



## SSUSA 2016-17 NATIONAL RULES COMMITTEE

### *"Special" Telephone Conference Call Meeting Minutes*

January 11, 2017 – 12:30 pm CST

**MEMBERS (12) PARTICIPATING** • Donna McGuire (MO/Chair/ Regional U.I.C.) • Bill Ruth (WA/SSUSA President) • Terry Hennessy (CA/SSUSA C.E.O.) • Fran Dowell (CA/SSUSA Executive Director) • Dave Dowell (CA/National Director) • Ron Grassi (WA/National Director) • Mike Hula (NV/LVSSA) • Tim McElroy (MD/National Director) • Roger Ogden (NV/LVSSA) • Randy Rowe (MO/Regional Director) • Otis Rowland (OK/National Director) • Rick Seifman (AZ/National U.I.C.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT** • Michael Boone (NJ/National Director) • Carl Gustafson (CA/Regional Director)

---

---

### ***BACKGROUND FOR & ACTIONS DURING TELECONFERENCE MEETING***

#### **DECEMBER RULES COMMITTEE MEETING –**

- At the 2016 Annual Convention Rules Committee Meeting, a rules amendment at **SSUSA Rule Book §13.2(4)** was passed in an attempt to conform the SSUSA underage player exemptions for the 75+ and 80+ divisions for consistency with the SPA roster rules for those age divisions. The committee erred in their understanding of the SPA rules for the 75+ division and inadvertently passed an inconsistent rule. SSUSA passed an allowance, effective with the 2017 Season, for seven underage players in the 75+ age division, not more than three of whom may be age 73. SPA allows only five underage players, and all must be age 74.
- The Committee heard two motions for consideration within the limited scope of the meeting.

#### **ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE –**

**MOTION #1** (by D. Dowell/McElroy) to amend, effective immediately and retroactively for the 2017 Season, the age 75+ age division underage player exemptions, to be limited to five players, all of whom must be age 74 • **FAILED 5-6 (1 abstention)**

**MOTION #2** (by Ogden/Hula) to amend the age 75+ age division underage player exemptions, effective with the commencement of the 2018 Season, to be limited to five players, all of whom must be age 74 • **PASSED 8-3 (1 abstention)**

There being no other business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15 pm CST.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVE DOWELL  
Recording Secretary