

Rules Committee Charter

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The Pebblecreek Senior Softball Association (PCSSA) Board hereby recognizes the Rules Committee as a standing committee within the PCSSA. The Rules committee serves the PCSSA Board by enabling the Board to focus on the business of the league while the Rules Committee concentrates on maintenance of the rules across PCSSA Board leadership administrations.

A Committee Chairman will be appointed by and will serve at the discretion of the Board.

Chairman Responsibilities:

1. Reports to the President of the PCSSA Board
2. Appointment of committee members:
 - A) Committee will have 5 members (including the Chairman)
 - B) Combined PCSSA experience of committee members will be at least 25 years.
 - C) PCSSA Board must concur with committee member selection.
3. Schedule, oversee and document committee activities.
 - A) Annual Rules Change Request (RCR) submission and review process.
 - B) Annual confirmation of RCR disposition with the Board.
 - C) Emergency (in-season) rule changes

The role of the Rules Committee is to establish, review existing, evaluate new, and publish Rules of Play for the PCSSA. The following elements are considered when evaluating rule changes.

- 1) Is the basic game of softball effected by the change?
- 2) Are all players effected uniformly by the change?
- 3) Is there a personal agenda behind the RCR?
- 4) Is there enough data to support the change (as opposed to a few individuals offering an opinion for change)?
- 5) Is there a business decision behind the change that may adversely effect the competitiveness of the game?
- 6) Does the change effect offense and defense equally?
- 7) Safety situations not inherent with fielding positions (runners at first and third having the ability to step off the base).
- 8) Maintaining alignment (as much as practical) with SSUSA Rules

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Rules Change Request Process

- 1) The Rules Change Request (RCR) form is the mechanism for initiating a change to PCSSA rules.
 - A) The RCR form can be found on the PCSSA website (www.quickscores.com/pcssa) under "League Documents" then "Rules"
 - B) Non-RCR form submission (email) is acceptable as long as all the information required on the form is included in the email.
- 2) The RCR must be received by any Committee member on or before 30 June to be considered for the upcoming season.
- 3) Non emergency RCR's received on or after 1 July will be dated, logged, and filed for review the following year.

Rule Review Process

- 1) The Committee will meet during the month of July to compile, review and recommend acceptance or rejection of the submitted RCRs.
- 2) The Rules Committee Chairman will schedule a meeting (prior to the August Board meeting) with the Board to review the Committee recommendations with the objective of gaining concurrence (from the Board) of those recommendations.
- 3) The Board is the final authority for accepting or rejecting a rules change request.

The current Rules Committee members are:	1st Year	
	Committee	League
Jack Mateer – Chairman - jnnmat@hotmail.com	2002	2001
Rich Wilmes - rwilmes1@cox.net	2005	2001
Steve Ward - warste@aol.com	2008	2004
Rick Haendel - rahaendel@gmail.com	2023	2019
Mark Roberts – irmark@cox.net	2007	2005
Doug Wainwright (Alternate) - tdpwa@yahoo.com	2023	2011

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Jack Mateer