Florida Half Century ASA, Inc. By-Laws October 1, 2014

Article I- Name

The name of the nonprofit Association shall be the Florida Half Century Amateur Softball Association, Incorporated also known as FHCASA. The location of the FHCASA shall be the State of Florida. The principal office and mailing address shall be the current address of the Chairman or other address as designated by the Board of Directors.

Article II-Purpose

- A. The purpose of FHCASA shall be to foster, develop, promote and regulate Half Century softball in the State of Florida in the spirit of true sportsmanship.
- B. The FHCASA shall promote and conduct monthly tournaments as determined by the Board of Directors to provide for participation of all appropriate age brackets.

Article III- Jurisdiction

- A. The FHCASA is a completely independent organization that may be affiliated with other senior softball organizations for mutual benefits.
- B. FHCASA by-laws and playing rules shall prevail if any conflict arises.

Article IV- Membership

A. Teams

- 1. Teams shall become members by completing an official FHCASA registration form, submitting it with a yearly fee as determined by the Board of Directors to the FHCASA treasurer and submitting a current roster of team Players (limit of 20) to the FHCASA Secretary. Any team changing their name after January 1st will be required to re-register and pay a fee as determined by the FHCASA.
- 2. Out of state teams may be members of the FHCASA and officially participate in our tournaments when all the requirements for membership as stated above have been met.

B. Players/Members

- 1. All Players become members of the FHCASA by completing an official FHCASA registration form, including the Release of Liability section, and paying a one-time fee as determined by the Board of Directors. The Verification Chairman shall approve all applications, and the applicant shall be issued a membership card before participation in any tournament. The Verification Chairman shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve a term of two years and may be removed at anytime at the discretion of the Board.
- 2. All out of state Players shall register in the same manner and must be residents of the state in which the Player's team is registered.

C. Participation

A member may participate in tournament play during the calendar year in which he turns 50 years of age and has met the following criteria:

- 1. Player registration form, including the Release of Liability Form, and registration fee has been submitted and has been approved by the Verification Chairman.
- 2. Player has been issued his FHCASA registration card.
- 3. The number is recorded on the tournament roster submitted by his team manager.
- 4. The Player shall present a valid state issued driver's liscense or photo ID in the event there is a question of this Player's identity or any time as requested.
- 5. The Player shall have his registration card or photo ID on his person at all times durining tournament play.
- 6. A Player must play for only one team at a tournament weekend. A Player can not play for two different teams during the same tournament weekend.
- D. Conditions of continued membership in this Association are applicable for all teams alike. The Player shall comply with all rules and regulations of this Association, and to conduct ones self in a manner that will bring credit to this Association.

Article V- Officers and Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the following and shall have general supervision of the affairs and business of the FHCASA.
 - 1. Officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
 - 2. Directors: Area Directors (4),
 - 3. Commissioners (2)
- B. The election of Officers and Directors shall be held during the annual meeting of the FHCASA. An elected Officer shall serve a term of two years.
 - 1. The Chairman, Secretary, Area Director 1 and Area Director 3 shall be elected in even years.
 - 2. Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Area Director 2 and Area Director 4 shall be elected in odd years.
- C. All Officers of the Board of Directors shall be elected by majority vote of the member teams present at the annual meeting/voting in the annual web vote. Voting at the annual meeting shall be performed by each team Manager, or his/her representative, who is on the team roster and each member of the Board of Directors. Voting at the annual meeting will be restricted to teams that have participated in a minimum of 6 tournaments during the preceding 12-month period.
- D. All Area Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the member teams present from each Director's area.
- E. The Board may appoint special advisory members to the Board to assist them, as they deem necessary. These special advisory members shall be non-voting members. The Immediate Past-Chairman and Commissioners shall serve as advisors to the officers and directors, with the Commissioners being voting members of the Board.
- F. All Officers and Board Members shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while performing their duties with the approval of the Chairman.
- G. All business of the Association shall be conducted by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and the Directors. A majority vote of the Board present at any business meeting shall be required on all matters requiring a vote.

