

USA SOFTBALL™

2020 USA Softball Bylaw Changes with Comments as of November 15, 2019

NOTE: All changes below are EFFECTIVE November 15, 2019 unless otherwise noted.

<u>Article Number</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Section 7.2 b</u>	<p>7.2. Function of the Board</p> <p>b. adopts and amends the USA Softball Procedural Manual</p> <p>Comments: Removes the board from adopting and amending the Bylaws because Section 9.2 states the Council has the authority to do it.</p>
<u>Section 7.2 b</u>	<p>7.2. Function of the Board</p> <p>b. Must, at the next board meeting, consider any proposed amendments to the bylaws that a Council member submits.</p> <p>Comments: Adds the function of considering any proposed amendments to the Bylaws the Council submits.</p>
<u>Section 7.2 c</u>	<p>7.2. Function of the Board</p> <p>c. Make the final decision on any interpretation of bylaw section 14 by a majority vote.</p> <p>Comments: Add the function of taking a majority vote on anything relation to section 14 of the bylaws. Re-letter as needed.</p>
<u>Section 10.17 c</u>	<p>10.17. Working Committees</p> <p>c. Communications and Marketing Committee. This committee shall consist of at least one (1) member from the Long Range Planning Committee and shall make recommendations to the Board (as needed) regarding all methods of USA Softball communications. This would include reviewing all current methods of communications and trends; including publications, internet, website, and all other technology areas for the association</p> <p>Comments: Removes the requirement of having one member from the LRP Committee.</p>
<u>Section 10.17 p</u>	<p>10.17. Working Committees</p> <p>p. Umpires Committee. This committee shall promote the general welfare of the umpires with USA Softball. Its duties shall include but not be limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. initiating an intensive program of enrolling new umpires and increasing membership;2. encouraging use of USA Softball registered umpires in all softball competition;3. encouraging every USA Softball affiliate to conduct spring rules clinics for umpires, managers and players; and,4. periodically reviewing umpire uniforms and making recommendations to the National Council for possible changes. <p>Comments: Removes the umpires from working committees because they cannot meet the 20% athlete representation per USOPC requirements.</p>
<u>Section 14.4 g</u>	<p>14.4. Responsibilities</p> <p>g. Make the final decision on any interpretation of the Bylaws and Procedural Code or appoint a qualified interpreter to act in the CEO's absence.</p> <p>EXCEPTION: Any interpretation involving Section 14 of the Bylaws shall be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Comments: Adds the responsibility of making any final decisions on the Bylaws and Procedural code with an exception to Section 14 of the Bylaws. Note: Re-letter as needed</p>