

2008 Proposed Constitution and By Laws Changes

The Executive Board has recommended that the following proposed changes be presented to the league membership at the General Membership meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2008. The vote on proposed changes will be taken at the General Membership meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2008.

Constitution:

No changes to the Constitution have been recommended.

By Laws:

Add (as Section A. 3. b. 11.) the following responsibility of the Colt Vice-president (all other VP responsibilities refer to the Colt VP responsibilities): "Provide weekly updates of league team standings through Saturday's games to the League Webmaster and Player Agent no later than each Monday." [Reason: This is a VP responsibility that is important for keeping the league informed of Spring season team standings.]

Add (as Section A. 11. h.) the following Player Agent responsibility: "Coordinate with league Vice-presidents to administer the process for nominating and selecting players for All Star teams." [Reason: This important Player Agent responsibility is described in Section VIII (Selection of All Star Teams), but is not listed with Player Agent responsibilities.]

Revise the wording of the first sentence of Section III. A. to change "assigning" to "recommending" and "assignments" to "recommendations." The revised sentence would say: "Each league Vice-president is responsible for recommending their league team managers and shall submit a list of manager recommendations to the Executive Board for approval by a date set by the president." [Reason: This more accurately describes the manager selection process. VPs make important recommendations, but the decisions on managers are made by the Executive Board.]

Delete the last sentence of Section III. E., which says, "Any principal coach not on record prior to the team's tenth game will not be eligible for the league voting privileges described in Article III. C. of the league's Constitution. [Reason: Article III. C. of the Constitution no longer provides principal coaches with voting eligibility.]

Add the following as the second sentence in Section V. 4.: "The ejected manager or coach must immediately leave the playing field out of sight and sound of the field area to prevent any vocal or visual communication with the team and coaches." [Reason: This applies the "out of sight and sound" standard applied by EOA umpires when an ejection occurs. It was an issue following the ejection of a KPB manager in the Spring 2007 season.]

Delete Section V. B. 2. (requiring that all player ejections be reported to the Discipline Committee and that all player/manager ejections be reported to the league Vice-president within 24 hours). [Reason: This is already covered in more detail earlier in Section V. A. 4.]

Delete the last sentence in Section VI. B. 1. ("Upon approval, the Player Agent shall announce the local rules as specified below.") and add the word "approved" to the second sentence in Section VI. B. 2. so it says, "The Player Agent shall deliver a copy of the approved local rules to all league Vice-presidents, managers, the Commissioner of Umpires, and post a copy at the appropriate baseball fields." [Reason: Easier to read and understand.]

Add the following sentence at the end of Section VIII. 1.: "Based on the number of players nominated and the overall coach and player talent within the league, the All Star Committee will decide whether a second all star team should be formed." [Reason: While the league VP's input on how many teams to send is important, the final decision on how many All Star teams to enter into tournament play should be an All Star Committee decision.]

Revise the first sentence of Section VIII. 3. (addressing the process for selecting a "Red" All Star team) to delete, "...a total of 28 players" and replace it with, "...more than 15 players. The number of additional players voted on will be decided by the All Star Committee based on the total number of players nominated." [Reason: This addresses the problem that has been encountered when the decision has been made to form a second All Star team in a league, but the league's managers have not nominated the currently required total of 28 players.]