- H. Elections shall take place during the last quarter of the year. The Secretary of the Association shall send a notice to each team manager, stating which offices and Directorships are open for election, that any member seeking to run for an open office or Directorship shall notify the Secretary, the Chairman and a third person designed by the Chairman of their intention to run. The member intending to run shall submit his name and contact information to all three persons named in the notice. The member must submit this information within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice sent by the Secretary. Failure to timely submit the required information within the time period specified above will disqualify the member from seeking election for this cycle. (Provided other members of the Association have properly complied with the notice provisions).
- I. Should no member of the Association qualify for election to a specific office, the Secretary shall resend notice to all managers. The submission period for any member wishing to run for office shall be 15 days and the same procedure set forth in Paragraph J below shall be filed. If no member qualifies during this period the Board of Directors shall appoint a member to the vacant office or Directorship, after the election of the other officers and directors and they have taken office.
- J. Vacancies in any office or directorship shall be filled as follows:
 - 1. Vacancy in the office of Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall serve as Chairman until the Chairman is able to assume his duties or until the next election cycle for the position of Chairman.
 - 2. Vacancy in any other position shall be filled by majority vote of the Board of Directors and the person filling said position shall serve until the next election cycle for that office.
- K. All officers and Directors shall avoid any situation that would cause or create a conflict of interest whenever the personal or professional interests of a Board Member are potentially at odds with the best interests of the Association. A Board Member shall excuse himself from any vote of the Board when his personal or professional interests as a Board Member are potentially at odds with the best interests of the association.
- L. All lists of Teams, Managers and Players registered with the FHCASA along with all contact information for each of said registrants shall be classified as proprietary information which is sole property of the FHCASA. This information may only be used by the Officers, Directors and Commissioners of the FHCASA in the execution of their duties as set forth in these By-Laws.
 - 1. Each candidate/incumbent (Party) seeking election/appointment to a position on the Board shall not use the proprietary information for their purposes subject to penalties set forth in Section M, Sub-Section 3.
 - 2. All campaign information of each candidate shall be submitted to the Secretary and the Chairman for review and editing. When approved, the Chairman will authorize the Secretary to send out the campaign information for the Party, area-wide or statewide as is appropriate. The campaign information shall contain the following:
 - a. Office for which the Party seeks election/appointment
 - b. Qualifications of the candidate for the Office
 - c. How the candidate has supported/promoted FHCASA in the past
 - d. No comments regarding other candidates shall be permitted!
 - 3. Penalties:
 - a. Any unauthorized use of proprietary information shall result in the immediate removal of the offending Party from the ballot.
 - b. The removed Party shall not be eligible to run for any elected or appointed position with the FHCASA for a period of five (5) years.
 - c. In the event the offending Party uses proprietary information for personal gain or other noncampaign related issues, the said Party shall be suspended immediately from participating in any FHCASA activities for a period of five (5) years

O. All suggestions, issues, questions and comments for the Board to consider shall be submitted to the Chairman two weeks prior to each quarterly Board meeting so as to be placed on the draft Agenda prior to the meeting. The annual Quarterly Meeting dates shall be posted on the FHCASA web site for the next calendar year within 14 days following the annual meeting.

