 1-1 against A</i>	<i>D is 1-1 against A</i>
<i>A is 1-1 against C</i>	<i>B is 2-0 against C</i>	<i>C is 0-2 against B</i>	<i>D is 0-2 against B</i>
<i>A is 1-1 against D</i>	<i>B is 2-0 against D</i>	<i>C is 2-0 against D</i>	<i>D is 0-2 against C</i>
<i>A is 4-2</i>	<i>B is 4-2</i>	<i>C is 3-3</i>	<i>D is 1-5 and is ELIMINATED</i>
<i>A is 1-1 against B</i>	<i>B is 1-1 against A</i>	<i>C is 1-1 against A</i>	<i>D is 1-1 against A</i>
<i>A is 1-1 against C</i>	<i>B is 2-0 against C</i>	<i>C is 0-2 against B</i>	<i>D is 0-2 against B</i>
<i>A is 1-1 against D</i>	<i>B is 2-0 against D</i>	<i>C is 2-0 against D</i>	<i>D is 0-2 against C</i>
<i>A is 3-3</i>	<i>B is 5-1</i>	<i>C is 3-3</i>	<i>D is 1-5 and is ELIMINATED</i>
<i>A is 2-0 against B</i>	<i>B is 0-2 against A</i>	<i>C is 0-2 against A</i>	<i>D is 2-0 against A</i>
<i>A is 2-0 against C</i>	<i>B is 2-0 against C</i>	<i>C is 0-2 against B</i>	<i>D is 0-2 against B</i>
<i>A is 0-2 against D</i>	<i>B is 2-0 against D</i>	<i>C is 2-0 against D</i>	<i>D is 0-2 against C</i>
<i>A is 4-2</i>	<i>B is 4-2</i>	<i>C is 2-4</i>	<i>D is 2-4 and is Eliminated because they lost both to “C”</i>