Article VI- Duties of the Officers, Directors & Commissioners

- A. CHAIRMAN- It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all membership meetings of the FHCASA, to execute all rules and regulations which pertain to the FHCASA's business or organization and to make such appointments as he deems necessary, for the good of the order, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors. It is the responsibility of the Chairman to conduct the day-to-day business of the Association. He shall serve as an ex-officio Chairman of all committees. He shall serve as liaison between the FHCASA and the affiliated organizations. He shall oversee the duties of all Board Members and Officers and shall take action to ensure the integrity of the organization is intact and that all Board Members are performing their jobs in a proper manner. This action may be the suspension of such member until a hearing with the entire Board is held to determine final action.
- B. VICE-CHAIRMAN- It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chairman to assume the duties of the Chairman when necessary. He shall perform any other duties as directed by the Chairman and/or the Board of Directors. He shall act as liaison between the Area Directors and the Chairman.
- C. SECRETARY- It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the minutes of the business meetings of the FHCASA and provide a draft copy of the minutes to the Chairman and the Board Members within 14 days prior to thenext subsequent meeting. He shall be responsible for all FHCASA proprietary information and shall provide a copy of said information to the Chairman and other Board Members as directed by the Chairman. He will perform any additional duties as directed by the Chairman and/or the Board of Directors. He shall notify members of the FHCASA of any actions and policy changes. He shall handle all general correspondence of the FHCASA through the direction of the Chairman.
- D. TREASURER- It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all moneys due the FHCASA from member teams and to keep a record of these collections and to report all delinquencies to the Chairman. He shall furnish the Board of Directors, Officers and managers a cash report, not less frequently then quarterly and not later then 30 days prior to the annual meeting, by email through the Board Secretary. He shall serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee. He shall maintain a checking account in the name of the Florida Half Century ASA. The checks of the FHCASA shall require one signature, if less than \$5,000 and two signatures if greater than \$5,000. The Chairman shall approve all expenses to be paid on behalf of the FHCASA.
- E. AREA DIRECTOR- It shall be the duty of the Area Director to be representative to the teams in his region and to be responsible for assuring that all FHCASA rules and regulations are adhered to by all teams. He shall be the liaison between the Players in his geographical area and the officers of the FHCASA. He shall be responsible to investigate all opportunities for new tournament venues and report such information to the Vice-Chairman for further negotiations by the Chairman. He shall perform any and all additional duties as directed by the Chairman and /or Board of Directors.

F. COMMISSIONER -

- 1. The Commissioner(s) shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve a term of two years and may be removed at anytime at the discretion of the Board.
- 2. No Commissioner shall serve concurrently as an officer or area director of the Association, unless a majority of the Board of Directors confirms this dual position annually. The appointment of each commissioner shall be ratified by majority vote of the FHCASA Managers by web vote within 30 days of the appointment of any Commissioner by the Board of Directors.

- 3. The Commissioner shall oversee the preparation and conduct of all FHCASA sponsored tournaments.
- 4. The Commissioner(s) must be a member in good standing of the FHCASA and shall report directly to the Board of Directors.
- 5. The Commissioner(s) shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred as a result of carrying out their duties. To cover this expense, a portion of each tournament entry fee, as determined by the Board of Directors is to be paid to the Commissioner (s) by the host team. The Board of Directors shall establish any further reimbursements.
- 6. Duties of the Commissioner:
 - a. Be available by telephone or in person to answer all inquiries regarding format and rules of tournament play.
 - b. Review registration and rosters before each tournament.
 - c. Review tournament divisions and playing schedule before mail-out by tournament host.
 - d. Review roster changes prior to start of each tournament.
 - e. Be available at the Tournament City on the day before it begins to meet with the Tournament Director and Umpire in Chief if requested.
 - f. Attend each tournament of responsibility.
 - g. Settle any protest regarding playing rules in conjunction with the Umpire In Charge at the site.
 - h. Approve or disapprove any request for a change in the tournament format and/or playing rules.
 - i. Rule on the eligibility of any Player who may be challenged.
 - j. Evaluate the playing site(s) for each tournament and submit proper information to the Secretary and the Chairman.

Article VII- Age Groups of Teams

- A. All teams shall register into one of the following age groups: 50+,60+, 65+, 70+, or 74+. The teams will play within their age division of registration unless the Board feels that some adjustment is needed to provide parity in the age division. All Players must be the age or higher of the team registered. No team can have younger Players on their team than their age bracket (i.e. no 64 or younger Player may play for a 65+ team, etc. A Player must turn 65 by December 31 of the year he plays).
- B. All Players on the team must be from their respective area except for the 74+ division.

Article VIII- Invitational Tournaments

- A. In the FHCASA Invitational tournaments, all registered teams in good standing are eligible to compete. All participating teams shall be required to comply with FHCASA uniform rules.
- B. All member teams shall be seeded for tournament play. The seed position of each team shall reflect the teams won/loss record with due consideration of competition. Each seeding shall be done in compliance with the current seed method.
- C. The entry fee shall be as established by the FHCASA Board of Directors for all tournaments.
- D. Tournament host teams shall mail notification and registration information no later than 30 days before the first day of the tournament. Closing date for registrations shall be no later than 10 days before the tournament and schedule notification shall be mailed out no later than 7 days before the tournament date. All notification and schedule information will be available on the website-www.fhcsoftball.org

- E. Immediately following the closing date, the tournament host shall advise the Commissioner the names of the teams that have registered. The Commissioner will determine that each team is placed in its proper bracket within the correct division.
- F. ROUND ROBIN play is the only FHCASA approved tournament format.
- G. Team rosters for tournaments are limited to 20 Players. Rosters may be amended any time prior to a team's first game.
- H. Awards shall be given as follows:
 - 1. All Tournaments At the conclusion of the schedued games, the winners of each bracket shall receive a first place award (sponsor) and each Player on the winning team shall receive an individual award (15 maximum).
 - 2. Determination of the bracket winners shall be as follows:
 - a. Bracket record
 - b. In event of a tie, head to head play
 - c. For a three/four/five way tie, least runs allowed between the teams in the four games
 - d. Any teams still tied on C above, the most runs scored
 - e. If still tied, winner shall be determined by a coin flip
 - 3. In the event that a tournament cannot be completed, the awards shall be determined by the use of the following criteria:
 - a. Win/loss record
 - b. Head to head play
 - c. Least runs allowed
 - d. Runs scored
 - e. Blind draw of teams in the bracket/division
- I. In the event that a FHCASA team is found to have an ineligible Player on their team roster, the offending team's Manager shall be subject to a suspension from FHCASA sanctioned play for a period of up to 12 months from the date of the offense. All games in which the ineligible Player participated shall be forfeited.
- J. Offending Players found to be playing with an illegal membership number are subject to a suspension from FHCASA sanctioned play for a period of 5 years from the date of the offending Players birthday or from the date of the offense, whichever is greater.
- K. Penalties are subject to review by the Board of Directors at the written request of any suspended members. Appeals are to be made to the Board Chairman.

Penalties are: (not all inclusive):

- a. Illegal age/area membership = Up to 5 years (See Art. VII par. 1)
- b. Altered bat = possible 24 months suspension after investigation of bat
- c. Player playing as a pick-up Player for 5th time after notification that he is no longer eligible = 3 month suspension.
- d. Players ejected from games by the Umpire ñ First time = the game that he was ejected from plus one additional game, second time = 3 months, 3d time in two year period = 6 month suspension. All ejections will be reviewed by the Board to see if further action is necessary.
- e. Players involved in fighting = 90 day suspension, minimum.

- L. Registered teams may temporarily pick up a maximum of three Players from other team rosters under the following criteria:
 - 1. The Manager of the Player who is being picked up must agree to the pick up if on tournament day the Player's team is registered for the tournament.
 - 2. The Player that is picked up must be from the same geographical area as the team for which he will play as a pick-up Player; except that a 60s Player from Area 4 may play as a pick up Player for a 60s team based in Georgia and an Area 4 team may pick up a rostered Georgia Team 60s Player.
 - 3. No more than one Player may be picked up from a team in any division seeded higher then the Team seeking to pick up a Player. (i.e. a Team is bracketed in the B Division for a given tournament would be permitted to pick up only one Player from a Team that is or would be, except for it non-attendance in the current tournament, in Bracket A. A Team in the C Division for a given tournament would be permitted to pick up only one Player from a Team that is or would be, except for it non-attendance in the current tournament, in Bracket A or B. A Team in the D Division for a given tournament would be permitted to pick up only one Player from a Team that is or would be, except for it non-attendance in the current tournament, in Bracket A, B or C.)
 - 4. Picked up Players must remain with the pick-up team for the entire tournament.
 - 5. The pick-up of Players must be made prior to the teams first game and must be registered with the Tournament Director on Form 3A, except in those cases where because of injury or personal emergency a team may be authorized to pick up a Player on Sunday subject to approval by the Commissioner and the Tournament Director. A Sunday emergency pickup shall not count as a pickup for purposes of Subparagraph 6 immediately below.
 - 6. Except as authorized in Sub Paragraph 5 immediately above, individual Players cannot play as a pickup Player more than four times in one calendar year regardless of the division.
 - 7. Pickup Players must meet the age division criteria for the tournament in which the Player is to participate.
- M. Roster Player/Free Agency is disallowed. All Players must be on a team roster. A new Player becomes a roster Player when his or her name and registration number is entered on the roster form of a FHC team. No Player shall be on more than one roster in any age group. For purposes of this provision there shall be two age groups: 50+ and 60+ through 74+ collectively.
- N. In an event that a team withdraws from a tournament without playing all of their scheduled games, that team shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 and a suspension of the team from playing for a period of two (2) months. (This rule shall not apply to any team that withdraws from a tournament due to Player injuries or other medical concerns that cause the team not to field a team with a sufficient number of Players as required by the playing rules. The Commissioner shall make a determination of the circumstances of the withdrawal to see if it is an excusable withdrawal based upon the above). All members of that team listed on the tournament roster shall be suspended for the same period of time and may NOT play as pickup Players for another team during the suspension period. Suspended teams that do not pay their fines shall be prohibited from tournament play until such time as their fine is paid in full. Unusual circumstances may warrant an exception to this rule. The Commissioner of the Division and Chairman of the Association will make this decision.
- O. A registered Player may change his/her team affiliation at any time by meeting the following requirements:
 - 1. The Player making the change will not be eligible to return to the team from which he resigned for a period of 6 months from the date of the resignation, including time spent as a pickup Player.

- 2. No change may be made at a tournament site except when agreed to by the Manager of the team from which the Player has resigned.
- 3. A Player making a change must sign a Change of roster (Form 3B) and submit it to the Commissioner or Secretary before he plays in the next tournament. Failure to submit this form before playing will deem him to be an ineligible Player and will result in a forfeit by the offending team.
- P. The host team shall not be allowed to play in the tournament that they are hosting and no Player on the host team's roster shall play in said tournament as a pick up Player. This rule shall not preclude a member of the host team from playing in the tournament on another team of which he is a member. (i.e. a team in the 50's Division Team is hosting a tournament for the 60's, 65's, 70's, and 74's Division and a team member of the Host Team is on the roster of a 60's team. This Player would be permitted to play in the tournament that his 50's team is hosting for the 60's team he is a member, but could not play as a pick up Player for another team playing in the tournament.

Article IX- Championship Tournament

The annual Championship Tournament will be held in December and will be hosted by a member team selected by the Board of Directors or hosted by the FHCASA Board.

- A. The 50+ Championship will be sponsored by a 60+ team. The 60+/65+/70+/74+ Championship will be hosted by a 50+ Team.
- B. The entry fee shall remain the same for all regular monthly tournaments of the association, or as may be determined by the Board in the event that the format of the monthly tournament is changed to one that is determined to be of greater expense.
- C. No out of state Players or teams will be allowed to participate in the State Championship Tournament unless that team is currently registered with the FHCASA and meets the requirements of Paragraph E below.
- D. Only Players on a team's roster as of October 1st of the current league year will be eligible to play for that particular team. Any Player added to a team's roster after October 1st of the current year shall not be eligible to play in the Championship Tournament for that league year.
- E. All teams must have participated in a minimum of six tournaments in the team's registered division by November 30th to play in the Championship Tournament.
- F. Seeding of the teams shall be made by the Seeding Committee and games scheduled accordingly. The FHCASA officers will determine the playoff format and add a wild card team, if necessary, to balance the playoffs.
- G. Prizes and Awards:
 - 1. The host team will be responsible for providing Prizes and Awards to each Bracket Winner in each division or age group. These awards will be the same as if the tournament were held in any other month during the year.
 - 2. FHCASA will be responsible for providing the appropriate awards and prizes to each Playoff winner (State Champion).

Article X- Umpires

- A. There shall be two certified umpires for each game during the tournament. The tournament host shall provide an official scorekeeper for each game unless other arrangements have been made.
- B. Any certified umpire may be a member of a participating team in the tournament but may not officiate any game in the bracket, in which his team is playing.

C. All umpires shall be certified by the same affiliated organization as approved by the Board of Directors.

Article XI Entry Fee Refund

- A. A full refund will be made to the teams in the event a tournament is completely cancelled. No host team will be subject to a loss in case of total cancellation and the FHCASA shall reimburse the host team for all non-recoverable costs and expenses advanced by the host team.
- B. In the event a tournament is cancelled after play has begun, all monies not expended for umpires, scorekeepers, field rentals, and preparations, shall be divided among the teams who have not played in all the scheduled games on a game per game basis. The Chairman, following a review of expenses, must approve the refund by the tournament host. The refund shall be made within 14 days.
- C. A full refund shall be made to teams withdrawing before the schedule is prepared.
- D. No refund shall be made should a team withdraw after the schedule is prepared.

Article XII- Amendments

These by-laws may be amended and ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the managers present at any FHCASA meeting at which a quorum is present or as provided hereinafter in Article XIV.

Article XIII Meetings

The annual meeting shall be held during the last quarter of the year or during the first quarter of the following year at a time and date as determined by the Board of Directors. The Chairman shall set the date and location with the concurrence of the Board of Directors. A vote on any matter may be held by web vote. The Secretary shall provide all managers with copies of all matters that will be voted upon and the procedures for voting one week prior to the opening of the web vote, and the Secretary shall further notify all managers of the opening date and closing date of the web vote.

Article XIV-Quorum

For purposes of these By-Laws, and for conducting any business of the Association, a Quorum shall mean Fifty-One (51%) of any member body (Board of Directors or Managers) required to conduct business of the Association. For purposes of these By-Laws, and for conducting any business of the Association, a Quorum shall mean Fifty-One (51%) of any body (Board of Directors and/or Managers). This provision shall apply to a web vote of the managers and any matter approved by a majority of the participating voters, eligible to vote in a web vote, shall be binding on the Association.

Article XV Rules of Order

- A. In the absence of specific rules or by-laws, The Board of Directors shall act in the best interest and a vote of the majority of the Board shall govern or the Board may table the matter and seek outside counsel.
- B. A Parliamentarian shall be appointed for business meetings of the FHCASA, as directed by the Chairman.

Article XVI Geographical Area Boundaries and Player Affiliation

- A. The Board of Directors shall define areas. A map of the various areas is attached and made a part of the By-Laws.
- B. Five distinct geographical areas are defined in Florida with one additional area encompassing all teams from outside the State of Florida. Each area in Florida is made of whole counties with none overlapping a neighboring area.
- C. All Players must play for and be on the roster of a team within their affiliated Area. For purposes of this provision only, Area 1 and Area 2 shall be considered one Area and the same Area. Further a 60s Player or older who resides in the State of Georgia may play for and be rostered to play on an Area 4, 60s and older registered FHC team. A penalty or suspension of up to twelve (12) months may be assessed to the Player and his Manager if this occurs outside of this exception.

Counties of Florida By Area

Area 1 - Southeast

Broward, Dade, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, St Lucie

Area 2 - Southwest

Charlotte, Collier, Glade, De Soto, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Monroe, Sarasota

Area 3 - West Central

Alachua, Citrus, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Hillsborough, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Marion, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union

Area 4 - Northeast & Central

Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Lake, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, Volusia

Area 3/5 - Panhandle

Bay, Calhoun Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla, Walton, Washington.

- D. Every Player is initially registered in one of 5 areas, (including out-of -state Players). When a Player moves out of his geographical area, he must now play for a team within his new geographical area. It is the responsibility of the Player and his new team Manager to report his new address and location to the Commissioner in writing on Form 3B.
- E. GRANDFATHER RULE: A Player may remain with his original team after moving out of his affiliated area; however, upon leaving that team, he must now play for a team in his new geographical area.
- F. Out of state rosters are limited to Players who reside within the state from which the team is registered.

H. Area 5 will be combined into Area 3 until further notice due to the Player shortage. This area shall be called Area 3/5.

Article XVII Out Of State Players

- A. Except for a Player who is a member of FHCASA and plays on a team that is registered as an out of state team, (a team where all Players reside in a State other than Florida and regularly participate in Invitational Tournaments as defined in Article VIII), Players who live outside the state of Florida and who do not qualify under subparagraph C immediate below) and who play on Florida teams in Divisions 70+ and 74+ may only play for a team in their area of registration and are restricted to play in a maximum of 4 tournaments during the calendar year January 1st through November 30th. Except for a Player who is a member of a FHCASA registered to an out of state team, out of state Players are not allowed to play in the Championship tournament in December.
- B. Snowbird Rule: Any non-resident Player who maintains a Florida residence will be allowed to play each month that he is in residence in the State of Florida for Divisions 50+ and 60+ or Rule A above will apply. Any non-resident Player who maintains a Florida residence will be allowed to play each month that he is in residence in the State of Florida for Divisions 65+, 70+ and 74+ or four tournaments whichever is greater or Rule A above will apply.
- C. Out of state teams and Players that are members of the FHCASA and are governed according to Article IV, A2 and B2.

Article XVIII Membership Expulsion

- A. In the spirit and the purpose of this organization any member who:
 - 1. Consistently behaves in an irrational manner
 - 2. Makes threats to any member of the Board of Directors
 - 3. Threatens to file or files a lawsuit against the FHCASA, its Officers, teams and or Directors
 - 4. Is convicted of a felony crime
 - 5. Deliberately acts in a manner determined to be disruptive to the good order of the Association
- B. Any team who consistently:
 - 1. Violates the rules of the Association
 - 2. Makes threats to any Officer or Director
 - 3. Threatens to file or files a lawsuit against the FHCASA, its members, teams, Officers, or Directors

will be permanently suspended from the FHCASA membership by the Board of Directors. All roster team members will be suspended for 12 months. Individual Players may petition the Board of Directors for earlier reinstatement through the Chairman.

Article XIX Hall of Fame

Each year the Board will review nominations to the FHCASA Hall of Fame. Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Area Director later than December 31 to be voted on at the subsequent quarterly Board meeting. A 75% approval vote for the nomination by the Board is required for a person to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The following criteria must be considered for nomination:

- A. Must have been a member in good standing of the FHCASA for a minimum of 10 years.
- B. Must have been an active Player, team manager, and have served on the Board of Directors or on

- committee(s) appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association, and have been an asset to the FHCASA.
- C. Notwithstanding 1 and 2 above, a Player may be nominated to the FHCASA Hall of Fame based upon the Player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to the FHCASA.

Article XX Team of the Year Awards

An award, to be determined by the Board, shall be made to the team of the year in each age bracket based on the highest winning percentage.

- A. Teams shall have participated in a minimum of eight (8) tournaments during the year to be eligible.
- B. Teams that host a monthly tournament in their age bracket shall count that tournament as one of the eight (8) required to qualify if needed.
- C. Age brackets to be considered for this award are 50's, 60's, 65's, 70's and 74's.